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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) Students' American History (Montgomery), Admissions. 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), 2nd, 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, 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 History of the Church, Early, Mediaeval, Reformation and Modern Periods (Hurst), Local, 2nd, 3rd years.
 (b) Ecclesiastical Architecture, (Martin), 1st year. Christian Archaeology (Bennet), 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 T. E. Terry.
 (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 G. P. Jones, 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.—Chapters 8 and 13.
 Christian Science and other Superstitious.—First Section.—“Faith Healing.”
 Ecclesiastical Architecture.—Chapter 4, “Romanesque 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.—Chapters 6, 7 and 8.
 Asbury's Journal Vol. I, Pages 100-125 inclusive.
 Methodist Review.—Jan.-Feb., 1904 number; Article IX. March-April 1904, number; Article VII.

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 4.
 Digest of Methodist Law.—Part I, Chapters 3, 4 and 5. Part II, Chapters 4 and 6.
 The General Conference and Episcopacy.—Chapters 2 and 3.
 Christian Archaeology.—Book 1, Chapter 8.
 The Modern Sunday School, (Edition of 1900).—Each undergraduate select his own subject.
 Asbury's Journal, Vol. II.—Pages 100-125 inclusive.
 Methodist Review.—Jan.-Feb., 1904 number, Article IX. March-April, 1904 number, Article VII.
 History of M. E. Church, Vol. IV.—Chapter 15, Review of the Period, 1804-1820.

THIRD YEAR.

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 4-8.
Hymn Studies.—Topic: Holy Spirit. Hymns 262-287.
Asbury's Journal, Vol. III.—Pages 100-125.
Methodist Review.—Jan.-Feb., 1904 number, Article IX. March-April,
1904 number, Article VII.

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 in the United States, Chapters 23-24.

Methodist Review.—Jan., Feb., 1904 number, Article X and March-April 1904 number, Article VII.

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, 1905.

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 Confer-

ence; he shall produce the journals and papers at each annual session, and see that the same be forwarded to the General Conference.

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

III. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

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

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

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

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

5. When a question has been decided by a vote of Conference, any member who may 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.

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.	4
1888	G. T. Alderson	E	Snow Hill, Md.	1
1888	J. F. Anderson	E	Sharptown, Md.	2
1870	J. A. Arters	E	Crumpton, Md.	2
1900	J. M. Arters	E	Odessa, Del.	3
1877	E. C. Atkins	E	Newark, Del.	1
1881	C. S. Baker	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1876	L. E. Barrett	E	Dover, Del.	3
1902	O. T. Baynard	D	Royal Oak, Md.	1
1894	J. H. Beauchamp	E	Harrington, Del.	1
1892	T. F. Beauchamp	E	Still Pond, Md.	4
1897	W. O. Bennett	E	Sudlersville, Md.	2
1898	F. E. Bloxton	D	Ewell, Md.	1
1890	G. W. Bounds	E	St. Michaels, Md.	3
1876	W. L. P. Bowen	Sd	Newark, Md.	12
1885	G. W. Bowman	Sy	1607 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa.	3
1902	J. W. Briscoe	D	Holland's Island, Md.	1
1890	J. A. Brewington	E	Parsonsborg, Md.	2
1894	H. G. Budd, Jr.	E	Centreville, Md.	2
1904	J. A. Buckson	P	Galestown, Md.	1
1886	Asbury Burke	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1865	G. W. Burke	E	Marshallton, Del.	3
1888	Warren Burr	E	Rock Hall, Md.	2
1895	William Cashmore	E	Frederica, Del.	2
1880	J. R. Cannon	E	Tilghman's Island, Md.	4
1899	E. N. Cantwell	E	Bethel, Del.	2
1888	F. F. Carpenter	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1865	James Carroll	Sd	Milford, Del.	6
1888	W. W. Chairs	Sy	Tilghman's Island, Md.	4
1876	Albert Chandler	E	Smyrna, Del.	2
1881	F. J. Cochran	E	East New Market, Md.	1
1895	E. H. Collins	E	Marydel, Md.	1
1876	J. M. Collins	E	Colora, Md.	1
1883	V. S. Collins	E	Port Deposit, Md.	1
1902	J. W. Colona	E	Princess Anne, Md.	2
1888	W. P. Compton	E	Camden, Del.	1
1862	G. S. Conaway	E	Rock Hall, Md.	1
1881	L. P. Corkran	E	Milton, Del.	4
1876	W. F. Corkran	E	Georgetown, Del.	2
1887	R. T. Coursey	E	Fairmount, Md.	3
1899	A. H. Covey	Sy	Pomona, Md.	1
1879	E. K. Creed	E	Chesapeake City, Md.	1
1896	E. H. Dashiell	E	Chesapeake City, Md.	2
1900	Howard Davis	P	Powellville, Md.	2
1884	W. F. Dawson	E	Cecilton, Md.	2
1899	G. W. Dawson	E	Rockland, Del.	2
1884	E. H. Derrickson	E	Nanticoke, Md.	2
1893	O. W. DeVenish	E	Bozman, Md.	1
1886	H. S. Dulany	E	Crisfield, Md.	1
1885	J. W. Easley	E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1898	G. R. Ellis	E	Ridgley, Md.	2

1866	James Esgate	Sd	South Tamworth, N. H.	18
1900	F. N. Faulkner	E	Selbyville, Del.	7
1889	J. W. Fogle	E	Quantico, Md.	2
1868	I. G. Fosnocht	E	Magnolia, Del.	2
1891	Edwin Gardner	E	Millington, Md.	1
1902	J. H. Gardner	D	Marion, Md.	1
1900	J. E. Gallagher	D	Lewisville, Pa.	2
1891	J. H. Geoghegan	E	Girdletree, Md.	2
1895	D. J. Given	E	Hillsboro, Md.	1
1884	T. N. Given	E	Charlestown, Md.	2
1903	A. W. Goodhand	P	Cheswold, Del.	2
1889	J. E. Graham	E	Ocean View, Md.	1
1888	J. W. Gray	E	Lincoln, Del.	2
1890	Aloycius Green	E	Preston, Md.	1
1873	W. M. Green	Sd	Camden, Del.	6
1900	W. E. Greenfield	E	Perryville, Md.	4
1879	C. A. Grise	E	116 W. Mulberry St., Balto., Md.	1
1883	W. B. Guthrie	E	Chincoteague, Va.	2
1903	W. E. Gunby	P	Queenstown, Md.	2
1869	W. R. Gwinn	E	Chance, Md.	2
1903	W. E. Hubbard	P	Fairlee, Md.	1
1883	G. L. Hardesty	E	Whitesville, Md.	1
1871	T. H. Harding	Sy	Wilmington, Del.	4
1900	G. W. Hastings	E	Mt. Vernon, Md.	2
1878	C. A. Hill	E	Salisbury, Md.	4
1889	V. E. Hills	E	Gumboro, Del.	2
1901	W. R. Hirons	D	Onancock, Va.	1
1876	E. L. Hoffecker	E	Greensboro, Md.	3
1897	T. S. Holt	E	Federalburg, Md.	4
1869	T. B. Hunter	E	Cherry Hill, Md.	1
1892	W. O. Hurst	E	Newport, Del.	3
1876	L. R. Janney	E	Millsboro, Del.	2
1886	B. F. Jester	E	Crapo, Md.	2
1899	J. L. Johnson	E	Seaford, Del.	1
1900	C. N. Jones	D	Wilmington, Del.	1
1891	G. P. Jones	E	Milford, Del.	1
1898	J. W. Jones	E	Townsend, Del.	1
1898	O. E. Jones	E	Delaware City, Del.	2
1903	T. H. Jones	P	Church Creek, Md.	1
1890	L. P. Karholsen	E	Christiana, Del.	1
1898	H. B. Kelso	E	Williamsburg, Md.	2
1904	J. M. Kelso	D	Mardella Springs, Md.	1
1901	W. H. Kenney	D	Roxana, Del.	1
1882	W. W. King	E	Wilmington, Del.	5
1886	W. G. Koons	E	Smyrna, Del.	2
1880	A. G. Lightbourn	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1871	L. W. Layfield	E	Greenwood, Del.	1
1879	J. M. Lindale	E	Bellevue, Del.	1
1874	W. T. Lewis	E	Oxford, Md.	1
1901	R. H. Lewis	P	Westover, Md.	1
1876	E. C. Macnichol	E	Cambridge, Md.	7
1885	O. L. Martin	E	St. Georges, Del.	2
1864	T. E. Martindale	E	Elkton, Md.	2
1902	W. E. Matthews	E	Newark, Md.	2
1902	Milton McCann	D	Pomona, Md.	2
1889	L. I. McDougle	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1869	W. R. McFarlane	E	Pocomoke City, Md.	2
1884	D. F. McFaull	E	Kenton, Del.	2
1892	F. E. McKinsey	E	Red Lion, Del.	2
1873	F. C. McSorley	E	Kent Island, Md.	2

1853	J. B. Merritt	Sd	Fairlee, Md.	19
1869	E. H. Miller	E	Stockton, Md.	2
1885	J. M. Mitchell	E	Zion, Md.	1
1902	J. H. Mitchell	D	Dover, Del.	1
1887	S. M. Morgan	E	Dover, Del.	1
1858	S. J. Morris	Sd	Newark, N. J.	6
1883	A. S. Mowbray	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1886	W. R. Mowbray	E	Bridgeville, Del.	4
1872	W. L. S. Murray	E	Wilmington, Del.	9
1898	F. X. Moore	E	Port Deposit, Md.	1
1903	F. I. Mumford	P	Crisfield, Md.	1
1879	G. R. Neese	E	Frankford, Del.	2
1870	E. H. Nelson	E	Felton, Del.	3
1892	V. P. Northrup	E	Clayton, Del.	2
1890	M. D. Nutter	E	Oriole, Md.	4
1876	T. A. H. O'Brien	E	Lewis, Del.	1
1872	J. P. Otis	E	Rising Sun, Md.	1
1893	J. P. Outten	E	Cape Charles, Va.	1
1881	S. N. Pilchard	E	Crisfield, Md.	3
1870	J. W. Poole	Sd	Farmington, Del.	17
1896	L. E. Poole	E	Pocomoke City, Md.	2
1900	W. C. Poole	E	Church Hill, Md.	1
1882	A. P. Prettyman	E	Galena, Md.	7
1868	C. W. Prettyman	E	New Castle, Del.	2
1897	J. W. Prettyman	E	Cordova, Md.	2
1886	J. T. Prouse	E	Boothwyn, Pa.	1
1869	P. H. Rawlins	E	Seaford, Del.	6
1858	W. W. Redman	Sd	Greenwood, Del.	13
1885	J. D. Reese	E	Cornersville, Md.	2
1893	J. T. Richardson	E	Denton, Md.	4
1867	E. P. Roberts	E	Easton, Md.	1
1873	Robert Roe	E	Trappe, Md.	1
1858	A. T. Scott	E	Wilmington, Del.	4
1886	W. W. Sharp	E	Deals Island, Md.	1
1889	S. P. Shipman	E	Williston, Md.	2
1891	F. B. Short	E	Portland, Oregon	1
1890	E. R. Sidell	E	Newark, Del.	1
1879	Alfred Smith	E	Dover, Del.	1
1896	G. P. Smith	E	Wyoming, Del.	4
1889	T. C. Smoot	E	Galena, Md.	1
1870	Adam Stengle	E	Salisbury, Md.	2
1878	R. K. Stephenson	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1892	C. W. Strickland	E	Nassau, Del.	3
1885	E. C. Sunfield	E	Canterbury, Del.	3
1897	J. W. Talley	E	Farmington, Del.	1
1897	Harry Taylor	E	Georgetown, Del.	1
1886	W. P. Taylor	E	Elk Neck, Md.	2
1876	T. E. Terry	E	Laurel, Del.	1
1903	G. S. Thomas	D	Elliotts Island, Md.	1
1858	H. S. Thompson	E	Wilmington, Del.	4
1853	R. W. Todd	Sd	Elkton, Md.	1
1871	W. E. Tomkinson	Sd	Carlisle, Pa.	8
1876	G. W. Townsend	E	Hurlock, Md.	2
1891	H. C. Turner	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow	Sd	Dover, Del.	3
1895	T. R. VanDyke	E	Tangier, Va.	1
1879	O. S. Walton	Sy	Red Lion, Del.	4
1858	W. M. Warner	Sd	Millington, Md.	9
1885	Robert Watt	E	Smyrna, Del.	1
1887	Z. H. Webster	E	Delmar, Del.	3

1898	H. A. G. Westerfield	E	North East, Md.	1
1866	E. E. White	E	Wilmington, Del.	4
1893	W. L. White	E	Chestertown, Md.	1
1875	W. W. White	E	Hockessin, Del.	1
1868	J. S. Wickline	Sy	Falling Springs, W. Va.	4
1872	G. W. Wilcox	Sd	Salisbury, Md.	4
1882	C. H. Williams	E	Fruitland, Md.	3
1902	G. C. Williams	D	Berlin, Md.	1
1892	W. H. S. Williams	E	Burrsville, Md.	1
1885	D. H. Willis	E	Salem, Md.	1
1887	J. H. Wilson	E	Houston, Del.	2
1884	W. A. Wise	E	Seaford, Del.	1
1886	G. E. Wood	E	Laurel, Del.	1
1898	E. C. Wright	E		
1886	C. T. Wyatt	E	Middletown, Del.	3
1871	F. O. B. Wallen	Sd	Philadelphia, Pa.	4

Supplies.

J. S. Bozman	Lakesville, Md.
W. W. Johnson	Leipsic, Del.
W. H. Hudson	Little Creek, Del.
W. N. Conoway	Vienna, Md.
T. S. Barrett	Georgetown, Del.
H. E. Truitt	Wittman, Md.
A. C. Jones	Betterton, Md.
C. K. Morris	Golts, Md.
J. W. Long	Henderson, Md.
Daniel Wilson	Wye, Md.
J. L. Derrickson	Berlin, Md.
W. W. Banks	Bishopville, Md.
W. F. Atkinson	Riverside, Md.
W. V. Harris	Port Penn, Del.
C. S. Sharpless	Wilmington, Del.
J. H. Gray	Dover, 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.
1880.	L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby Charles Hill. Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R. W. Todd.
1884.	J. H. Caldwell, Charles Hill, J. B. Quigg. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, J. A. B. Wilson.
1888.	Jacob Todd, J. A. B. Wilson, N. M. Browne. Reserves—W. S. Robinson, John France.
1892.	W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, R. H. Adams. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, T. E. Terry.
1896.	Merritt 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
1904.	A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, Adam Stengle, C. S. Baker. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, W. G. Koons.

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The thirty-sixth session of the Wilmington Annual Conference convened in Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church Dover, Del., March 16th 1904 at 9 A. M. Bishop J. N. FitzGerald presiding. Hymn 811 was sung. The Bishop read parts of Isa. LV and Romans X., and led the Conference in prayer; after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

ROLL CALL.—A. S. Mowbray, Secretary of the last Conference, called the Roll, and 150 members and probationers answered to their names.

ORGANIZATION.—On motion of Robert Watt, A. S. Mowbray was unanimously re-elected Secretary. W. R. Mowbray was re-nominated by C. S. Baker as Statistical Secretary, but asked to be relieved from further service in this position, and nominated as his successor H. A. G. Westerfield, and he was elected. On motion of C. W. Prettyman, H. G. Budd Jr. was re-elected Conference Treasurer, and named as his assistants J. M. Arters, J. W. Prettyman, W. R. Hiron, W. O. Bennett, G. C. Williams, T. R. Van Dyke, J. W. Colona, V. E. Hills, J. H. Gardner, J. T. Richardson, E. R. Sidell and O. E. Jones.

The Secretary named as his assistants R. K. Stephenson, W. R. Mowbray, W. A. Wise and Z. H. Webster. The Statistical Secretary named as his assistants J. H. Geoghegan, H. B. Kelso, G. P. Jones, L. E. Poole, J. L. Johnson, W. E. Greenfield, W. W. Sharp, Milton McCann, G. R. Ellis, J. P. Outen, C. W. Strickland.

COMMITTEES.—C. S. Baker read the nominations for Standing Committees and they were confirmed (see list). T. H. Jones was elected Conference postmaster.

W. R. MOWBRAY.—On motion of Robert Watt, E. C. Atkins, C. A. Hill, V. S. Collins and T. E. Martindale was appointed a committee to prepare a suitable expression for the service of the retiring Statistical Secretary.

RULES, HOURS AND BAR.—On motion of E. L. Hoeffcker the Rules of Order of the last session were adopted for the government of the present session. The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 8.30 A. M. and 12 M. The Bar of the Conference was fixed to include the fourth window from the front.

DRAFTS.—Bishop FitzGerald presented drafts upon the Chartered Fund for \$22.00, and upon the Book Concern for \$1142.00, which were ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

STEWARDS.—Upon nomination of the Presiding Elders the following were elected ministerial members of the Conference Board of 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 C. W. Prettyman.

ENDOWMENT FUND.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, suggestions made by the Secretary for reporting contributions to the Steward's Endowment Fund were adopted. On motion of Robert Watt, the space in the Conference Blanks devoted to gifts to Conference Claimants "From other sources," be hereafter used for reporting the Steward's Endowment Fund.

RESOLUTIONS ON TIME LIMIT ETC.—L. E. Barrett presented the following resolutions, which upon motion of E. L. Hoeffcker, were adopted.

The delegates elected to represent the Wilmington Annual Conference in the General Conference, to meet at Los Angeles, California, on Wednesday, May 4, 1904 be and they are hereby requested and instructed to vote for the following petitions:

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be held at Los Angeles, California, May 4th, 1904:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—1st—Believing that the removal of the Pastoral time limit was uncalled for by the Churches and unwise, and being now convinced that the present system increases restlessness among both Churches and Pastors, often producing needless embarrassment, and has no compensating advantages, we therefore pray you to restore the law of the church in this respect as it existed before the year 1900.

2nd—That as worldliness has always been the most insidious evil with which the Church has to contend, we must, therefore, respectfully, petition that paragraph 248 of our Discipline be not disturbed, and that we continue to zealously encourage the highest ideals of holiness, humility and self-denial.

3rd—That we are unalterably opposed to any backward steps upon the temperance question, but stand for the high water-mark as laid down in the Discipline, regarding "voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants as the true ground of personal temperance, and complete prohibition of the traffic in alcoholic drinks as the duty of civil government."

We therefore petition that the flag be kept at the masthead, affirming and emphasizing our position as a Church, that the liquor traffic is the most deadly foe to the human race, standing squarely across the pathway of the Church of God, and is the greatest embarrassment to all Christian reforms.

C. E. HASTINGS.—The case of C. E. Hastings who had previously withdrawn from our Conference was called up, and on motion of Robert Watt the Rev. Dr. Daniel Halleron of the Newark Conference was invited to address the Conference concerning this case. After thorough inquiry, the Conference voted to re-admit C. E. Hastings on trial, and restore to him his parchments, it being understood, that he will be transferred to another Conference.

QUESTION 13.—The Thirteenth Question, "Was the character of each Preacher Examined?", was taken up. Dover District was called, the character

of C. S. Baker, Presiding Elder, passed, and he read a report of his District. The names of the effective Elders of the District were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections. Bishop FitzGerald on behalf of the friends of Dr. Baker presented, in a felicitous address, a handsome gold watch, as an expression of their appreciation.

DR. SPENCER.—Dr. J. O. Spencer President of Morgan College was introduced and addressed the Conference in behalf of his work.

QUESTION 13.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed. Easton District was called, the character of W. G. Koons, Presiding Elder, passed and he read his report. The effective Elders of the District were then called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Drs. J. H. Smith, Evangelist, J. H. Howard of the Newark Conference, J. F. Bryan, of the M. P. Church and H. C. Thompson of the Newark Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Committees were called, Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the doxology, Bishop FitzGerald pronouncing the benediction.

Second Session.—Thursday.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop FitzGerald in the chair. Dr. J. H. Smith conducted the devotional services. At 9 o'clock the Journal of the past session was read and approved.

BOOK CONCERN.—Dr. G. P. Mains was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning the publishing interests of the church. On motion of W. F. Corkran, G. W. Bounds was appointed to canvass for subscribers to the Methodist Review.

QUESTION 13.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed. Salisbury District was called, the character of Adam Stengle, Presiding Elder, passed, and he read his report. C. A. Grise presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That this Conference hereby request the Maryland Legislature to pass the bills now before it looking to the prohibition of the sale of liquor in Wicomico and Worcester counties.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—The names of the effective Elders of Salisbury District were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections.

TREASURER.—H. G. Budd made announcement of certain defects in some of the reports in the hands of the Treasurer.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.—Wilmington District was called, the character of Robert Watt, Presiding Elder, passed, and he read his report.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. W. L. McDowell of Philadelphia Conference, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning the work of the Commission on General Conference Entertainment. Dr. L. T. Widerman of the Maryland Bible Society, Dr. J. F. Goucher, President of the Woman's College of Baltimore, Mrs. Herbert H. Ward of the Florence Crittenden Mission of Wilmington Del. and Rev. Dr. F. L. Hart of the Board of Church Insurance were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Robert Watt presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That we have heard with deep interest the address of Mrs. H. H. Ward concerning The Florence Crittenden Mission in Wilmington, and recognizing the Christlike nature of this work, we as Ministers pledge our hearty cooperation by opening our churches to the representatives of this organization and aiding in all possible ways.

ROBERT WATT.—On behalf of the Ministers of Wilmington District, Bishop FitzGerald presented to the retiring Presiding Elder, Robert Watt, a handsome chest of silver.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.—The effective Elders of Wilmington District were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS.—E. L. Hoffecker presented certain resolutions concerning the method of taking the vote for General Conference Delegates. On motion of Alfred Smith the last item of these resolutions, making the election of General Conference Delegates the order of the day, for Friday at 10 o'clock, was adopted. On motion of V. S. Collins the other resolutions were laid over for consideration, immediately after the reading of the Journal tomorrow morning. It was further agreed that the foregoing order of the day, should be held in abeyance for the reception of probationers into full membership.

CONFERENCE CAMP-MEETING.—The following resolution, presented by V. S. Collins, was adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to consider the advisability of holding a Conference Camp-meeting.

The Committee called for in this resolution was appointed as follows: W. F. Corkran, F. C. McSorley, T. E. Terry, R. H. Adams and V. S. Collins.

CONFERENCE ACADEMY.—On motion of W. F. Corkran, the consideration of matters pertaining to the Conference Academy was made the order of the day for Saturday at 10 o'clock.

R. W. TODD.—The relation of R. W. Todd was changed from effective to superannuated, and T. E. Martindale, P. H. Rawlins, H. S. Thompson and C. A. Hill were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable minute concerning Brother Todd's retirement.

REFERRED TO BOARD OF STEWARDS.—On motion of Robert Watt, the case of T. H. Harding was referred to the Board of Stewards.

On motion of W. G. Koons, the case of W. W. Chaires was referred to the Board of Stewards.

ADJOURNED.—Committees were called, notices given, and Conference adjourned with the doxology, Dr. L. T. Widerman pronouncing the benediction.

Third Session.—Friday Morning.

OPENING.—Conference met at 8.30 o'clock with Bishop FitzGerald presiding. The devotional exercises were in charge of Evangelist Joseph Smith. The Journal was read and approved.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. Don S. Colt of the Baltimore Conference was introduced. Dr. Robert Forbes representing the Board of Church Extension was introduced and addressed the Conference.

PLAN OF ELECTIONS.—The following plan of elections presented by E. L. Hoffecker was read, discussed and adopted under the Order of the Day:

Resolved, That a board of elections be appointed by the chair, consisting of nine members, two from each Presiding Elder's District, and one at large.

Resolved, It shall be the duty of the board to receive, count and tally all ballots cast and to report the result to the Conference.

Resolved, To facilitate counting the vote, the board may divide into two groups, one member shall read the ballots while two other members inspect them to prevent possible mistakes.

Resolved, Each ballot shall contain the number of names of delegates to be elected and no more, and any ballot having more or less names, than the number of delegates to be elected shall be declared defective and the board of elections is hereby authorized, empowered and directed not to count such ballot.

Resolved, Each ballot shall contain the name written in full, or the initial of the name of the person voted for, or the purpose of the vote shall be made plain in an unquestioned manner and any ballot not meeting this requirement is hereby declared defective and the board of elections is hereby authorized, empowered and directed not to count such ballot.

Resolved, Ballots after being counted shall immediately be destroyed, after the elections are completed by the board of elections.

Resolved, A majority of all the ballots cast shall be necessary to an election, and those having largest majority shall be declared elected.

STEWARDS' ENDOWMENT.—On motion of L. W. Layfield the consideration of the report of the Committee on Steward's Endowment be made the order of the day for Saturday after the consideration of the Conference Academy has been disposed of.

QUESTION 5.—The Fifth question was taken up: "Who have been Continued on Trial?" Arthur W. Goodhand, Walter E. Gunby, Wm. E.

Habbar, Thos. H. Jones, Fred. I. Mumford were called, made their reports and were advanced to Studies of the Second Year. Geo. S. Thomas was continued on trial in the Studies of Fourth Year.

QUESTION 3.—The Third Question was taken up: "Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches? Edwin B. Taylor of the Methodist Protestant Church was presented to the Conference, answered the disciplinary questions and retired. After appropriate representations he was admitted on trial and recognized as an Elder.

QUESTION 7.—Question Seven was taken up: "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" Milton McCann, John H. Mitchell, George C. Williams, James H. Gardner, Oram T. Baynard, John W. Briscoe, Clarence N. Jones, James W. Colona, and Wm. E. Matthews were called, they made their reports, answered the usual disciplinary questions and were admitted into full membership. John H. Mitchell, George C. Williams, Oram T. Baynard and John W. Briscoe were elected to Deacons orders, the others already being Deacons. Howard Davis and Raymond H. Lewis were continued on trial, in the Studies of the Second Year.

O. S. WALTON.—On motion of Robert Watt the case of O. S. Walton was referred to the Board of Stewards.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS.—Bishop FitzGerald appointed the Board of Elections as follows: T. E. Martindale, G. P. Jones, C. W. Prettyman, E. L. Hoffecker, W. O. Bennett, F. F. Carpenter, T. E. Terry, G. W. Townsend and G. T. Alderson. The order of the day, the vote for General Conference Delegates was then taken up, the ballot was received, and the tellers retired.

PROFESSOR GOODING.—Prof. W. L. Gooding of Dickinson College was introduced and addressed the Conference. V. S. Collins presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That we set apart the Fourth Sunday in April as Dickinson College Emergency Day; and that every Pastor be requested to take a collection for Dickinson.

QUESTION 22.—The Twenty-second Question was taken up: "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" W. M. Greene and S. J. Morris were called, their characters passed, and their relation was changed from Supernumerary to Superannuated. J. S. Wickline, O. S. Walton, W. W. Chaires and G. W. Bowman were called, their characters passed and their relation continued.

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

QUESTION 9.—The Ninth Question was taken up: "What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?" Wm. R. Hirons, Wm. H. Kenney, Joseph E. Gallagher and Floyd E. Bloxton were called, their characters passed and they were advanced to Studies of Fourth Year.

QUESTION 10.—The Tenth Question was taken up: "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" John M. Arters, Frank N. Faulkner, Goldsborough W. Hastings, Wm. E. Greenfield, Andrew H. Covey and James W. Colona were called, their characters passed and they were elected to Elders orders. Clarence N. Jones was advanced to Studies of the Fourth Year and conditioned on two Minor Studies.

George S. Thomas was continued on trial in the Studies of the Fourth Year. On motion of Robert Watt the time was extended.

QUESTION 4.—The Fourth Question was taken up: "Who have been Received on Trial?" The recommendations of Joseph A. Buckson and John M. Kelso were presented and they were introduced to the Conference. After appropriate representation they were received on trial.

TEMPERANCE.—Alfred Smith presented the following Memorial to the General Conference.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage is dangerous to "public safety and public morals", (see Beer Co. vs. Massachusetts et als., 97, U. S. 32.)

WHEREAS, The aforesaid traffic has been prohibited in the naval and military reservations and in the Capitol Building at Washington, D. C.;

We, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, respectfully request you to memorialize the President, and the Congress, of the United States of America to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage in the Territories, Islands, District of Columbia and all other places where the Federal Government has police control, to the end that the Legislative and Executive Departments may be in harmony with the decisions of the Supreme Court.

Our motto is: "No Saloons Under the Flag".

QUESTION 11.—The Eleventh Question was taken up: "What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" The recommendation of John M. Kelso was presented and he was elected to Deacons orders.

W. R. MOWBRAY.—E. C. Atkins presented the report of the special committee in case of W. R. Mowbray and it was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Wm. R. Mowbray, who for 14 years has served this Conference as Statistical Secretary, and throughout the term he has been not only untiring in his labor; but uniformly courteous to all the brethren, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephen V. R. Ford, Editor of the General Minutes, in commenting upon Bro. Mowbray's work says that it is one of the most correct

records in the Church, and that only three errors have occurred in the 14 years of his work; therefore

Resolved, That in W. R. Mowbray this Conference has had for the past 14 years a Statistical Secretary of unusual ability.

Resolved, That this Conference not only fully appreciates the splendid work done by Bro. Mowbray, as its Statistical Secretary but takes this occasion to extend to him its warmest thanks.

EXAMINATIONS.—V. S. Collins presented the following memorial to the General Conference which was adopted:

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting in Los Angeles, Cal., May, 1904.

We the members of the Wilmington Conference hereby petition your honorable body that section 6 of paragraph 58 of the Appendix be stricken out, and thus leave the matter open to the action of the several Annual Conferences.

LAY CONFERENCE.—W. W. King and W. L. S. Murray were appointed a committee to wait upon the Lay Electoral Conference now in session and indicate to them the pleasure of this body to have a visit from them at their convenience.

CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT.—On motion of W. W. King a Committee of eight was appointed to devise a plan on Conference entertainment and report at this session: The following were selected, W. F. Corkran, L. E. Barrett, V. S. Collins, W. F. Dawson, C. A. Hill, M. D. Nutter, W. W. King and R. H. Adams.

THANKS.—On motion of G. W. Bounds a Committee on Thanks was appointed as follows: E. C. Macnichol, G. W. Bounds, S. M. Pilchard, G. W. Dawson.

Dr. Bishop of Erie Conference and Dr. Bridges of the Atlantic Mission, were introduced.

Bishop FitzGerald appointed T. E. Terry and G. P. Jones to fill vacancies in the Board of Conference Examiners.

DELEGATES.—The Board of Electors announced the following ballot: showing the Election of A. S. Mowbray and W. F. Corkran Whole number of Votes cast, 162; Defective 2. Necessary to a Choice, 81. A. S. Mowbray, 87; A. Stengle, 78; W. F. Corkran, 84; W. G. Koons, 74; Robert Watt, 70; C. S. Baker, 68; C. T. Wyatt, 61; L. E. Barrett, 52; A. Smith, 11; E. C. Macnichol, 8; T. E. Terry, 6; C. A. Hill, 5; V. S. Collins, 5; C. W. Prettyman, 5; S. M. Morgan, 4; J. W. Easley, 4; R. H. Adams, 3; A. W. Lightbourn, 3; W. W. King, 2; W. L. S. Murray, 2; J. T. VanBurkalow, 1; J. W. Talley, 1; T. A. H. O'Brien, 1; W. R. Mowbray, 1; H. S. Thompson, 2.

The second ballot was taken and on motion of J. W. Easley it was agreed that Conference adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock, to learn the result of this ballot and complete the election. The Doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by A. S. Mowbray.

Fourth Session.—Friday Afternoon.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 2 o'clock Bishop FitzGerald in the chair. After singing, the Conference was led in prayer by T. E. Terry.

The Board of Elections presented the following report which showed no elections. Whole number of votes cast, 156. Necessary to choice, 78. Defective 1. R. Watt, 61; W. G. Koons, 51; C. S. Baker, 60; A. Stengle, 60; L. E. Barrett, 14; C. T. Wyatt, 41.

THIRD BALLOT.—The Third Ballot was then taken.

On motion of C. S. Baker, Alfred Smith gave a report of his work as Conference Temperance Evangelist.

Dr. A. E. Ballard Vice President of the Ocean Grove Association was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The Board of Elections reported the result of the third ballot as follows which showed no election.

Whole number of votes cast, 157. Necessary to choice 79. Robert Watt, 60; Adam Stengle, 71; C. S. Baker, 76; C. T. Wyatt, 42; L. G. Barrett, 14; W. J. Koons, 43.

FOURTH BALLOT.—The Fourth Ballot was then taken.

On motion of J. W. Prettyman the representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, whose anniversary was due at this hour, were invited to proceed with their programme.

The Board of Elections reported the fourth ballot as follows, showing the election of Adam Stengle and C. S. Baker.

Whole number of votes cast, 157. Necessary to choice, 79. Defective 1. Adam Stengle, 91; C. S. Baker, 81; W. G. Koons, 45; Robert Watt, 39; C. T. Wyatt, 39; L. G. Bounds, 11.

FIFTH BALLOT.—The Fifth Ballot was taken for the election of two alternates resulting in the following vote, showing the election of C. T. Wyatt. Whole number of votes cast, 129. Necessary to choice, 65. Defective 1. C. T. Wyatt, 73; W. J. Koons, 63; Robert Watt, 48; L. E. Barrett, 41.

SIXTH BALLOT.—The sixth ballot was taken, and it was agreed that the result should be announced immediately after reading the Journal tomorrow morning. Conference then adjourned.

Fifth Session.—Saturday Morning.

OPENING.—Conference met at 8.30 o'clock with Bishop FitzGerald in the chair, Dr. Smith in charge of the devotional services. At 9 o'clock the Journal of yesterday's sessions was read and approved.

SIXTH BALLOT.—The Board of Elections announced the Sixth Ballot, which showed the election of W. G. Koons as the second Reserve Delegate.

G. W. BOWMAN.—On motion of Adam Stengle the case of G. W. Bowman was referred to the Board of Stewards.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—J. W. Prettyman presented the report of the Committee on Bible Society. After discussion the report was re-committed for the incorporation of additional suggestions made upon the floor of the Conference.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.—The following Memorial to the General Conference was presented by T. E. Martindale and adopted.

The Wilmington Conference would respectfully present the following Memorial, adopted at its annual session March 19, 1904:

WHEREAS, There are upwards of twenty-five hundred Superannuated Ministers connected with the home Conferences in our Church and an equal number of the widows and children of deceased Ministers, most of whom are in need of help from the Churches for their personal support; and

WHEREAS, The last quadrennium, which was a period of unprecedented business prosperity throughout the country, and of unparalleled activity in Church enterprise, witnessed very little corresponding advance in the care of the Churches for their worn-out Preachers; and

WHEREAS, In some sections where most has been undertaken on behalf of Conference Claimants, the increased financial ability of the Churches has expressed itself in pastoral support three fold, and in church property seven fold, more rapidly than it has expressed itself in contribution to Superannuate support; and

WHEREAS, The average allowance to the worn-out Preachers of the home Conferences last year was only \$110 each, and to widows of Ministers only \$55 each; and there was a disparity of support ranging from a dollar a day for the Superannuate in the strongest Conferences to only five cents a day for the Superannuate in the weakest Conferences; and

WHEREAS, Measures adopted to provide for Superannuate support should be uniform throughout the Church and as effective in their operation as those employed to secure the Episcopal Fund or the salaries of the Presiding Elders; and

WHEREAS, The General Conference of 1876 solved the difficulty of securing collections from the Churches for the Episcopal Fund, by making the allowance for the Bishops "a pro-rata claim with that of the stationed preachers and Presiding Elders"; with the result that now the Episcopal Fund is adequate for the support of the greatly increased number of Bishops, and is nowhere felt as a burden upon the Churches; therefore

Resolved, That the General Conference is hereby earnestly requested to make similar provision for securing the allowance for Superannuates from the Pastoral Charges, by amending the closing sentence of Paragraph 293 of the Discipline so that it read as follows:

"The Annual Conference shall at each session estimate the amount required from the Churches for the support of Conference Claimants in the following year; and shall apportion the same to the several Districts, and the District Stewards to the several Charges. The amount apportioned to each Pastoral Charge for the support of Conference Claimants shall be a pro-rata claim with that of the Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops; and the latter shall be entitled to their respective allowances from each Charge to the extent to which that charge has met its apportionment for the support of Conference Claimants."

DR. DRYER.—Dr. George H. Dryer, of the Genesee Conference was introduced and addressed the Conference respecting his Church History.

LAY-ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.—Dr. W. W. King presented the Lay-Electoral Conference, who were seated within the bar of the Conference. The President of that body, Chief Justice C. B. Lore, and the other Delegates-elect were called to seats on the platform. "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung and the Delegates-elect C. B. Lore, H. P. Cannon, J. E. Ellegood, R. M. Cooper, A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, Adam Stengle and C. S. Baker were introduced and addressed the Conference.

ACADEMY DEBT.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, it was agreed to take up the order of the day, the consideration of the Conference Academy Debt, inviting the laymen to remain. Prof. E. L. Cross then addressed the Conference, and T. E. Martindale took charge of the collection.

The Lay Electoral Conference then retired.

STEWARD'S ENDOWMENT.—On motion of W. W. King the report of the Steward's Endowment Fund was made the order of the day on Monday at 11 o'clock.

ACADEMY TRUSTEES.—C. W. Prettyman announced the expiration of the term of Robert Watt, W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, and T. E. Terry, as Trustees of Conference Academy. A committee of three to nominate successors was appointed as follows: C. W. Prettyman, V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran.

On motion of W. E. Tomkinson, the time was extended.

C. A. GRISE.—On motion of W. G. Koons the Conference requested Bishop FitzGerald to appoint C. A. Grise, Superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League. C. T. Wyatt presented the following resolutions which were adopted.

Resolved, As a Conference we wish to record our high appreciation of the worth and ability of C. A. Grise, who for the past twenty-five years has so faithfully and successfully served some of the most prominent charges within the

bounds of the Wilmington Conference. His ministry among us has been characterized by fidelity and conscientiousness. And now he has been called to the Superintendency of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland, an organization which is doing so much to secure temperance legislation and hinder the aggressions of the Saloon.

Resolved, That we the Members of the Wilmington Conference, while regretting his prospective retirement from the pastorate, do hereby assure him of our best wishes and prayers in the important work to which he has been called. And if it shall please the Bishop to appoint him to this field of activity we cordially invite him to visit our churches, pledging him our co-operation. And if in the future he shall wish to re-enter the pastorate we assure him a hearty welcome.

ADJOURNED.—Committees were called, announcements were made and Conference adjourned with the doxology, Rev. G. H. Dryer pronouncing the benediction.

Sixth Session.—Monday Morning

OPENING.—Conference met at 8.30 o'clock with Bishop FitzGerald in the chair. The devotional services were conducted by Dr. Joseph Smith. At 9 o'clock the Journal was read and approved.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. F. D. Gamewell of the Missionary Society was introduced and addressed the Conference.

ACADEMY DEBT.—A committee of the Academy Trustees reported the following plan which, after amendments proposed by W. F. Corkran, was adopted.

WHEREAS, The debt, which has long encumbered the Conference Academy has been nearly all paid, or provided for, and it is so important for the future success of the institution that it be entirely cancelled, And

WHEREAS, The Academy is now upon a paying basis, that is, more than able to meet current expenses from current and legitimate receipts, Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Conference hereby thanks the Brethren of the Ministry and Laity for the magnificent result that has been accomplished, and that all the Ministerial Brethren, Members, Probationers and Supplies, be and they are hereby earnestly requested to raise an amount equivalent to at least four (4) per cent of their annual support as soon as possible, and to remit the same to the Treasurer of the Academy in two annual installments on or before the first day of July 1904 and 1905. That the Presiding Elders are hereby requested to promulgate this request to the Ministers on their respective Districts without delay, and to use all efforts to accomplish this highly desirable result, with the understanding that any subscription made shall be included in the above apportionment.

ACADEMY TRUSTEES.—The Committee to nominate persons to fill vacancies in the Academy Trustees reported as follows: Robert Watt, W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, T. E. Terry, W. G. Koons, C. T. Wyatt, V. S. Collins, H. G. Budd. Bishop FitzGerald appointed C. S. Baker, and W. L.

White as tellers. The vote was taken resulting in the election of Robt. Watt, W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, and H. G. Budd.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—The Board of Stewards made the report of the distribution of Conference Claimant Funds which was adopted. E. H. Nelson was appointed to have charge of the funds for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham and Jay Williams those for the children of James Conner.

O. L. Martin presented the report of the Committee on Freedman's Aid and it was adopted.

ORDINATION.—Bishop Fitzgerald presented the following certificate of ordination:—

This is to Certify

That on Sunday, March 20, 1904, at Dover, Del., according to the ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as **Deacons**, John H. Mitchell, George C. Williams, Oram T. Baynard, John W. Briscoe, John M. Kelso, and assisted by Elders, I ordained as **Elders** John M. Arters, William C. Poole, Frank N. Faulkner, William E. Greenfield, Andrew H. Covey and James W. Colona.

JAMES N. FITZGERALD, *Bishop.*

DOVER, DEL., March 21st, 1904.

DR. JOS. H. SMITH.—Robert Watt presented the following resolution which was adopted;—

Believing that the Rev. Jos. H. Smith is anointed of the Lord to do a great work for God and the Church in the field he occupies as an evangelist, we desire to place some expression of due confidence and esteem, therefore: be it

Resolved, That we find in him a consecrated man of God fully given up to his Master's work.

Resolved, We desire to thank him for his clear, helpful, sane and sensible teaching on the blessed doctrine of Perfect Love.

Resolved, We have found in him an able expositor of the Word "rightly dividing the Word of Truth".

Resolved, That we regard him as one of the ablest and most helpful evangelists we have ever heard.

Resolved, We commend him to all the Churches and Conferences as an earnest and gifted preacher of the Gospel whose services God greatly blesses and owns for His glory.

R. W. TODD.—T. E. Martindale presented the report of the Committee to prepare a minute in reference to the retirement of R. W. Todd which was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Our Dear Brother Dr. R. W. Todd is at this session of the Conference to retire from the active service of the ministry after a long and successful career of more than half a century, Therefore

Resolved, That we hereby desire to record our appreciation of his eminent ability and genial personality as a minister of Jesus Christ. In the various positions which he has occupied whether as Editor, Pastor, Bible Agent or Presiding Elder he has shown himself a lover of the church and a courageous defender of the faith.

Resolved, That we beg to assure him of our love and confidence, and extend to him our sincere sympathy in his present afflictions; and we will pray that as he sits among the shadows the light of the Master's face may be about him, and that he may be kept in peace "until the morning breaketh."

PARAGRAPH 248.—On motion of V. S. Collins, the memorial presented by L. E. Barrett on Wednesday was reconsidered. W. W. King offered a paper as a substitute which was laid on the table. The original resolutions were then taken up item by item. The first item was then adopted. For the second the following substitute was offered by V. S. Collins and adopted. The third item was then adopted as was the paper as a whole.

For the sake of the discipline and honor of the church we so much love, and to the service of which we have devoted our lives, we hereby petition you to give emphasis to our protest against worldliness and intemperance as follows:

That paragraph No. 248 shall be divided into two sections, as follows:

That section 1 shall consist of all of the present paragraph No. 248 except that relating to intoxicating liquors, so that it shall read as follows:
Section 1. "In cases of neglect of duties of any kind, imprudent conduct, indulging in sinful tempers or words, dancing, playing games of chance," etc., to the end of present paragraph.

That section 2 shall consist of all that portion of the present paragraph No. 248 relating to intoxicating liquor, with an addition, so that the whole section shall read as follows:

Section 2. "In cases of the buying, selling, or using intoxicating liquors as a beverage, signing petitions in favor of granting license for the sale of intoxicating liquors, becoming bondsmen for persons engaged in traffic, renting property as a place in or on which to manufacture or sell intoxicating liquors, let the accused be brought to trial; and if found guilty, and if he show no sign of real humility, cancel his contract or withdraw his name as the case may be, he shall be expelled."

CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT.—W. W. King presented the report of the special committee on Conference entertainment which, after discussion, was postponed for the consideration of some future session.

QUESTION 30.—The Thirtieth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. The determination was referred to the Presiding Elders.

ADJOURNMENT.—On motion of A. S. Mowbray it was agreed that when Conference adjourn it be to meet at 2 o'clock for the consideration of other than minute business. Bishop FitzGerald appointed W. L. S. Murray to preside at the afternoon session. Conference adjourned with the doxology, Alfred Smith pronouncing the benediction.

Seventh Session.—Monday Afternoon.

OPENING.—Conference met at 2 o'clock with W. L. S. Murray in the chair. Conference was led in prayer by Asbury Burke. The Journal was read and approved.

REPORTS.—Reports from the Committees on Sunday School and Tracts, Episcopal Fund, Sabbath Observance, Church Insurance, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Education, Church Extension, Bible Society, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Hospital, Epworth League, Temperance, and Periodicals were presented and they were adopted.

R. W. TODD.—T. E. Martindale presented a communication from R. W. Todd which was ordered spread upon the Journal.

Mr. President, and Brethren of the Wilmington Conference:

"Fifty-one years ago I was received into the Philadelphia Conference and assigned as Junior preacher to Dover Circuit, and in this church (as it then was) I preached my first sermon as an itinerant.

After some years of hard work on large circuits, severe bronchial trouble reduced me to the Supernumerary ranks; but in this relation I was quite active, filling the pulpit in Denton every alternate Sunday, superintending the Sunday School, meeting a large week-night class, and aiding the pastors in their extra-meeting work.

At the first Conference held in Dover, I was restored to the effective relation and assigned to St. Paul's Church, Wilmington. Here Asthma became chronic; and this, together with other physical ailments, occasioned great bodily suffering; so that, in all my efforts, I have been handicapped by feebleness, and have been compelled to toil through my itinerant course against high head winds and sweeping adverse tides.

I have come far short of my ideals both in attainments and achievements; but am profoundly grateful for the few jewels I have helped to rescue for my dear Master's crown.

I had hoped to round out my 51st year in the work, but serious disability from obstructed circulation of the blood compelled my retirement early in December.

And so brethren, I have been brought face to face with the unwelcome revelation that the days of my ministerial activity are ended.

Most of my earlier associates have answered the roll-call of the skies and I shall soon join the number.

In my leave-taking many memories, sweet as the blossoms of Paradise, fill my heart. My several flocks have been pleasant and kindly: none more so than

my last—dear old Hopewell, so near to the hovering skies above our highest Peninsula hills. My ministerial associates have ever been princely knights of the Cross. I have been proud to stand with them on the field of battle and hope, when the conflict is over, to have a part with them in the glory of the first resurrection.

Beloved Brethren; from my quiet corner of vision in the arena I shall watch the progress of the strife, and expect to join with you in the shout of final victory. In conclusion; many events of my itinerant experience have been associated with Dover. Under my administration Dover first became a Presiding Elder's headquarters; Dover was my home while editing The Wilmington Conference Herald. At Dover, in this building, I tremblingly unsheathed my juvenile blade, and here and now I return it worn and battered, to its scabbard.

Honored Bishop; beloved comrade ministers; noble brethren and queenly sisters; "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen!"

T. E. Martindale was appointed a Committee to send greeting to Brother Todd.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY.—H. A. G. Westerfield presented the report of the Statistical Secretary and it was adopted.

DEACONESS BOARD.—On motion of J. W. Easley a committee of three was appointed to nominate a Board of Deaconess work as provided in the Discipline. The Chair appointed as that committee:—H. S. Thompson, J. W. Easley, and T. A. H. O'Brien.

ALFRED SMITH.—E. L. Hoffecker presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That we heartily approve the work of Dr. Alfred Smith, our conference temperance Evangelist for the past year, and request the Bishop to re-appoint him to the same office for another year, believing that the great cause of temperance will be advanced by the continued activity of our brother. And that we will gladly welcome Dr. Smith to our churches at such time as may be convenient.

STEWARDS' ENDOWMENT.—L. W. Layfield presented the report of the Committee on Steward's Endowment Fund. Prof. Goldey was invited to address the Conference. On motion of A. S. Mowbray the report was made the order of the day for the second day of next session and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.—On motion of P. H. Rawlins the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Adam Stengle, T. E. Martindale and E. H. Nelson as Conference Trustees.

ADJOURNED.—Conference adjourned to meet at 7.30 o'clock. The benediction was pronounced by C. W. Prettyman.

Eighth Session.—Monday Evening.

OPENING.—Conference met at 7.30 o'clock, W. L. S. Murray presiding. E. C. Macnichol led the Conference in prayer. The Journal was read and approved.

MINUTE CHANGES.—On motion of A. S. Mowbray it was agreed the name of the Conference Academy collection be changed to Education, and that the publication of Conference Claimant's apportionments be discontinued.

STEWARD'S ENDOWMENT FUND.—The agitation of the proposed plan for Steward's Endowment was referred to the Standing Committee on that subject, which was given power to revise the personnel of the committee. J. W. Easley presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the money received for the Steward's Endowment Fund at this session of the Conference be held intact and separate from all other similar moneys, pending the question of Annuity Endowment Fund which has been made the Order of the day for the second day of the Conference session of 1905, and that the money held be deposited in a Saving Bank.

On motion of V. S. Collins the action of last year on the Endowment Fund was re-affirmed.

DEACONESS.—The Committee to nominate Deaconess' Board presented the following, the first of each class to serve one year, the second two years and the third three years: A. S. Mowbray, W. L. S. Murray, J. W. Easley, Hon. Chas. B. Lore, S. H. Baynard, Joseph W. Coley, Mrs. C. Wesley Weldin, Mrs. M. R. Lincoln, Mrs. A. B. Vernon.

TREASURER.—H. G. Budd presented the report of the Treasurer which was adopted.

AUDITS—Geo. C. Williams presented the report of the Auditing Committee which was adopted.

OTHER COLLECTIONS.—On motion of V. S. Collins the Secretary was requested to provide a column for other collections.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CABINET.—On motion of G. W. Bounds it was directed that the Conference Epworth League Cabinet be published in the Minutes.

MEMOIRS ADOPTED.—On motion of R. K. Stephenson the Memoirs read at the service yesterday were adopted.

COLLECTION.—Collection of \$31.00 for the sexton, \$15.00 for Minutes for Dover homes and \$5.40 Registrar's expenses, was ordered and taken.

THANKS.—G. W. Dawson presented the report of the Committee on Thanks which was adopted.

MANAGERS CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.—V. S. Collins

nominated the managers of the Conference Education Society which were approved.

E. C. SUNFIELD.—On motion of C. S. Baker the Bishop was requested to appoint E. C. Sunfield as Conference Evangelist.

A. T. SCOTT.—On motion of Robt. Watt the Bishop was requested to appoint A. T. Scott Editor of the Christian Companion.

P. H. RAWLINS.—On motion of C. S. Baker the appointment of P. H. Rawlins as Agent of the Steward's Endowment Fund was requested.

A. H. COVEY.—On motion of Adam Stengle A. H. Covey was granted a supernumerary relation.

W. H. HUDSON.—At his request C. S. Baker was permitted to withdraw the application of W. H. Hudson, and the Presiding Elder given permission to employ him.

C. S. Baker presented the nomination for Boards of Domestic Missions and Church Locations which were approved.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.—The following report of Missionary appropriations was presented by Robt. Watt and approved.

Amount of Missionary money for Wilmington Conference \$750. Dover District \$186; Easton District \$188; Salisbury District \$300; Wilmington' \$76. Divided as follows: Dover District, Lakesville, \$100; Salem, \$86. Easton District, Oxford, \$60; Royal Oak, \$70, Piney Neck, \$60. Salisbury District, Cape Charles, \$140, Onancock, \$100, Marion, \$30, Newark \$30. Wilmington District, Marshallton, \$50, Port Penn, \$26.

APPOINTMENTS.—After devotional services and an impressive address by Bishop FitzGerald, the Appointments were read and Conference adjourned with the doxology, Bishop FitzGerald pronouncing the benediction.

James H. FitzGerald,
President.

A. S. Mowbray,
Secretary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. **Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences?**
None.
2. **Who have been Re-admitted?**
C. E. Hastings.
3. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**
Edwin B. Taylor, of the Methodist Protestant Church.
4. **Who have been Received on Trial?**

- (a) *In Studies of First Year.*
Clarence E. Hastings, Joseph A. Buckson, John M. Kelso, Edwin B. Taylor.
- (b) *In Studies of Third Year.*
None.
5. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**
- (a) *In Studies of First Year.*
None.
- (b) *In Studies of Second Year.*
Arthur W. Goodhand, Walter E. Gunby, Wm. E. Hubbard, Thos. H. Jones, Fred I. Mumford, Howard Davis, Raymond H. Lewis.
- (c) *In Studies of Third Year.*
None.
- (d) *In Studies of Fourth Year.*
George S. Thomas.
6. **Who have been Discontinued?**
None.
7. **Who have been Admitted in Full Membership?**
- (a) *Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year.*
John H. Mitchell, Geo. C. Williams, Oram T. Baynard, John W. Briscoe.
- (b) *Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.*
Milton McCann, James H. Gardner, Clarence N. Jones, Wm. E. Matthews.
8. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
- (a) *Admitted into Full Membership this Year.*
John H. Mitchell, Geo. C. Williams, Oram T. Baynard, John W. Briscoe, Milton McCann, James H. Gardiner, Clarence N. Jones, James W. Colona, Wm. E. Matthews.
- (b) *Admitted into Full Membership previously.*
None.
9. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
Wm. R. Hirons, Wm. H. Kenney, Joseph H. Gallagher, Floyd E. Bloxton, Clarence N. Jones.
10. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
- (a) *Elected and Ordained Elders this Year.*
John M. Arters, Wm. C. Poole, Frank N. Faulkner, Wm. E. Greenfield, Andrew H. Covey, James W. Colona.
- (b) *Elected and Ordained Elders previously.*
Goldsborough W. Hastings.
11. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
- (a) *As Local Preachers.*
John M. Kelso.
- (b) *Under Missionary Rule.*
None.
12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
- (a) *As Local Deacons.*
None.

- (b) *Under Missionary Rule.*
None.
13. **Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?**
This was done in open Conference.
14. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**
C. W. Smith, Wyoming Conference; C. E. Hastings, Newark Conference.
15. **Who have Died?**
C. F. Sheppard, T. H. Haynes, J. D. Rigg, G. A. Phoebus, John France, Edward Davis, J. S. Willis.
16. **Who have been Located at their own Request?**
None.
17. **Who have been Located?**
None.
18. **Who have Withdrawn?**
None.
19. **Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?**
None.
20. **Who have been Expelled?**
None.
21. **What other personal Notation should be made?**
None.
22. **Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?**
J. S. Wickline, T. H. Harding, O. S. Walton, W. W. Chaires, G. W. Bowman, A. H. Covey.
23. **Who are the Superannuated Preachers?**
James Carroll, James Esgate, W. E. Tomkinson, W. M. Warner, W. L. P. Bowen, J. W. Poole, W. W. Redman, G. W. Wilcox, J. B. Merritt, J. T. VanBurkalow, Wm. M. Green, S. J. Morris, R. W. Todd, F. O. B. Wallin.
24. **Who are the Triers of Appeals?**
J. W. Easley, J. H. Beauchamp, W. O. Bennett, C. A. Hill, J. W. Gray, T. E. Terry, W. F. Dawson.
25. **What is the Statistical Report for this Year?**
See Report.
26. **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
\$39,624.00.
27. **What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?**
\$12,355.00.
28. **What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?**
\$8,197.64. Applied by order of the Conference.
29. **Where are the Preachers Stationed?**
See List.
30. **Where shall the Next Conference be Held?**
Referred to the Presiding Elders.

CONFERENCE ROSTER.

1853	W. M. Warner	1881	L. P. Corkran
1853	R. W. Todd	1881	S. N. Pilchard
1853	J. B. Merritt	1882	A. P. Prettyman
1858	W. W. Redman	1882	C. H. Williams
1858	H. S. Thompson	1882	W. W. King
1858	A. T. Scott	1883	W. B. Guthrie
1858	S. J. Morris	1883	A. S. Mowbray
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow	1883	V. S. Collins
1862	G. S. Conaway	1883	G. L. Hardesty
1864	T. E. Martindale	1884	W. A. Wise
1865	G. W. Burke	1884	W. F. Dawson
1865	James Carroll	1884	D. F. McFaul
1866	H. E. White	1867	E. P. Roberts
1866	James Esqate	1884	E. H. Derrickson
1869	W. R. Gwinn	1884	T. N. Given
1868	C. W. Prettyman	1885	J. M. Mitchell
1868	I. G. Fosnocht	1885	J. W. Easley
1869	W. R. McFarlane	1885	Robert Watt
1868	J. S. Wickline	1885	J. D. Reese
1869	T. B. Hunter	1885	G. W. Bowman
1869	E. H. Miller	1885	D. H. Willis
1869	P. H. Rawlins	1885	O. L. Martin
1870	J. A. Arters	1885	E. C. Sunfield
1870	J. W. Poole	1886	G. E. Wood
1870	Adam Stengle	1886	Asbury Burke
1870	E. H. Nelson	1886	W. W. Sharp
1871	W. E. Totkinson	1886	W. R. Mowbray
1871	L. W. Layfield	1886	H. S. Dulany
1871	T. H. Harding	1886	W. G. Koons
1871	F. O. B. Wallen	1886	C. T. Wyatt
1872	G. W. Wilcox	1886	J. T. Prouse
1872	W. L. S. Murray	1886	B. F. Jester
1872	R. H. Adams	1887	S. M. Morgan
1872	J. P. Otis	1887	R. T. Coursey
1873	Robert Roe	1887	Z. H. Webster
1873	F. C. McSorley	1887	J. H. Wilson
1873	W. M. Green	1888	G. T. Alderson
1874	W. T. Lewis	1888	J. F. Anderson
1876	G. W. Townsend	1888	F. F. Carpenter
1875	W. W. White	1888	W. P. Compton
1876	T. A. H. O'Brien	1888	W. W. Chairs
1876	E. C. Macnichol	1888	Warren Burr
1876	W. L. P. Bowen	1888	J. W. Gray
1876	L. E. Barrett	1886	W. P. Taylor
1876	W. F. Corkran	1889	J. E. Graham
1876	J. M. Collins	1889	V. E. Hills
1876	L. R. Janney	1889	T. C. Smoot
1876	T. E. Terry	1889	S. P. Shipman
1876	E. L. Hoffecker	1889	J. W. Fogle
1876	Albert Chandler	1889	L. I. McDougle
1877	E. C. Atkins	1890	G. W. Bounds
1878	C. A. Hill	1890	M. D. Nutter
1878	R. K. Stephenson	1890	Aloycius Green
1879	O. S. Walton	1890	J. A. Brewington
1879	Alfred Smith	1890	L. P. Karholsten
1879	C. A. Grise	1891	H. C. Turner
1879	J. M. Lindale	1891	Edwin Gardner
1879	G. R. Neese	1891	F. B. Short
1879	E. K. Creed	1891	J. H. Geoghegan
1880	A. W. Lightbourn	1890	E. R. Sidell
1880	J. R. Cannon	1891	G. P. Jones
1881	C. S. Baker	1892	V. P. Northrup
1881	F. J. Cochran	1892	W. H. S. Williams

APPOINTMENTS.

Dover District.

S. M. Morgan, Presiding Elder, (P. O. Dover, Del.)

Beckwith, Md.	J. D. Reese	Lakesville, Md. (supply)	J. S. Bozman
Bridgeville, Del.	W. R. Mowbray	Leipsic, Del. (supply)	W. W. Johnson
Burrsville, Md.	W. S. H. Williams	Lewes, Del.	T. A. H. O'Brien
Cambridge, Md.	E. C. Macnichol	Lincoln, Del.	J. W. Gray
Camden, Del.	W. P. Compton	Little Creek, Del. (sup)	W. H. Hudson
Canterbury, Del. (sup)	E. C. Sunfield	Magnolia, Del.	I. G. Fosnocht
Church Creek, Md.	T. Howard Jones	Milford, Del.	G. P. Jones
Crapo, Md.	B. F. Jester	Milton, Del.	L. P. Corkran
Denton, Md.	J. T. Richardson	Nassau, Del.	C. W. Strickland
Dover, Del., Wesley	L. E. Barrett	Preston, Md.	A. Green
Armory	J. H. Mitchell	Salem, Md.	D. H. Willis
E. N. Market, Md.	F. J. Cochran	Seaford, Del.	W. A. Wise
Ellendale, Del.	E. B. Taylor	Seaford Circuit, Del.	J. L. Johnson
Elliott's Island, Md.	G. S. Thomas	Vienna, Md. (supply)	W. N. Conway
Farmington, Del.	J. W. Talley	Williamsburg, Md.	H. B. Kelso
Federalsburg, Md.	T. S. Holt	Williston, Md.	S. P. Shipman
Federalsburg Circuit Md.	Supply	Wyoming, Del.	G. P. Smith
Felton, Del.	E. H. Nelson	Zoar, Del. (Supply)	T. S. Barrett
Frederica, Del.	William Cashmore	P. H. Rawlins, agent	Steward's Endowment Fund and member of Seaford Quarterly Conference.
Galestown, Md.	J. A. Buckson	Alfred Smith, Conference	Temperance Evangelist member Wesley Dover Quarterly Conference.
Georgetown, Del.	W. F. Corkran	E. C. Sunfield, Conference	Evangelist and member of Canterbury Quarterly Conference.
Georgetown Circuit Del.	Harry Taylor		
Greenwood, Del.	L. W. Layfield		
Harrington, Del.	J. H. Beauchamp		
Hooper's Island, Md.	Supplied		
Houston, Del.	J. H. Wilson		
Hurlock, Md.	G. W. Townsend		

Easton District.

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

Bayside, Md. . . (supply)	H. E. Truitt	Galena, Md.	T. C. Smoot
Betterton, Md. . . (supply)	A. C. Jones	Assistant, A. P. Prettyman	
Bozman, Md.	O. W. Devenish	Golts, Md. . . (supply)	C. K. Morris
Cecilton, Md.	W. F. Dawson	Greensboro, Md.	E. L. Hoffecker
Centreville, Md.	H. G. Budd	Henderson, Md. (supply)	J. W. Long
Chestertown, Md.	W. L. White	Hillsboro, Md.	D. J. Givan
Cheswold, Del.	A. W. Goodhand	Kent Island, Md.	F. C. McSorley
Church Hill, Md.	W. C. Poole	Kenton, Del.	D. F. McFaul
Clayton, Del.	V. P. Northrup	Marydel, Md.	E. H. Collins
Cardova, Md.	J. W. Prettyman	Middletown, Del.	C. T. Wyatt
Crumpton, Md.	J. A. Arters	Millington, Md.	Edwin Gardner
Easton, Md.	E. P. Roberts	Neavitt, Md. (supply)	
Fairlee, Md.	W. E. Habbard	Odessa, Del.	J. M. Arters

Oxford, Md. W. T. Lewis
 Piney Neck, Md. . . . G. S. Conaway
 Pomona, Md. Milton McCann
 Queenstown, Md. . . . W. E. Gunby
 Ridgley, Md. G. R. Ellis
 Rock Hall, Md. Warren Burr
 Royal Oak, Md. O. T. Baynard
 St. Michael's, Md. . . . G. W. Bounds
 Smyrna, Del. Robert Watt
 Smyrna, Circuit. . . . Albert Chandler

Still Pond, Md. . . . T. F. Beauchamp
 Sudlersville, Md. . . . W. O. Bennett
 Tilgman's Island, Md. . . J. R. Cannon
 Townsend, Del. J. W. Jones
 Trappe, Md. Robert Roe
 Wye, Md. . . (supply) Daniel Wilson

C. A. Grise, Superintendent of
 Maryland Anti-Saloon League, member
 of Easton Quarterly Conference.

Salisbury District.

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

Annessex, Md. . . . F. I. Mumford
 Asbury, Md. H. S. Dulany
 Berlin, Md. G. C. Williams
 Berlin Circuit. (sup.) J. L. Derrickson
 Bethel, Del. E. N. Cantwell
 Bishopville, Md. (sup.) W. W. Banks
 Cape Charles, Va. . . . J. P. Outten
 Chincoteague, Va. . . . W. B. Guthrie
 Crisfield, Md. S. N. Pilchard
 Chesconessex. (Supply)
 Deal's Island, Md. . . . W. W. Sharp
 Delmar, Del. Z. H. Webster
 Fairmount, Md. . . . R. T. Coursey
 Frankford, Del. . . . G. R. Neese
 Fruitland, Md. . . . C. H. Williams
 Girdletree, Md. . . . J. H. Geoghegan
 Gumboro, Del. V. E. Hills
 Holland's Island, Md. . . J. W. Briscoe
 Laurel, Del. T. E. Terry
 Mardela Springs. . . . John M. Kelso
 Marion, Md. J. H. Gardner
 Millsboro, Del. L. R. Janney
 Mount Pleasant, Del. . . G. E. Wood
 Mount Vernon, Md. . . G. W. Hastings

Nanticoke, Md. . . . E. H. Derrickson
 Newark, Md. W. E. Matthews
 Onancock, Va. W. R. Hirons
 Parsonsburg, Md. . . . J. A. Brewington
 Pocomoke City, Md. . . . L. E. Poole
 Pocomoke Circuit. . . . W. R. McFarlane
 Powellville, Md. Howard Davis
 Princess Anne, Md. . . . J. W. Colona
 Quantico, Md. J. W. Fogle
 Riverside, Md. (sup.) W. F. Atkinson
 Roxana, Del. W. H. Kenney
 Ocean View. J. E. Graham
 St. Peter's, Md. M. D. Nutter
 Salisbury, Md. C. A. Hill
 Selbyville, Del. . . . F. N. Faulkner
 Sharptown, Md. J. F. Anderson
 Smith's Island, Md. . . . F. E. Bloxton
 Suow Hill, Md. G. T. Alderson
 Somerset, Md. W. R. Gwinn
 Stockton, Md. E. H. Miller
 Tangier, Va. T. R. VanDyke
 Westover, Md. R. H. Lewis
 Whitesville, Del. . . . G. L. Hardesty

Wilmington District.

A. S. Mowbray, Presiding Elder, (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)

Bethel, Md. E. K. Creed
 Charlestown, Md. . . . T. N. Given
 Cherry Hill, Md. . . . T. B. Hunter
 Chesapeake City, Md. . . E. H. Dashiell
 Chester, Pa. J. T. Prouse
 Christiana, Del. . . . L. P. Karholson
 Claymont, Del. (supply) T. H. Harding
 Colora, Md. J. M. Collins

Delaware City, Del. . . . O. E. Jones
 Ebenezer, Del. E. R. Sidell
 Elk Neck, Md. W. P. Taylor
 Elkton, Md. T. E. Martindale
 Hockessin, Del. W. W. White
 Hopewell, Md. F. X. Moore
 Kirkwood, Del. (Supply)
 Marshallton, Del. . . . G. W. Burke

Mount Lebanon, Del. . . G. W. Dawson
 Mount Pleasant, Del. . . J. M. Lindale
 Newark, Del. E. C. Atkins
 New Castle, Del. . . . C. W. Prettyman
 Newport, Del. W. O. Hurst
 North East, Md. H. A. G. Westerfield
 Perryville, Md. . . . W. E. Greenfield
 Port Deposit, Md. . . . V. S. Collins
 Port Penn, Md. (supply) W. V. Harris
 Red Lion, Del. F. E. McKinsey
 Rising Sun, Md. J. P. Otis
 St. George's Del. O. L. Martin
 St. John's, Pa. J. E. Gallagher
 Stanton, Del. (supply) C. D. Sharpless
 Town Point. (sup.) J. M. S. VanBlunk
 Zion, Md. J. M. Mitchell
 Wilmington, Asbury. . . C. S. Baker
 Brandywine. H. C. Turner
 Cookman. C. N. Jones
 Eastlake. . . . (supply) J. H. Gray

Elsmere. (supply) F. Gray
 Epworth. A. W. Lightbourn
 Grace. W. W. King
 Harrison Street. . . . J. W. Easley
 Kingswood. L. I. McDougale
 Madeley. E. E. White
 Mount Salem. . . . F. F. Carpenter
 St. Paul's. W. L. S. Murray
 Scott. R. K. Stephenson
 Silverbrook. H. S. Thompson
 Uniou. R. H. Adams
 Wesley. Asbury Burke
 A. T. Scott, Editor of Christian
 Companion, member of Grace Quarterly
 Conference.

E. C. Wright, Conference Evangelist
 member St. John's Quarterly Conference.

F. B. Short, Agent University of the
 Pacific, member of Epworth Quarterly
 Conference.

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'ton-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.
36	" 16, '04	Dover.	J. M. FitzGerald.	A. S. Mowbray.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

Dover District.

For the sixth time it becomes my duty to present an annual report of the work done on the Dover District. The year now closing has brought its share of problems and heart-aches to the preachers and imposed some unusual burdens upon the Churches. Death claimed for his own one member of our District ranks, Jonathan S. Willis, assistant pastor at Milford. Brother Willis was well known even beyond our Conference bounds as an able preacher of the Word. A suitable memoir will be presented to this Conference. For many weeks the life of the younger son of Horace E. Truitt, our faithful supply on Leipsic charge, hung in the balance, under the scourge of typhoid, but was graciously spared. With the above exceptions, no serious afflictions have fallen to the preachers or their families.

At our last Session Galestown Circuit was left to be supplied. The Rev. E. B. Taylor, an ordained minister of the Methodist Protestant Church, having withdrawn from its ministry and membership, was secured to fill the vacancy. Results will show the wisdom of his appointment. W. E. Hubbard was released from Little Creek in September to attend Drew Seminary, and W. W. Johnson, a local preacher, filled the vacancy to the end of the year, by request of the people. On December 2nd, last, at Greenwood, Delaware, occurred one of the most expensive collisions that ever took place in the history of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The collision was followed by fire which caused the explosion of a quantity of dynamite in one of the cars, resulting in damage to our new Church of at least \$2000.00, and also severely damaging the parsonage. There was not left an uninjured house or building in the whole town. It was a scene of havoc and desolation that is rarely witnessed from any cause. It paralyzed our Church interest there and prevented the holding of any religious service for full three months. Be it said in commendation of the Railroad Company that they have thoroughly repaired our Church and parsonage and paid the bills. Amid these hard conditions, Brother Johnson has toiled manfully and comes to this Conference with a good report as is his custom.

In speaking of the work in general, I may say that it has been prosecuted under many and severe difficulties. As is well known the Penninsula wheat crop for the past year was extremely short and as a result, heavy losses were in many instances imposed upon the farmers. The general fruit crop for which this territory is famed was practically a failure. The oyster industry, which is of vital importance to the financial welfare of a large number of our Churches, was paralyzed by a winter almost unequalled both for the degree and perpetuity of its coldness. All of these adverse factors have made Church financiering difficult, for the Churches are usually the first to feel the effects of monetary reverses. The report from the preachers will show, however, that the work has been well done and that but few charges have fallen below the figures of last year.

The support given to the ministers on many of the charges is far below what it should be. In some instances the salary of the pastor is much below

what he ought to receive as just compensation for the services demanded of and rendered by him; but it is pleasant to record that while the salaries are entirely too small and do not approximately represent the ability of the people, the tendency is in the right direction, as shown by the following advances:—Frederica, Houston, Williston and Canterbury, \$100 each; others are, Federalburg, \$50.00; Magnolia, \$50.00; Ellendale, \$10.00.

The payment of old indebtedness on Church property has received special attention, and I am pleased to record that the efforts have been successful to a very gratifying degree, and but for the intensely cold winter, larger results would have been achieved. B. F. Jester has had a very successful year on Crapo Circuit. Old debts to the amount of \$1600.00 have been paid and \$500.00 raised for improvements. In addition to this, there have been 135 conversions and the Missionary collection is \$70.00 in advance of last year. A debt of \$1060.00 has been paid at Georgetown. Early in the year our church at Little Creek was in the Sheriff's hands for a long standing debt due the Board of Church Extension. Through the earnest efforts of Brother W. E. Hubbard, the pastor, and the generous co-operation of the people of Dover and vicinity, the Church was saved by the payment of \$812.00, thus freeing it from debt. Other debts paid have been as follows:—Houston, \$328.00 Vienna, \$271.00; Beckwith, \$208.00; Lakeville, \$172.00; East New Market, \$100.00; Farmington, \$350.00; Greenwood, \$500.00; Leipsic, \$125.00. An old debt of \$400.00 against Madison Church on Church Creek Circuit has been entirely cancelled, part of it paid and the balance assumed by Dr. Mary A. D. Jones, of New York City, a former resident of Dorchester County. This blessed result has been brought about largely by the efforts of Brother J. H. Gardner, the pastor.

The chief work of improvement to Church property has been at Preston, where the old Church was moved several feet nearer the street; a Sunday-school room built, modern furniture put in, beautiful memorial windows replace the old ones, and a steam plant for heating the Church. The total cost for these improvements was \$4,950.00 and all paid but \$675.00, which is provided for. George C. Williams, the pastor, deserves honorable mention for the consummation of this much needed enterprise. In addition to the above, Choptank Church on Preston charge has been improved at a cost of \$150.00 and paid. The Avenue Church, Milford, has been newly frescoed, new oak furniture put in, new carpets and other improvements at a total cost of \$3000, all paid. Dr. Morgan has shown both splendid taste and skill in bringing this much needed improvement to a successful issue. It can be truly said that internally our Church in Milford is one of the most beautiful in the Conference. (Improvements to Canterbury and Woodside Churches on Canterbury charge, have cost \$1125.00, and all paid. E. C. Sunfield is the pastor.) Dr. Macnichol has signalized the sixth year of his pastorate at Cambridge by elevating the floor of the main audience room, recarpeting the same, and putting in a handsome M. P. Moller Pipe Organ, costing \$1600.00. The total cost of these improvements was \$2300.00, most of which has been paid. Without desiring to disparage the labors of the pastor, I think it is but just to say that much of the credit for the good work done belongs to Mrs. Macnichol and the ladies of the Church. Improvements to Church property at Nassau have cost \$360.00; Georgetown,

\$440.00; Seaford, \$171.00; Federalsburg, \$360.00; Hurlock; \$190.00; Harrington, \$189.00. At Frederica, \$350.00 have been spent in beautifying the Sunday-school room; Mgnolia, \$200.00; Denton, \$500.00; Bridgeville, \$210.00; Ellendaie, \$130.00; Lewes, \$250.00; Houston, \$140.00; Galestown, \$100.00 and many other charges, smaller sums. A new parsonage has been built at Armory Church, Dover, costing \$1500.00, and making a comfortable home in the future for the pastor of that Church. Brother Truitt has nearly completed a new parsonage at Leipsic. The cost will be about \$1200.00, of which \$929.00 has been paid. The total spent for building and improving this year will show approximately \$16000.00.

Revival work has been carried on under severe difficulties, occasioned by the severe conditions of weather. While the success has not been as large as the pastors have desired, yet they have toiled faithfully and with varying degrees of success. In addition to the revival results on Crapo charge, as already noted, Lincoln charge, J. W. Gray, pastor, has had a very successful meeting, resulting in seventy conversions. At Ellendale, there have been fifty-six; Houston, thirty-one. Milton was visited by a gracious meeting and forty-three saved. Burrsville, thirty; Seaford, thirty; Georgetown, twenty-five; Williamsburg, forty-six; Seaford Circuit, fifty; Zoar, twenty-five; Georgetown Circuit, twenty-six; many other charges, smaller numbers, making a total of conversions for the year of about 800.

The report of the pastors will show that but few charges have fallen below the record of last year, while a number have made advances. The charges that have increased their Missionary collections are Farmington, Williamsburg, Seaford, Crapo, Federalsburg, Lincoln, Hurlock, Frederica, Burrsville, Magnolia, Ellendale, Vienna, Georgetown Circuit, and Lewes. Nearly all the others have held to last year's record. The total increase for Missions will agregate about \$300.00.

The Epworth League of the District is well organized, and at many points is doing most excellent work. The preachers report 40 Senior Chapters with 2000 members; 15 Junior Chapters with 700 members. Rev. J. L. Johnson is President of the District organization. I think the reports will show that apportionment for General Conference expenses have been met in full. Four years ago, \$10,000 was apportioned to the District as its portion of the then burdensome debt that overshadowed the Wilmington Conference Academy. All this apportionment has been met, with the exception of possibly \$500.00, and \$400.00 of that amount is owing by two charges that are well able to pay it. The Academy is having a prosperous year, as the Principal's report will show. Teachers in the school 9, Enrollment, 165. A brief summary of the last six years may not be out of place, as by comparison we are enabled to determine our growth. About thirty charges have advanced salaries agregating \$2317.00. Seven entirely new churches have been dedicated, and three parsonages built. Missions have advanced about \$500.00 to \$600.00 during the six years of the present term. Church membership has increased several hundreds, though in many instances there has been some much needed pruning of records.

In concluding this report, I wish to record my gratitude to our Heavenly Father for needed supplies of promised grace and help in doing the work. To Him be the praise for our success. To my brethren of the ministry and laity,

with whom I have toiled, and whose sympathy, friendship and prayers have made the burdens light, I wish to return unfeigned gratitude, and pray that God's choicest benediction may abide upon them and theirs.

C. S. BAKER.

Salisbury District.

In rendering my first report as Presiding Elder of Salisbury District to the Wilmington Annual Conference I am impelled by a sense of gratitude to indulge in a prefatory word or two relative to personal matters. First of all I desire to acknowledge my inexpressible obligation to Almighty God for His gracious providence which accorded to me health and strength and enabled me to visit each of the forty-five charges of this District and to hold quarterly conference in each every quarter of this year, making an aggregate of 180 quarterly conferences and also to preach 165 times during the same period. Secondly, I wish to express publicly my high appreciation of the uniform kindness, cordial support and hearty co-operation extended me both by the ministry and laity of the District, which made my work a delight instead of a burden, saved the administration from annoying frictions and made it possible to present the following report with no complaints and no appeals.

During the year it was found necessary to make a few changes in pastoral appointments in order to accommodate some of the brethren and to serve the church. J. E. Gallagher was on August 1st released from Marion, because of impaired health, to accept St. Johns on Wilmington District and G. W. Bowman, one of our supernumerary brethren who desires to re-enter the effective ranks, was at once appointed to the vacancy at Marion. A. H. Covey, one of our most promising young men whose pastorate at Princess Anne began so auspiciously and was so full of promise to our church in that town was on Sept. 19th compelled by protracted ill health to relinquish his charge to the very great sorrow and disappointment of all concerned. After a brief delay J. W. Colóná of Annessex was appointed to Princess Anne and he promptly entered the field and despite the embarrassments incident to the peculiar situation, rendered most acceptable service, in appreciation of which the Quarterly Conference unanimously and cordially requests his return the coming year. F. I. Mumford, one of our probationers who was at school, but desired work was assigned to Annessex where he acquitted himself so well that the Quarterly Conference unanimously requests his reappointment to that charge.

The work on the District has been prosecuted along all lines with the usual energy and fidelity, and if in some cases the usual measure of results has not been attained it is due to conditions beyond our control and not to any lack of zeal on the part of our pastors. Upon the whole, however, the work has prospered and pastors and people rejoice in the good accomplished. Though the results as tabulated in the Conference Minutes do not in every case indicate the measure of faith, energy and labor bestowed; for in some cases the most zealous and assiduous labors have been rewarded with very meagre harvests, due to no fault of the faithful toiler but rather to the barrenness of the soil or to the difficulties encountered in its cultivation, yet He, whose we are and whom we serve will strike a just balance and will render to every one not according to

success achieved or results attained but according to honest devotion to God and earnest application to duty; when doubtless many, who toiled in obscure fields and amid uninviting conditions and whose names were seldom heralded abroad by the Press, will find their names registered high on God's honor roll and will secure promotion to high positions and better conditions, than many who hold the coveted positions.

Among the various items of interest which should be reported with more or less of detail are the following:

REVIVALS.—For our church on this classic ground of Methodism is still a revival church and despite all criticism whether modern or ancient, higher or lower, she still believes that "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God". And the old "Mourners bench" has not yet been relegated to the lumber-room, though its form has been changed and rendered more ornate and we now call it the altar, which is more euphonious, yet the same old power is frequently demonstrated there. And neither has modern fastidiousness abolished the "Amen corner" nor hushed the hearty Hallelujahs. Thank the Lord, we have had revivals on Salisbury District during the past year, not so sweeping as in some years past; yet revival meetings were held in all of our churches and in every case the church was quickened and in nearly every case sinners were converted and added to the church. Among the points where special interest prevailed are the following charges: Parsonsburg heads the list with 120 conversions; Onancock 85; Frankford 62; Smiths Island 60; Pocomoke City 53; Somerset 47; Roxana 46; Gumboro 45; Mt. Vernon 40; Laurel 35; Tangier 30; Powelville 26; Sharptown 25; and nearly all the other charges report conversions of a smaller number. Total number of conversions is about 1100.

BENEVOLENCES.—When revival fires burn on the home altars the light and heat thereof will be seen and felt by others remote from the center of such fires, unless they should chance to be artificial flames, of sound without sense and zeal without knowledge, which do sometimes usurp God's altars and stand in the way of aggressive and practical benevolent and missionary enterprises of the Church; for there are still a few old relics remaining in the church who enthusiastically shout the praises of the Saviour's name and yet not only refuse to contribute to spread the name abroad but actually deplore the fact that others give so much to foreign missions. But their number is constantly diminishing and I am happy to report that nearly all of our charges have nobly responded to the Macedonian call for help. As usual some sections of our territory have not participated as largely as some others in the general prosperity of our Country; beside this the severity of this winter, almost unprecedented for its continuousness if not for severity, greatly interfered with the prosecution of the industries upon which many of our people depend for their livelihood. I refer more particularly to the charges bordering on the water, embracing more than half of the population of our district as a glance at the map will show. The fall and winter months constitute the harvest time of these people and the oyster industry is the principal source of their income and this industry was almost entirely paralyzed for about three months. So that many of our people were obliged to borrow money to contribute to the support of the church while others who ordinarily are liberal supporters of the church and her various enterprises now

actually required help to sustain life. Consequently our people, however willing, have not been as able to contribute to the support of the benevolences of the church as they ordinarily are. As a result our pastors had great difficulty in meeting their apportionments, and I am impressed that the same efforts made this year would under ordinary conditions place the District far in advance of any past year. All the charges have given these various objects more or less consideration; but I regret exceedingly that a number will fall short of last year's record, though some will report a slight increase. Possibly the aggregate will not vary much from the sums reported last year.

CONFERENCE ACADEMY DEBT.—Perhaps in the judgment of some this obligation may not stand next to the general benevolence of the Church, yet at this crucial period in the history of this institution it must receive special consideration if we would retain it and maintain the honor of our Church on the Peninsula. Of the \$10,000 apportioned to this District and which was again apportioned to the various charges, a considerable balance remained unpaid at the beginning of this year. However, all of the charges have paid a part and most of them have paid all of their apportionments, and probably all will pay in full the amount asked of them. Several charges have during this year paid in full their assessments.

CHURCH DEBTS.—Many of the Churches on the District applied themselves diligently to the liquidation of debts on churches and parsonages, some of which had been of long standing and on which interest had been paid to an amount almost equal to the original debt. Among the churches which freed themselves from the debt incubus we should name Cape Charles whose pastor reports \$1235 paid on old debts and the church now entirely free; Frankford \$816; Somerset \$500; Tangier \$600; Smith's Island \$335; Princess Anne \$256; Roxana \$180; Annamessex \$200; Crisfield \$225; Newark \$125; Parsonsburg \$150; and many others paid smaller sums. The total amount of old debts paid during the year is approximately \$6000.

Repairs and improvements of churches and parsonages are also among the works of the year, resulting in some cases in marvelous transformations in the general condition and appearance of these properties. The following are some of the churches: Hebron; Rockawalking and Quantico on Quantico circuit; Rehoboth on Annamessex; Wesley on Newark; John Wesley on Mt. Vernon; Girdletree; Princess Anne; and Deals Island where about \$2000 were expended in repairs and improvements. Beside these there are several others on which minor repairs or improvements were made. The following charges improved their parsonages: Pocomoke circuit; Pocomoke City; Bethel; Millsboro; St. Peters and several others in a lesser degree. Two, however, are worthy of special mention,—Laurel, whose building was remodeled and greatly improved both on the exterior and interior at a cost of \$1000. So that she has now an up-to-date home for her pastor. The other is Powelville which has broken all her records, not only improving her parsonage so that she now has the prettiest home in that old town, but also paid her Pastor and Presiding Elder in full long before Conference and has also advanced in her contributions to the various conference collections. One other item of improvement should not be overlooked. Our good brother George C. Townsend of Snow Hill whose mu-

nificent gift inspired and made possible our magnificent church edifice in that town, has added to his benefaction by personally soliciting and contributing about \$700.00 and has placed a handsome and substantial iron fence around the cemetery ground owned by the Church and on which the old edifice was located; beside this also a sum of money, to be held in trust, the interest only of which is to be used in maintaining the cemetery. The total amount expended on the District during the year for repairs and improvements of church property will aggregate about \$10,000.00 and there is more to follow.

NEW CHURCHES.—While our territory is well supplied with churches yet there are still a few sections where the interests of the people require the erection of places of worship, and Showells on the D. M. and V. R. R. was one of these. Accordingly soon after the adjournment of our last session, Rev. R. H. Lewis, pastor of Bishopville circuit was directed to organize a society at that point and to take immediate steps to build a church. He promptly applied himself to this task and labored most assiduously and wisely supported by the heroic zeal of the good people of that vicinity. The result is a beautiful Gothic structure, ample for the needs of the community, an ornament to the town and a credit to Methodism. A very remarkable feature of this enterprise is the fact that the entire cost is only a little over \$2000. Of this amount nearly one half was raised before the edifice was completed and the remainder was secured in cash and reliable subscriptions on the day of dedication which took place on last Sabbath, March 13th. Disclaiming any purpose of making invidious distinctions I would name among the many as worthy of special credit in connection with this enterprise, L. S. Melson of Bishopville and John G. Townsend of Selbyville, who not only contributed very liberally but also most successfully solicited contributions, and the success of the day, next to Dr. Samuel MacBurney, was due to these two brethren. Pocomoke City, though still worshipping in its old delapidated building, yet under the leadership of its popular pastor L. E. Poole, is contemplating large things in the coming year. Already plans have been adopted and \$6000 have been subscribed for the erection of a handsome modern church to cost about \$15,000. Such an edifice is greatly needed there for several reasons, and a great opportunity will be lost if it is not speedily erected. Our people there are not wealthy but they are loyal and brave and richly deserve the most favorable consideration of all. In my humble judgement it would be a wise application of Church Extension Funds to donate this new enterprise at least \$1000. Indeed the General Committee of the Church Extension Society at its last annual meeting authorized the Board of Church Extension to make Pocomoke City an exception to the rule and grant the desired appropriation. The application for \$1000 has the endorsement of Bishop Fowler who is personally acquainted with the situation, he having presided over the Delaware Conference in that town last April. Crisfield also needs and is contemplating the erection of a commodious church in the near future. Under the direction of its efficient pastor, S. N. Pilchard a "New Church Fund" has been organized and already about \$1100 are in hand for this laudable purpose; beside about \$600 for a new Pipe Organ to be put in the new edifice. Dagsboro on Millsboro circuit has outgrown the capacity of its

old church and greatly needs a new one. The pastor Dr. L. S. Janney, a recent transfer from the New Jersey Conference, is pushing the matter and it must go. About \$400 are in hand for this work. It seemed probable that a new edifice would have been erected this past year but for the unfortunate division of sentiment respecting the site where it should be located. It is earnestly hoped that all differences will speedily be harmonized and the new edifice be built early in the coming year. There is also some probability of a new church at Loretta on the N. Y. P. and N. R. R. where there is no church within a radius of four miles. There are several Methodist families in that neighborhood which greatly need and will liberally subscribe for a church there.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—If I am correctly informed every church on the District has a Sabbath School and only a few of these cling to the once almost universal, but now obsolete, custom of going into winter quarters, but with two or three exceptions all keep at work through winter and summer. And our people more and more recognize the importance of the Sunday School as an arm of the Church with which she strikes most effective blows for Christ and humanity; and it is daily becoming more manifest that the Church which fails at this point cannot long succeed at any other but is doomed to sink into "innocuous desuetude". We have on our District about 112 schools with 13000 pupils of all ages. And only three of these so far as I have learned fail to recognize the superiority of our own literature over the so-called cheaper kind with which a false economy in other years flooded our schools. It is also gratifying to report that nearly all of our Schools are organized into Missionary societies and quite all of them give prominence to the Missionary collection and about two thirds of the Missionary money raised on the District comes through the Sunday Schools.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.—Nearly all of our charges have Epworth League Chapters; some of these are in operation all through the year, others during a part of the year. But there are a few charges which have not yet recognized the importance of this auxiliary to the Church and its deep significance in winning and holding our young people to Christ and the Church. Where properly officered and conducted it must be helpful to the pastor in various ways in prosecuting his work, and a prolific source of good to the Church in general and to our young people in particular. Where Epworth League Chapters have been abandoned or where they have failed to prove helpful I find it was due to a lack of proper material to fill the office. During the year two conventions were held, one a Sub District Convention to Stockton in July 14 and 15 the other a District Convention at Crisfield Md. Oct. 20 and 21, both were enjoyable and profitable occasions. We have on the District 41 Chapters of the Epworth League with a membership of 1550 and 21 Junior Leagues having 700 members.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.—While the pecuniary support given our faithful pastors is in many cases far from what it ought to be, yet there is a decided improvement upon the record of former years and upon the whole is very creditable to the so-called "Lower District". Perhaps few are fully aware of the fact that for pastoral support this is the banner District of our Conference. Taking the estimates for pastoral support, not including house rent, as given in

the Minutes of our last session the average salary of the four Districts respectively is as follows: Easton \$695; Dover \$663; Salisbury \$718; Wilmington \$754. But in the latter case, if we leave out of the question as we properly may in this calculation, one Church whose salary is \$3000, then the average of this District would be only \$705. Thus it is apparent that so far as the preachers of the Wilmington Conference are concerned, the highest average salary is paid on the Salisbury District. Then beside this the pastors here are the recipients of perquisites with which those on the so-called "Upper District" are unfamiliar. So that instead of "coming down" when appointed to this District they are actually going up to higher things, better conditions, larger opportunities. No charge on this District reduced its estimates for pastoral support this year but on the contrary several advanced, among which are Annessex, Bishopville, Newark, Pocomoke circuit, Quantico, Selbyville and Snow Hill; the increase aggregating \$530. But I am sorry to say that we still have a few churches which do not realize the discredit of neglecting or refusing to discharge these obligations. Some make a very meagre estimate for pastoral support and then if for any or no reason some do not like the pastor this is made a pretext for not paying him the promised salary. They are bitter in their denunciation of the preacher who does not promptly pay his bills, but fail to see that they are partly responsible for it and equally guilty.

It is very astonishing that men can for years live in the blazing light of the Gospel which refines, purifies and elevates and yet have moral sensibilities so utterly impervious to appeals of justice and honor that they can with perfect complacency indulge in this contemptible meanness and reprehensible practice.

Temperance and prohibition are among the living issues of our District and the Church is realizing more and more the fact that her only consistent attitude toward the Liquor traffic is one of uncompromising and relentless hostility; and accordingly the war against this unmitigated curse has been prosecuted with energy all along the line in various ways and with varying success. While total constitutional prohibition is the ultimate object aimed at yet at the same time she has by recourse to the various lawful means succeeded in greatly reducing the number of licensed saloons and in restricting their powers for evil; so that large sections of our territory are practically under prohibition and free from the curse of the legalized traffic. As our District embraces parts of three states, viz. Virginia, Delaware and Maryland the temperance advocates are naturally confronted by different legal conditions but in every case the saloon is the same old devil under whatever aspects it exists which cannot be licensed without sin. Two counties of Virginia lie within the bounds of this District and in some parts of these Local Option prevails and in others a form of High License with certain limitations. In Accomac the temperance sentiment is much further advanced than it is in Northampton, here 20 saloons were closed last year and only 13 remain open and it is confidently hoped that there will be none after April 30th. In Delaware we have about half of Sussex county and here public sentiment against the saloon has been developed to such an extent that only in a very few places is it possible to secure license, and among these few places are Laurel, Millsboro and Dagsboro. The State Temperance Alliance is preparing for a vigorous campaign throughout the state which

will most likely result in securing the constitutional privilege for the voters to express themselves by ballot upon this infamous business, and when that opportunity comes the doom of the traffic in this county will be sealed. In Maryland we have three counties, Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset. The first of these is under a form of "high license", with open bars at Berlin, Ocean City, Stockton, Pocomoke City and Snow Hill—about 20 licensed places. The second is free from the licensed traffic except in three localities, viz. Salisbury, Quantico and Wetyppquin—but here the days of the saloon are numbered. Local Option in some parts of this county, including the above named localities, was carried by a large majority, but on appeal to the courts by the liquor men it was decided unconstitutional on purely technical grounds. It is, however, expected that the present Legislature will remedy this defect and give to the county that which the voters demanded by their ballots. Perhaps the most anomalous proceeding in the history of the liquor traffic took place recently in Salisbury where the liquor men circulated a petition for signatures asking the Legislature to submit the question of "License or No License" to the voters. Of course this was merely a trick. For the Anti Saloon League had asked for direct legislation prohibiting the sale of liquor and the saloon men were apprehensive that this might be granted and hence their petition—besides they hoped that if so submitted the vote would not be taken before July, which would be after the time to take out annual license and so they would still have about a year in which to continue their business. But while only a trick it caught a number of good men and so divided the temperance forces; nevertheless it showed that the traffic is expecting defeat and is already "on the run" and will soon be driven into its "last ditch". Thus the cause is moving on and the territory on which only a few years ago there flourished perhaps between 400 and 500 licensed places to sell intoxicants now probably contains less than 50. And the handwriting on the wall indicates that these also soon must yield to the resistless assaults of the army of the Immortal King of Righteousness. All, hail the power of Jesus' name.

CAMP-MEETINGS.—Salisbury District probably is entitled to the premium for having more camp-meetings than any other District in all Methodism. Beside the large number held by other denominations both white and colored, our own Church held fifteen during this past summer—and I endeavored to attend and preach at all of these, but was knocked out on the ill fated number thirteen, by lack of time. Camp-meetings on this District present a serious and complicated problem; and public sentiment is much divided concerning them. That evils abound in connection with them all will admit, and that good is done none can deny. At nearly all of these fifteen camps sinners were converted, Christians built up and other good was accomplished. They once were a necessity because churches were few and far between, but they are not so now; yet they may if properly conducted still be a means of grace to the community and furnish an opportunity for preaching the Gospel to many who will not attend our churches. It is true that in some cases they are little more than "summer resorts", but such a resort is not necessarily an evil nor will it hurt our people to keep these resorts under religious influence. In many cases the

Churches own the ground or have leased it for a long term of years and have erected costly tents and other buildings thereon. So it is safe to assume that camp-meetings will be held; and if we refuse to hold them others are more than ready to accept the responsibility, and so inflict upon us the evils without the compensations of such meetings. It seems to me therefore unadvisable to assume an attitude of unqualified hostility to all such meetings and to withhold our support from them. But where we cannot discourage our people from holding them we should seek to control the situation so as to prevent or eliminate the evil features and to multiply the good, especially endeavoring to prevent the desecration of the Sabbath which is one of the most common evils characteristic of our Camps.

HOSPITAL.—Among the many good works of a public and charitable character wrought on this district, though not denominational yet one of which some mention should be made, and one in which we Methodists feel a just pride, is the erection of a magnificent hospital at Salisbury, Md. which was foreshadowed in the admirable report of my predecessor at the last session of our Conference. This institution is the gift of one of our most liberable laymen, Hon. Wm. H. Jackson. The building is of brick and is large and commodious as well as handsome and will be supplied with the modern conveniences and facilities for the successful prosecution of its purpose. The structure is about completed and will soon be ready for dedication to its beneficent mission of healing the ailments of suffering humanity, who will be under lasting obligations to the generous donor.

A few personals will close this report. After the announcement of the appointments by Bishop Cranston at our last session we went forth to our respective fields of labor bearing precious seed, some perhaps literally weeping but we all come again rejoicing. God's presence with us through summer's heat and winter's sleet lightened our burdens, soothed our sorrows and crowned the year with gracious benedictions. But the year has not been filled exclusively with sunshine and flowers; over some homes dark clouds hovered and some hearts were pierced by the keen thorns of affliction and bereavement. With few exceptions, however, the health of the brethren has been good so that they have been able to prosecute their tasks with unremitting energy. Among these exceptions are F. I. Mumford, of Annessex, who has for some weeks suffered an attack of pneumonia. J. H. Geoghegan, of Girdletree, was obliged to rest for a few weeks when he resumed his labors with his usual vigor. R. H. Lewis of Bishopville, was quite ill for a long time and incapacitated for his work ten or more weeks; and this too at the most important part of the year when the various benevolent enterprises of the church receive special consideration and consequently his collections will fall short. He, however, returned to his post and is rapidly regaining lost strength. A. H. Covey of Princess Anne, already referred to, after a very determined struggle was finally obliged to surrender his position, and though much improved he has not yet recovered sufficiently to justify his resumption of labor. He will at the proper time ask a supernumerary relation in order to recuperate, with a view of an early return to the pastorate. There also were others who suffered temporarily, but the cases named were the most serious.

Death also was bury among us during the year, and on July 9th our dear brother F. J. Corkran, whose excellent wife died during the last session of our Conference was again suddenly and sorely bereft by the drowning of his son Robert Hoffecker Corchran, a bright and promising young man of 17 years of age. Death also decimated the ranks of our veterans, the superannuates, and on April 14th at his home in Frankford Del. brother C. F. Sheppard suddenly departed this life in the full assurance of a better country. After appropriate funeral services in the Frankford M. E. Church conducted by the pastor G. R. Neese assisted by a number of Ministerial brethren his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery near the town. On Jan. 9 of this year at his home in Newark Md. brother Edward Davis also passed away unexpectedly in ilke precious hope. Funeral obsequies were conducted in Bridgeville M. E. Church by a number of his ministerial brethren after which his body was laid to rest in Bridgeville cemetery. Thus closes the year with its joys and sorrows; its conflicts and its triumphs, its sowing and reaping; and by the grace of our Heavenly Father we have come hither to render an account of the work done and to receive our appointments to labor for the Divine Master in the coming year, and to continue the war against evil until victory is achieved.

“For true as God's own promise stands,
Not earth nor hell, with all their bands,
Against us shall prevail;
The Lord shall mock them from his throne,
God is with us, we are his own,
Our victory cannot fail.”

ADAM STENGLE.

Easton District.

At the close of our last annual session, 43 itinerants, and two supplies led 10 local preachers, 12 exhorters, and an exceedingly great host of consecrated lay-workers in a new effort to save souls and build up the kingdom of Jesus Christ on Easton District. The work of the year is done, its record complete. We come from our various fields to lay our sheaves at the Master's feet. The harvest is not all that could be desired, but after prayerful sowing and faithful reaping we find enough success to enkindle our praise and enough shortcoming to save us from the sin of self-elation. I think I speak for all these faithful toilers when I express my own feeling in the language of the artist who stood, after months of toil, in the presence of his finished masterpiece, and said “God have mercy on me because I did not do it better”.

The reaper death has dealt sparingly with our itinerant host, making only one breach in our ranks during the year. May 22nd Brother Thomas H. Haynes, one of our most honored veterans, after 81 years of life, 61 of which were spent in the ministry, went home to receive his crown. He was a good man full of the Holy Ghost and of faith. His beautiful life, his saintly spirit, and his successful ministry had their appropriate climax in the triumphant experiences of his dying hour. Death to him was not the end of life's fitful dream, but the dawning of an eternal day. No fear or terror marked his last moments on

earth, but angel messengers filled his vision while they sang in sweet strain "We will welcome you, we will welcome you." Thus wafted by angel songs he hastened home to receive his crown. Among our laymen several who were unusually prominent in the work of the church have passed from labor to reward. Brother Walter H. Thompson, of Easton so prominently identified with the interests of our whole Conference, quietly fell asleep in Jesus July 5th. 80 years of noble life, 75-years a member of Easton Sunday School, 64 year a class leader in the same church, energetic, loving, liberal, devoted—these are a few of the things which ought to be said of this truly great and good servant of God. In December brother Joseph W. Harper, of Still Pond, died in the triumphs of faith. He was 36 years of age, possessed of a well trained mind, unusually successful in business, devoted to God and the church, a local preacher, beloved by all who knew him, and full of promise for future service to the Kingdom. During the same month brother Jonathan K. Williams of Odessa finished his earthly career of more than 80 years. He was true and liberal, a devoted friend to the preacher and the church, and has gone to receive his crown. These were good men, who devoted their time, their talents, and their money to the glory of God and the building up of our beloved Methodism on this Peninsula. May their mantles fall upon others.

The appointments have stood during the year as made at the last Conference, except that brother C. W. Smith, of Hillsboro, was transferred in September to the Wyoming Conference, and stationed at Fairview church, Binghamton, N.Y.; and brother J. W. Talley, Managing Editor of The Peninsula Methodist, was appointed to Hillsboro where he has done faithful and efficient service. Soon after Conference brother F. I. Mumford was released from Neavitt to attend school, and brother C. J. McCoy was assigned to that charge. In September brother McCoy was excused to attend school, and brother J. Howard Gray was sent to supply Neavitt and has done splendid work, but he too now desires to attend school. Neavitt thus has the distinction of having had three pastors during the year, of having loved them all, and of having sent them all away to school. The one transcendent business of the ministry is to preach Jesus Christ as Saviour from sin. Revival results on the District this year evidence the fact that this duty has been faithfully performed. In nearly every charge revival fires have burned, and the deep conviction of sinners, the joyous salvation of penitents, and the entire sanctification of believers have gone forward amid shouts of victory. At Middletown the pastor brother C. T. Wyatt was assisted by a corps of Salvation Workers led by Staff-Captain Kemp. The battle was waged with great vigor, the hosts of sin were overcome, and the people of God moved forward shouting victory. The whole community was stirred with Pentecostal power, and some of the saints who had well nigh lost their knack in shouting, because of long disuse, suddenly regained it in fullest measure. 115 souls were converted and 96 were received on probation. On Kent Island brother F. C. McSorley had a blessed year. Debts paid, congregations increased, salary advanced, general spiritual uplift, collections increased, and 60 souls converted—this is only part of the glad story. Townsend has also had unusual success in revival work. The pastor, brother J. H. Beauchamp was assisted by neighboring pastors, and the results were marvellous. The new church was

the scene of a great revival in the first year of its history. Old and young, the hardened criminal and the respectable moralist, were alike swept in by the tide of power. 73 were converted and 69 joined the church on probation. Revivals at the two country churches make a total of 96 converts and 74 probationers for the charge. Bro. Gunby in the first year of his ministry has shown the characteristics of a successful Methodist preacher. He and the good people of Queenstown rejoice in the enlargement of spiritual life in all the churches, and in the conversion of 54 souls. At Millington brother E. R. Sidell has shown himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. His work has succeeded well. He was assisted in the revival by Capt. Kemp and his corps of Salvation Army workers, and 25 were converted. Brother Albert Chandler has had a good year on Smyrna Circuit, and comes to Conference rejoicing in the conversion of 50 souls. Jerman Chapel in Smyrna, one of the churches served by brother Chandler, was blessed with the greatest revival in its history. Its membership was more than doubled by the conversion of 30 souls. At Smyrna Landing, a chapel under the care of Asbury church Smyrna, the revival was led by brother John P. Burdette, a local preacher. This godly man found time and strength after the busy cares of the day as superintendent of the schools of the town to preach and sing every night in this revival for more than two weeks. God honored his labors with the conversion of more than 20 souls. Dr. E. L. Hoffecker at Greensboro has not been too busy in building the church material to look carefully after the church spiritual. A revival of much influence and power was held, and 25 were saved. Cheswold and Bethel under the evangelistic ministry of brother A. W. Goodhand has had a year of spiritual uplift, the saints have rejoiced together and 51 were converted. Centerville has responded nicely to the tactful ministry of H. G. Budd. Peace, harmony and love prevail, and every interest of the work is successfully and happily attended to. As the crown of excellent achievements a revival, of far more value than is indicated by the number of converts, blessed the church and community. 39 were saved. The faithful ministry of brother D. F. McFaul at Kenton has had many evidences that it was accepted of God, best of all is the fact that 23 were converted. Brother F. E. Bloxton has had some hard conditions to face at Trappe. But he has faced them heroically for three years and victory is inscribed on his banner. Benevolences advanced, the work thoroughly maintained, and 31 converted. Bro. Jos. A. Arters, whose name among us is the synonym of integrity, has given a year of successful ministry to Crumpton. Every interest of the charge has been faithfully served, people and pastor have been happy together in the Lord's work, and 12 have been converted. The spiritual tide has run high at Rock Hall all the year. Brother Warren Burr and the people have been equally happy. Class meetings, love feasts, and preaching services—all have been seasons of Pentecostal power. The crown of success was in a revival which resulted in 56 conversions. Odessa is delighted with the ministry of brother J. M. Arters, and the faithful preaching of the gospel has resulted in the conversion of 26. Clayton was never happier nor more prosperous than this year, under the ministry of brother V. P. Northrup. The continued illness of the pastor since Christmas has interfered with the holding of revival services, but several conversions have occurred in the regular services. On Tilghman's Island brother J. R. Cannon has had a year

of victory, many have been converted. Three happy years together make pastor and people feel that they ought not to be separated for the fourth. The third year of brother Theodore F. Beauchamp's faithful ministry at Still Pond has resulted in the enlargement of our work and the conversion of 15 souls. This church has lost one of its most valuable men but no backward step will be taken, on the contrary advance and progress are the watchwords. No happier relation has existed in the Conference than that between brother Bennett and the people of Sudlersville. Every interest of the Church has advanced, and 12 have been converted. Brother G. R. Ellis and Ridgely fell in love with each other at first sight. A year of success in every line of work, with 6 conversions. Brother Milton McCann has given good service at Pomona. He is a good all-around Methodist preacher. The Churches were greatly helped in the revival though only 9 were converted. At Piney Neck brother T. Howard Jones led the little flock of believers to a higher place in christian life and won 16 souls for Christ. Brother T. C. Smoot and the people of Marydel have enjoyed their work together, and 20 were converted. The supreme desire of my heart in the work of the district for this year has been the spiritual enlargement of our Zion. I have been especially solicitous for revival success. Methodism loses her power, fails in her grip on the people, and stands dumb and motionless in the presence of her great commission whenever the revival fires die upon the altar. I am glad to report the loyalty of our people, both ministry and lay to this strong arm of service. Reports to me indicate that about one thousand souls have been converted on our district this year. May every one be faithful and grow up into strong manhood in Christ Jesus.

Throughout the year emphasis has been laid on the importance of class meetings and love feasts. The problem of the class meetings is an old one in Methodism. As early as 1762, 142 years ago, a conference composed of all the Methodist preachers then living, with John Wesley presiding, discussed at length this question, "Can nothing be done to make the meetings of the classes more lively and profitable". In our Quarterly Conferences we have wrestled with the same problem and I am not sure but that the time would be well spent if this annual gathering should spend an hour or more in considering this same question. We are glad to report that in some churches on the district there is a rising tide of interest and attendance on this vital means of grace. In nearly every charge the love feasts have been held regularly. Many of them have been seasons of great power and uplift. With smile and tear and shouts of praise our people have given evidence of their enjoyment of this means of grace. "Doubtless", said old Isaac Walton, "God might have made a better fruit than the Strawberry, but doubtless God never did". Perhaps some better means of grace might be invented for Methodist people than the love feast but I doubt if any ever has.

There is a growing sentiment among the progressive laymen on Easton District that our preachers ought to be better paid. In a number of cases this sentiment has crystallized into actual increase of salary. I am happy to report that no charge on the District this year decreased its estimate for pastoral support, and that eleven made substantial increase. Sudlersville, Piney Neck, Tilghman's Island and Clayton advanced \$50 each; Centreville, Ridgely, Cordova and

Chestertown \$100 each; Kent Island \$150; and St. Michaels and Rock Hall \$200 each—a total of \$1150. This is as it should be, and we are hoping that the good work will go on. We rejoice in these forward steps, but are yet very conscious of the insufficiency of the salaries in many of our charges to meet the actual needs of the preachers and their families. In others, even where the estimate is sufficient, the sinful habit of putting off the effort to raise the bulk of it until within a few days of Conference puts some of our preachers and their families to great inconvenience. In a few places the great need is for more religion, business push, and energy on the part of the stewards, in the work of collection. This year has confirmed a belief that I have long cherished, viz. that faithful stewards will have a high place in Heaven. In this connection it ought to be said that some of our churches have greatly improved their plan for raising the Lord's money. Mowbray Church, on Pomona Charge, previous to this year has raised most of its money by festivals. Brother McCann, the energetic pastor, began early in the year to lead these people into the grace of personal giving. They have raised more money, and raised it more easily and happily than in previous years. Asbury Church, Smyrna, and her successful pastor, brother V. S. Collins have known no other experience for two years than that of all church expenses paid and a balance in the treasury. It was not always so; for years the wheels of her financial chariot dragged as heavily as many others, and usually made the last revolution just as the itinerant wheel began to turn at Conference. Now a good plan well worked enables this large church, which raised this year for all purposes \$4500, to close the Conference year with all obligations met when due and a balance of considerably more than \$150 in the treasury. When in the Quarterly Conference the question is asked "What is the financial plan adopted by the stewards?" the answer is "The Disciplinary Plan". There is no better. Our need is for more business-like energetic working of the plan. No Church in the Conference has this year excelled Greensboro in magnificent giving. Dr. Hoffecker and his self-sacrificing people have laid upon God's altar this year, for all purposes, \$5550. Such instances show what can be done when our people are really in earnest in their giving. The handsome new church at Townsend was completed early in the Conference year. It is a monument to the toil and sacrifice of as noble a people as are to be found in the Wilmington Conference. On Dedication day, May 3rd, the pastor brother John H. Beauchamp was assisted in the services by Rev. Samuel McBurney D. D. of Philadelphia, Rev. R. I. Watkins, D. D. of Covington, Ky., and the writer. The whole cost of building and furniture was \$11000. There had been raised previous to dedication day \$3440. The Ladies Aid assumed the cost of the furniture, \$900, leaving a balance of \$6660. The people gave liberally and long, and when dedication day closed it was found that they had given in cash and subscription that day \$4660, leaving \$2000 unprovided for. The subscriptions have been met with the exception of \$1300, leaving a balance of \$3300 unpaid, against which stands \$1300 in subscription. Townsend now has a beautiful temple of worship, and with the payment of her debt will be in excellent condition to do her work for a generation or two. Greensboro is to have a new church. She thought hard and long on this problem, but at last the cost is fully counted and she is actually building. Dr. E. L. Hoffecker has led in

this enterprise with consummate skill. A building committee, with Hon. John F. Dawson as chairman was appointed at the first Quarterly Conference, held May 20th. It was found that the pastor had raised in cash and subscription \$3000. A lot sufficient to give ample room was secured on R. R. Ave. Brother Joseph H. Bernard, architect and member of the church, drew the plans, and the work of building began early in the summer. The plan is an excellent one, providing for an audience room, a choir room, a pastor's room, a Sunday School room, an infant room, a class room, a library room, and a board room. The style is Romanesque, the walls are brick, the windows memorial, the roof slate. The outward appearance of the building is architectural and artistic. Dr. Hoffecker and the building committee have followed the good old plan of paying as they go. The walls are up, the roof is on, and it is hoped that some time during the year this beautiful house of the Lord, an ornament to the town and a credit to the noble Methodists of Greensboro, may be dedicated free of debt. Other charges have spent for improvements as follows: Kent Island \$800, Clayton \$700, Odessa \$689, Marydel \$225, Ridgely \$275, Piney Neck \$300, St. Michaels \$1200, Crumpton \$100, Sudlersville \$75, Queenstown \$72, Trappe \$75, Kenton \$85, Wye \$75, Still Pond \$60, Millington \$200 and Rock Hall \$400. Brother Warren Burr and the loyal people of Rock Hall have been busy all the year even though the bay has been frozen all winter against the craft of the oysterman. Early in the year a neat, substantial iron fence was erected around the entire church and parsonage lot, costing \$400 all paid. Nov. 15th was set apart as thank-offering day, when the people were asked to contribute the proceeds of one day's labor toward the payment of the debt of \$1700 against their church property. Rock Hall never faced harder financial conditions than this year, and yet this noble people increased the pastor's salary and paid it in full, raised their benevolences above the offerings of last year and pushed ahead their offering to Missions. Cordova, under the energetic leadership of brother J. W. Prettyman, has had a successful year. 75 of the probationers brought into the church the previous year have been read into full membership, a debt of \$580 on the parsonage has been paid in full, and the work in every way sustained.

The Benevolences have received their due share of attention. Pastors and people have labored against unusual odds in collecting for these causes this year. It was not a peach year, a summer of poor harvests was followed by a winter of unusual severity paralysing the oyster industry from Thanksgiving until within a few days of Conference. Thirteen of the charges on Easton District are in the oyster section and in some of these charges many who in an ordinary season are reaping their harvest during the winter, and are liberal supporters of the church, have been for months dependent upon the church for support. In the face of such conditions I am glad to report that the faithfulness of our ministry and the liberality and loyalty of our laity have been such that none of the benevolent collections will suffer. Some of what we sometimes improperly call the "minor benevolences" will perhaps be a little less than last year but others will be in advance; the aggregate will show a healthy advance. The missionary collection for Easton District has advanced on the average about \$80 annually for the last 8 years. The reports of the preachers sent me before Conference indicate that the collection, for this year will about maintain the

record. In some cases the payment of the Academy debt has seriously interfered with the missionary collection, as at Galena; in others the severe winter with the paralysis of the oyster industry has made it impossible to reach the record of previous years, as at St. Michaels. 22 of the charges reach the same figures for missions as last year. Of the remainder the following decrease: Marydel, Galena, Royal Oak, St. Michaels, Queenstown, Henderson; while the following increase: Bayside, Centreville, Chestertown, Clayton, Cordova, Kent Island Neavitt, Oxford, Pomona, Trappe, Smyrna Circuit, Rock Hall.

At the Conference of 1901 \$7000 was apportioned to Easton District as its share of the debt which at that time threatened the very life of our Academy. Up to the close of Conference 1902 \$4787 had been raised. At the last session \$413 was added to that amount, making a total of \$5200, leaving a balance at the beginning of this year of \$1800. Against this Smyrna has paid over to the Academy \$900, which with a sum of \$25 paid last year gives her a credit of \$925 against the apportionment of \$800. Marydel has shown courage in raising her balance of \$125, Millington pays her \$102 in full, Still Pond reports her \$62 all paid, Greensboro finishes her apportionment by paying \$35 and Centreville accomplishes the seemingly impossible in bringing up to this Conference her full apportionment of \$250. Other charges pay out as follows: Neavitt \$5, Piney Neck \$20, Tilghman's Island \$30, Clayton \$53, Galena \$65. Other charges pay in part as follows: Kent Island \$31, Easton \$50, Chestertown \$90. Balance remains as follows: Kent Island \$9, Odessa \$30, Chestertown \$31 and Easton \$50; these I hope will be paid. The above figures show, however, that \$1818 has been raised this year, which added to the \$5200 previously raised makes \$7018, which fully covers the \$7000 apportioned Easton District, for which let us all be thankful. I want to specially thank the preachers and laymen who have made this report possible.

Brother E. P. Roberts closes his third year of successful ministry at Chestertown beloved by all the people. At Bayside brother J. H. Mitchell has faced hard conditions, but has won success. Among his other achievements for the year is the finding of a good wife. Brother G. S. Conaway has given faithful service at Wye and Starr, as has also brother E. K. Creed at Galena. Brother Creed comes to Conference glad that the Conference Academy debt is met in full. Cecilton never was happier than she has been this year under the efficient ministry of brother W. F. Dawson. Brother J. M. Lindale finishes his third year of faithful ministry on Church Hill with the work in fine condition. Brother C. A. Grise has been somewhat impaired in health during the year, but comes to Conference much improved and ready for battle. At Fairlee for nearly two years the \$1200 debt on the parsonage has somewhat disturbed the peace of Zion; but under the skillful management of brother W. C. Poole a better day has dawned, and a plan is on foot to rise up next year and pay off the debt, and open the parsonage for a preacher's home by Jan. 1st. Brother O. T. Baynard has given Henderson three faithful years of service. During this year he also has found for himself a good wife, and brings to this Conference the bride of a few weeks. At Talbot, brother Roe met a difficult problem, but has put in a year of faithful service with many marks of success. Brother McDougle has given Oxford three years of good service. Our supplies, brothers C. K. Morris at Golt,

brother S. C. Jones at Betterton and brother J. Howard Gray at Neavitt have all done a good year's work. During the month of January, Mrs. V. S. Collins, our District Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, secured the services of Mrs. N. W. Bass, one of the national organizers of that society for a campaign of ten days on Easton District. Mrs. Bass is a woman of great ability and won the hearts of the people for her cause. She organized 11 new societies as follows: Clayton, Easton, Ridgely, Greensboro, Millington, Cheswold, Kenton, Townsend, Cecilton, Sudlersville and Hillsboro. These with one organized earlier in the year at Odessa make an increase in Societies for the year from 4 to 16, and in members from 145 to 571.

A constant agitation has been kept up throughout the year against that "sum of all villancies", the legalized liquor traffic. Among the most constant, faithful and potent of all factors that make for temperance among us is the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Whatever may be thought of their right to vote, our sisters are proving their ability to use loving hearts and willing hands in every possible way against the curse of intemperance. God bless that band of noble women. Dr. Alfred Smith, our Conference Temperance evangelist has visited many of our charges and given no uncertain sound. Heavy blows have been dealt the liquor business, and the impression left upon the Churches is profound and lasting. The Delaware State Temperance Alliance, under the leadership of brother V. S. Collins has made commendable progress. This organization seeks to bring into its membership all the temperance people of the state, and further to pledge the voters not to support any candidate for the General Assembly or for Governor who will not openly pledge himself to favor giving the people a privilege to exercise their constitutional right to vote on the question of license or no license. On this broad platform all Christians and temperance people ought certainly get together, and yet if this organization is to be a controlling factor in the next election in Delaware our good people must rise at once, organize the communities, and secure the pledges of the voters. Brethren, let us not play at this business, nor simply make show in speech, but let us be intensely practical and intensely in earnest before our opportunity is past. God hasten the day, when with sermon and song, and prayer and ballot all temperance people shall unite in one mighty effort to dethrone the liquor demon.

The Epworth League continues to exert a good influence over our young people and is an inspiration to the whole Church. Brother G. W. Bounds is energetic in his work as District President, and the Convention held at Odessa last October was well attended and full of good results.

Now in conclusion, I desire to record my hearty appreciation of the many favors shown me by both ministry and laity all over the district. The kindnesses you have shown me, the success of the work, and the conscious presence of the great Head of the Church have combined to make my labors a real delight. I desire to record, also, my heartfelt gratitude to the good people of Smyrna for their kindness to me and my family. To the great host of lay workers, men, women and children, without whose faithful toils and sacrifices the successes of the year could not have been achieved, and to the body of faithful ministers with whom I have been permitted to labor, I want to say that I have esteemed

it a privilege to stand by your side and share with you the toils and sacrifices incident to our work. I am very conscious of my limitations, none have been half so conscious of these as myself, but I have continually tried to be fair, honest, manly, brotherly and faithful in every part of my work. Your many tokens of favor and approval have greatly cheered and helped me. God my Father has been with me all the year, and his smile has been the feast of my soul. I have been blessed with good health, have enjoyed a clear conscience, and the joys of salvation have filled my soul. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be Glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

W. G. KOONS.

Wilmington District.

In presenting my last annual report of the work of Wilmington District, I would express profound gratitude to God for his abiding presence, and to the workers in the field for their continued confidence and co-operation. These years of toil have been sanctified by the Spirit of God and made radiant by the good cheer of brotherly regard and thoughtfulness. As a consequence labor has been pleasure and toil a delight. The memories of these years of mutual service will abide the most precious legacies of my life.

One of our honored and able workers, Rev. John D. Rigg is not with us today for in the early winter he answered the summons "Come up higher". John D. Rigg was for years one of the central figures of our Conference. He combined in a marked degree the qualities which make up the successful Methodist preacher. Keen in analysis, ready of utterance, vigorous and clear in expression, strong and convincing in argument, of genial disposition, and affable manners, his speech at times pervaded by a subtle humor, the soul of honor and a hater of pretense and sham, his experience characterized by a piety that was not made for show, made his ministry singularly attractive and effective. And he was withal a man greatly beloved. Laid aside for several years from active service, he did not chafe and fret but maintained a cheerful, hopeful demeanor. His most frequently expressed wish was that he might be permitted to re-enter the active work and "die in the harness." This desire God granted him, for in 1902 he had so far regained his health that he was assigned to the pastorate of Hockessin, where for nearly two years he charmed and edified his people. His death cast a gloom over the entire community. A suitable memoir will be presented by Dr. E. C. Macnichol, one of our fallen comrade's lifelong friends. Since writing the above, and within six days of the time when he joyfully expected to answer to his name in the annual roll call, another veteran and hero, the Rev. John France, passed to his eternal home. The news of the death of this good man spread a gloom over Wilmington Methodism, for he was universally respected and beloved. The blow which has fallen upon us is very heavy, and our hearts are bowed in grief. To me, personally, the sense of loss is very great, for with him my soul frequently communed in the fellowship of warmest friendship. Eight years ago I followed him in the pastorate of Scott church, and two years later became his Presiding Elder. No friendship could be

truer, no counsel wiser than this man of God gave to one who was in sore need of intelligent and brotherly advice. His was a gentle, sweet spirited, sunny life. He grew old gracefully, eternal summer was in his heart though winter crowned his brow. He was one of the purest, most modest and humble men among us. He underrated his abilities and often expressed surprise when others estimated them at their true worth. His devotion to the interests of the church was supreme. He incarnated the apostolic phrase "as much as in me is I am ready". Yet withal he was serene in adversity, cheerful in the face of seeming defeat and hopeful under the most depressing surroundings. And it was characteristic of him that when he learned that his days were numbered his one regret was that he could no more preach to dying men the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He loved to preach, and he gave himself without stint to the Lord's work. He was a good soldier of Jesus Christ. What a blessed legacy do the lives of these Christian heroes leave to the men who compose this Conference. Clean, upright, unselfish, God-fearing men, they have left us a noble example which must prove an imperishable inspiration to every true minister of Jesus Christ. God grant that these sorrows which have come to us this year may sanctify and dedicate us anew to the work of the Lord. Early in December owing to a severe affliction which almost deprives him of the power to walk, the Rev. Robt. W. Todd was compelled to desist from active work and ask for a release from his charge. Had he been able to continue with us in the work he loved so well he would have completed at our present session his 51st year in the ministry. Our dear father in Israel is not with us today because of severe illness in his family, but he is cheerful and full of courage, waiting the final release from the life on earth and an abundant entrance into the home on high.

Early in the year, on account of failing health, Rev. E. C. Wright was compelled to ask release from the pastorate of St. Johns. Rev. J. E. Gallagher was appointed pastor at St. Johns and he has faithfully cared for all its interests. The vacancy at Hockessin has been filled by the Rev. T. H. Harding one of our honored supernumerary ministers.

There is a growing sentiment on Wilmington District for larger things in the matter of ministerial support. That this statement from last year's report is sustained by the facts will appear when it is seen that the average salary on this district, including house rent, is \$950, and in the added fact that fourteen charges have advanced salary this year. They are: Scott \$200. Wesley \$150, Port Deposit, Elkton, Red Lion, Bethel and Summit, Charlestown, Kingswood, and Rockland, \$100 each, and Madely, Colora, St. Georges, Perryville and Ebenezer \$50 each. This is as it should be. This question has two sides. It concerns the welfare of the minister, of course, but it is of vital concern to the church as well. A poorly paid ministry will involve a burdened and depressed ministry, in the nature of the case this must be so. Why should we have an underpaid ministry, when the resources of our church are so ample? I do not hesitate to assert without fear of successful contradiction that if our membership could be induced to tithe their income, the remuneration of our ministry would be far in advance of the present figures and the connectional interests of our beloved Methodism would receive an inspiration in the larger

gifts of the people that would move the church toward millennial glory. Nor can I resist the conviction that such consecration of our substance would result in a wave of spiritual power that would lift the church immeasurably higher, and fill it with a spirit that would be well nigh resistless. It must not be inferred from the foregoing remarks that these great interests have been neglected. They have received faithful attention and persistent. The brethren who have exercised a wise foresight in planning for them have reached the most satisfactory results. Others less wise have not been rewarded with similar success. From present indications there will be a substantial advance in all the benevolences.

One of the most gratifying features of this part of our work was the visit of Dr. E. H. Richards of East Africa at our District Epworth League convention. At the close of his illuminating and inspiring address the roll of the district was called and the following scholarships secured, which are in addition to the regular missionary contributions: New Castle, Scott, Rising Sun, Silverbrook, Grace, Port Deposit, Colora, Elkton, Asbury, Harrison St., Brandywine, Summit, Newport, Perryville, St. Georges, Mt. Salem, Hopewell and St. Pauls. Grace still heads the column by giving nearly one and one half times as much for the benevolences as for minister's salary, and Mt. Salem comes a close second, while St. Pauls gives nearly as much for benevolence as for salary. During Dr. O'Brien's pastorate at Mt. Salem he has advanced the missionary collection from \$361 to \$540, and the total of the benevolences from \$687 to \$1159.

The following charges have advanced their missionary collection: Scott, Delaware City, Elkton, Newport, Rising Sun, Chesapeake City, Port Deposit, St. Georges, Mt. Lebanon, Perryville, Hockessin, Harrison St., Grace, Zion, Silverbrook. Newport has made the largest advance on the district.

It will be recalled that when the apportionment of the Academy debt was made I plead for a lower apportionment to Wilmington District. The reasons were evident and weighty. There are within the bounds of Wilmington District four of the best equipped educational institutions in our territory. Two of these schools are free, in the others the tuition is very low. Because of this fact there are few students at our Academy from this district. Since most of our people can educate their children free, they can scarcely be expected to burden themselves with what is regarded as a needless expense. Then too Wilmington District was carrying in church debts an amount twice as large as the entire church debt of the other Districts. But notwithstanding these facts, the district has already met the major part of its apportionment and I am confident that before next June every dollar will be paid. It will mean a heroic effort, but it will be done.

The most notable event of the year in the way of church improvements was the dedication of the new church at North East. This beautiful and modern edifice, valued at \$17,000 is an honor to Methodism and a credit to the town. June 14th had been fixed on as the day of dedication and the services of Bishop McCabe had been secured. Imagine the disappointment of the people when a telegram arrived announcing the illness of the Bishop preventing his coming. His visit had been looked forward to with peculiar interest. No Bishop had visited North East since Bishop Simpson had dedicated the old church. To add to this crushing disappointment the day of dedication was

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ushered in by a severe storm. The mist laden clouds poured a constant deluge until twelve o'clock. But the Great Head of the Church was present, and the large audience which had gathered in spite of the storm was under the spell of a Divine Power. The preacher of the morning, Rev. W. G. Koons, Presiding Elder of Easton District, and a former pastor, was conscious of a strange influence. The sermon was in demonstration of the Spirit and in power. At its close the writer took charge of the finances and so royally did the enthusiastic host give that by one o'clock \$3700 had been laid on God's altar. Dr. A. S. Mowbray was the preacher of the afternoon. Again the Word was with power and the contributions were brought up to \$4200, and before the evening service closed nearly \$5000 had been subscribed. It was a glorious triumph, and the presence of brothers Koons and Hammond had much to do with the outcome. But the pastor and his loyal band were not satisfied, and on the first Sunday in February a final effort was made by which the last dollar of the indebtedness was provided for. Dr. H. W. Bolton of Chicago preached at both the morning and evening services and his eloquent and inspiring sermons had no inconsiderable influence toward the success attained. No report of this enterprise is complete which fails to make mention of the faith and zeal of the pastor, W. A. Wise. This beautiful church will stand as a monument to his ability and consecration. He put his whole soul into the enterprise and from start to finish his untiring devotion was an inspiration whose value could scarcely be overestimated. Union church has been thoroughly renovated at a cost of \$3000. Beautiful frescoing, rich memorial windows, handsome Brussels carpets render Union one of the most attractive churches in the city. To bring these much needed improvements to a successful issue called for wisdom and perseverance. The pastor, R. H. Adams, was equal to the emergency and did his work so well that every dollar of the cost has been paid. The Sunday School room of St. Pauls has been completely remodeled at a cost of nearly \$1,000 dollars, most of which the School has paid for. Asbury has been recarpeted throughout, the total expense reaching nearly \$1200. Principio church has been substantially improved at an expense of over \$500, and a handsome Mason and Hamlin chapel organ has been placed in the Newport church costing \$450.

The trustees of Scott church have secured a lot for a new parsonage. A building committee has been appointed and the work will be pushed forward at once. This house will be one of the finest preacher's homes on the district. Other improvements are as follows: Elkton \$350, Kingswood \$110, Delaware City \$253, Cookman \$168, Bethel and Summit \$104, Red Lion \$290, Stanton \$180, Christiana \$100, Rising Sun \$155, Port Deposit \$200, Ebenezer \$30, Cherry Hill \$125, Mt. Lebanon \$200, Brandywine \$255, Elk Neck \$51, St. Georges \$375, Perryville \$425, Charlestown \$140, Zion \$85; a total of over \$27,000.

It is with profound gratitude that I am permitted to report that the debt of Epworth church is no more. But no statement, however adequate, can embody the fears and tears and prayers and heroic self sacrifice which made this glorious fact a possibility. No people ever carried by the stuff more steadfastly or loyally than this Spartan band. It is a long story, every chapter of which glows with a heroism whose recital stirs the soul to its depths. And it is but scant justice to state that the Rev. L. W. Layfield, Epworth's second pastor, had

much to do with the foundational part of this good work. His pastorate extended through the dark days of 1894 and 95 when the city was under the pall of a great industrial depression, yet this courageous pastor stemmed the tide and by the aid of Dr. Merrit Hulburd of sainted memory saved the church from the hands of the sheriff. Honorable mention should also be made of the work done by the Rev. F. B. Short, at a critical juncture in Epworth's history. When he assumed the pastorate, many were faint hearted and discouraged and almost ready to yield. Brother Short brought to his task genius for leadership and an enthusiastic optimism which commanded the situation from the start. By skillful management he put the church on a safe footing and infused into it a hopeful and determined spirit. Nor would I fail to mention the inspirational work done by the Rev. Dr. Alfred Smith during his brief pastorate. All honor to these faithful men who each did his part toward a blessed consummation. But it would be a manifest injustice if any of the foregoing remarks were construed as taking one iota from the credit due the present pastor, Dr. A. W. Lightbourn, who from the inception of his pastorate last spring until the doxology was sung over the extinguished debt has with faith undismayed and courage undaunted led his people toward a sure and glorious victory. His leadership could not be excelled, and the task he confronted demanded leadership of the highest order. And that it may go down in the records of our Conference as an instance of the Master's spirit, mention is made of the beautiful act of Rev. R. K. Stephenson, Dr. Lightbourn's neighbor. When it became known to brother Stephenson that Nov. 29th had been fixed on as the great day of the feast he at once proposed to the members of Scott church that they attend the morning service at Epworth that day and contribute \$100 toward the debt. They agreed, but instead of contributing \$100 they gave nearly \$300. It was a scene never to be forgotten and will prove an object lesson to Wilmington Methodism of lasting value. Nearly every Methodist church in the city was represented in the collection. It was a great occasion and tears of joy and shouts of praise testified to the delight of the people. Epworth's long night is over and the morning has dawned. And the church under the ministry of Dr. Lightbourn has received a great spiritual uplift. The spirit and genius of Methodism have been faithfully emphasized and the results are most gratifying. X Brandywine led by its capable pastor, Geo. P. Jones, has adopted a plan which will in the near future dispose of long standing and troublesome debt. Already nearly two thirds of the total amount is covered by reliable subscriptions. Wesley, inspired by the courage of its leader, Asbury Burke, falls into line with \$600 paid and \$3000 subscribed toward its \$5000 debt. Some outside help has been given, but the bulk of the money is to come from the church. With these distressing debts out of the way there is a bright outlook for these churches and they will move forward and rank with the strongest churches in the city.

Port Deposit has paid \$400 on its debt and the pastor, Dr. Mowbray has seen the salary advance from \$1000 to \$1500, and over \$8000 spent in improvements during his pastorate of five years, and in spite of the worst ice gorge in the history of the town, entailing heavy loss on our members, the missionary collection goes \$40 beyond last years. The following debts are also paid: Chester Bethel \$700, Port Deposit \$400, Red Lion \$352, Kingswood \$290, Mt.

Salem \$184, Rising Sun \$100, Christiana \$82, Perryville \$100, Chesapeake City \$84, St. John's \$150.

Efforts to extend the Master's Kingdom have been put forth with earnestness and zeal. The workers for souls have not been idle. That these labors have not been crowned with more abundant success can be ascribed to a variety of causes, but to none more than to worldliness and indifference in the church. We must not forget that Methodism is peculiarly unlike all other isms, and stands for a strong, vigorous spirituality. Lovingly, but firmly we must put from us every influence that tends to weaken or neutralize that for which we stand. The church faces a crisis. Worldly self indulgence threatens us. We must look to Methodism to so meet this crisis that God shall be glorified and the claims of His Kingdom advanced. The church has nothing to gain but much to lose by relaxing its diligence or abating its zeal for a clear, unquestioned, active, aggressive experience that shall stand as a rebuke to sin and an inspiration to all that makes for the highest spirituality. This cannot be attained if the people called Methodists are to be encouraged in those forms of amusement which are of misleading and sinful tendencies. Upon this subject our church should continue to speak in no uncertain tone. It is with peculiar joy that attention is called to several gracious revivals which have gladdened the hearts of the faithful toilers. In some respects, one of the most remarkable meetings on the district was held at Rockland, G.W. Dawson, pastor. The revival started at the usual Sunday morning peaching service and attained such glorious headway that it continued until nearly 90 souls were saved. Brother Dawson was at the helm through the entire meeting, and is making wise use of the results of his labors. A meeting of similar character was held at Colora, Clarence P. Jones, pastor. With seeming indifference on the part of some of the officials and older members, the pastor aided by the Epworth League organized for conquest, and pushed the battle to the gates until nearly sixty souls were won for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Happy the church which has such a League and wise the pastor who so relates himself to his young people as to lead them to find their chief joy in the Master's service.

Scott church under the care of its pastor, R.K. Stephenson, whose ministry has been signally and continuously owned of God in revivals of unusual scope and power, has the delight of seeing over eighty souls brought into the new life in Christ Jesus. The chief characteristic of the revival at St. Pauls was the care and wisdom with which the pastor, Dr. Murray and his co-workers adapted the revival to the work of the Sunday School. So skillfully was this done that on successive Sabbaths nearly sixty young men and women bowed at the altar and were genuinely converted. Notwithstanding the great revival at Elkton two years ago, and in spite of weather of unusual severity, the pastor, Dr. T.E. Martindale, showed that his spiritual hand had not lost its cunning nor his power of local leadership suffered by his experience in the Presiding Eldership, for he conducted without outside help a meeting in which forty souls were blessedly saved, including all classes in the community.

J.P. Otis, pastor at Newark, rejoices in the salvation of over sixty souls, most of whom were converted in the regular services of the church. His experience shows that special services are not the only means of securing such

blessed results. For the third time since his pastorate at Union, R.H. Adams reports an ingathering of over one hundred souls, and the spiritual life of the church was never better. Asbury, the mother church of Wilmington Methodism and the revival church of the Conference, has had her altars crowded with seekers during a greater part of the year, and H.S. Dulany, the pastor, reports three hundred conversions and every interest of the church at whiteheat.

E.H. Dashiell who leads the Lord's hosts at Chesapeake City has not failed in the face of half hearted, worldly minded church members and a gainsaying community to declare the whole council of God, and his loving, fearless declaration of the truth has been honored of God in the salvation of sixty souls and a wonderfully strengthened church. No man on the district has given more vigorous and capable service under more difficult circumstances than W.P. Taylor, at Elk Neck. For over three months this hard working Methodist preacher held on, and not in vain, as a renewed church and two score conversions testify. Rev. J.W. Easley planned largely for a great campaign at Harrison St. He had secured competent helpers in Captain Kemp and his brigade, but the weather was so inclement, the building so imperfectly heated, and the walking so dangerous that the success of the services was far from what it would have been. There were 30 conversions and the church was greatly helped. One of the most helpful and successful meetings was held at Madely, brother E.E. White, pastor, and resulted in nearly fifty conversions.

It would be a pleasure to speak in detail of all the meetings, but the limit of this review forbids more than a glance additional. Newport reports 25 conversions and the church in better spiritual condition than it has been in for years. Cookman comes with 32 conversions, Wesley, Wilmington, 105, Mt. Salem 32, Delaware City 31, Port Penn 31, Bethel and Summit 35, Epworth 31, Perryville 6, New Castle 13. If time permitted it would be a gracious task to speak of the increased efficiency of the Sunday School and Epworth League work throughout the district and of the Christ-like work done by the Womens' Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. Through these consecrated agencies the church is building for the future and the foundations are being laid broad and sure.

The outlook for practical temperance legislation in Delaware is more hopeful than has been for years. The organization of the State Temperance Alliance will force an issue between the friends and foes of the saloon. The work it proposes to do will give opportunity to all who are in favor of morality and good government to stand together on a common issue. It will serve as well to open the way to a closer union in the near future of all who are honestly opposed to the rum power. It will do much to lift patriotism above partyism and thus strengthen the forces that make "for God and Native Land". The President, Rev. Vaughan S. Collins, has given freely of both time and means to make the work go. We may be over sanguine as to the outlook, but whether we realize our full hopes or not rests with the church of Jesus Christ. If the church will respond to this call of duty it can lead toward victory that will eventuate in Statutory Prohibition. This will not come of itself. Resolutions however drastic or sweeping will effect but little, we will need to invoke the aid of that instrument of the freeman's will

"Which soft as silent snow-flakes fall,
Upon the upturned sod,
And executes the freeman's will
As lightnings do the will of God."

Our duty is plain, may God steady our faith and nerve our arm to strike the needed blows.

A word additional as to the work of the past six years. That the Heavenly Father has set his seal on our mutual labors will be seen in the subjoined summary: Number of conversions reported nearly 6000; aggregate advance in ministerial support \$5,400; total amount toward ministerial support \$271,048; paid for current expenses \$135,030; amount contributed toward the benevolences \$98,554; amount paid for debts \$68,345; improvements \$106,880; a grand total for all purposes of \$679,857. Without the co-operation and liberality of the people and arduous labor on the part of the ministers this record could not have been made.

A closing word will not be amiss. Six years ago I was called by Providence and the godly judgement of Bishop Newman to a high and responsible position. For reasons that need not be named the problem before me was by no means a simple one. In attempting its solution I have honestly tried to know no man after the flesh, but to be fair and brotherly and just. The record is on high and is known to you my brethren of both the ministry and laity. My one regret is that the record is so imperfect, but my chief joy is that nothing has occurred throughout these years to mar my communion with God or the loving, confidential fellowship with my co-laborers. God bless you my brethren whose devotion and loyalty have made the work succeed, may the peace of his presence cover you. And "now, the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

ROBERT WATT.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Auditing Committee.

Your committee having carefully attended to the work assigned. them report as follows:

Rev. C. S. Baker Presiding Elder of Dover District received from the Parent Missionary Society \$185, and paid out as follows: Lakesville \$105, Salem \$80. Total \$185 disbursed. Dr. Baker also received from the Domestic Missionary Society \$176.70, and paid out as follows: Felton Circuit \$16.70, Ellendale \$50, Armory \$30, Lakesville \$30, Hooper's Island \$50. Total \$176.70 disbursed.

Rev. W. G. Koons Presiding Elder of Easton District received from the Parent Missionary Society \$190, and paid out as follows: Fairlee \$50, Royal Oak \$70, Oxford \$70. Total \$190. Brother Koons also received from the Domestic Missionary Society \$207.10, and contributed personally \$22.90, making a total of \$230. He paid out as follows: Wye \$35, Piney Neck \$35, Betterton \$20, Golt \$25, Clayton \$50. Total \$230 disbursed. Rev. Adam Stengle, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District received from the Parent Missionary Society \$300, and paid out as follows: Cape Charles \$140, Crowsentown \$100, Newark \$30, Marion \$30. Total \$300 disbursed. Brother Stengle also received from the Domestic Missionary Society \$175.75 and paid out as follows: Pocomoke Circuit \$20, Mardela Springs \$50, Hollands Island \$35, Westover \$45, Marion \$15, Riverside \$10.75. Total \$175.75 disbursed.

Rev. Robert Watt Presiding Elder of Wilmington District received from the Parent Missionary Society \$75, and applied the same at Port Penn. Dr. Watt also received from the Domestic Missionary Society \$212.80, and paid out as follows: Christiana \$57, Bethel and Summit \$40, Marshallton \$30, Red Lion \$25, Hopewell \$20, Elk Neck \$25, Charlestown \$25, Hockessin \$25; making a total paid out of \$247, which is \$34.20 in advance of the amount he received.

Rev. E. H. Nelson, Trustee for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham, submitted his account 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. Mr. Jay Williams, Trustee for the minor children of the late Rev. James Conner, received from the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference \$80 which was applied to the benefit of the said children. We find that our treasurer, Rev. H. G. Budd received last Conference \$39,657.81, and paid out \$39,391.75, leaving a balance in hand of \$266.06. Brother Budd's account also shows that \$415 is due to the General Conference Expense Account, which leaves an apparent deficiency of \$148.94. This apparent deficiency is covered as follows: \$83 which was brought to the Conference in the form of Post Office orders payable to the treasurer at Berlin Md. This amount has since been deposited in bank, reducing the apparent deficiency to \$65.94. To cover this \$65.94 the treasurer claims errors in last year's accounts as follows:

On Dover District \$3.00 on the Episcopal fund at Williamsburg. On Easton District \$5.00 on the Stewards Contingent fund at Cecilton, \$5.00 on

Stewards Contingent fund at Greensboro. On Salisbury District \$1.00 on Children's fund and \$1.00 on Bible Society at Crowsentown. On Wilmington District \$3.00 on Episcopal fund at Charlestown, \$15.00 on Open Door Emergency fund at Cherry Hill, \$40.00 on Philadelphia Hospital at Port Deposit. These errors were made by the treasurer's assistants entering vouchers in the cash columns, and the treasurer paid out cash on them a second time. The Auditing Committee has carefully examined each of these items and find them correct as claimed; and we recommend that the treasurer be authorized to re-emburse himself out of the corresponding funds this year. We further recommend that the treasurer's sheets in the Conference trunk be corrected to correspond with this report.

GEO. C. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

M. D. NUTTER, *Chairman.*

Bible.

The Board of Managers of the Bible Society have sent word to your committee of a crisis confronting them in their work. This is not an alarm sounded periodically for the sake of scaring contributions from good Christian Bible-loving people. A national call for help has gone forth and such men as President Roosevelt and ex-President Cleveland are back of it. Last year the benevolent receipts for this Society fell below the average for ten years back about \$50,000. There has been a decrease in gifts from legacies. The managers say that the permanent trust funds yield an income sufficient to carry on their present work only for a few weeks. Our own Maryland Bible Society, an auxiliary of this greater Society, has been injured by the recent fire in Baltimore to the extent of \$2,500. The crisis is simply the imperative necessity of curtailing the work of the Society both at home and abroad unless something is done. The calls to us for help are many and each one comes as if there were no others. Among them all we believe that none is greater than this—there would be no call to help restore a burned college administration building, and to help pay off the debt of a Conference Academy, to endow a worn-out preachers' fund, to build churches, send missionaries to foreign lands, or do any kind of Christian work, were it not for God's Book. Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God—and out of faith come all these Christian enterprises. Therefore, brethren let us hear the cry of this great interdenominational national society for publishing and distributing the world over, the Bible. The interests of all the activities of the Kingdom, which we daily pray may come, demand it.

Our committee recommends that the Bible collection for this year be made as large as possible and one half of it be forwarded at once to the main office at New York. And also that the local societies be required to place all their surplus funds at the disposal of the parent society.

W. H. KENNEY, *Secretary.*

O. E. JONES, *Chairman.*

Church Extension.

I.

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 especial-

ly on the remarkable financial success of the past year.

2. That our country, being new, with rapidly increasing population and new territorial additions, still needs the work of Church Extension, and that our Methodism, by fostering and strengthening this work, will increase its own power to do the larger 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 the people in our land shall be furnished with places of 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 helps provided by the Board, we will present this cause in all our churches, and secure, at least, the amount asked, in accordance with the plan of our Discipline.

5. That we hereby express our hearty appreciation of Dr. Robert Forbes in this his first official visit to our Conference and thank him for the splendid address made at our Church Extension anniversary.

W. C. POOLE, *Secretary.*

S. P. SHIPMAN, *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. Since the last session of our Conference the church at Claiborne, Md., has received a donation of \$200. The application of our church in Pocomoke City for a donation of \$1,000 was exempted from the law of limitation by the General Committee at its last meeting in November, and is now on file at the office of the Parent Board in Philadelphia.

C. T. WYATT, *Secretary.*

T. E. MARTINDALE, *Chairman.*

Church Insurance.

We are glad to know that our people are coming to realize more and more fully that it is just as much the duty of Methodists to see that their churches and parsonages are insured, as it is to build them. The Board of Insurance elected by the General Conference of 1896, completed the legal corporation in compliance with the Discipline in March 1899. The operations of the first full quadrennium which closed with the beginning of this year, proved that the inauguration of the work was a wise action, the full importance of which cannot be put into figures. Our Church and other property in the interest of Methodism is under protection to the extent of \$21,378,459. The total losses since organization were \$106,784.92. It is estimated that approximately one-half of these losses were on property that was formerly without insurance. This means that a large number of our charges that were weak financially have been saved from serious embarrassment, and that Methodism has been saved in some localities where rebuilding would have been out of the question but for the assistance rendered by insurance. We as a Conference are heartily in accord with the statement made by the representative of the "National Mutual Church Insurance Co." at 57 Washington Street, Chicago, and would urge our ministers and laymen to have all parsonages and churches insured at once.

J. T. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*

A. BURKE, *Chairman.*

Education.

The necessity and value of thorough Christian culture has never been more apparent than in these days of advancing thought and achievement. Recognizing this fact, our Methodism, in her noble array of academies, seminaries, colleges and universities, furnishes the facilities and equipment for these enlarged opportunities and responsibilities, and earnestly seeks to inspire her sons and daughters to make the best use of the splendid advantages thus afforded them. We congratulate the Principal and Trustees of our Conference Academy upon the splendid report showing a greatly enlarged enrollment and very efficient management of its affairs during the past year, so that, instead of a deficit, there remains a net balance in the treasury of more than \$1300. We are glad to note that many charges have this year completed the payment of their apportionments, and urge that all unpaid apportionments be met, if possible, by July 1, 1904. We rejoice in the steady prosperity of our beloved Dickinson College. Her increased enrollment of college and preparatory students is very gratifying. The destruction of her beautiful Denny Hall shall only make her the more sure of our continued sympathy and support. The heroic attitude of her faculty, the noble support of her students, and the citizens of Carlisle, merit the pledge that we do our best to make this great disaster "eventuate in victory."

A good report from Morgan College and auxiliaries, comes to us through Dr. Spencer. This branch of our educational work should claim a larger measure of our most substantial support. Boston University and Drew Theological Seminary, schools for the training of our young ministry, are institutions of highest rank. Drew Seminary reports several new features, such as a department of Applied Christianity in the city of New York, the introducing of New Testament Greek studies for Sunday School teachers, and a Department of Church Music. Unique and superb among institutions for the highest education of women stands the Woman's College of Baltimore. Our entire church is to be congratulated upon the existence and unequalled efficiency of this truly great institution, pronounced, by unbiased testimony, the best not only in this country, but in the world.

We must call attention to the great American University at Washington "which is to become the crowning glory of our Methodist educational system." Not only have we a most advantageous site for this great post-graduate institution, but, also, one beautiful marble building already completed and paid for, and the foundation laid for another.

We heartily commend the excellent work for higher Christian education which is being accomplished for the Church through the Board of Education, and note with satisfaction the report of special gifts to it. We urge that Children's Day be observed and a collection taken in every charge according to the discipline, avoiding all useless display and unnecessary expense. Our minutes show a large number of charges not contributing. During the past year, 29 students in our territory received from the Board of Education aid to the amount of \$1,485, while we contributed only \$558. We call upon our people to give liberally. We call upon parents to consecrate their children to Christ. We call upon our young men and women to give themselves fully to Christ for

salvation and service, and to seek in our Christian schools the best training for the greatest usefulness. Our Church needs a thousand new men each year for the ministry alone. The Head of the Church is calling for the best.

G. E. WOOD, *Secretary.*

J. A. BREWINGTON, *Chairman.*

Proposed Annuity Endowment Fund.

Your committee on Endowment Fund, after patient and careful study, have unanimously accepted a plan suggested by the Preachers' Meeting of Wilmington. The proposed plan, with some slight additions made by the committee, reads as follows:

1st. We find that there is imperative need that a plan be adopted by which the endowment for the Conference Claimant Fund may be largely increased. The Endowment now is \$10,800, and should be increased by at least \$50,000, if it would more nearly meet the obligation of the Conference to this worthy class of ministers.

2nd. The yearly income from all sources for the Claimants Fund is about \$7,831; while the number of claimants at the last session of our Conference was 57; thus the average per claimant was \$137, which amount is too small to give comfort to those depending upon this fund.

3rd. It is broadly known that other Eastern Conferences, some adjoining our own, are making strenuous efforts to secure a larger endowment for this fund, and there is being given a generous response from the Church. Now we are persuaded that if the necessity of a largely increased endowment were made known to our people, and some practical plan adopted, the Methodists of our territory would rise to the occasion and create a fund somewhat adequate to the demand.

After much deliberation the following plan is proposed for increasing the Necessitous Fund and for creating a new Endowment Fund.

1. In order to increase the Necessitous Fund, let there be a more earnest effort on the part of Pastors, Presiding Elders, and churches to fully meet the apportionment made by the Conference Board of Stewards; and that Pastors and Presiding Elders be held to a strict account for the faithful performance of this important duty.

2. For the increase of the Endowment Fund, it is recommended that \$50,000 be raised as a necessary increase, which sum shall be raised by special collection in our Conference, and shall be known as the Endowment Collection. This Endowment Collection shall be taken annually for ten years.

And to further increase this fund let the Pastors be careful to mention this cause to the people, that bequests may be obtained or contributions from those who have means.

3. Each pastoral charge shall contribute annually for ten years to the Endowment Fund a sum equal to four per cent. of amount paid in support of its Pastor, exclusive of house rent, and four per cent. of salary of each Presiding Elder, exclusive of house rent and traveling expenses. This money shall be invested to best advantage, and the annual income shall be at once available for distribution to any claimants upon this Fund.

4. This Fund shall be known as the Annuity Endowment Fund, the proceeds of which shall be disbursed under the following provisions, viz:

1. Every member of the Conference becomes a claimant upon the proceeds of this Fund whose charge or charges contribute the annual amount required in creating the Endowment (see No. 3); except that in the event of an effective member of the Conference failing to raise his apportionment in any year, or years, he shall not be debarred from participating in the income from this Fund, provided he shall have raised his full apportionment by the expiration of the ten years set apart for the raising of this Endowment Fund.

Provided further, that any member of the Conference who is superannuated before the expiration of the ten year period, and who has raised his apportionment to the time of his superannuation, and who has thus paid in not less than \$100, shall fully participate in the proceeds of this Fund.

And provided further that in the event of the death of a member before he shall have raised or paid in \$100, that the widow and children of such deceased member shall become claimants upon this Fund on the payment of any deficiency of said \$100.

2. At the expiration of the time for raising this Fund, (ten years) those not having been members of the Conference previous to the expiration of the ten year period, effective, supernumerary or superannuate; or widow of such deceased member of the Conference, or orphan, through its guardian, who is not claimant under 4, (1), may become a claimant by a payment of \$100.

(a.) The payment of one \$100 by an effective member, (under provision of 4, (2) may be in installments; in such cases interest must be paid on unpaid amount at rate of 5 per cent. till full amount shall be paid; and in case of death the balance due the Fund from deceased member shall be taken from what he as claimant would be entitled to, till the Annuity Endowment Fund shall have received \$100 to the credit of said claimant.

(b.) A supernumerary, superannuate, widow or orphan may become a participant upon the same condition as stated in 4 (2).

3. The income from the Annuity Endowment Fund shall be distributed as follows:

Each ministerial claimant may receive ten dollars for each year of active service; each widow may receive five dollars for the years of active service of her husband; and each orphan two and one-half dollars for each year of active service of the father. But until there is sufficient income from the Fund to pay the claims in full upon this basis of distribution, the claimants shall receive their pro rata share of the proceeds from the Annuity Endowment Fund.

L. W. LAYFIELD, *Chairman*.

Epworth League.

Your Committee recognizes the splendid mission of the Epworth League, and rejoices over its widening fields and increasing activities. The Youth of our land is the hope of the Church. The Church looks to the League for the rescue of the young from the blight of social vices and fashionable sins, and the enlistment of their ardent affections and enthusiastic service in the cause of

Christ and the enterprises of the Church. The League occupies a commanding and strategic position in our Methodist economy. God has called it to a work fraught with immortal destinies. We rejoice in the high standard of New Testament piety held aloft by the League, and we earnestly and anxiously plead that no compromise be made with the world at this critical period when Christian life is being put to the test.

Your committee especially commends the work of the Junior League. The feeding of the lambs of the flock is the proof of our abiding love for the Master. The seed now being sown in this department will soon bring forth an abundant harvest of loyal young discipleship.

We bespeak a larger share of patronage among our Chapters and Churches for The Epworth Herald, the excellent official organ of the organization.

G. W. BOUNDS, *Secretary*.

A. W. LIGHTBOURN, *Chairman*.

Episcopal Fund.

Your Committee on Episcopal Fund beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, It is very important that we raise the whole of the amounts apportioned to the several charges of the Conference, for the support of the Bishops,

And Whereas, The amounts heretofore apportioned have not been unreasonable nor excessive,

And Whereas, A number of the charges have regularly failed to raise the amount asked for this cause, therefore,

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be requested to call attention to this matter at the first Quarterly Conference, and urge compliance with the provisions of the discipline in raising the amounts asked.

J. R. CANNON, *Chairman*.

Freedman's Aid.

The Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society continues its good work, in training and educating deserving youths of the South. The mission of this society is to every seventh man, woman and child in this republic—the nine millions of destitute colored people and the three millions of needy white people of the south. This unites our work, not only to the progress of the Church, but to the very life of the republic. The demand for Christian teachers, and workers trained in these schools was never so imperative as now. The large decrease in administrative and fixed expenses and the corresponding increase in the amounts appropriated for the schools commends this work to the generous support of the Church. We take pleasure in calling attention to the fact that fresh and interesting illustrated tracts have been issued and will be furnished free of charge to pastors applying for them. The Christian Educator will be sent free for one year to every one giving one dollar or more. The apportionment to our Conference for this Society is \$3,600 for the ensuing year. Our Society maintains 43 Schools for the Christian training of the destitute white and colored people in the south, employing 500 teachers and thousands of students are brought under the christian influence of these teachers every year. The Society now has school property valued at \$2,160,200. We note with pleasure the good

work being done by Morgan College Baltimore, Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute, Lynchburg, Va., and the Delaware Academy of Princess Anne, Md. Scores of ministers and hundreds of teachers are going out yearly from these schools to bring the sinful and wayward into the fold of our Lord. We commend this cause to the hearty and liberal support of our people.

I. G. FOSNOCHT, *Secretary.*

O. L. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

Periodicals.

Your Committee learns with pleasure that almost without exception the Sunday Schools of our territory use the helps published by our own S. S. Board. This is cause for rejoicing since our own publications are better in quality and cheaper in price than those of any other house. We would urge, however, a much wider use of the Sunday School papers—the Classmate and S.S. Advocate. Since to the great majority of our homes there comes no religious literature of any kind, it is the duty and privilege of the S.S. to meet the want by a liberal distribution of these excellent papers. The Church and S.S. cannot feel that its duty is done until there is a fair supply of religious literature in every home under our care. The number of subscribers to the Christian Advocate and Epworth Herald should be greatly increased but we have many families to whom these papers do not appeal, and for these families the S. S. Advocate and Classmate are admirably adapted. The Christian Advocate, the Methodist Year Book, the Conference Minutes and the Peninsula Methodist should be the home of each official member throughout our whole Conference. One of the greatest needs of our laity is such a knowledge of the life and work of the whole Church as will enable them to intelligently relate their own religious energy to the whole Christian movement. This can only be secured by the general reading of religious and denominational books and periodicals. We would also call attention to the Methodist Review and suggest that none of our preachers can afford to be without the inspiration and uplift of this magazine.

The children of today will be the Church of tomorrow and to the end that our children may be dealt with intelligently in the important matter of religious training, we would urge upon the pastor and S.S. workers a careful study of "The Child's Religious Life" by Rev. Wm. G. Koons of our own Conference.

We commend the Peninsula Methodist to the consideration of the brethren of the Conference, both lay and clerical. The managers of this paper are not only furnishing us an up to date, newsy, readable paper, but one thoroughly above suspicion as to moral tone. We wish it would be read by all our people.

D. F. McFAUL, *Secretary.*

E. N. CANTWELL, *Chairman.*

Philadelphia Hospital.

Your Committee, appointed to consider the interests of the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, asks the good people of our Conference territory to a consideration of the needs and merits of this Bethesda, situated so near us, and always willingly opens its doors to receive the sick from our midst. In the

days of health we are too prone to over-look the necessities of such provision, but thousands of reminders around us indicate that our day of misfortune may be near at hand, when such helps as this great Hospital affords, will not be lightly esteemed. It is not for them that be whole, but for the sick that this Bethesda exists, and fortunate for us, if our patronage toward the institution is meagre, that it comes, like Queen Esther, for such a time as this. Here is a house which stands for the healing of the nations. Length of years is in her hands. Jesus who said to the Centurian concerning his servant, "I will come and heal him", moves this house of life more abundantly, to heal the sick, give sight to the blind, and to make the lame man leap as the hart. As Jesus, when he saw the infirm multitudes, was moved with compassion, so too the condition of our sick ones moves the compassion of this Bethesda to pour out the oil of healing. But unlike Jesus, this institution has its limitations, and cannot do all its compassion would suggest without the financial help of the people. We, therefore, recommended that all our charges take a collection for this cause and make it large enough to prevent the blush of shame, should we or our people be compelled to ask for free treatment of the managers of said institution.

E. H. DERRICKSON, *Chairman.*

Sabbath Observance.

The Christian Sabbath is a Divine institution, and its observance or non-observance will determine the moral status of any community. It is a Divine enactment for a human necessity, in the interest of both public health and of morality. We therefore, do contend for a day of rest and for that day's sanctity and proper observance. It must be admitted however, that there is wide spread desecration of the Lord's day. The enemy is already at our gates—yea, within our borders, and we are persuaded that the need of the hour is not merely conventions and the formulating and passing of resolutions, but action,—earnest action—for however much the economic and social condition of humanity may be improved, the fact remains, that there are forces at work tending to the destruction of the sanctity of the Lord's day. Of the many, may be mentioned the Sunday excursion, Sunday newspaper, travel, driving, wheeling, visiting, Sunday selling at Camp-meetings and pleasure seeking generally. These are multiplying signs of a Continental, rather than an American Sunday. Our attitude toward the great question should need no special emphasis. We stand for the Christian Sabbath, and whatever tends to secure the wider and more intelligent observance of the day.

WARREN BURR, *Secretary.*

T. S. HOLT, *Chairman.*

Report of Board of Stewards.

Received from Districts as follows: Dover District, \$1458, increase \$14; Easton District \$1529, decrease \$95; Salisbury District \$1350, decrease \$29; Wilmington District \$2122, increase \$42; total of collections \$6459, decrease from collections \$68. Balance in Treasury from last year \$13.64; Book Room Dividend \$1142; Chartered Fund \$22; interest on Smyrna Sewer Bonds \$50; interest on Riddle Legacy \$95; interest on Bates Legacy and other Investments \$410. Total amount from all sources \$8197.64. Increase in Book Room Divi-

dend \$438. Net increase in amount distributed \$415. We have distributed \$8150 to eleven Superannuate and three Supernumerary preachers, and forty-four widows of deceased preachers and two orphan children, leaving a balance in the hands of the treasurer of \$39.14. Total amount of claims \$12,355. There has been received on the Endowment Fund Collections from Dover District \$74; Easton District \$65; Salisbury District \$117; Wilmington District \$179, a total from the Conference of \$435 which is in the hands of our treasurer for investment.

In the death of Brother John France, the Board has lost a faithful and efficient member, and we have missed his presence and wise counsel in our meetings at this session of our Conference. Some of our pastors have failed in meeting the apportionment on their charges by about the amount of their Endowment Fund Collection. We regret that this has been the case in any instance.

P. H. RAWLINS, *Chairman.*

Report of Sunday School and Tract Committee.

We heartily rejoice in the success of and earnestly endorse the great work done by the Sunday School Union in founding new Sunday Schools in destitute and sparsely settled communities; in helping feeble Sunday Schools already organized till they become self-supporting; in the special work among colored people of the South; in the aid afforded to Sunday Schools among the Indians; in establishing and maintaining Sunday Schools among the foreign population of our land; and in its organizing and helping Sunday Schools in foreign lands; and in its endeavor to improve the character of our Sunday Schools by better grading, better management and better teaching.

We recognize in the Sunday Schools one of the most important factors in the religious and educational life not only of our own age but of the ages to come, since the Sunday School teaches the Bible and brings the Gospel to vast multitudes in the receptive periods of childhood. In consideration of this fact we recommend the exercise of great care in the selection of teachers, the furnishing of the best Sunday School literature, only that published by our own church which we believe the best to be found, and the establishment whenever practicable of the Home Department. We highly commend the work of the Tract Society in its annual distribution of 11,000,000 pages of tracts in the United States alone in 12 different languages and in 20 languages in Foreign lands.

We recommend the pastors in our Conference to avail themselves more generally of the liberal offer of the Tract Society which provides that every preacher who will make application can receive from the Society free in the form of tracts one half of the last collection of his charge for the Tract Society. We heartily endorse the administration of Dr. T. B. Neely, the efficient Secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society and earnestly urge every preacher to take a large collection for the causes represented by him and thus give some practical expression of appreciation of the work done by these societies.

W. P. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

T. F. BEAUCHAMP, *Chairman.*

Report of the Committee on Temperance.

The drink habit still continues to be the one monstrous curse of the race. In its implications and effects it overshadows all other evils. As a nation we

are drinking more intoxicating liquors per capita than at any other time in our history. This is an alarming fact and should send us to our knees for guidance and help. Surely something must be wrong when an evil like this is allowed for generations to grow and flourish. We must preach this more in our pulpits. We must teach this more in our homes and Sunday Schools. We must practice this more in our lives to the end that our children be saved from this blighting, withering curse.

Believing as we do that the drink traffic sustains the relation of efficient cause to all the unspeakable evils that flow from the drink habit, we hold that the saloon ought to die no matter what it cost to kill it, and we will hold nothing sacred that delays for one single hour the day of its death. The legalized drink traffic is the scandal of religion, the hot bed of pauperism and crime, and the gateway to hell. To give it a legal existence or be silent in the face of its legalized existence is the greatest governmental crime of all the ages. "It never can be legalized without sin." And yet in making this declaration we do so in full view of the fact that the government under which we live is in partnership with this wicked business and guilty of this unspeakable crime. With few exceptions all the States in the Union have upon their Statute books, laws that have been placed there for the sole purpose of continuing the existence of this blighting, withering, damnable institution. Great political parties that seek and obtain the suffrage of a large majority of our people are committed to this wicked governmental policy. This ought not to be. We endorse and will stand by the declaration of our Church which says "that no political party has a right to expect, nor ought it to receive the support of Christian men so long as it stands committed to the license policy or refuses to put itself on record in an attitude of open hostility to the saloon." We declare before all the world that the Church of God ought to be known always (and that includes election day) and everywhere (and that includes the ballot box) as the relentless and uncompromising foe of this ungodly business. To this high standard of civic righteousness the Church must be brought and to this task, as Ministers of the Gospel, we will faithfully and unflinchingly address ourselves.

In Delaware a campaign is being waged to secure from the state Legislature a law submitting the question of "license" or "no license" to the qualified voters of the State. If this question is submitted to popular vote disentangled from party politics we sincerely believe there is enough religion and Christlikeness among the citizens of this state to down this nefarious business forever. The one organization that is fighting this local option campaign is the Delaware State Temperance Alliance. Its aim is to unite all the temperance forces into one mighty army that shall fight this battle to a finish. Its plan of work is to pledge the voters to vote for no man for General Assembly nor for Governor who will not pledge himself to vote for a law to submit the question. To force this issue and to control the nomination and election of suitable men a local Alliance should be organized in every church or town in the state. Already six have been organized, as follows: Smyrna, Cheswold, St. Georges, Frankfort, Harrington and Laurel. Why not every pastor in the state fall in line and organize for the battle? Surely no Christian should vote for a candidate who will not pledge himself on this question and the pastor should dare to lead in this forward movement.

We would therefore, recommend that Sunday, April 10th, be set apart as Temperance Day by all our pastors and they be urged to preach upon the subject of "The Saloon in Delaware and who is Responsible?"; to circulate the Voter's League pledge and organize a local Alliance, if possible; and to take a free-will offering for the Alliance. Also, that the pastors of all other churches in the state be requested to join in this movement.

We approve the object of the Anti-Saloon League, as expressed in its Constitution, and will co-operate with such league so far as is consistent with our avowed principles of total and complete prohibition.

We count the Woman's Christian Union and the Prohibition Party among the most dauntless and unfaltering foes of the accursed drink traffic and bid them God speed in their faithful and heroic work.

We favor the Hepburn-Dolliver bill, now pending before Congress and most respectfully request our representatives in Congress to vote for its passage.

We rejoice in all the victories that have come to this cause within the bounds of our Conference and elsewhere and pray God to speed the day of final and complete victory.

ALFRED SMITH, *Secretary.*

E. L. HOFFECKER, *Chairman.*

Woman's Foreign Missionary Report.

The W. F. Missionary Society is energetically responding to the calls from over the seas to enter the open doors of heathenism. The educational, evangelistic and medical work of this Society is being extended to the ends of the earth. The statistics for the year show progress in all departments. Number of auxiliary Societies, 6,017; Adult Members, 149,205. Young Women's Societies and Standard Bearers 1,326; Children's Bands 929; Conference Secretaries 106; District Secretaries 322; Receipts from Oct. 1st, 1902 to Oct. 1st, 1903, \$491,091.75; being an advance of \$12,855.72 over the previous year. Resolved that we cordially commend this important and rapidly growing organization.

W. P. COMPTON, *Secretary.*

W. F. DAWSON, *Chairman.*

Woman's Home Missionary Society.

To all who are interested in thoroughly Christianizing the Western States and Territories the Woman's Home Missionary Society makes a strong appeal. This great organization has made a splendid record of work and results achieved through the agency of 27 Deaconess homes and 27 Industrial schools, 25 Missionary stations and several Immigrant homes, employing more than 500 Missionaries and Deaconesses, and lending a hand of help to more than 600 Preachers and their families, expending \$390,000 last year. Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we pray Heaven's richest blessing upon this great organization.

2nd. That we heartily endorse the good work done by our own Conference organization.

3rd. That we will open our churches and lend a hand of help in the prosecution of the work so that these consecrated women of God may push their work to the end that a Deaconess Home much needed in this Conference territory, may be provided in the city of Wilmington.

J. W. ARTERS, *Secretary.*

J. W. FOGLE, *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- AGE FECTIVE
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
1857	Thomas J. Williams....	Mar. 29, 1879..	New Castle, Del....	53 21
1870	Wm. I. Bain.....	May 13, 1880..	Pocomoke City, Md.	36 10
1832	Wm. Urie.....	Nov. 13, 1880..	Smyrna, Del.....	67 43
1860	Thomas F. Plummer....	Feb. 2, 1881..	Wilmington, Del..	44 8
1833	Elijah Miller.....	Apr. 15, 1881..	Sudlersville, Md..	71 49
1836	John W. Pierson.....	May 6, 1881..	Wilmington, Del..	67 44
1880	Francis B. Quigley....	Aug. 19, 1881..	Hopewell, Md.....	27 2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman....	Feb. 27, 1882..	Newark, Md.....	36 9
1865	Benj. W. Chase.....	Dec. 11, 1882..	Seaford, Del.....	48 17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack.....	June 24, 1883..	Cambridge, Md....	67 46
1834	I. T. Cooper.....	Apr. 12, 1884..	Camden, Del.....	73 26
1829	Henry Colclazer.....	Dec. 18, 1884..	Philadelphia, Pa..	75 55
1833	John L. Taft.....	May 30, 1884..	Norristown, Pa....	72 41
1869	John Shilling.....	July 22, 1884..	Wilmington, Del..	52 15
1842	Arthur W. Milby.....	June 13, 1886..	Harrington, Del..	71 44
1840	Elon J. Way.....	July 5, 1886..	Baltimore, Md.....	75 26
1839	Valentine Gray.....	Jan. 21, 1887..	Gap, Pa.....	72 42
1881	Isaiah D. Johnson.....	Mar. 4, 1887..	Bridgeville, Del..	33 6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil.....	Mar. 9, 1887..	Church Hill, Md..	55 28
1854	Jos. Dare.....	Oct. 22, 1887..	Newark, Del.....	56 32
1886	Frank M. Morgan.....	Feb. 11, 1889..	Philadelphia, Pa..	34 3
1849	William Merrill.....	Oct. 23, 1889..	Upper Fairm't, Md.	75 28
1873	Isaac N. Foreman.....	June 12, 1890..	Lincoln, Del.....	47 17
1841	John Allen.....	Dec. 13, 1890..	Brooklyn, N. Y....	72 33
1855	Samuel T. Gardner.....	Jan. 3, 1891..	Pivot Bridge, Md..	60 33
1889	Samuel J. Baker.....	Sept. 22, 1891..	Laurel, Del.....	33 2
1870	Thos. O. Ayres.....	Oct. 4, 1891..	Delaware City, Del.	53 21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer.....	Jan. 10, 1892..	Milton, Del.....	45 19
1840	Vaughan Smith.....	Nov. 21, 1891..	Wilmington, Del..	79 43
1845	Charles Hill.....	June 22, 1892..	Salisbury, Md.....	70 47
1833	James L. Houston.....	Sept. 18, 1892..	Trappe, Md.....	82 32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin.....	Oct. 17, 1892..	Bel Air, Md.....	52 24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher.....	Dec. 12, 1893..	Bridgeville, Del..	62 17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg.....	Jan. 24, 1893..	Wyoming, Del.....	68 36
1847	Joseph Robinson.....	Feb. 18, 1893..	Perryman's, Md..	68 45
1835	George Earton.....	Mar. 19, 1893..	Church Hill, Md..	84 11
1843	James A. Brindle.....	Apr. 6, 1894..	Greensboro, Md..	73 48
1860	Nicholas M. Browne...	Feb. 4, 1895..	Middletown, Del..	58 35
1850	James Hubbard.....	Apr. 4, 1895..	Philadelphia, Pa..	76 4
1857	James E. Bryan.....	Oct. 17, 1895..	Baltimore, Md.....	64 39
1892	John D. Lecates.....	Nov. 11, 1895..	Wilmington, Del..	41 5
1859	Thomas E. Bell.....	Mar. 21, 1895..	Easton, Md.....	58
1868	James Conner.....	Sept. 10, 1896..	Selbyville, Del....	59 28

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1862	Merritt Hulburd.....	Oct. 10, 1896...	Wilmington, Del.....	54	34
1871	Newton McQuay.....	May, 1887...	St. Michaels, Md.....	57	21
1896	William G. Chance.....	Sept. 13, 1897...	Quantico, Md.....	33	2
1838	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	30
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
1836	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
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard.....	Apr. 13, 1903...	Frankford, Del.....	65	41
1843	Thos. H. Haynes.....	May 23, 1903...	Smyrna, Del.....	81	51
1833	Geo. A. Phoebus.....	May 28, 1903...	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	74	33
1868	Jonathan S. Willis.....	Nov. 24, 1903...	Milford, Del.....	74	43
1867	John D. Rigg.....	Dec. 16, 1903...	Hockessin, Del.....	65	27
1869	Edward Davis.....	Jan. 9, 1904...	Newark, Md.....	84	28
1836	John France.....	Mar. 10, 1904...	Wilmington, Del.....	69	48

MEMOIRS.

Rev. C. F. Sheppard.

Charles Ford Sheppard was born in Camden Co., New Jersey, April 18th 1838. His parents were Benjamin H. and Priscilla V. Sheppard. They were devoted Methodists of the primitive type, and gave early and decided direction to the convictions and religious habits of their boy. Their home was the resting place of many itinerants; and one of these, a consecrated Presiding Elder, Rev. Charles Ford, gave his name in baptism to the child of their hopes. He was educated in the public schools of Bridgeton, N.J., exhibiting special brightness as a student. After graduation, he engaged in teaching near his home, but was in 1857, at the age of nineteen, elected principal of the public schools of Delaware City, which work he prosecuted until the larger field beckoned him into its holy labors.

His conversion occurred at 14 years of age, in the Commerce St. Church, in Bridgeton. Almost simultaneous with the heavenly announcement of his adoption, came the voice of his call to the ministry, and he at once began to respond to it in the activities of Christian service. He was licensed to preach in 1859 by the Quarterly Conference at Delaware City, during the pastorate of the late Rev. B. F. Price of fragrant memory, who greatly encouraged him in his initial efforts. One only survivor of that Quarterly Conference recalls the exemplary life of the young teacher, and the care with which he prepared, and the fervor with which he delivered his first sermon. He at once entered the Philadelphia Conference, and addressed himself to his life work, being sent that spring to Atlantic, Va. The record of his subsequent appointments is as follows: 1861-2 at Laurel, Del., and 1863-4 Georgetown, Del. From 1866-9 he was located and taught mathematics in a select school in Baltimore. In 1870 he was transferred to the Wilmington Conference, and stationed at Greensboro, remaining until 1872. In 1873-4 at Bethel, Md; 1875-6 Newark, Del.; 1877-9 Mt. Salem; 1880-2 North East; 1883-4 Elkton; 1885-6 Zion, Md; 1887-8 Delaware City; 1889-90 Frankford, Del.; 1891-2 Princess Anne; 1893-4 Sudlersville; 1895-6 Marydel; 1897-9 Camden, Del., and 1900 at St. Georges. In view of his failing health, in the spring of 1901, he took a supernumerary relation, and removed to Frankford, among the cherished friends of a former pastorate, and near to one of his devoted daughters, where he might spend in quiet, the late afternoon of life's declining day.

Brother Sheppard was married in 1863 to Miss Mary Emma Dashiell, sister of Rev. Dr. J. H. Dashiell of the Baltimore Conference, and the late Dr. R. L. Dashiell, who served the Church as president of Dickinson College, and one of its honored Missionary Secretaries. This elect lady walked beside him in beautiful helpfulness for nearly forty years, and lingers behind him, with her shadowed, yet sacred memories. Four daughters were given to them—Mrs. L. E. Murray, Mrs. Emma D. Davis, Mrs. J. M. Davidson and Mrs. Gardner, wife of Rev. Edwin Gardner of our Conference; all of whom are living, and each of whom

counted it a holy privilege to sweeten his last days with delicate ministries.

Brother Sheppard will be remembered as a gentle, gracious, guileless spirit, an urbane and courtly man, with such native refinement of manner as seemed incapable of harshness or disregard of proprieties. He had the quality of being great-hearted, and was therefore, a man of warm friendships, and large appreciation of his associates. Words of disparagement and the tones of biting sarcasm were not at home on his lips. He loved his fellow-men, and never lost an opportunity to utter some little confession of it which gladdened the toil of many, and lightened their load.

His Christian character was modest, mature and symmetrical. He carried about a reverent soul, and walked softly before his God. He was no self-conscious declaimer of personal attainments, but a quiet and luminous Christian, a living Beatitude among the people. It has been said that "a good life is the primary philanthropy" and the truth was well illustrated in his character. In that one place, the home, where the fiercest light of a close inspection beats on the character, he was regarded as a man of marked purity in thought, word and deed. No doubtful expression even in that freedom, fell from his lips. His prudence and self-control were large, and his heart right; it is no wonder therefore, that in his own dear family, he was honored as perhaps nowhere else. He was not inclined toward controversy, nor fitted by temperament for it. He had little relish for the tilt and tournament of theological dialectics. He was a "believer", after the blessed New Testament fashion and carried a faith which held him serene and sunny, even where exigencies crowded hard upon him. He was, withal, a man of prayer, and knew the path to his Father's door. He had learned to hold out, and pray through the fog to the clear outlook beyond. The last public petition he offered was such a moving appeal to God as deeply affected many of those who heard it, and became the subject of tender remarks. Brother Sheppard's ministry was faithful and peculiarly efficient. His pulpit work was well done. He had correct literary taste, the habit of the student, and prepared his discourses with great care. His style was elevated, pictorial and plaintive. He mastered his theme, set it forth with strong amplification; and with a voice that always had tears in it, pleaded with men for surrender to his Savior. A passion for souls burned through his entire career; so that he was not only a pulpit preacher, but also a wayside evangelist, scattering the good seed by counter and work-bench, in the street and the home—a man of one business, concentrating his best and all upon the one effort to save men. No wonder that great revivals attended his ministry; and that in one place he reports 166 conversions as the result of the year's labors.

In his Conference relations, he was active and useful, and had in rich measure the confidence of his brethren. He was for years an efficient member of the Conference Board of Stewards, and first Vice-president of our Missionary Society, besides serving with fidelity upon various Boards of Examination.

During the two years of his enforced retirement he was an example of the believers in all lowliness, resignation and increasing ripeness for the end. Occasionally he was able to preach, and the privilege was one of great joy to him. During most of the time, however, he moved in and out among the

churches and people like a St. John, smiling and saying "little children love one another." "His very bearing," as Ignatius once wrote concerning another, "was a sacred sermon." During the last winter, he beguiled the stormy days with the composition of sacred poetry, which he set to music, touching and trustful, singing like the autumn robins with the dead leaves falling about him.

The last Sabbath of his life, April 12th, he seemed somewhat stronger and attended two of the services of that glad Easter day, taking some part in each of them, and on his return home singing with his family the old Easter Anthem. The next day after dinner, feeling the breath of spring all about him, he went out to make preparation for some planting, when suddenly the messenger came, and in one brief instant, he fell asleep in Jesus. One day singing the Easter songs, and the next, looking on the face of Him, who "is the Resurrection and the Life." Impressive funeral services were held in the church at Frankford, amid the great gathering of sympathetic friends. And so, before the Easter lilies had yet faded, we laid him away on the hill near by, with the town in tears.

"His quitting soul, resplendent with the hope
And promise of immortal life, doth shed
A glowing halo o'er the quiet deep
Of Death's mysterious sea."

T. E. MARTINDALE.

Rev. Thomas Hodges Haynes.

While a flood of sunshine was pouring down its wealth of life and beauty on the afternoon of May 23, 1903, one of the purest, saintliest spirits that ever graced the honor roll of the Wilmington Conference went home to its God.

Thomas Hodges Haynes was born at Hodge's Ferry, near Portsmouth, Va. His parents were Samuel and Susannah Haynes, the father being a Captain in the war of 1812; and one of the boyish recollections of our brother was the "general muster day", when the militia would assemble at their yearly drill on the large lawn of his father's plantation, which sloped down to the river hard-by. He was converted when eighteen years of age, as he tells us in his lecture, "Glimpses of Fifty Years in the Itinerancy," in a revival during which 130 were converted. But, he adds, "While I was converted at a protracted meeting, I was not convicted at one; nor by any sermon, nor prayer, nor hymn, nor death of any relative or friend, nor the reading of any book; it seemed to have been brought about by my own serious reflections, led doubtless by the Holy Spirit." At once he set about Christian work. He joined a class which was to meet at sunrise every Sunday morning, for self-improvement in prayer, scripture knowledge, and to learn how to work for the Master. And notwithstanding the early hour of meeting, he quaintly says, "If we were absent any morning we always apologized and gave the reason why, when we next met." Out of that little Sunday morning class six or eight became Methodist ministers.

His six months of probation were not completed before he "was troubled with the thought of a call to the ministry." Then came a period of fear and trials. He says, "I think I have been a hundred times more worried and troubled about that, first and last, than about my conversion. I had no peace,

day or night. I felt I must preach, and yet I couldn't preach." But when God calls a man he opens the way for him. So Brother Haynes found the way, through the home school, and then through the University of Virginia, and into the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, being received on trial in 1843, having been licensed to preach and recommended for the traveling connection at the same time by the Dinwiddie Street Church, of Portsmouth, Va. Of the class of six received by the Conference at that time, Brother Haynes was the sole survivor for many years.

His first years in the itinerancy were such as fell to most Methodist preachers of that day. His first charge was that of junior preacher on "Princess Anne Circuit, reaching from along the Atlantic Coast to North Carolina,"—a circuit of twenty-one appointments. It took four weeks to make the circuit, although both preachers preached twice every Sunday, and once on each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and sometimes on Friday. For this service he received \$100 salary. The second year he was sent to a new charge that was more liberal; they paid \$100 salary, and allowed his bill for having his horse shod on its "front feet"; but after full discussion in the Quarterly Conference, refused to allow his claim for having it shod on the hind feet, saying that to have a horse shod on the "front feet" was a necessity, but to have it shod on the hind feet was a luxury, and they did not propose to "allow a bill for luxuries."

Then followed twenty-five years of faithful, painstaking labor as a member of the Virginia Conference of the M.E. Church, South, being stationed at different charges, among them being Williamsburg City, where he was stationed, and where he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Bowman, daughter of Major S.T. and Elizabeth Bowman, who has made him a most devoted wife.

Now came the great epoch in Brother Haynes' ministerial life. Although born in a slave state, and although he had been ordained both Deacon and Elder by Bishop James Osgood Andrew, over whose relation to slavery Methodism had split in 1844; and although Brother Haynes had been a member of, and a preacher in, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by the time the war closed he saw he could not conscientiously remain in that Church longer, because of its views on the slavery question. With a man of Brother Haynes' depth of conviction, to be convinced was to act; so he withdrew from the Church he had served so faithfully, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was then appointed to churches in Richmond, Portsmouth, Alexandria and Norfolk. When the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized he was elected its secretary. Within its bounds he served until 1872, when he was transferred to the Wilmington Conference, largely through the influence of good Bishop Scott. The session of the Wilmington Conference, which was held at Laurel, was memorable for two items: it was the first Conference at which the Lay Electoral Conference met, and at this session two sons of the South, typical Southern Methodists, were added to the roster. Both of these men of God were in their mature manhood; both were over six feet in stature; both were scholarly men, dignified, courteous, ardent patriots and loyal Methodists; and after serving one appointment in the Conference, both were considered worthy to fill the best appointments in the gift of the Church. They were John H. Caldwell of Georgia, and Thomas H. Haynes of Virginia. Two

men of holier life or more blessed example have never graced the roll of this Conference.

Brother Haynes' first charge was East New Market, 1872-4; then Milford, 1875-7; Smyrna, 1878-80; Chestertown, 1881-2; Newark, (Del.), 1883-5; Frederica, 1886-7; Sudlersville, 1888-90; Felton, 1891-2. This completed his fiftieth year of active, continuous service as a Methodist itinerant; and it was a source of great gratification to him that he had been permitted to serve God and Methodism so long.

It was never the pleasure of the writer to hear Brother Haynes preach; but one who heard him often says, "Of tall and dignified and impressive appearance, Mr. Haynes was an earnest and logical preacher of great force, with a fine command of language that made him a persuasive orator." Our Conference Minutes show that while he was in connection with this Conference he received 787 converts on probation, and collected more than \$17,000 for old debts and church improvements. Those two items alone speak volumes for his fidelity to every line of legitimate pastoral work.

In 1893 he received the appointment that proved to be his last. He was appointed to Lincoln, which as all know, is a circuit of heavy work. Brother Haynes at that time was just recovering from a severe attack of la grippe, and his physician warned him that to attempt such work, in his judgment, would be suicide. At the earnest solicitation, therefore, of family and friends, he requested to be released from the appointment, and at the next session of the Conference, in 1894, requested to be placed on the superannuated list.

He selected Smyrna as the place for his last earthly home, and many times has he told the writer that he never regretted the choice he made; for he loved the people of Smyrna, and they loved him.

The years of his retirement were not spent in cynical retrospect, nor in sinful repining. In a letter to the Conference, under date of March 31, 1900, he says: "So, long ago, I decided that when God should say to me by the order of His established laws (as in old age) or, should say at an earlier date, as in sickness, or some other disability, 'Come down from the walls of Zion, and give up thy place as a watchman, and be watchman no more'; or, when the Church by her authority should say to me, 'Go no more into the field to harvest, thou hast long borne the burden and the heat of the day—now, work is too much for thee, give place to another,' I would say, 'Amen! Thy will be done, not mine! That time has come at last, and I have given myself up, to grow old as slowly as I can, and as gracefully and sweetly as possible.'"

How perfectly he lived up to that beautiful sentiment no one but his immediate friends can ever know. As his health and strength permitted he attended all the services of the sanctuary, and joined in every social function that a minister could attend; and whether in the sanctuary or in the social circle he was the same courteous, gentle, holy man of God; and all revered him, all loved him. His very presence on the streets of our town was a benediction and no saint of the olden time was more revered by his associates than was this pale-faced, gentle-voiced, sweet-tempered Saint Thomas, of Smyrna. As I have watched his dear old face light up while listening to the sermon, I could almost imagine I saw a halo of the Shekinah encircle his

brow. Heaven was very real to him, and very near. He walked daily in the presence of the King.

He suffered much during the last year of his life, and had various ailments before the end finally came; and yet when it came it was so sudden that none of us were prepared for it. On July 3, 1902 he returned from a visit to his sons in Wilmington, where he was touched with a slight stroke of paralysis; but from this he seemed to recover. About seven weeks before his death he was taken with a severe pain in his chest. A week later malarial fever set in, and continued until his death. His faithful wife was his constant attendant, and day and night she was on hand to minister to his wants.

To visit him during this period was very much like a visit to Beulah Land. He seemed almost more of Heaven than of earth. His face, always pale, was paler yet; and the gentle voice was gentler still, and he seemed in such close communion with the other world. One morning a few days before his death he told his wife that he had enjoyed a most wonderful visit from the angels during the preceding night. A host of them, he said, had come down into his room, and gathered about his bedside, and sang for him; and the burden of their song was "We will welcome you, we will honor you." Quick to grasp every opportunity of adding to his comfort, sister Haynes asked, "Shall I send out and get some of the friends to come sing for you?" "Oh, no," he replied, "not after listening to such music as I heard last night."

For some days past he seemed to be improving somewhat, and was able once more to sit up in bed and eat a little, and the physician assured us that he was slowly but surely convalescing.

On May 23, the end came very suddenly. By the time friends reached him he was rapidly going, and long before the hastily summoned doctor could reach him he was gone. A wife's fond devotion and a physician's skill could not stay the icy hand of death.

Wednesday, May 27, 1903, after a prayer at the home, the more formal funeral services were held in Asbury Church, Smyrna, where our brother had held his Quarterly Conference membership so long. The best citizens of Smyrna, irrespective of Church affiliations, made up the throng that attended the services. The writer, who had been his pastor for over two years, was in charge of the service, and announced Malachi II, 6, as the text: The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips; he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity." Rev. Adam Stengle, Presiding Elder of Salisbury district; Rev. W. G. Koons, Presiding Elder of Easton district; Rev. Albert Chandler and Rev. William Fairies, a local minister of Asbury, and a dear friend of our deceased brother, took part in the service. Lewis M. Price, Esq., sang an appropriate solo, "Beautiful Land."

The railroad authorities had kindly placed a special car at the disposal of the funeral party, so that the family, pall bearers and ministers were able to go through to Wilmington with the remains without change.

Interment was made at Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery, where the funeral cortege was met by Presiding Elder Watt, Rev. Dr. William Wirt King, Rev. J. W. Easley, Rev. W. W. White, Rev. John France, Rev. T. H. Harding, Rev. G. W. Burke, Rev. Dr. T. A. H. O'Brien and Rev. J. W. Jones. After the solemn

service of the ritual we left him there to await the trump of God on the morning of resurrection, in the full and glorious assurance that his will be a resurrection of "life unto life."

My heart goes out to sister Haynes in her loneliness. They lived in closer touch than do most husbands and wives; and it was ever brother Haynes' study to shield her from all business and care; and now that he has been taken, she faces a world with which she is little acquainted. But she has three noble sons, who are her devoted helpers: Thomas, who is business manager of the Philadelphia News; Edgar L., who is Secretary and assistant manager of the News Publishing Company of Wilmington, and Earnest S., long connected with J. T. Mullin & Sons. Upon them we pray that the blessings of their father's God may fall, and that their father's mantle of grace and goodness may abide upon them forever.

V. S. COLLINS.

Rev. George Alfred Phoebus, D. D.

The subject of this memoir was born Jan. 4th, 1830 on St. Peter's creek, Somerset county, Maryland. His parents were James and Anne Phoebus. His ancestors came from England in 1744 and settled in Maryland.

It was in the home of John Phoebus, the grandfather, that the first Methodist society in that part of Maryland was formed; and one of the earliest itinerants was Dr. Wm. Phoebus, a great uncle. Brother Phoebus early gave promise of the thirst for knowledge which so eminently characterized his later life. What advantages of education he enjoyed in his early life we have not been able to ascertain. But we understand that he passed through the Freshman and Sophomore years in Dickinson College.

Surrounded by the strong religious influences which characterized those days on this peninsula it is not strange that in early life he realized that God had called him to the work of the ministry. So in 1853 he was admitted on trial into the Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1855 he was ordained a Deacon and in 1857 he became an Elder.

Miss Virginia, the third daughter of the Rev. James A. Massey, of precious memory, consented to become his wife in 1856 and shared with him for many years the joys and the trials of the Itinerant Ministry. Several sons and daughters were given them. On the 10th of January 1886 our brother was called to pass through the deep affliction of being deprived of his life companion.

Special reasons induced brother Phoebus in 1858 to ask for and receive a transfer to the Minnesota Conference. We do not wonder that the associations of the peninsula together with the peculiar attraction of its Methodist life drew so strongly that in 1861 we find him back in his old Conference. And in its fellowship he remained until the Wilmington Conference was formed.

Brother Phoebus served the following charges: 1853, Seaford; 1854, Cambridge; 1855, Salisbury; 1856, Princess Anne; 1857-8, Quantico. In 1859-61 he was in the Minnesota Conference; 1862, Principal of Union Academy, Snow Hill; 1863-4, Snow Hill; 1865-6, Princess Anne; 1867-9, Odessa, Del.; 1870-2, Easton, Md.; 1873-4, Smyrna; 1875-6, Elkton; 1877-8, Newark; 1879-81, Laurel; 1882, St. Georges; 1883-4, on account of physical affliction he

occupied the supernumerary relation and 1885 until his decease, May 28, 1903 he was on the superannuated list. Brother Phoebus was very social in his disposition, and earnest in his spiritual life. He made and had many friends. While attending to his ministerial duties he found time to do literary work. He was an antiquarian and loved to gather the relics of the past, especially in regard to the early times of Methodist History. As an evidence of this he published a work with the title, "Light on Early Methodism." As a preacher he was logical and convincing. The record of his appointments shows that he was a man of no small ability. His last days were spent with his children in the city of Brooklyn, New York.

ALFRED T. SCOTT

Rev. Jonathan S. Willis.

Rev. Jonathan Spenser Willis, son of William Barnaby Willis and Mary Spenser, was born in Oxford Md., April 5th 1830, and died in Milford Del., Nov. 24th 1904. His widow and two children, Mrs. Elizabeth Willis McCallum of Philadelphia, and Jonathan Jr., of Milford Del., survive him. Mr. Willis' parents belonged to old and distinguished families. His grandfather, Oxford John Willis, was a grandson of Sir Richard Willis who came to Virginia in her early Colonial history and settled upon a large estate. His father served one term as sheriff of Talbot Co., Md., and four terms in the state legislature. His mother was the eldest daughter of Jonathan Spenser, who served with distinction as an officer in the war of 1812. Brother Willis was educated in the public schools and under private tutors. He had a quick, alert, acquisitive mind which absorbed knowledge readily and rapidly. He soon became proficient in mathematics and languages, acquiring an extensive knowledge of Greek, French and German. Early in his career he manifested an intense fondness for literature, and in later life he was accustomed to quote voluminously from the standard authors. From their study he developed a rich literary style which characterized all his productions whether spoken or written and gave to his addresses and sermons an inimitable charm, which was pleasing to lettered and unlettered alike. He was a poet of no mean ability as his literary works show. During the Rebellion he published a series of war lyrics, which appeared in the columns of the Philadelphia Press, and attracted wide attention. He published a poem at the opening of the Centennial which won the commendation of William Cullen Bryant, and in 1877 he was Commencement Poet at Dickinson College. His lectures on William the Silent, William Ewart Gladstone and the Stature of a Man, won unstinted praise. It was generally conceded that had he devoted himself exclusively to literary work he could have attained great distinction.

No analysis of the career of Jonathan Willis would approach completeness which failed to include these factors: the man, the citizen, the preacher, the friend and brother.

Jonathan S. Willis was a manly man. All that this term includes found large embodiment in him. His independence of opinion and action, his hearty and fearless espousal of whatever cause he believed in, and his ardent, consistent and able advocacy of it, his transparent honesty of purpose and guilelessness of spirit, his unutterable hatred of sham and hypocrisy in every form

and wherever displayed, his whole-souled, magnanimous disposition are qualities, so fully characteristic of him that they need but to be mentioned to be recognized. And withal, he was a man of broad and tender sympathies; the weak or unfortunate found in him a ready helper. His type of manhood was positive, for he had scant patience with a negative, timid hesitancy in any man. He combined, too, in a most marked degree, hopefulness, good cheer and robust courage. He was a man who "stood foursquare to every wind that blew." And yet he could be as gentle as a woman and as tender as a mother. As one of his intimate friends has said, "Jonathan Willis combined so fully the qualities that enter into a complete manhood that a fair description of him as a man would scarce escape the suspicion of fulsome eulogy." But to all who knew him he was a big-hearted, brainy, magnanimous, manly man.

He was no less eminent as a citizen. Public spirited, alive to every issue that affected the life of the state, either its weal or its woe, he flung himself into the fray with an abandon that some deemed recklessness, nor flinched nor cowered, however stressful the storm or sharp the criticism. None of his fellow citizens were left in doubt as to his attitude on the civic questions of the day. His views were definite, decisive and fully set forth. Recognizing these traits he was sent to represent his state in Congress. It is a luminous commentary on his worth and ability to remember that Thomas B. Reed, then Speaker in the House, was immediately attracted to Jonathan Willis, and took him at once into his confidence, and said of him that he was one of the ablest and most valuable men in Congress. While in public life he reflected high credit upon himself and honor upon his state, and when the vicissitudes of political strife remanded him to the more quiet walks of private life his interest in public questions was no less keen and his discussions of them no less forceful or timely.

Called to the ministry in early manhood, he entered the Philadelphia Conference in 1854, and the major portion of his ministerial life was spent within the bounds of the old Philadelphia Conference which then embraced the entire peninsula. While stationed in Philadelphia he built Spring Garden St. Church, which remains an eloquent witness to his ability and skill. For a brief season he prosecuted his calling within the fold of a sister denomination, but soon returned to his first love.

After spending two pastorates in New York, one at Seventeenth St. and the other at Seventh St., he returned to the peninsula and re-entered the Wilmington Conference. After serving with marked acceptability several charges, including Milford, he asked in 1885 for a supernumerary relation and in the following year he requested the Conference to grant him a local location saying, "I consider it the honest thing to do, and when I want to re-enter the work I will ask you to receive me back into active ranks."

This he did after an interval of sixteen years, for the Conference of 1902 re-admitted him on his certificate of location. It ought to be said that these years of intermission were not years of idleness. His services at camp-meetings, dedications and church reopenings were in constant demand. He kept in active touch with the work of the Conference, being heard frequently at its anniversaries as well as on the occasion above mentioned.

None who remember him as he appeared at our last session can ever forget how intensely interested he was in all the proceedings of the Conference. He was alert, vigorous, and intensely interesting.

Few knew, however, that he was face to face with the end. His superb courage and self control concealed from public gaze what only his intimate friends knew. But shortly after adjournment he was admonished by serious and alarming symptoms that the crossing was near. And yet he was calm and undismayed. Death for him was not defeat but sun-crowned victory. His confidence in God was supreme. He could bravely sing:

"I know not where his islands lift
Their fronded palms in air,
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond his love and care.
And so beside the silent sea,
I wait the muffled oar.
No harm can come from him to me
On ocean or on shore."

As a preacher he possessed in an unusual degree many of the qualities that enter into the composition of a great preacher. He was a born preacher. He had the preaching mind, and the preaching temperament. He was a clear, consecutive, logical thinker. His style was so ornate, his imagination so luxuriant that this sometimes concealed the strength of his thoughts. He was a preacher of marvelous eloquence. There were times when his eloquence became a resistless torrent flooding the soul and firing the imagination and riveting the attention until the spell became almost mesmeric. The writer can never forget a sermon our departed brother preached before the Conference in Elkton in 1886, on the text, "I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake". He had just emerged from a great baptism of suffering, and his delineation was so realistic, his portrayal so tender, his expression so eloquent that the hush of a great awe fell upon the audience and all felt that there was a power beyond the influence of genius operating on the mind and heart of him who spoke. The high esteem in which he was held as a preacher can be seen in the fact that when a member of the New York East Conference he succeeded Dr. James M. Buckley as pastor of the great church at Stamford, Conn. But the secret of this esteem is to be found not alone in the possession of a rich imagination, a trained intellect and eloquence of utterance. He had well defined views of truth, both theological and spiritual. But with him dogmas were creatures not creators, and creeds were body not spirit. Toward the close of his ministry he studied every phase of Christian faith that he might see Christ therein, and every phenomenon of Nature that he might see in it a manifestation of God. "He believed that the voice of God thundered as truly 'along the fields of his native state' as it did in the thunders which David heard in the hill country of Judea." He believed that the hand of God was as much to be seen in the events of the 20th century as in the occurrences which thrilled the sages and prophets of the long, long past. "He believed in the universal guidance of God. That God guided America as truly as he ever guided Israel, and was at the right hand of Abra-

ham Lincoln as truly as he was at the right hand of Moses." He believed that God so pervaded the facts of life and history that were universal facts, and that "In Him we live and have our being." And he believed too with all his soul and mind and strength that God speaks as truly now as he did four thousand years ago, only more powerfully and tenderly; that the prophets could hear no more distinctly than devout souls now can hear who listen while God their Father speaks. That the ladder still extends to earth and needy souls may climb to peace and purity and heaven. And his was an optimistic faith. He could say in the brave and lofty words of Gerald Massy:

"Though some hearts brood upon the past,
Our eyes with smiling features glisten,
Lo, now the dawn bursts up the sky,
Lean out your souls and listen;
The world rolls freedom's radiant way,
And ripens with its sorrow,
The bars of hell are strong today,
The Christ shall rise tomorrow."

He held to the supremacy of God's grace for every human weakness known to men. He looked towards the future with eyes of hope for in that future he saw foregleams of that millennial glory which already purpled the east with a radiance not born of earth. He believed in efficacy of Christ as Savior, in the sufficiency of Christ as ruler, and in the final and complete triumph of Christ as the all glorious and regnant Lord. And this faith served to dissipate doubt and push back the darkness, and proved his rod and staff when his feet entered the valley of the shadow.

As he neared the close of his earthly career, the work of the Gospel ministry appealed more powerfully to him than in the flush of his early victories. He saw in clear light the glorious privilege of preaching the gospel of Redemption to sinful men. He saw in its power the only universal panacea for the cure of diseased wills and the cleansing of sin-stained souls. How tenderly, and impressively he urged upon his younger brethren the necessity of yielding a full and undivided allegiance to Jesus Christ. He saw the importance of consecrating the witchery of human eloquence that it might win to repentance and right doing those who were led captive by the devil at will.

As friend and brother he was seen at his best. He loved and trusted his friends without reserve. There was in him no taint or suspicion of selfishness. He poured out without stint of devotion, confidence and love. Certainty alone could create doubt where his friends were concerned. His was not a friendship which demanded a quid pro quo. He gave without a thought of self and was content to know that love and affection were returned.

His home life was ideal. Tender, chivalrous, devoted, considerate, he was almost idolized by those who knew him in his inner self. His departure leaves a sense of desolation and loss too profound for words to express.

He suffered intensely as he drew near the unseen shore, but he was brave and patient and self controlled. But when he thought of release from his

weariness and pain I think I can hear him in the words of one of his favorite poets say:

"I know it is over, over;
I know it is over at last.
Down sail! The sheathed anchor uncover,
For the stress of the voyage has passed;
Life, like a tempest of ocean,
Hath out-breathed its ultimate blast.
There's but a faint sobbing seaward,
While the calm of the tide deepens leeward;
And behold! like the welcoming quiver
Of heart-pulses throbbd through the river,
Those lights in the harbor at last,
The heavenly harbor at last!

And to her whose constant care and tender love cheered him in those trying hours, these dear words come sweet and clear:

"Death hath made no breach
In love and sympathy, in hope and trust;
No outward sign nor sound our ears can reach,
But there's an inward spiritual speech
That greets us still though mortal tongue be dust
It bids us do the work that he laid down,
Take up the song where he broke off the strain;
To journey till we reach the heavenly town,
Where are laid up our treasures and our crown,
And our lost loved ones will again be found."

Tenderly impressive funeral services were held at his late home in Milford in charge of his pastor, Rev. S. M. Morgan D. D. Addresses were made by the Rev. H. L. Bunstine, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. L. E. Barret, a former pastor, the Rev. Dr. S. M. Morgan and the writer. His body rests in the family plot in old Barratt's chapel cemetery.

ROBERT WATT.

Rev. John D. Rigg.

The Rev. John D. Rigg was born in Chester county Dec. 27, 1839. He entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church by joining the Philadelphia Annual Conference in 1867. He was married to Miss L. P. Collins March 29th 1869, and died in his parsonage home at Hockessin, Del., Dec. 16, 1903. His genial, sunny face was always prominent at the annual sessions of our Conference. For eleven years he served the Wilmington Conference with conspicuous ability as its secretary. For more than twenty years he was identified with the work of the secretary. It was his painstaking fidelity and his genius for accuracy as well as the remarkable beauty of his penmanship as our Journal secretary which won for the records of our Conference honorable mention at the General Conference and gained for the Wilmington Conference enviable distinction among all the Conferences of Methodism.

He was a brave, true man who loved men, one who in the midst of the world's greed and lust for gold, sought only that noble and exalted work which seeks to lift human life into higher and holier ways of thought and action.

He was exacting in his thought of what was required in the life and work

of a Minister of the Gospel of Christ. He had an instinctive scorn of the multitudinous forms of sham and cheap disguises. He was an unsparing critic of hypocrisy and all forms of insincerity; at times the flash of his rapier-like wit would puncture the bombast of many a noisy pretender.

He was profoundly loyal to his convictions; once he became thoroughly convinced that his duty lay along certain lines, he unflinchingly followed those convictions, careless as to whether they led over a path of roses or over the rough rocks. It was this profound loyalty to conviction, which caused him to refuse some very flattering offers of lucrative positions in business life, the conviction that he was called of God to the ministry excluded all thought of worldly gain or honor. He was always conscious of the fact that a minister's life demands a certain detachment from sordid life, that it demands a constant sacrifice of worldly gain and realized that this detachment from the world is absolutely necessary in him who would live the highest life. He well knew that the "etherial fire is quenched by sordid dust as well as by sensual mire." It was this unflinching loyalty to his convictions that sent John D. Rigg as a young man into the ranks as a private in the 8th Maryland regiment of the U. S. Volunteers and after four years of faithful service to his country he was offered an honorable position in the regular army of the U. S., but declined the honor and was honorably discharged. He sought the more peaceable fruits of righteousness and entered the army of the Lord as a humble soldier of the cross. As a preacher he was chaste and polished in his language; his vocabulary was rich, full and ornate, his thought was clear and impressive, strikingly framed in terse, crisp sentences. In his pulpit ministrations he conscientiously avoided the slightest tendency toward the sensational or spectacular. He delighted to present the grand old kingly truths of the Bible in such an earnest, tender and devout spirit as not only edified the saints but also moved the hearts and consciences of all who heard him.

His friendship was prized by those who knew him intimately as above the price of rubies. His home life was simple, and attractive. As a husband he was always the lover, true, tender, thoughtful and affectionate. He was good to live with and filled his home with sunshine. His now sorrowing wife found in him all that could be desired as an affectionate husband and a christian gentleman. Words cannot utter the awful sense of loss which now overshadows that wife and comrade.

His work as minister gave ample proof of his devotion to God. The might and majesty of the simple goodness of his character have been impressed upon the lives of thousands. There are hundreds of earnest, faithful, godly men and women today toiling in the harvest fields of our Lord who were led by this man of God to give their hearts to Christ and their lives to His service.

"It is well to live in the valley sweet
Where the work of the world is done;
Where the reapers sing in the fields of wheat
As they toil 'till the set of the sun.
But beyond the meadows, the hills I see
Where the noises of traffic cease,
And I follow a voice that calleth to me
From the hilltop regions of peace."

E. C. MACNICHOL.

Rev. Edward Davis.

Rev. Edward Davis was born near Federalsburg, Caroline County, Maryland, May 10th 1820, and died at his home in Newark, Worcester County, Maryland, January 9th 1904. He was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bethel (at that time on Dorchester Circuit) when but a boy. In his early manhood he was licensed as an exhorter and a little later as a local preacher, in which capacity he served the Church with great acceptability, and was once or more called to serve as junior preacher on his home circuit. In 1867-8 he was appointed by the Presiding Elder, Rev. Vaughan Smith, preacher in charge of Church Creek Circuit.

In the spring of 1869, at the first session of the Wilmington Conference, in Asbury Church, Wilmington, he was one of a class of eight received on trial. One of his class-mates preceded him by nearly twenty years, to the land of the blessed; six yet live, three are at work in other Conferences, and three are still members of this Conference. In 1866 he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Ames, and was ordained Elder by Bishop Scott in 1873. His appointments since entering the Conference are as follows: 1869 Church Creek Circuit; 1870-2 Trappe; 1873-4 Sudlersville; 1875-6 Smyrna Circuit; 1877-8 Church Hill; 1879 Christiana; 1880-1 Epworth, Wilmington; 1882-3 Newark, Maryland; 1884 Lincoln Circuit; 1885 Bridgeville Circuit; In 1886 Bridgeville was made a station, and he was appointed to the part of the circuit then known as Cannon, now Seaford Circuit; 1887-8 Nassau Circuit; 1889-90 Quantico Circuit; 1891-3 Bethel Circuit; 1894-5 Rock Hall; 1896 Newark, Maryland, the second time. At the Conference in the spring of 1897, because of failing health, he asked for and was granted a superannuated relation and retired to the quiet of a little home he had provided for himself in the village of Newark where he had spent the last year of his effective ministry. Here he continued to reside until called to join the company of his promoted brethren on high. As his health and strength would permit, he continued to preach and assist his brethren. Largely through his untiring efforts the new and beautiful church in the village where he resided was built. Brother Davis was twice married. On March 24th 1846 to Elizabeth Kinder, daughter of John Kinder, of Sussex County, Delaware. She died in 1874 while he was pastor of Sudlersville Circuit, after the gift of two sons and three daughters, the eldest daughter, a lovely young woman, dying in 1869 in a western state. December 27th, 1882, he was married for the second time to Martha E. Spry, daughter of the Rev. Wm. Spry of precious memory, who survives him with the two sons and two daughters by his first marriage. He was a pious and noble man of God, positive in his convictions and devotedly attached to the Church of his choice, a firm believer in her doctrines and polity. His religious experience was clear and positive, always ready to give a reason for the hope within him. His family relation was of the most pleasant character, and his intercourse with the people of his charge, gentle and sympathetic. While not so brilliant as many, as a preacher, he was solid and scriptural, seeking to strengthen believers and bring unconverted to Christ. He was also a sweet singer and took great delight in music. For more than a year before his death he was very feeble in body, and his sight exceed-

ingly dim, but his faith was strong, his hope was bright and his interest in the prosperity of the Church unabated. On Tuesday morning January 12th his remains were taken to Bridgeville, Delaware, where funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, conducted by Rev. Adam Stengle, his Presiding Elder, assisted by Rev. W. L. White and Rev. W. R. Mowbray, after which the remains were interred in the near by cemetery, by the side of those of his first wife.

Brother Davis came of old Methodist stock. His grandfather, Lemuel Davis was a local preacher, and one of the founders of the Church at Bethel, also one of the building committee when the first house of worship was erected at that place in 1781. This house stood for more than one hundred years as the Church home of a large and flourishing society, when it was replaced by the present beautiful and modern structure. His father's name was Caleb Pedicord Davis, after one of the early Methodist preachers who travelled this peninsula. There has been a lineal descendant of Lemuel Davis, either in the local or itinerant ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for more than one hundred years.

P. H. RAWLINS.

Rev. John France.

Rev. John France, who stood at the head of the line of effective Elders in our Conference, ceased at once to work and live, on Thursday afternoon, March 10th 1904 in the 69th year of his age.

He was born at Chadds Ford, Chester County, Pa., near the old battle field of the Brandywine, on the 6th day of April 1835. He was the son of Joseph and Sarah France. In his twelfth year he was converted, and joined Mt. Salem Church and became an active worker in the Sunday School and Church. After securing an academic education, at the age of twenty years he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of his home church, and sent by Dr. T. J. Thompson, Presiding Elder of Wilmington District, to Strasburg Circuit, as assistant to Henry Sutton.

In the spring of 1856 he was received on trial into Philadelphia Conference at Trinity Church, Philadelphia,—Bishop Scott presiding,—with 18 other young men, among whom were William J. Paxson, E. I. D. Pepper, William M. Ridgway and George G. Rakestraw, all of whom have made records of long and faithful service in the Kingdom of Christ. His appointment was to St. Georges, Del. as assistant to Samuel Pancoast. In 1857 he was Junior preacher on Brandywine Circuit with John Cummins. In 1858, at the Conference at Easton, Pa., he was admitted into full connection, ordained Deacon by Bishop Scott, and sent to Oxford, Pa., as assistant to J. B. Dennison.

On February 17, 1859 he was married to Miss Margaret E. Kemp of Christiana, Del., whom he took with him that spring to his first parsonage home in Brandywine. Thus, for 45 years sister France has been the faithful and devoted companion of our brother, in all the toils and triumphs of his ministerial life, and now mourns his departure, as no other one can. In 1860, in old Union Church, Philadelphia, he was ordained Elder by Bishop O. C. Baker, and appointed to New London and Elk Ridge, where he remained for two years. In 1862-3 he served Crozerville; 1864 Mt. Lebanon; 1865-7 Brandywine a second

term. In the middle of this pastorate, a scourge of small pox swept through the community and many, terrified, fled from the contagion, but brother France, "true as steel" to duty, stood by the stricken people, going into homes with the doctor and undertaker, ministering to the needs of the suffering and dying, collecting money and purchasing supplies for the needy till the terror was past. In 1868, on the division of the Philadelphia Conference, brother France was serving Newark charge, and thus, by the division, became one of the 106 original members of Wilmington Conference, of whom but 14 survive him, only 7 of whom are in pastoral relations. Thus brother France has been one of the active members of this Conference from its organization until this present month.

In 1871 he became pastor of Millington Circuit on Easton District, his first removal from Wilmington District in the 16 years of his ministry. Remaining at Millington for two years, he returned to Wilmington District in 1873 and was stationed at Mt. Salem, his home church, remaining there until 1876. In 1876-7 he served Cherry Hill; 1878 St. Georges; 1879-81 Newark and Wesley; 1882-4 Zion Circuit.

In 1885 he was appointed to Smyrna Circuit but in August of that year he was made Presiding Elder of Easton District by Bishop Merrill, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the election of Dr. J. H. Caldwell to the presidency of Delaware College. Here he remained until 1891, when he was appointed to Scott Church, Wilmington. In 1894-5 he served Eastlake; 1896-8 Cookman Church, Wilmington. From 1899-01 he sustained a supernumerary relation, yet supplied Elsmere and Eastlake. In 1892 he was again made effective and appointed to Eastlake, but in April of that year, brother Walter E. Avery, the newly appointed pastor of Scott Church, Wilmington, was suddenly called from labor to reward, and brother France was placed in charge of that church by the Presiding Elder, ministering to them with great profit and success for the balance of the year.

Last spring our brother returned to Eastlake and gave his final ministry of faith and love to that people, till called to his rest on high. "Brother France was a good man." That is the testimony that has been falling from the lips of old and young since news of his departure from earth was first received. He was gentle, genial, pure-spirited; and intercourse with him was always a benediction to his associates. As the years crowded upon him there were no signs of frost upon his spirit. A very few weeks ago, a brother remarked "brother France illustrates to me the thought of growing old gracefully." There was no suggestion of the censoriousness that sometimes spoils the spirit of older men, as they contemplate the hour when they must resign the work of a life-time to other and younger hands. He was always cheerful and sunny in disposition, beloved by old and young.

Brother France was a good preacher, clear, tender, sympathetic and fervent. He enjoyed his own preaching services, and the refreshings from the gospel messages which filled his own soul, poured themselves out over the souls of his hearers, who could not fail to be profited. He believed the Bible to be God's Revelation to man, and he preached the Word to the edification of believers, and to the conviction and conversion of sinners. He had strong convictions and did not hesitate to stand by them. He was always on the side of Right-

eousness and Truth. Courageous in the defense of what he believed to be right, a faithful pastor and untiring seeker of souls, brother France was devoted to the interests of the Church and the Conference of his fellowship. He was conscientiously prompt in the discharge of duty, and in the fulfilment of his engagements. The very last work which occupied his energies and possessed the powers and sympathies of his being, and which, no doubt, added the final burdens which were too much for his weakened nature, was a scheme for a permanent Endowment Fund for the Board of Conference Stewards. As chairman of the committee, he insisted upon presenting the report, and explaining the provisions, over which he had spent so much earnest thought and effort. This proved the last work ever done for the Church and Conference he so much loved.

Brother France was a true husband, a devoted father, a sincere friend, a true follower of our Lord, and a loyal and successful minister of Jesus Christ. What more could add honor to his name and memory?

Appropriate funeral services were held in Grace Church, Wilmington on Monday last, March 14th, under the charge of Dr. Robert Watt, Presiding Elder. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. W. Easley and Dr. W. W. King, and attended by a large number of his brother ministers, his remains were laid to rest in River-view Cemetery, while the snow was mantling the face of nature in a robe of spotless white—fit emblem of the whiteness of the ascended soul.

Our brother is mourned by the faithful wife, the devoted help-meet of 45 years of ministerial toil and sacrifice; one daughter, Mrs. William D. Haddock of Wilmington, Del., and three sons, John Walter and Howard D. France, of Washington, D. C., and Henry L. France of Wilmington, Del., who prize the sacred memory of the faithful life just closed, above gold and gems.

He has finished his course and has passed out, and up, and into the rest of God's redeemed, and we shall meet him there, at last. Till then, comrade, friend, brother, Hail! and Farewell!

HENRY S. THOMPSON.

Mrs. Gertrude S. Mowbray.

Mrs. Gertrude Stephenson Mowbray, wife of Rev. Dr. A. S. Mowbray, was born in Dover, and entered into rest in Port Deposit, Md., in April last. Her parents, John A. Stephenson and Gertrude Lockwood had preceded their daughter to the heavenly home. Three sisters and one brother remain, Mrs. C. W. Green, wife of Rev. Charles Wesley Green of Pen Argyle, Pa., Mrs. W. L. Pritchett, of Dover, Mrs. James M. Mitchell, wife of Rev. James M. Mitchell, of our Conference, and John S. Stevenson, Esq., of San Francisco. The family is one of the oldest and most prominent in the State Capital. Sister Mowbray was converted in early childhood, and her conversion was clear and genuine and grew into a beautiful, strong, Christian experience as the years advanced. She spent the early years of girlhood and young womanhood in educational work, teaching in the public schools of Dover, and later conducting a private school. In 1883 she was united in marriage with the Rev. A. S. Mowbray, then stationed at Oxford, Md. Four children were born of their union, James, the eldest, dying in infancy, while Agnes, Edwin and Alpheus survive. Our translated sister entered zestfully into the work of the ministry, and while not neglecting the du-

ties of the home, she gave largely of her time and talents that the interests of the church should not suffer from lack of devotion on her part. She made the parsonage the rallying center of all that was helpful and inspirational, and both young and old were attracted thither. Her devotion and faithfulness will be gratefully remembered in every charge her husband has served.

For several weeks prior to our last Conference, sister Mowbray had been in failing health. At first the malady was not such as to excite alarm, but when it failed to yield to treatment, the skill of the local physicians was supplemented by the experience of two noted specialists, but to no avail. The disease could not be checked and its ravages soon reduced her to a condition of extreme weakness, from which she never rallied. During her painful illness our dear sister was cheerful and resigned. Her faith in God remained unshaken, her hope of glorious immortality undimmed. She was able to say in fullest confidence "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day." Her departure was peaceful and triumphant. Quiet as comes the silent night, her spirit entered into rest. And though it was her desire often expressed that no public eulogy be pronounced at our annual gathering, we cannot forbear a word in characterization of so gentle and loving a spirit. Her throne of power was in her home. None who were privileged to enjoy her hospitality can ever forget her gracious charm of manner or the delightful fellowship of her presence. Yet withal she took an earnest and active interest in her husband's work. Hers was a helpful influence in both home and Church. Naturally of a retiring disposition, she was nevertheless deeply interested in all that concerned the progress of God's kingdom or the weal of the community. During the trying ordeal through which her husband passed while contending for the redemption of Elkton from the race track curse, her bravery showed to rare advantage, and she stood ready to suffer if need be, for the cause of righteousness. She was a woman of unusual executive ability, and yet withal her gentle and sympathetic disposition united to make her character most attractive. She governed her children with tact, gentleness and love. Harshness was foreign to her nature. She was always ready with the reason why, and took for granted that children have brains as well as bodies. Hers was the gentle art of persuasion rather than a stern appeal to force. Yet was she not deficient in firmness,—she knew when and how to say no. In her relation as wife, she was devotion itself. Her husband was the ideal man and minister, and her loyal and loving soul was one with his.

She leaves to these bereaved ones a memory more precious than gold. The loving influence of her unselfish devotion will linger through the mellowing years, a hallowed benediction, a treasure of priceless worth. For such a life does not cease. Its stream of beneficent influence flows increasingly with the years. And while we wait the summoning that shall sound release from care and toil and strife, our hearts shall comfort take from memories sweet which reach across the years.

Brief service was held in the parsonage at Port Deposit, and in her old home in Dover, in charge respectively of the Presiding Elder of Wilmington District, and the Rev. Dr. Louis E. Barrett, pastor of Wesley Church, Dover.

These services were attended by a multitude of friends, including a large number of ministers. Her body was laid to rest in the family burial place to await the resurrection of the just.

ROBERT WATT.

Mrs. Sarah Enos Williams.

Mrs. Sarah Enos Williams, relict of the Rev. Thomas J. Williams of this Conference, was born in Smyrna, Delaware, February 27, 1827. Her parents were Benjamin and Lydia A. Enos, residents of Smyrna, and Methodists of the old-fashioned, genuine type. The father, Benjamin Enos, was for many years a class leader in Asbury church.

Converted while yet a girl in her 'teens, the church record still shows her name as a member of the second Wednesday night class, with Alex. C. Faries, leader, with "Married to T. J. Williams" on the margin. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. M. McCarter, who was at that time her pastor.

Immediately after her marriage she determined to make herself the model wife for an itinerant. Devoutly pious, fond of church service, interested in every department of Christian activity, she was indeed "an help-meet" to her husband in his holy work. During the ten years brother Williams served in the Missouri Conference as well as the years of service in this Conference, she was ever his inspiration and helper.

Since brother Williams' death in 1880, the result of a cold contracted at the New Castle session of the Conference, sister Williams has made her home with her sister, Mrs. Lydia R. Chance, and has resided in Georgetown, Smyrna, and Kent County, Maryland. For a year past sister Williams has been a sufferer from heart disease. On Nov. 3rd last the sisters removed to Baltimore. On Thursday, March 10, 1904, they went to spend the day with another sister, Mrs. Gale, who also lives in Baltimore. They returned to their home at 1802 Edmonson Avenue about 8 P. M. and in a half hour sister Williams passed away, so quietly and so suddenly that the friends about her scarcely had time to realize that she was even sick. On Monday, March 14, the body was brought to Smyrna, and in the family burial lot in Glenwood cemetery was laid to rest by the side of her precious dead who had passed on before her.

VAUGHAN S. COLLINS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Missionary Society			Cash	Vouchers	Total	Sunday School Union.		
Dover District...	\$5392	\$ 65				Dover District...	92	
Easton " ...	4841	240				Easton " ...	74	3
Salisbury " ...	5978	300				Salisbury " ...	98	2
Wilmington " ..	8093	364				Wilmington " ...	95	2
Totals.....	24304	969	25273			Totals.....	359	7 366
Church Extension.						Tract Society.		
Dover District...	297	21				Dover District...	92	
Easton " ...	271	10				Easton " ...	68	
Salisbury " ...	425	10				Salisbury " ...	94	2
Wilmington " ...	517	8				Wilmington " ...	98	2
Totals.....	1510	49	1559			Totals.....	352	4 356

Freedman's Aid.

Dover District...	244	10
Easton " ...	205	10
Salisbury " ...	248	8
Wilmington " ...	193	30
Totals.....	890	58 948

Public Education Col.

Dover District...	192	118
Easton " ...	119	
Salisbury " ...	127	
Wilmington " ...	205	23
Totals.....	643	141 784

Conf. Acad. Dept.

Dover District...	25	313
Easton " ...	537	367
Salisbury " ...	226	288
Wilmington " ...	267	30
Totals.....	1055	998 2053

Children's Fund.

Dover District...	93	19
Easton " ...	129	29
Salisbury " ...	126	52
Wilmington " ...	141	43
Totals.....	489	143 632

American Bible Soc.

Dover District...	88	84
Easton " ...	74	34
Salisbury " ...	118	5
Wilmington " ...	118	23
Totals.....	398	146 544

W. F. M. Society.

Dover District...	14	372
Easton " ...	5	476
Salisbury " ...	1	5
Wilmington " ...	19	1768
Totals.....	39	2621 2660

W. H. M. Society.

Dover District...	7	144
Easton " ...	23	338
Salisbury " ...		183
Wilmington " ...	2	2487
Totals.....	32	3152 3184

Domestic Miss.

Dover District...	185	
Easton " ...	252	
Salisbury " ...	175	

Wilmington " ...	115	
Totals.....	727	727

Phila. Hospital.

Dover District ..	28	23
Easton " ...	8	13
Salisbury " ...	75	10
Wilmington " ...	64	68
Totals.....	175	114 289

Stewar'ds Endow.

Dover District...	74	
Easton " ...	60	5
Salisbury " ...	104	13
Wilmington " ...	179	
Totals.....	417	18 435

Conference Claimants.

Dover District...	1458	6
Easton " ...	1529	
Salisbury " ...	1325	25
Wilmington " ...	2122	
Totals.....	6434	31 6465

Conference Education.

Dover District...	21	
Easton " ...	34	
Salisbury " ...	55	
Wilmington " ...	75	
Totals.....	185	185

General Conf. Exps.

Dover District...	213	
Easton " ...	208	10
Salisbury " ...	199	8
Wilmington " ...	373	6
Totals.....	993	24 1017

Episcopal Fund.

Dover District...	341	
Easton " ...	317	10
Salisbury " ...	368	8
Wilmington " ...	457	6
Totals.....	1483	24 1507

Easton Dist. Parsonage. 8 8

Total Receipts.....48,992

HENRY G. BUDD, JR.,
Treasurer.

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE. 1904.**MEMBERS.****Dover District.**

S. R. Smith.	H. I. Phillips.
H. P. Cannon.	Zack Johnson.
David Simpson.	J. M. Andrews.
E. B. Simmons.	T. S. Barrett.
Dr. L. S. Conwell.	C. F. Harper.
H. K. Hargadine.	J. H. H. Kelley.
Mrs. Mary C. Holt.	E. G. Reed.
R. W. Mills.	J. T. Buckson.
G. A. Anderson.	G. W. Collins.
H. R. Lewis.	S. W. Kinder.
Wesley Webb.	S. J. Wilson.
J. W. Hopkins.	C. W. Fisher.
L. W. Nichols.	W. M. Wright.
J. A. Ellegood.	J. M. Reid.
W. T. Hurley.	E. J. Winder.
T. H. Chambers.	S. M. Noble.
William Purnell.	C. G. Jackson.
E. W. Killen.	R. S. Poole.
D. H. Knotts.	H. T. Nuttle.
L. K. Hackett.	G. W. Mason.
C. F. Richards.	W. N. Conoway.
W. H. Franklin.	W. H. Hudson.
C. P. Swain.	W. G. Harris.
J. B. Parker.	

Easton District.

A. C. Loud.	J. B. Price.
J. E. Mortimer.	J. B. Cooke.
R. E. Baynard.	C. T. Wrightson.
G. C. Moore.	S. J. Fogwell.
J. T. Truax.	J. C. Parker.
E. W. Spear.	J. A. Trampton.
C. L. Joselyn.	W. R. Coleman.
J. A. Rhodes.	J. R. Shrewbrook.
B. F. Phillips.	W. R. Rowlenon.
W. T. Chambers.	T. E. White.
C. W. Smith	F. H. Harper.
R. S. Crew.	J. F. Dawson.
B. F. Rash.	R. M. Cooper.
James Brice.	R. M. Davis.
Stanford Dewberry.	D. A. Knotts.
Harry Willis.	W. S. Covington.
D. B. Maloney.	W. W. Allen.
J. D. Davis.	J. H. Sutton.
William Faries.	Charles Montague.
J. A. M. Denny.	H. O. Benson.
	J. J. Reese.

Salisbury District.

W. T. Beauchamp.	T. M. Dickey.
John Sterling.	T. H. Tilghman.
J. E. Wise, Jr.	J. H. Hopkins.
W. T. Moore.	Taylor Baker.
E. A. Melson.	E. J. Tull.
W. T. Townsend.	E. W. Mills.
C. O. Disbrow.	J. L. Powell.
L. T. Dryden.	T. H. Bock.
J. D. Anderson.	H. S. Phillips.
F. G. Elliott.	J. L. Derrickson.
P. J. Miles.	W. T. Willing.
T. E. Townsend.	E. E. Twilley.
W. G. Strickland.	Dr. J. Martin.
W. T. Jones.	B. P. Gravenor.
G. T. Fisher.	R. D. Jones.
S. T. Smith.	W. L. Scott.
B. F. English.	R. F. Powell.
S. F. Whittington.	L. H. Thomas.
T. B. Riffin.	E. N. White.
A. B. Ellis.	B. F. Marsh.
J. L. Wilson.	R. E. Simms.

Wilmington District.

J. R. Kane.	W. V. Harris.
E. L. Craig.	W. T. Dayatt.
Arthur Harvey.	J. H. Wilson.
W. B. Coleman.	J. R. Nelson.
W. A. Talley.	J. W. Wilkerson.
Alfred Brooks.	C. D. Sharpless.
G. R. Tompkins.	William Thompson.
J. F. Foster.	I. E. Perry.
Geo. Hutchinson.	Ruel Loomis.
W. W. Vansant.	W. J. Staats.
W. Gaynor.	C. Coffin.
Harry Vinsinger.	Frank Gray.
Edwin Golding.	C. E. Anderson.
G. H. Steele.	C. B. Lore.
J. A. Buck.	Jabes Hodson.
G. W. W. Weldin.	John Smith.
Warner McNeal.	Lewis Sutton.
J. A. Wise.	A. R. Spaid.
W. R. Flinn.	S. H. Baynard.
G. O. Garey.	L. T. Grubb.
W. H. Cole, Jr.	J. W. Coley.
Dr. A. W. Harris.	G. W. Joseph.
C. S. Abrams.	John Thornlon.

Proceedings.

The Lay Electoral Conference met in Wesley Church, Dover, Delaware, March 18, 1904, and was called to order at 10 a. m. by R. M. Cooper, Secretary. Upon motion Hon. Charles B. Lore was made temporary chairman, R. M. Cooper, Secretary, and Wesley Webb, Assistant Secretary. Prayer was offered by Jabez Hodson, Wilmington.

The Chairman announced the following committee on credentials: Louis T. Grubb, Wilmington District; W. H. Franklin, Dover District; James Brice, Easton District; Robley D. Jones, Salisbury District.

The roll of Delegates was called in order that the members might hand their credentials to the committee on credentials.

Upon motion the temporary organization was made permanent.

Upon motion the committee upon resolutions was appointed as follows: Joseph W. Coley, Wilmington District; C. F. Richards, Dover District; Harper Benson, Easton District; R. F. Powell, Salisbury District; W. L. Scott, member at large.

The Secretary, R. M. Cooper, stated that the Ministerial Conference had adopted resolutions referring to the time limit, sinful amusements and temperance, and asked that they be taken up at this time. E. J. Winder presented the resolutions.

After some discussion it was agreed to vote upon the resolutions separately, when the first resolution was adopted with only two dissenting voices.

The second resolution was then put to vote and carried unanimously.

Upon motion the Secretary was instructed to furnish each of the Lay Delegates from this Conference to the General Conference with a copy of these resolutions and also to send a copy to the General Conference.

The Committee on credentials reported (see list), and the report was adopted.

Professor H. S. Goldey presented and explained a plan for an Annuity Endowment Fund for Conference claimants, as arranged by the Preachers' Meeting of Wilmington, and upon motion it was referred to a special committee consisting of Jabez Hodson, H. P. Cannon, Joseph Mallalieu, R. B. Jones and S. H. Baynard.

Upon motion of R. M. Cooper the election of officers was made the special order of business for 2.30 p. m.

Upon further motion of R. M. Cooper it was ordered that all resolutions presented to the Convention be referred to the committee on resolutions without debate.

The chairman stated that the Conference has no rules or order of business and suggested that R. M. Cooper be appointed a committee of one to prepare an order of business to be presented to the next Conference, and upon motion brother Cooper was so appointed.

D. B. Maloney offered a resolution relating to local option which was referred to the committee on resolutions.

The Chairman read a resolution referring to the Hepburn-Doliver Bill in Congress which had been adopted by the Ministerial Conference. Referred to

the committee on resolutions.

A collection to pay for printing the minutes was taken.

Afternoon Session.

Rev. William Faries conducted the opening devotions for a half hour.

Dr. W. W. King and Dr. W. L. S. Murray presented the Greetings of the Ministerial Conference and requested the Lay Conference to meet with them jointly at some hour tomorrow morning.

Upon motion of S. H. Baynard, President Lore was asked to confer with Dr. King and Dr. Murray to fix the time of the joint session.

Pursuant to the motion adopted at the morning session, the special order of business, namely the election of delegates to the General Conference, was taken up and resulted as follows: Hon. Charles B. Lore, Wilmington District; Henry P. Cannon, Dover District; R. M. Cooper, Easton District; James E. Ellegood, Salisbury District. Alternates: A. W. Sisk, George C. Moore, L. N. Melson.

Jabez Hodson, Chairman of the special committee, reported favorably upon the Annuity Endowment Fund plan and upon motion it was unanimously adopted.

Morning Session, March 19.

Rev. T. S. Barrett conducted the morning devotions from 8.30 to 9.30, a meeting of great spirituality and power.

The committee on resolutions reported and their report was adopted.

The Conference proceeded to the audience room and met with the Ministerial Conference. The President and Secretary presented the Greetings of the Conference to the Ministerial Brethren and also made short addresses as delegates to the General Conference. Brothers Henry P. Cannon and James E. Ellegood the other delegates to the General Conference, also spoke briefly. Responses were made by the Ministerial Delegates to the General Conference.

The Lay Conference then returned to the lecture room. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the President and Secretaries.

Judge Lore then addressed the Conference briefly and upon motion it adjourned.

RESOLUTIONS.**I.**

On Time Limit, etc., see page 15.

II.

Whereas, The Constitution of the State of Delaware makes provision, that upon petition of the people, the Legislature shall grant the privilege of voting on the question of license or no license of the liquor traffic, and

Whereas, There is an organization within the bounds of the state, known as the Delaware State Temperance Alliance whose object is to secure such legislation as will bring the question before the voters of the state, by seeking to have elected to the legislature such men as will pledge themselves to such legislation,

Therefore, Be it resolved by this Lay Electoral Conference that we most heartily endorse the work of the Delaware State Temperance Alliance and pledge it our earnest support.

III.

Memorial to the General Conference of the M. E. Church, see page 20.

IV.

We wish hereby to express our thanks,

To the Pastor of this church for his untiring efforts for the comfort and convenience of this body.

To the Official Board of Wesley Church for the use of this splendid building.

To the good people of Dover who have so kindly thrown open their homes to us, and with lavish hospitality have entertained us.

To the Press for its fair and impartial reports of our proceedings.

To our efficient Secretaries for their faithful services.

To our beloved President for his efficient, impartial and kind services in presiding over our deliberations.

V.

Endowment Fund, see page 15.

PASTORAL RECORD.

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

- ADAMS, R. H. 1872, Denton; 73-4, Church Hill; 75-7, Trappe; 78-80, St. Michael's; 81-2, Millington; 83-5, St. Paul's; 86-9, Middletown; 90-1, Easton; 92-7, P. E. Dover District; 98-0, Easton; 1901-4, Union, Wilmington.
- ALDERSON, G. T. 1888-9, Queenstown; 90-2, Bishopville; 93-4, Federalsburg; 95-9, Princess-Anne; 00, Harrington; 01-3, Lewes; 04, Snow Hill.
- ANDERSON, J. F. 1888-9, Westover; 90, Parsonsburg; 91, Parksley; 92, Crumpton; 93-4, Pomo; 95-7, Talbot; 98, Woodlawn; 99, Marion; 00, Powellville; 01-2, Stockton; 03-4, Sharptown.
- ARTERS, J. A. 1870-1, Gumboro; 72-4, Roxana; 75-6, Berlin; 77-8, Deal's Island; 79-80, Annapessex; 81-2, Stockton; 83-4, Kent Island; 85-6, Centerville; 87-91, Church Hill; 92-6, Greensboro; 97-0, Cecilton, 01-2, Clayton; 03-4, Crumpton.
- ARTERS, J. M. 1899-01, Fairlee; 02-4, Odessa.
- ATKINS, E. C. 1877, F. N. Market; 78, Federalsburg; 79, Camden; 80-1, Galestown; 82-3, Leipsic; 84-5, Bethel and Glasgow; 86-9, Cecilton; 90-1, Madeley; 92-4, Onancock; 95-7, Berlin; 98-0, Centerville; 01-3, Harrington; 04, Newark, Del.
- BAKER, C. S. 1881-2, Pocomoke Circuit; 83-5, Tangier; 86-9, Delmar; 90, Deal's Island; 91-5, Asbury, Md.; 96-7, Fairmount; 98-03, P. E. Dover District; 04, Asbury, Wilmington.
- BARRETT, L. E. 1876-7, Epworth; 78-9, Red Lion; 80-1, Onancock; 82-4, Still Pond; 85-7, Port Deposit; 88-91, St. Paul's; 92-7, P. E. Wilmington District; 98-0, Milford; 01, Middletown; 02-4, Dover.
- BAYNARD, O. T. 1902-3, Henderson; 04, Royal Oak.
- BEAUCHAMP, T. F. 1892-3, Selbyville; 94-6, Smith's Island; 97-8, Mt. Vernon; 99-00, Williston; 01-4, Still Pond.
- BEAUCHAMP, J. H. 1894, Pocomoke Circuit; 95-6, Chincoteague; 97-8, Agent Conference Academy; 99-01, St. Michael's; 02-3, Townsend; 04, Harrington.
- BENNETT, W. O. 1897-8, Queenstown. 99, Annapessex; 00, Fruitland; 01-2, Ridgely; 03-4, Sudlersville.
- BLOXTON, F. E. 1898, Bishopville; 99-0, Crumpton; 01-3, Trappe; 04, Ewell.
- BOUNDS, G. W. 1890, Taylor's Island; 91, Church Creek; 92, Dover; 93-5, Cape Charles; 96-9, Deal's Island; 00-1, Tangier Island, 02-4, St. Michael's.
- BOWEN, W. L. P. 1876-7, Sharptown; 78-80, Fruitland; 81-3, Bethel; 84-5, Parsonsburg; 86-8, Smith's Island; 89, Potter's Landing; 90, Ellendale; 91, Cannon; 92, Newark, Md.; 93-04, Sd. BOWMAN G. W. 1885, Burrsville; 86-7, Beckwith; 88-9, Parsonsburg; 90-1, Mt. Vernon; 92, Bethel and Summit; 93, Wyoming; 94-5, Vienna; 96, Crapo; 97, E. N. Market; 98, Gumboro; 99-0, Woodlawn; 01, Marshallton; 02-4, Sy.
- BREWINGTON, J. A. 1890, Read's Wharf; 91-2, Gumboro; 93, Vienna; 94, Conference Academy; 95, Hurlock; 96, Georgetown Circuit; 97-8, Lincoln; 99, Millsboro; 00-1, Cordova; 02, Girdle-tree; 03-4, Parsonsburg.
- BRISCOE, J. W. 1902, Elliott's; 03, Salem; 04, Holland's Island.
- BUCKSON, J. A. 1904, Galestown.
- BURKE, Asbury, 1886, Elk Neck; 87-8, Bethel and Summit; 89-90, Crapo; 91-3, E. N. Market; 94-7, Brandywine; 98-9, Onancock; 00, St. Peter's; 01-2, Frankford; 03-4, Wesley.
- BURKE, G. W. 1865, Georgetown; 66-7, Frank-
- ford; 68, Milton; 69-70, Lewes; 71-2, Beckwith, 73-4, Berlin; 75, Delmar; 76-7, Christiana; 78-9, Kent Island; 80-1, Marydel; 82-3, Hillsboro; 84-5, Harrington; 86-8, Federalsburg; 89-91, Onancock; 92, Lincoln; 93-5, Millington; 96-8, St. Michael's; 99-01, Chester; 02-4, Marshalton.
- BURR, Warren; 1888-9, Girdletree; 90-4, St. Peter's; 95, Kingswood; 96-8, Cape Charles; 99-2, Sy; 03-4, Rock Hall.
- BUDD, H. G. 1894-7, Perryville; 98-2, Berlin; 03-4, Centerville.
- CASHMORE, Wm. 1896-02, Maine Conference; 03-4, Frederica.
- CANTWELL, E. N. 1899-0, Hockessin; 01, Bishopville; 02, Hollands Island; 03-4, Bethel.
- CANNON, J. R. Blue Ridge Conference, 99-0, Pomona; 01-4, Tilghman.
- CARPENTER, F. F. 1888-9, Bishopville; 90, Cape Charles; 91, Little Creek; 92, Leipsic; 93-4, Townsend; 95-8, Hillsboro; 99-0, Frankford; 01-3, Deal's Island; 04, Mt. Salem, Wilmington.
- CARROLL, James. 1865, Guthrieville; 66-7, Laurel; 68-9, Princess Anne; 70-1, Onancock, 72, Berlin; 73-5, Bridgeville. 76-7, Appoquinimink; 78-9, Galestown; 80-1, Nassau; 82-3, Beckwith; 84-5, Leipsic; 86-7, Greenwood; 88-90, Houston; 91-3, Millsboro; 94-5, Quantico; 96, Rock Hall; 97, Crumpton; 98, Royal Oak; 99-04, Sd.
- CHAIRES, W. W. 1888, Shortley, 89-90, Somerset; 91, Smith's Island; 92-3, Crapo; 94, Williston; 95, Sy; 96, Crumpton; 97-0, Tilghman; 01, Rock Hall; 02-4, Sy.
- CHANDLER, Albert. 1876, Hillsboro; 77, Sudlersville. 78, Woodlawn; 79-81, Parsonsburg; 82, Annapessex; 83, Sy.; 84-5, Delmar; 86-7, Sy.; 88-9, Ingleside; 90-1, Kenton; 92-4, Marydel; 95-8, Townsend; 99-1, Hurlock; 02, Kent Island; 03-4, Smyrna Ct.
- COCHRAN, F. J. 1881-2, Chesapeake City, 83-4, St. George's; 85-7, Farmington; 88, Gumboro; 89-90, Trappe; 91-3, Nanticoke; 94-6, Farmington; 97-8, Williston; 99-0, Roxana; 01-3, Mt. Pleasant; 04, East New Market.
- COLLINS, E. H. 1895, Claymont; 96-7, Stanton; 98-9, St. George's; 00, Whitesville; 01-2, St. John's; 03, Bethel and Summit; 04, Marvdel.
- COLLINS, J. M. 1876, Sudlersville; 77, Denton; 78, Royal Oak; 79, Kent; 80, Appoquinimink; 81, Westover; 82-3, Worcester; 84, Ellendale; 85-6, Lincoln; 87, Church Creek; 88-90, Elliott's Is.; 91-2, Talbot; 93-4, Kenton; 95-7, Ingleside; 98, Holland's Island; 99-0, Bethel; 01-2, Sy.; 03, Hooper's Island; 04, Colora.
- COLLINS, V. S. 1883, Dover and Cambridge; 84-5, Vienna; 86-7, Felton; 88-90, Scott; 91-3, Centerville; 94-6, New Castle; 97, Georgetown; 98-0, Principal Conference Academy; 01-3, Smyrna; 04, Port Deposit.
- COMPTON, W. P. 1888-90, Princess Anne; 91, Greenwood; 92-3, Bridgeville; 94-6, Chester-town; 97-8, Port Deposit; 99-0, Newark, Del.; 01-3, Zion; 04, Camden, Del.
- CONAWAY G. S. 1862, Berlin; 63, Newton; 64, Halifax, Pa.; 65-6, Birdsboro, Pa.; 67, Nesquehoning; 68, Gumboro; 69, Harrington; 70, Sharptown; 71, Delmar; 72-3, Wyoming; 74-5, Gumboro; 76-7, Beckwith; 78-9, Lincoln; 80-2, Elk Neck; 83-5, Rock Hall; 86-8, Appoquinimink; 89-91, Marydel; 92-3, Trappe; 94-6, Christiana; 97, Mt. Lebanon; 98-0, Bethel; 01-2, Elk Neck; 03, Wye; 04, Piney Neck.
- CORKRAN, L. P. 1881, Sudersville; 82-3, King's

Creek, 84, Queenstown; 85-6, Oxford; 87-8, Preston; 89-90, Greenwood; 91, Lincoln; 92-3, Delmar; 94-6, Marion; 97, North East; 98-0, Fairmount; 01-4, Milton.

CORKRAN, W. F. 1875, Millsboro; 77, Harrington; 78-9, Barret's Chapel; 80, Leipsic; 81-2, Magnolia; 83-5, Gumboro; 86-90, Asbury, Md; 91-6, P. E. Saalsbury District; 97-2 P. E. Easton District; 03-4, Georgetown

COURSEY, R. T. 1887-8, Hurlock; 89-90, Cannon; 91-2, Harrington; 93-6, Snow Hill; 97-9, Harrison St.; 00, Newport; 01, E. Ohio Conference; 02-04, Fairmount.

COVEY, A. H. 1899, Madison N. J.; 00, Still Pond; 01-02, Pomona; 03, Princess Anne; 04, Sy.

COLONA, J. W. 1902-03, Annapessex; 04, Princess Anne.

CREED, E. K. 1879-00, N. Y. East Conference; 01-2, Centerville; 03, Galena; 04, Bethel

DASHIELL, E. H. 1899-2, Rockland; 03-4, Chesapeake City.

DAVIS, HOWARD. 1900, Tunis' Mills; 01-2, Salem; 03-4, Powellville.

DAWSON, G. W. 1899-0, Perryville; 01-2, Bethel; 03-4, Mt. Lebanon.

DAWSON, W. F. 1884-5, Houston; 86-7, Vienna; 88-9, Millsboro; 00-2, Beckwith; 93-5, Magnolia; 96, Mt. Vernon; 97, Whitesville; 98, Chester; 99-2, Wesley; 03-4 Cecilton.

DEWICKSON, E. H. 1884-5, Pocomoke Circuit; 86-7, Newark, Md.; 88-9, Sharptown; 90-2, Girdletree; 93-5, Mt. Vernon; 96-7, Magnolia; 98-0, Mt. Pleasant; 01, Onancock; 02-3, Nanticoke.

DEVENISH, O. W. 1893, Royal Oak; 94, Burrsville; 95-6, Red Lion and Glasgow; 97, Selbyville; 98-0, Clayton; 01-3, Cherry Hill; 04, Bozman.

DULANY, H. S. 1886-7, Holland's Island; 88-90, Parksley; 91-4, Kingswood; 95-7, Onancock; 98-9, Whitesville; 00, Millington; 01-3, Asbury, Wilmington; 04, Asbury, Md.

EASLEY, J. W. 1885-6, Girdletree; 87-8, Onancock; 89-91, Federalsburg; 92-3, Chestertown; 94-7, Centerville; 98-0, Brandywine; 01, Scott; 02-4, Harrison St.

ELLIS, G. R. 1898, Worton; 99-2, Kenton; 03-4, Ridgely.

ESGATE, JAS. 1866, Bridgeville; 67, Annapessex; 68, Bethesda; 69, Quantico; 70, Chesapeake City; 71-85, Sy; 86-04, sd.

FAULKNER, F. N. 1899-4, Selbyville.

FOGLE, J. W. 1889, Burrsville, 90-2, Queenstown; 93-4, Oxford; 95-7, Cheswold; 98-0, Cannon; 01-2, Williston. 03-4, Quantico.

FOSNOSH, I. G. 1868, Sudlersville; 69, Denton; 70, Kent; 71-2, Queenstown; 73, Frederica; 74, Chrisfield; 75-6, Quantico; 77-8, Snow Hill; 79-80, Church Hill; 81, Hillsboro; 82-4, Onancock; 85-6, Pocomoke City; 87-9, Galena; 90-2, Chesapeake City; 93-6, Camden; 97-0, Farmington; 01-2, Princess Anne; 03-4, Magnolia.

GALLAGHER, J. E. 1900, Georgetown Circuit; 01-2, Millsboro; 03, Marion; 04, St. John's.

GARDNER, EDWIN. 1891-3, Elk Neck; 91-5, Marshallton; 96-7, Royal Oak; 98-0, Cheswold; 01-3, Cape Charles; 04, Millington

GARDNER, J. H. 1902-3, Church Creek; 04, Marion.

GEOGHEGAN, J. H. 1891, Cordova; 92, Wye; 93, Armory; 94-5, Hopewell; 96-8, Church Creek; 99-0, Cherry Hill; 01-2, St. Georges; 03-4, Girdletree.

GIVAN, D. J. 1895-7, Parksley, Va.; 98, Chance; 99-0, Gumboro; 01-3, Farmington; 04, Hillsboro.

GIVEN, T. N. 1884-7, Va. Conference; 88-9, Mt. Lebanon; 90, Stanton; 91, Somerset; 92-3, Fruitland; 94-5, Millsboro; 96, Sharptown; 97, Newark, Md.; 98, Church Creek; 99-0, Burrsville; 01,

Hockessin; 02, Red Lion; 03-4, Charlestown.

GOODHAND, A. W. 1903-4, Cheswold.

GRAHAM, J. E. 1889, New Church; 90, Pocomoke Circuit; 91, Powellville; 92-3, Burrsville; 94-5, Galestown; 96-0, Wyoming; 01-3, Roxana; 04, Ocean View.

GRAY, J. W. 1888, Pocomoke Circuit; 89, Powellville; 90-1, Fruitland; 92-3, Smith's Island; 94, Somerset; 95-6, Roxana; 97-9, Crapo; 00, Chincoteague; 01-2, Mt. Vernon; 03-4, Lincoln.

GREEN, A. 1890-1, Wyoming; 92-4, Greenwood; 95-6, Whitesville; 97-0, Greensboro; 01, Newport; 02-3, Snow Hill; 04, Preston.

GREENE, W. M. 1873, Millsboro; 74, Camden; 75, Bridgeville; 76, Felton; 77-78, Church Creek; 79-80, Bethel; 81-2, Kent; 83-4, Christiana; 85-6, Galestown; 87, Wyoming; 88-9, Beckwith; 90-1, Williston; 92-3, Farmington; 94, Nassau; 95-3, Sy.; 04, Sd.

GREENFIELD, W. E. 1899-0, Elk Neck; 01-4, Perryville.

GRISE, C. A. 1879, Harrington; 80, Annapessex; 81, Smith's Island; 82-4, Berlin; 85-6, Onancock; 87-91, Brandywine; 95-6, Georgetown; 97-8, Chestertown; 99-0, Union; 01-3, Easton; 04, Baltimore.

GUTHRIE, W. B. 1883, Pocomoke Circuit; 84-5, Westover; 86-7, Fruitland; 88-90, Holland's Is.; 90-2, Houston; 93-4, Gumboro; 95-8, Somerset; 99-0, Rock Hall; 01, Marydel; 02, Mognolia; 03-4, Chincoteague.

GUNBY, W. E. 1903-4, Queenstown.

GWINN, W. K. 1869-1901, Baltimore Conference, 1902-4, Chance

HABBAR, D. W. E. 1903, Little Creek; 04, Fairlee.

HARDESTY, G. L. 1883-4, Woodlandtown; 85-7, Magnolia; 88, Tangier; 89-90, Galestown; 91-2, St. Georges; 93-4, Roxana; 95-9, St. Peter's; 00-2, Smyrna Circuit; 03, Berlin; 04, Whitesville.

HARDING, T. H. 1871, Denton; 72, Hillsboro; 73-4, Queenstown; 75, Church Creek; 76-7, Galestown; 78-9, Sharptown; 80-2, Gumboro; 83-4, Quantico; 85-7, Mt. Vernon; 88-9, Newark; 90, Stockton; 91-2, Ingleside; 93-6, Charlestown; 97, St. George's; 98-0, Stanton; 01-4, Sy.

HASTINGS, G. W. 1899-0, Stockton; 01-2, Gumboro; 03-4, Mt. Vernon.

HILL, C. A. 1878, Bridgeville; 79, Princess Anne; 80-1, King's Creek; 82, Sassafras; 83, Epworth; 84-86, Cherry Hill; 87-90, Centerville; 91-5, Salisbury; 96-7, Easton; 98-0, Smyrna; 01-4, Salisbury.

HILLS, V. E. East Maine Conf.; 99-2, Lincoln; 03-4, Gumboro.

HIRONS, W. R. 1901-2, Newark; 03, Smith's Island; 04, Onancock, Va.

HOFFCKER, E. L. 1876, Denton; 1877, King's Creek; 78-9, Talbot; 80-2, Cambridge; 83-01, New York Conf.; 02-4, Greensboro

HOLT, T. S. 97-0, St. John's; 01-4, Federalsburg.

HUNTER, T. B. 1869, St. Michael's; 70-1, Mt. Lebanon; 72-3, Brandywine; 74-6, St. Georges; 77, Chester; 78-80, Cherry Hill; 81, Roxana; 82-4, Delaware City; 85-6, Chester; 87-9, Charlestown; 90-92, Cherry Hill; 93-5, Bethel; 96, Sy.; 97, Westover; 98, Hockessin; 99, Colara; 00-1, Red Lion, 02-3, Ebenezer; 04, Cherry Hill.

HURST, W. O. 1892, Cape Charles; 93, Queenstown; 94-6, Clayton; 97-1, Odessa; 02-4, Newport.

JANNEY, L. R. 76 Central Ohio; 77-87, South India; 88, Southwest Kansas; 89-91, Oregon; 92-97, Bengal-Burmah; 98-02, New Jersey; 034, Millsboro

JESTER, B. F. 1876-1901, Methodist Protestant Church; 02, Talbot; 03-4, Crapo.

JOHNSON, J. I. 1898-0, Galestown; 01-3, Greenwood; 04, Seaford, Ct.

JONES, C. N. 1900, Leipsic; 01-2, at school; 03, Colara; 04, Cookman, Wilmington.

JONES, G. P. 1891-3, Chincoteague; 94, Selbyville; 95-8, Cherry Hill; 99-1, Townsend; 02, Hurlock; 03, Brandywine; 04, Milford.

JONES, O. E. 1898-9, Ingleside; 00-2, at school; 03-4, Delaware City.

JONES, J. W. 1898, Annapessex; 99-3, Cookman; 04, Townsend.

JONES, T. H. 1903, Piney Neck; 04, Church Creek.

KARHOLSEN, L. P. Central N. Y. Conference; 00-1, Kingswood; 02-3, Chester; 04, Christiana.

KELSO, H. B. 1898-0, Elliott's Is.; 01-2, Powellville; 03-4, Williamsburg.

KELSO, J. M. 1904, Mardela Springs.

KING, W. W. St. Louis Conference. 1900-4, Grace.

KOONS, W. G. 1886, Westover; 87-91, Wesley; 92-1, North East; 95, Cookman; 96, Rising Sun; 97-0, Bridgeville; 01-2, New Castle; 03-4, P. E. Easton Dist.

LAYFIELD, L. W. 1871, Princess Anne; 72, Claymont; 73-5, Elk Neck; 76-8, Charlestown; 79-81, Bethel; 82-4, Claymont; 85-7, St. George's; 88-90, E. N. Market; 91, Magnolia; 92-3, Zion; 94-6, Epworth; 97-9, Smyrna Ct.; 00-3, Camden; 04, Greenwood.

LEWIS, W. T. 74-7, West Va. Conf.; 78-84, N. Ohio Conf.; 85-93, St. Louis Conf.; 94-6, Arkansas Conf.; 97-01, Troy Conference; 02-3, Mt. Pleasant; 04, Oxford.

LEWIS, R. H. 1902, Little Creek; 1903, Bishopville; 04, Westover.

LIGHTBOURN, A. W. 1887-1902, Congregational Church; 1903-4, Epworth.

LINDALE, J. M. 1879, Bridgeville; 80, Denton; 81-2, Woodlandtown; 83-4, Fruitland; 85-7, Pomona; 88-91, Bayside and Tilghman; 92-4, Cordova; 95-8, Sudlersville; 99-0, Federalsburg; 01-3, Church Hill; 04, Mt. Pleasant.

MACNICHOL, E. C. 1876, Camden; 77, Barrett's Chapel; 78, Epworth; 79-80, Charlestown; 81, Millsboro; 82-4, Pomona; 85-7, Still Pond; 88-90, Felton; 91-2, Sudlersville; 93-7, Pocomoke City; 98-4, Cambridge.

MARTINDALE, T. E. 1864, Easton; 65, Seaford; 66, Princess Anne; 67-8, Newtown; 69-70, Snow Hill; 71-3, Port Deposit; 74-6, Union; 77-9, Middletown; 80-3, P. E. Easton District; 84-6, Dover; 87-90, Salisbury; 91-3, New Castle; 94-7, Milford; 98-2, P. E. Salisbury District; 03-4, Elkton.

MARTIN, O. L. M. E. Church, South. 1900-1, Westover; 02, Quantico; 03-4, St. Georges.

MATTHEWS, W. E. 1902, Marion; 03, Newark, Md.

M'CANN, MILTON. 1902, Bishopville; 03-4, Pomona.

M'FARLANE, W. R. 1868, Greensboro; 69, Marydel; 70-2, Hillsboro; 73-4, Kent Island; 75-6, Church Hill; 77, Gumboro; 78-9, Marydel; 80-1, Princess Anne; 82-3, Deal's Island; 84, Stockton; 85-7, Roxana; 88-90, Annapessex; 91, Trappe; 92, Magnolia; 93-4, Berlin; 95, Georgetown Ct.; 96, Galestown; 97-3, Sharptown; 99, Christiana; 00-1, Royal Oak; 02, Williamsburg; 03-4, Pocomoke Ct.

M'SORLEY, F. C. 1873-4, Bridgeville; 75, Dorchester Ct.; 76, Royal Oak; 77, Kent; 78-80, Hillsboro; 81-2, Trappe; 83, Harrington; 84-6, Laurel; 87-9, Christfield; 90-2, Lewes; 93-5, Cambridge; 96-8, Newark; 99-2, Pocomoke City; 03-4, Kent Island.

M'FAULL, D. F. 1884, Millsboro; 85, Fruitland; 86, Leipsic; 87-8, Crapo; 89-90, Elk Neck; 91, Pocomoke Ct.; 92-3, Somerset; 94-6, Bethel; 97-8, Roxana; 99, Smith's Is.; 00-2, Parsonsburg; 03-4, Kenton.

M'KINSEY, F. E. 1892, Massey; 93-4, Bayside; 95, Exmore; 96, Little Creek; 97-8, Elliott's Is.; 99, Royal Oak; 00-2, Christiana; 03-4, Red Lion.

M'DOUGLE, L. I. 99-03, Oxford; 04, Kingswood, Wilmington.

MERRITT, J. B. 1853, Centerville; 54, Talbot; 55-6, Frederica; 57-8, Middletown; 59-60, Dorchester; 61, Seaford; 62, Cambridge; 63-4, Easton; 65, Camden; 66-8, Centerville; 69-70, Chester-town; 71-2, Dover; 73-5, St. Paul's; 76-8, Odessa; 79-81, Still Pond; 82-3, Cecilton; 84, Smyrna Ct.; 85-04 Sd.

MILLER, E. H. 1869, Lewisville; 70, Smyrna Ct.; 71-2, Bridgeville; 73, Harrington, 74-5, Barrett's Chapel; 76-7, Queenstown; 78-9, King's Creek; 80, Kent; 81-2, Royal Oak; 83, Chincoteague; 84-6, Sharptown; 87-8, Elk Neck; 89, Chincoteague; 90-1, Newark, Md.; 92-4, Whitesville; 95-7, Greenwood; 98, Beckwith; 99-2, Sharptown; 03-4, Stockton.

MOORE, F. X. 1898, Marion; 99-0, Newark, Md.; 01, Fruitland; 02-3, Westover; 04, Hopewell.

MITCHELL, J. M. 1885, Bridgeville; 86-7, Houston; 88-9, Vienna; 90, Woodside; 91-3, Quantico; 94-5, Parsonsburg; 96, Preston; 97-8, Cordova; 99-0, Ellendale; 01-3, Seaford Circuit; 04, Zion.

MITCHELL, J. H. 1902, Colara; 03, Bayside; 04, Armory, Dover.

MORGAN, S. M. 1887-9, Townsend; 90-1, Hillsboro; 92-6, Mt. Salem; 97-01, Snow Hill; 02-3, Milford; 04, P. E. Dover District.

MORRIS, S. J. 1858-83, in other Conferences; 87, Tangier; 88, Harrington; 89, Greensboro; 90-3, St. Michael's; 94, Lewes; 95-6, Bridgeville; 67-8, Rising Sun; 99-03, Sy.; 04, Sd.

MOWBRAY, A. S. 1883-4, Oxford; 85-6, Marydel; 87-90, Pocomoke City; 91-4, Newport; 95-8, Elkton; 99-03, Port Deposit; 04, P. E. Wilmington District.

MOWBRAY, W. R. 1886, Sassafras; 87-8, Royal Oak; 89-92, Pomona; 93-6, Smyrna Ct.; 97, Nanticoke; 98-00, Zion; 01-4, Bridgeville.

MUMFORD, F. I. 1903, Neavitt; 04, Annapessex.

MURRAY, W. L. S. 1871, Gumboro; 72, Snow Hill; 73, Phoenix Station; 74, W. C. Academy; 76-7, Cambridge; 78-9, North East; 80-2, Middletown; 83-5, Asbury; 86, St. Paul's; 87-91, P. E. Wilmington District; 92-5, Dover; 96-04, St. Paul's.

NEESE, G. R. 1879-93, in M. E. Church South; 94, Houston; 95-6, Nassau; 97, Gumboro; 98, Smith's Island; 99-02, Somerset; 03-4, Frankford.

NELSON, E. H. 1870, Annapessex; 71, E. N. Market; 72-3, Kent; 74, Mt. Lebanon; 75-6, Chester; 77, St. Georges; 78-80, Frankford; 81-3, Federalsburg; 84-6, Newport; 87-9, Chesapeake City; 90-4, Galena; 95-7, Still Pond; 98-9, Nanticoke; 00-1, Girdletree; 02-4, Felton.

- NORTHROP, V. P. 1892-3, Quindocqua; 94, Bishopville; 95-6, St. John's; 97-00, Madeley; 01-2, Delaware City; 03-4, Clayton.
- NUTTER, M. D. 90-2, Hurlock; 93-4, Beckwith; 95-6, Gumboro; 97-8, Marydel; 99-00, West Va.; 01-4, St. Peters.
- O'BRIEN, T. A. H. 1876, Snow Hill; 77, Fruitland; 78, Princess Anne; 79-80, Chincoteague; 81-3, Madeley; 84-6, Chesapeake City; 87-9, Cherry Hill; 90-2, Cecilton; 93-5, Fairmount; 96-8, Frederica; 99-00, Hillsboro; 01-3, Mt. Salem; 04, Lewes.
- OTIS, J. P. 72-3, New England; 74-7, Va. 78-9, Cambridge; 80-1, Centerville; 82-4, Odessa; 85-7, Elkton; 88-90, Port Deposit; 91, Bridgeville; 92-3, Brandywine; 94-5, St. Michael's; 96-8, Crisfield; 99-00, Mt. Salem; 01-3, Newark, Del; 04, Rising Sun.
- OUTTEN, J. P. 1893-4, Williamsburg; 95 6, E. N. Market; 97-8, Rock Hall; 99-01, Nassau; 02-3, Onancock; 04, Cape Charles.
- PILCHARD, S. N. 1881-82, Wyoming; 83-4, Magnolia; 85, Stockton; 86-8, Frankford; 89-90, Delaware City; 91-5, Laurel; 96, Scott; 97-00, Chaplain U. S. Army; 01, Greensboro; 02-4, Crisfield.
- POOLE, J. W. 1870, Bridgeville; 71-2, Harrington; 73, Federalsburg; 74, Snow Hill; 75-6, Fruitland; 77-9, Holland's Island; 80, Woodlandtown; 81-2, Church Creek; 83-4, Farmington; 85-7, Queenstown; 88-04, Sd.
- POOLE, L. E. 1896, Queenstown; 97-8, Charles-town; 99-02, Chesapeake City; 03-4, Pocomoke City.
- POOLE, W. C. 1896-01, Queenstown; 02-3, Fairlee; 04, Church Hill.
- PRETTYMAN, A. P. 1882-3, Millsboro; 84-5, Bayside; 86-8, Trappe; 89-91, Chester; 92-3, Delaware City; 94-7, Zion; 98-04, Galena
- PRETTYMAN, C. W. 1868, Millington; 69-70, Dickinson College; 71-2, Leipsic; 73-1, Appoquinimink; 75-6, Sudlersville; 77-9, Centerville; 80-2, Lewes; 83-5, Union; 86-7, Newark, Del.; 88-92, Fairmount; 93-5, Seaford; 96-00, Salisbury; 01-2, Brandywine; 03-4, New Castle.
- PRETTYMAN, J. W. 97, Piney Neck; 98, Crumpton; 99-00, Church Creek; 01-2, Crumpton; 03-4, Cordova.
- PROUSE, J. T. 1886, Quantico; 87, Ellendale; 88, Church Creek; 89-90, Nassau; 91, Annessex; 92, Mt. Vernon; 93-4, Talbot; 95-6, Kenton; 97, Trappe; 98-9, Red Lion; 00-2, Charlestown; 03, Christiana; 04, Chester.
- RAWLINS, P. H. 1869-71, Berlin; 72-3, Annessex; 74-6, Snow Hill; 77-9, Smyrna Ct.; 80-1, Scott; 82-4, Georgetown; 85-7, E. N. Market; 88-92, Camden; 93-5, Harrington; 96-7, Agt. End. Fund; 99-01, Sy.; 02-4, Agt. End. Fund.
- REDMAN, W. W. 1856-58, Smyrna Ct.; 59, Vernon, Del.; 60, Snow Hill; 61, Church Creek; 62, Worcester; 63-4, Frankford; 65-6, Quantico; 67, Milton; 68, Lincoln; 69, Bethel; 70-2, Church Hill; 73-5, Beckwith; 76-8, Millsboro; 79, Wyoming; 80-4, Sy.; 85-6, Woodlandtown; 87-8, Williston; 89, Fruitland; 90, Powellville; 91-04, Sd.
- REHSE, J. D. 1886, Chincoteague; 87, Bayside; 88, Pomona; 89-90, Royal Oak; 91-2, Appoquinimink; 93, Girdletree; 94, Crapo; 95-6, Williston; 97-8, Nassau; 99-00, Mt. Vernon; 01-2, Houston; 03-4, Beckwith.
- RICHARDSON, J. T. East Main Conference. 99-00, Church Hill; 01-4, Denton.
- ROBERTS, E. P. 1884, Roxana; 85, Bishopville; 86, Townsend; 87-90, Oxford; 91, Preston; 92-4, Milton; 95-6, Odessa; 97, Bethel; 98-00, Still Pond; 01-3, Chestertown; 04, Easton.
- ROE, ROBERT. 1873, Hillsboro; 74, Talbot; 75, Sudlersville; 76, Church Creek; 77-8, Lewisville; 79, Pocomoke City; 80-1, Berlin; 82-3, Sharptown; 84, Sy.; 85-7, Millsboro; 88-9, Ellendale; 90-3, Rock Hall; 94-6, Trappe; 97-8, Kenton; 99 00, Sudlersville; 01-2, Cheswald; 03, Talbot; 04, Trappe.
- SCOTT, A. T. 1858-9, Mt. Salem; 60-1, Crozier-ville; 62, North East; 63-4, Middletown; 65, Frederica; 66-71, Sy.; 72-80, Prof. W. F. College; 81 00, Sy.; 01-4, Ed. Christian Companion.
- SHARP, W. W. 1886-7, Ingleside; 88-9, Kenton; 90-2, Kent Island; 93-4, Hillsboro; 95-8, Wesley; 99-01, Delmar; 02-3, Tangier; 04, Deal's Island.
- SHIPMAN, S. P. 1889-96, Va. Conf.; 97, Beckwith; 98-01, Kent Island; 02, Galena; 03-4, Williston.
- SHORT, F. B. 1891, Rowlandville; 92-6, Harrison St.; 97-01, Epworth; 02, Sec. Y. M. C. A.; 03-4, Vice Chancellor University Pacific, Calif.
- SIDELL, E. R. 90-7, West Wisconsin; 98, Federalsburg; 99-00, Marydel; 01, West Wisconsin; 02-3, Millington; 04, Newark, Del.
- SMITH, ALFRED. 1879-80, E. N. Market; 81-2, Oxford; 83-5, Greensboro; 86-9, Cambridge; 90, Middletown; 91-6, P. E. Easton District; 97-01, Dover; 02, Epworth; 03-4, Conf. Temperance Evangelist.
- SMITH, G. P. 1896, Lakesville; 97, Ellendale; 98-00, Houston; 01-4, Wyoming.
- SMOOT, T. C. 1883, Stanton; 90, Mt. Lebanon; 91, Berlin; 92, Sharptown; 93, Leipsic; 94-5, Wyoming; 96-7, Millington; 98-9, Felton; 00-1, Nanticoke; 02-3, Marydel; 04, Galena.
- STENGLE, ADAM. 1870-1, Chincoteague; 72, Gumboro; 73-4, Quantico; 75-6, E. N. Market; 77-9, Crisfield; 80-2, Union; 83-5, Middletown; 86-90, Union; 91-2, Port Deposit; 93-7, Smyrna; 95-02, Georgetown; 03-4, P. E. Salisbury Dist.
- STEPHENSON, R. K. 1878, Snow Hill; 79, Annessex; 80, Barrett's Chapel; 81-2, Appoquinimink; 83-5, Trappe; 86-8, Millington; 89-92, Smyrna Ct.; 93-5, Crisfield; 96-00, Seaford; 01-2, Elkton; 03-4, Scott.
- STRICKLAND, C. W. 1892, Little Creek; 93-4, Elliott's Island; 95, Pocomoke Ct.; 96-7, Parsonsburg; 98-9, Chincoteague; 00-1, Quantico; 02-4, Nassau.
- SUNFIELD, E. C. 1898, New Jersey Conf.; 99-00, Chestertown; 01, Millington; 02-4, Conf. Evangelist.
- TALLEY, J. W., 1897, Zoar; 98-01, Talbot; 02, Rock Hall; 03, Ed. Peninsula Methodist; 04, Farmington.
- TAYLOR, HARRY. 1897, Little Creek; 98, Vienna 99-00, Williamsburg; 01-3, Burrsville; 04, Georgetown.
- TAYLOR, W. P. 1886-92, at School; 93, Perryville 94, St. John's; 95-6, Mt. Lebanon; 97-8, Christiana; 99-01, Beckwith; 02, Crapo; 03-4, Elk Neck.

- TERRY, T. E. 1876-77, Leipsic; 78-9, Beckwith; 80-1, Seaford; 82-4, Centerville; 85-6, New Castle; 87-91, Dover; 92-5, St. Paul's; 96-8, Harrington; 99-00, Elkton; 01-3, Asbury; 04, Laurel.
- THOMAS, G. S. 1903-4, Elliott's Isl.
- THOMPSON, H. S. 1858, Centerville; 59, Bridesburg; 60-1, Nineteenth St., Phila.; 62, New London; 63-4, Cambridge; 65, Dorchester; 66-7, Frederica; 68-9, Still Pond; 70, St. Georges; 71-2, Elkton; 73-5, Providence Conf.; 76 8, Newport; 79 84 N. H. Conference; 85-6, Easton; 87-9, Lewis; 90, Denton; 91-2, Odessa; 93-5, Felton; 96-00, Delaware City; 01-4, Silverbrook.
- TODD, R. W. 1858, Dover; 54, Easton; 55, Denton 56, Kent Island; 57-8, Camden; 59, St. Georges; 60, Cambridge; 61-9, Sy.; 70, Laurel; 71-2, St. Paul's; 73, Rehoboth; 74, Felton; 75-6, Easton; 77-8, Millington; 79-82, P. E. Dover Dist.; 83-4, North East; 85-7, Snow Hill; 88-9, Chestertown; 90-1, Greensboro; 92, Ed. Conf. Chronicle; 93-4, Princess Anne; 95-8, Agent Md. Bible Society; 99-00, Mt. Pleasant; 01-3, Hopewell; 04, Sd.
- TOMKINSON, W. E. 1871-82, N. Y. E. Conf.; 83, Chesapeake City; 84, Princess Anne; 85-6, Charlestown; 87-8, Sy.; 90, Claymont; 91-3, Mt. Pleasant; 94, E. N. Market; 95-6, Houston; 97-04, Sy.
- TOWNSEND, G. W. 1876, Claymont; 77 8, Asbury Md.; 79-81, Salisbury; 82, Pocomoke City; 83-5, Galena; 86-9, Hillsboro; 90, Bridgeville; 91-3, Denton; 94-8, Delmar; 99-00, North East; 01-2, Cecilton; 03-4, Hurlock.
- TURNER, H. C. 1891-2, Oxford; 93, Clayton; 94-5, Frederica; 96-9, Girdletree; 00-3, Laurel; 04, Brandywine, Wilmington.
- VAN BURKALOW, J. T. 1859, Smyrna Ct.; 60, Greensboro; 61, Harrington; 62, Frankford; 63-5, Chap. U. S. Army; 66, Airey's; 67, Atlantic; 68-70, Salisbury; 71-3, Federalsburg; 74-5, Kent; 76-8, Bridgeville; 79-81, Sudlersville; 82-3, Smyrna Ct.; 84-5, Cecilton; 86, Bethel and Glasgow; 87, Zion; 88-90, Mt. Pleasant; 91, Mt. Lebanon; 92-3, Galestown; 94, Lincoln; 95-6, Beckwith; 97-8, Georgetown Ct.; 99-01, Vienna; 02-4, Sd.
- VAN DYKE, T. R. 1895-7, Oxford; 98, Pomona. 99-00, Cape Charles; 01-3, Whitesville; 04, Tangier.
- WALLIN, F. O. B. 1871-1900, Swedish Mission; 01-4, Sd.
- WALTON, O. S. 1879, Sudlersville; 80, Princess Anne, 81-2, Chincoteague; 83-5, Sassafras; 86, Cape Charles City; 87, Selbyville; 88-9, Red Lion; 90, Sy.; 91, Hopewell; 92-3, Annessex; 94-7, Hockessin; 98-00, Preston; 01-4, Sy.
- WARNER, W. M. 1853, Frederica; 54, Millington-55, Hedding, Phila.; 56, Camden; 57-8, Denton; 59-60, Hillsboro; 61-2, Greensboro; 63-4, Sudlersville; 65-6, Harrington; 67-8, Sy.; 69-70, Felton; 71-3, Lewes; 74, Brandywine; 75-7, Millington; 78-80, Trappe; 81-2, Galena; 83, Stockton; 84-6, Wyoming; 87-8, Marydel; 89-90, Appoquinimink; 91, Leipsic; 92, Kenton; 93-4, Ingleside; 95-04, Sd.
- WATT, ROBERT. 1885-7, Princess Anne; 89-9, Snow Hill; 90-3, Milford; 94-5, Scott; 96-7, Laurel; 98-3, P. E. Wilmington District; 04, Smyrna.
- WEBSTER, Z. H. 1887, Quantico; 88, Fruitland; 89-91, Whitesville; 92-3, Tangier; 94-8, Denton; 99-00, Frederica; 01, Hillsboro; 02-4, Delmar.
- WESTERFIELD, H. A. G. 1893-4, at school; 95-8, Chesapeake City; 99-03, Rising Sun; 04, North East.
- WHITE, E. E. 1866, Laurel; 67, Dorchester; 68, Snow Hill; 69, Bridgeville; 70-2, Quantico; 73-4, Milton; 75, Felton; 76-7, Red Lion; 78-80, Brandywine, 81-3, Cherry Hill; 84-5, Charlestown; 86-8, Smyrna Ct.; 89-92, Millington; 93-5, Church Hill; 96-00, Silverbrook; 01-4, Madeley.
- WHITE, W. L. 1893-4, Cookman; 95-7, Federalsburg; 98-0, Lewes; 01-3, Seaford; 04, Chestertown.
- WHITE, W. W. 1875-02, Methodist Protestant Church; 03, Royal Oak; 04, Hockessin.
- WICKLINE, J. S. 1868-90, Virginia Conference; 91-3, Nassau; 94, Bridgeville; 95-8, Frankford, 99-00, Denton; 02-4, Sy.
- WILCOX, G. W. 1872, Newtown; 73-4, Sharptown; 75-6, Lewisville; 77-9, Berlin; 80-1, Mt. Pleasant; 82-3, Delmar; 84, Newark, Md.; 85-6, St. Peter's; 87, Berlin; 88-9, Farmington; 90, Millsboro; 91, Holland's Island; 92-04, Sd.
- WILLIAMS, C. H. 1882, Bridgeville; 83, East New Market; 04-6, Church Creek; 87-9, Stockton; 90, Sharptown; 91-3, Marshallton; 94-7, Mt. Pleasant; 98-00, Greenwood; 01, Preston; 02-4, Fruitland.
- WILLIAMS, W. S. H. 1892, Holland's Island; 93-7, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel); 98, Millsboro; 99, Cordova; 00-1, Crapo, 02-3, Georgetown Ct.; 04, Burrsville.
- WILLIAMS, G. C. 1902-3, Preston; 04, Berlin.
- WILLIS, D. H. 1885-91, Va. Conf.; 92, Hooper's Is.; 93-4, Church Creek; 95-6, Williamsburg; 97, Galestown; 98-9, Powellville; 00, Pocomoke Ct.; 01-2, Bethel; 03, Holland's Is; 04, Salem.
- WILSON, J. H. 1886-91, Va. Conf.; 92, Parksley; 93, Preston; 94, Hooper's Island; 95-6, Tilghman; 97-8, Williamsburg; 99-01, Georgetown Ct.; 02, Beckwith; 03-4, Houston.
- WISE, W. A. 1884-5, Kingswood; 86-7, Red Lion; 88-9, Cape Charles; 90, Berlin; 91-2, Pocomoke City; 93-4, Silverbrook; 95-8, North East; 99, Harrington; 00, Onancock; 01-3, North East; 04, Seaford.
- WOOD, G. E. 1886, Crumpton; 87, King's Creek; 88-9, Hallwood; 90, Chincoteague; 91-4, Claymont; 95, Bishopville; 96-7, Cannon; 98-9, Parsonsburg; 00-1, Magnolia; 02-3, E. N. Market; 04, Laurel.
- WRIGHT, E. C. St. Louis Conf.; 1900, Ingleside; 01-2, Sudlersville; 03, St. John's; 04, Sy.
- WYATT, C. T. 1886, Chincoteague; 87, Westover; 88-9, Berlin; 90-2, Roxana; 93-5, Deal's Island; 96-8, Asbury, Md.; 99-01, Crisfield; 02-4, Middle-town.

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. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.
1 Beckwith.....	10	116	2	37	1	2	20	180	2	\$ 5000	1	\$1200	
2 Bridgeville.....	6	208	3	12	1	1	15	150	1	6000	1	1500	
3 Burrsville.....	25	150	38	2	5	45	150	150	5	3000	1	1000	
4 Cambridge.....	25	380	1	17	1	40	380	32000	1	32000	1	3500	
5 Camden.....	7	350	3	15	3	42	280	3	3	9000	1	1400	
6 Canterbury.....	2	159	3	2	3	41	200	3	3	5200	1	1000	
7 Church Creek.....	2	90	6	10	4	100	100	4	4	4000	1	1000	
8 Crapo.....	70	474	1	100	2	5	60	400	5	10000	1	1000	
9 Denton.....	6	166	2	6	1	26	154	1	1	10000	1	1500	
10 Dover—Armory.....	4	145	3	1	1	21	125	1	1	2500	1	1500	
11 " Wesley.....	3	460	2	10	1	3	38	580	1	25000	1	6000	
12 East New Market.....	10	180	1	12	3	36	165	3	3	4000	1	2000	
13 Ellendale.....	54	200	2	3	4	43	235	4	4	4400	1	1000	
14 Elliott's Is.....	6	90	1	6	1	20	180	1	1	400	1	400	
15 Farmington.....	35	285	2	5	4	60	300	4	4	6000	1	1500	
16 Federalsburg.....	13	208	3	18	3	36	250	3	3	6000	1	1500	
17 Felton.....	13	194	7	11	3	40	280	3	3	7000	1	1500	
18 Felton Circuit.....	22	268	4	10	2	36	225	2	2	9000	1	1500	
19 Frederica.....	20	350	3	6	10	2	4	61	4	6275	1	1000	
20 Galestown.....	33	340	1	2	1	29	310	1	1	11000	1	1500	
21 Georgetown.....	42	300	1	24	2	4	36	300	4	3000	1	800	
22 Georget'n Cir.....	24	394	7	8	5	4	60	492	4	11000	1	1500	
23 Greenwood.....	11	443	1	6	9	1	32	200	1	7600	1	1500	
24 Harrington.....	6	50	4	4	4	4	20	4	4	600	1	500	
25 Hooper's Is.....	22	278	12	4	68	440	4	8700	1	8700	1	1200	
26 Houston.....	2	96	1	3	3	1	2	189	2	7000	1	2000	
27 Hurlock.....	4	141	1	9	28	3	4	29	4	4090	1	1000	
28 Lakesville.....	4	100	4	3	2	25	90	2	2	4000	1	1029	
29 Leipsic.....	7	328	7	21	1	2	350	1	1	11000	1	3500	
30 Lewes.....	70	260	2	6	3	30	265	3	3	4000	1	900	
31 Lincoln.....	8	62	4	4	1	19	80	1	1	2500	1	.....
32 Little Creek.....	5	235	2	1	3	27	205	3	3	6500	1	2200	
33 Magnolia.....	6	410	4	25	1	2	50	600	1	25000	1	3000	
34 Milford.....	35	210	1	6	2	37	240	2	2	9000	1	2500	
35 Milton.....	95	350	1	16	1	4	57	309	4	7000	1	800	
36 Nassau.....	4	123	3	3	37	150	3	7000	1	1200	1	700	
37 Preston.....	7	42	5	17	2	42	525	2	2	13400	1	2500	
38 Sa'em.....	39	368	3	8	2	4	69	854	4	6500	1	1500	
39 Seaford.....	6	115	3	3	4	40	193	4	4	5200	1	900	
40 Seaford Cir.....	36	164	17	5	4	50	230	4	4	5000	1	1000	
41 Vienna.....	19	300	3	4	4	57	300	4	4	5200	1	1000	
42 Williamsburg.....	17	262	10	4	5	420	4	7000	1	1800	1	1800	
43 Williston.....	25	100	4	30	4	30	200	4	4	3900	1	.....
44 Wyoming.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
45 Zoar.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	856	10213	25	133	592	32	124	1648	11199	125	381725	41	64529

TABLES.

Dover District, No. 2.

Church Property	Sunday Schools.															
	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of All Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in the Home Department.	Officers and Teachers, Church 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	\$.....	\$ 208	\$.....	2	20	180	100	20	2	\$ 10	1	68	.....	.....	.....
2	234	15	70	3	15	150	95	14	50	32	1	80	1	30	.....
3	50	.....	.....	3	45	150	100	40	75	26	1	35	.....	.....	.....
4	2300	.....	700	3	40	380	250	23	.....	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	.....	125	.....	3	42	280	175	40	75	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	1125	.....	.....	3	41	200	150	41	.....	5	.....	40	.....	.....	.....
7	30	400	85	1	10	100	50	10	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	500	1600	.....	5	60	400	250	60	250	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	500	.....	.....	1	26	154	128	26	75	65	.....	.....	1	25	.....
10	1500	.....	1500	1	21	125	80	21	.....	35	1	30	1	35	.....
11	405	.....	1100	1	36	380	250	36	150	100	1	75	1	50	.....
12	45	100	570	3	28	165	90	27	50	68	2	50	.....	.....	.....
13	150	.....	.....	4	43	235	175	43	.....	50	1	40	.....	.....	.....
14	15	.....	.....	1	20	180	94	20	50	30	1	30	1	35	.....
15	50	400	200	4	60	300	225	60	.....	75	2	100	1	25	.....
16	360	.....	.....	3	36	250	195	36	125	75	2	114	1	34	.....
17	50	.....	.....	3	40	280	175	40	60	56	1	54	1	49	.....
18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	400	.....	.....	2	36	225	135	36	100	90	1	86	1	72	.....
20	100	.....	.....	4	61	375	250	61	230	65	1	30	.....	.....	.....
21	450	1060	.....	1	29	310	168	29	200	150	1	105	1	65	.....
22	50	.....	.....	4	36	300	100	36	150	30	1	20	.....	.....	.....
23	1800	500	900	4	60	492	335	22	60	195	20	160	1	76	1	80
24	189	.....	.....	1	32	200	140	30	97	92	1	71	1	57	.....
25	.....	.....	.....	1	4	20	10	4	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	150	328	672	4	68	440	350	68	22	30	1	60	.....	.....	.....
27	176	.....	.....	2	25	169	79	23	.....	36	1	50	.....	.....	.....
28	22	172	.....	4	29	152	104	29	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	929	125	450	2	25	90	60	25	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	.....	.....	.....	1	27	350	185	27	105	150	1	112	.....	.....	.....
31	85	.....	.....	3	30	265	125	25	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	570	812	.....	3	19	80	45	12	.....	6	1	25	1	22	.....
33	100	.....	.....	3	27	205	110	25	60	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34	3600	.....	600	2	50	600	300	60	210	160	1	110	1	75	.....
35	.....	.....	.....	2	37	240	150	36	.....	50	1	45	.....	.....	.....
36	360	60	.....	4	57	309	250	57	200	6	105	4	200	1	25
37	4475	.....	675	3	37	150	100	30	65	55	1	85	1	37	.....
38	66	84	25	4	32	96	70	32	10	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
39	180	.....	.....	2	42	525	325	42	200	100	1	100	2	140	.....
40	175	.....	100	4	69	354	223	69	265	105	3	175	.....	.....	.....
41	27	171	79	4	40	193	116	40	53	30	1	48	.....	.....	.....
42	50	.....	.....	4	50	230	150	45	.....	37	46	.....	.....	.....	.....
43	217	.....	.....	4	57	300	178	55	200	75	3	139	.....	.....	.....
44	.....	.....	.....	4	56	420	350	56	.....	12	75	2	30	.....	.....
45	.....	25	40	4	30	200	186	30	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	20885	6185	7766	118	1648	11199	7170	225	1556	3322	506	2970	43	2218	18	856

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.....	5	88			1		2	22	118	2	\$ 2700		
2 Betterton.....		45			5		7	7	70	1	1500		
3 Cecilton.....	16	162			15		29	29	210	2	10500		2000
4 Centreville.....	20	241			5		1	30	242	1	8000		3300
5 Chestertown.....	2	266			12		1	38	260	1	18000		4000
6 Cheswold.....	43	202			1		2	41	214	2	7500		
7 Church Hill.....	10	139			18		4	48	235	4	4000		800
8 Clayton.....	3	164			6		1	20	206	1	3500		1500
9 Cordova.....	100	160			17		2	35	200	3	3500		1200
10 Crumpton.....	9	167			10		3	30	175	3	6000		1000
11 Easton.....	22	341			11		1	37	229	1	14000		4000
12 Fairlee.....	8	175			17		2	25	175	2	6000		1200
13 Galena.....	5	190			26		1	25	186	3	10000		1500
14 Go. ts.....	12	46			31		2	14	100	2	1500		
15 Greensboro.....	27	225			33		1	22	200	2	5200		2000
16 Henderson.....	8	80			2		3	30	170	3	2500		
17 Hillsboro.....	10	160			1		2	39	200	4	7500		1500
18 Kent Island.....	51	254			24		4	39	415	3	6000		2000
19 Kenton.....	23	186			7		1	22	140	3	4500		1800
20 Marydel.....		254			22		2	40	210	4	5000		1100
21 Middletown.....	60	300			23		1	29	200	1	10000		3000
22 Millington.....	11	154			11		1	19	142	1	8000		1800
23 Neavitt.....	6	40			6		1	9	70	1	800		
24 Odessa.....	26	136			7		2	15	120	1	7000		2000
25 Oxford.....	27	134			6		1	24	113	1	3000		
26 Piney Neck.....	7	22					1	9	75	1	2000		800
27 Pomona.....	9	120			5		2	30	150	2	3500		1500
28 Queenstown.....	40	185			5		3	35	250	3	6000		
29 Ridgely.....	10	160			2		1	18	145	1	6000		1500
30 Rock Hall.....	51	132			30		1	37	384	1	9000		2000
31 Royal Oak.....	1	70			20		3	20	140	3	4000		2000
32 St. Michaels.....	20	300			10		1	48	400	1	17000		1800
33 Smyrna.....	21	479			16		4	56	408	3	21000		4000
34 Smyrna Circ.....	40	190			12		10	42	290	3	8500		1200
35 Still Pond.....	16	115			15		1	20	200	1	7000		2500
36 Sudlersville.....	12	210			15		2	35	200	3	10300		2500
37 Talbot.....	3	140			9		1	17	80	1	6000		1000
38 Tilghman's Is.....	4	130			18		2	20	200	2	4000		1200
39 Townsend.....	84	250			20		7	32	290	3	14000		2000
40 Trappe.....	23	125			20		3	33	126	3	4000		1500
41 Wye.....	20	100			7		2	25	90	2	2500		1100
Total.....	865	7037	11	128	508	52	81	1166	7978	85	279000	34	62300

TABLES.

Easton District, No. 2.

No. of Churches	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- bers or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sun- day School Converted During the Year.	Current Expenses—Les- son Leaves, Books, etc.	No. Epworth Leagues.	No. Ep. L. Members.	Junior Leagues.	Junior League Mem- bers.
1	\$ 50			1	22	118	70		20	70	2	\$ 28	1	25	1	20
2	5			2	7	70	40				12	1	1	33		
3	370			3	29	210	140		29		10	45	58			
4	575	200		4	30	242	136	41	30	130	18	70	105	1	60	
5	75			5	38	260	150		32	140	1	200	100	1	50	
6				6	41	214	145		41	94	19	77	65	1	46	
7	125			7	48	235	122		40	48	9	52	1			
8	720		1225	8	20	206	107		20	41	2	60	1	76	1	54
9	200	465		9	35	200	150		35	100	15	50	3	60		
10	100	126	88	10	30	175	130		30	75	8	80	2	60	1	30
11		600		11	37	229	121		37	150		288	1	140	1	50
12	50		1200	12	25	175	100		20		7	60	1	20		
13	30	55		13	25	136	75		25			38	1	45	1	35
14				14	14	100	60		14		8	10	20	1		
15	4200			15	22	200	90		22		13	20	1	65	1	30
16	10	125		16	30	170	125		30	50	8	40	1	14		
17	30		200	17	39	200	120		36	87	4	75	1	23		
18	35	662		18	39	415	289		38	146	30	76	1	57	1	55
19	85			19	22	140	90	24	21	90	20	80	1	40		
20	200			20	40	210	98		38	17	10	85	2	83		
21				21	29	200	125		28	120	50	95	1	85	1	25
22	335			22	19	142	76		19	60	18	54	1	40	1	29
23				23	9	70	50		9	25	3	25	1	40	1	45
24	700	50	400	24	15	120	80		14	75	16	60	1	42	1	30
25				25	24	113	75	15	24	74	19	71	1	51	1	50
26	300			26	1	9	75		9	10	3					
27	65			27	30	150	75		28	56	7	70				
28	72			28	35	250	160		35	95	20	45	3	150		
29	275			29	18	145	65		18	45	3	60	1	30	1	45
30	425	700	1128	30	37	384	240		37		28	135	1	88	1	21
31	15	50	250	31	20	140	100		16	40	6	31	2	35	1	8
32	600		600	32	48	400	250		44	200	12	175	1	190	1	75
33	636			33	56	408	217		52	230	16	240	2	120	1	50
34	60		600	34	42	290	215		40	170	25	90	1	35		
35	60			35	20	200	135	20	20	80	5	76	1	100	1	36
36	125			36	35	200	125		35	85	5	60	1	40		
37	400	135	265	37	17	80	50		17	40	2	25	1	65		
38	160	85	115	38	20	200	175		15		4	50	2	60		
39	100	3411	3374	39	32	290	200		32		32	100	2	150	1	50
40	75			40	33	126	60		29	40	7	45	1	21		
41	35	100	175	41	2	25	90		20			25	1	30		
Total.....	11298	6764	9620	81	1166	7978	4951	100	1099	2591	467	3048	49	2486	22	894

STATISTICAL

Salisbury District, No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership			Bap- tisms	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 Anbamessex.....	4	75			4	1	1	12	80	2	\$ 3200	1	\$ 500
2 Asbury.....	2	451		4	16	1	1	33	400	1	10000	1	2500
3 Ber.in.....	2	239			20	1	1	27	200	1	5000	1	1000
4 Bethel.....	2	240	1	3	21	3	3	25	260	3	7000	1	1000
5 Bishopville.....	18	230				4	4	38	200	4	5500		
6 Cape Charles.....	3	92			3		1	18	100	1	4300	1	1800
7 Chincoteague.....		110	1			2	2	30	250	2	4000	1	1600
8 Crisfield.....	20	400	1	6	10		1	36	400	1	10000	1	2000
9 Crowstowntown.....		75		2		1	1	8	75	1	800		
10 Deal's Island.....	5	215		3	11		2	32	360	1	7000	1	1200
11 Delmar.....	10	235	2	6	6	1	1	32	381	1	5500	1	2000
12 Fairmount.....	6	405	1	6	12		2	36	385	2	12000	1	2000
13 Frankford.....	31	550		10	12		3	49	388	4	8000	1	1500
14 Fruitland.....	18	319	1	3	42	7	3	39	289	4	5000	1	1300
15 Girdle Tree.....	10	250	1	2	5	4	4	42	320	4	6400		
16 Gumboro.....	15	145	2	2	40		4	20	210	4	2800	1	1000
17 Holland's Is.....	4	73			5		1	12	91	1	2000	1	706
18 Laurel.....	30	368	1	10	20	2	1	30	450	1	10000	1	5000
19 Mardella Sp'gs.....	2	93	1	1	2	3	3	16	125	3	2000		
20 Marion.....	21	102			4		2	12	130	2	5000	1	2000
21 Millsboro.....	43	360	1	4	23	1	2	30	230	4	4800	1	1000
22 Mt. Pleasant.....	2	280			2	12	3	45	370	3	4000	1	1200
23 Mt. Vernon.....	30	255			5	2	2	37	262	2	6000	1	700
24 Nanticoke.....	20	346	1	3	26	2	4	42	270	4	10800	1	1000
25 Newark.....	10	180			12		3	36	230	3	5000	1	1000
26 Onancock.....	85	260	1	7	5		3	36	200	4	5000	1	2000
27 Parsonsb'g.....	86	348		3	7	2	4	40	378	4	4500	1	1500
28 Pocomoke City.....	40	203		3	6		1	24	262	1	5000	1	2500
29 Pocomoke Circ.....	4	95	1	8	12		4	24	125	4	2500	1	600
30 Powellville.....	29	312	1	2			4	48	360	1	4000	1	1000
31 Princess Anne.....	4	114			2		1	13	141	1	4500	1	4500
32 Quantico.....	16	200			10		4	35	300	4	5000	1	1000
33 Riverside.....	15	85		10	12		3	18	120	3	1500		
34 Roxana.....	42	567	1	4	67	1	3	37	411	3	7000	1	1200
35 St. Peter's.....	18	317			1	3	40	400	3	6000	1	1400	
36 Salisbury.....	25	325	1	6	6		1	26	300	1	30000	1	5000
37 Selbyville.....	26	225		7	5		2	18	250	2	4000	1	800
38 Sharptown.....	23	224	1	2			1	29	211	1	2000	1	1000
39 Smith's Is.....	60	226		4	25	1	3	38	322	3	5500	1	1000
40 Snow Hill.....	6	215	1	4	4		1	20	150	1	20000	1	1500
41 Somerset.....	42	180		4	10		2	37	302	2	8000	1	2000
42 Stockton.....	15	250	1	3	2	10	3	42	330	3	8200	1	1500
43 Tangier.....	20	405	1	1	27		2	37	650	1	11000	1	1500
44 Westover.....	13	86			1	5	2	20	160	2	3000	1	1200
45 Whitesville.....	13	446		3	20	2	4	50	650	4	7500	1	1200
Total.....	881	11163	23	137	542	46	106	1369	12478	109	294300	40	61400

TABLES,

Salisbury District, No. 2.

	Church Property.			Sunday Schools.												
	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of All Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in the Home Department.	Officers and Teachers Church Member, or Pro	Scholars, Church Mem- bers or Probationers.	No. of Mem- bers of Sun- day School Converted During the Year.	Current Expenses—Les- son Leaves, Books etc.	No. Epworth Leagues.	No. Ep. L. Members.	Junior Leagues.	Junior League Mem- bers.
1				1	12	80	50	12	18	4	\$ 20					
2	\$ 300	\$ 200	\$ 200	1	33	400	154	33	150	4	111					
3	125	100	140	1	27	200	140	27	75	4	75					
4	25	260	175	3	25	260	175	20	60	5	59					
5	2065	125		4	38	200	140	35		3	70					
6	125	1235		1	18	100	79	18	50	6	40					
7	75	209	50	2	30	250	175	30	25		75					
8		209	50	1	36	400	300	36			200					
9	14	65		1	8	75	40	8	12							
10	1444		570	2	32	360	300	32		2	66					
11				1	32	381	148	32		5	152					
12				2	36	385	220	36	175	3	65					
13		829	100	3	49	388	241	47		21	185					
14	62	7	146	3	39	289	157	35	83	15	42					
15	100	25		4	42	320	160	38	120	3	100					
16	300			4	20	210	100	20	150	10	75					
17	50			1	12	91	60	15		4	25					
18	1000	300	400	1	30	450	250	30	400	25	150					
19		53	173	3	16	125	90	16	40		18					
20	14	25	25	2	12	130	70	12	45	2	50					
21	154		400	2	30	230	160	30		16	60					
22	100			3	45	370	250	45			125					
23	270			2	37	262	120	37		23	101					
24	200			4	42	270	153	40	155	8	90					
25	350	125	80	3	36	230	100	36	36	5	100					
26		50		3	36	200	125	35	150	40	100					
27		150		4	40	378	173	38	217	69	65					
28	180			1	24	262	141	24	75	40	137					
29	200			4	24	125	100				20					
30	360		160	4	48	360	205	48	178	24	78					
31	162	248	852	1	13	141	65	13		4	70					
32	500			4	35	300	200	35	150	18	50					
33			1500	3	18	120		18		14						
34	50			3	37	411	315	37		27	160					
35	425		35	3	40	400	200	40		3	90					
36	360			1	26	800	137	24	175		140					
37	100			2	18	250	130	14			60					
38	173	17	121	1	29	211	125	29	91	22	65					
39	100	330	420	3	38	322	225	35		55	50					
40	1200	50		1	20	150	90	20	100	12	75					
41	325	400	2000	2	37	302	175	43		32	90					
42	300			3	42	330	175	42			100					
43	56	429	660	2	37	650	458	37	250	20	72					
44	45			2	20	160	90	20			50					
45	100		150	4	50	650	400	48	500	25	120					
Total.....	11884	4847	8182	106	1369	12478	7361	68	1320	3480	579	3637	34	1728	23	900

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Salisbury District, No. 3.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	Pastor's Support.						Supp't of Presid Elders		Supp of Bish-ops.		
		Claims.			Receipts.			Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.					Deficiencies.
1 Annessex.	F. I. Mumford	600		600	600			39	39	6	6	
2 Asbury	I. E. Terry	1200	150	1350	1200	150		78	78	16	16	
3 Ber.in.	G. L. Hardesty	800	100	900	800	100		52	52	12	12	
4 Bethel	E. N. Cantwell	600	50	650	600	50		39	39	5	5	
5 Bishopville	R. H. Lewis	500		500	500			32	32	6	6	
6 Cape Charles	Edwin Gardner	700	150	850	700	150		45	45	8	8	
7 Chincoteague	W. B. Guthrie	800	100	900	700	100	100	52	46	8	8	
8 Crisfield	S. N. Pichard	1100	125	1225	1100	125		71	71	15	15	
9 Crowsentown	J. F. Ayres	800		800	200		100					
10 Deal's Island	F. F. Carpenter	1000	150	1150	1000	150		65	65	15	15	
11 Delmar	Z. H. Webster	800	150	950	800	150		52	52	12	12	
12 Fairmount	R. T. Coursey	1000	150	1150	1000	150		65	65	16	16	
13 Frankford	G. R. Neese	850	100	950	850	100		55	55	8	8	
14 Fruitland	C. H. Williams	600	100	700	600	100		39	39	6	6	
15 Girdle Tree	H. Geoghegan	700	75	775	700	75		45	45	10	10	
16 Gumboro	V. E. Hills	800	75	875	800	75		52	52	6	6	
17 Holland's Is.	D. H. Willis	500	75	575	500	75		32	32	7	7	
18 Laurel	H. C. Turner	1000	200	1200	1000	200		65	65	16	16	
19 Mardella Sp'gs	W. F. Atkinson	240	24	264	260	24	284	16	16	1	1	
20 Marion	G. W. Bowman	600	100	700	500	100	600	39	25	6	4	
21 Millsboro	L. R. Janney	700	75	775	700	75		45	45	8	8	
22 Mt. Pleasant	F. J. Cochran	700	125	825	700	125		45	45	8	6	
23 Mt. Vernon	G. W. Hastings	800	50	850	800	50		52	52	9	9	
24 Nanticoke	E. H. Derricks	800	100	900	800	100		52	52	9	9	
25 Newark	W. E. Matthews	650	75	725	650	75		42	42	4	4	
26 Onancock	J. P. Outten	800	150	950	800	150		52	52	12	12	
27 Parsonsburg	J. A. Brewington	700	150	850	700	150		45	45	8	8	
28 Pocomoke City	L. E. Poole	800	150	950	800	150		48	48	11	11	
29 Pocomoke Circ.	W. R. McFarlane	450	70	520	420	70	490	25	20	2	2	
30 Powellville	Howard Davis	500	75	575	500	75		32	32	4	4	
31 Princess Anne	J. W. Colona	652	200	852	652	200		45	45	8	8	
32 Quantico	J. W. Fogle	700	100	800	700	100		45	45	8	8	
33 Riverside	J. S. Bozman	350		350	220		130	5	5			
34 Roxana	J. E. Graham	800	75	875	800	75		52	52	10	10	
35 St. Peter's	M. D. Nutter	850	100	950	850	100		55	55	12	12	
36 Salisbury	C. A. Hill	1200	250	1450	1200	250		78	78	16	16	
37 Selbyville	F. N. Faulkner	600	50	650	600	50		39	39	6	6	
38 Sharptown	J. F. Anderson	550	75	625	555	75		36	36	5	5	
39 Smith's Is.	W. R. Hiron	800	100	900	800	100		52	52	10	10	
40 Snow Hill	Aloycius Green	1000	125	1125	1000	125		57	57	10	10	
41 Somerset	W. R. Gwinn	800	100	900	800	100		52	52	12	8	
42 Stockton	E. H. Miller	600	75	675	620	75		39	39	7	7	
43 Tangier	W. W. Sharp	1000	125	1125	1000	125		65	65	16	16	
44 Westover	F. X. Moore	650	100	750	670	100		42	42	6	6	
45 Whitesville	T. R. VanDyke	900	100	1000	900	100		58	58	6	6	
Total		33042	4469	37511	32647	4469	37116	460	2091	2066	389	376

TABLES.

Salisbury District, No. 4.

	Total Support: Pastors, Pre-siding Elders and Bishops.	Conference Claimants.	Endowment Fund.	Church Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Curr't Exp's.	Benevolent Collections.																			
						Missions.			Education.				Other.												
						(a) Church.	(b) Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & Southern Education Society.	Conference Academy.	(b) Children's Fund.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Conf. Educat'n Soc'y.	Domestic Missions.	Phila. Hospital.	General Conference Exp.				
1	645	15		25	20	80	30	60	10	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	1444	75		200	111	22	308	830	12	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
3	964	30	11	175	75	30	75	105	12	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	694	15	5	150	50	63	12	75	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5	538	5		70	70	10	45	55	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	903	25		130	40	85	85	15	15	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
7	854	20		100	75	26	51	77	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8	1311	100		275	200	35	265	300	40	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
9	200	5				35	35	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	1230	60	10	200	66	80	143	223	15	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
11	1014	35		245	152	179	121	200	15	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
12	1231	75		350	65	20	180	200	14	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
13	1013	25		184	185	46	114	160	10	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
14	745	20	6	73	42	40	50	90	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
15	830	30		150	100	80	85	165	8	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
16	933	17	8	75	75	16	933	17	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
17	612	8		70	25	26	34	60	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
18	1281	65		300	150	15	225	240	10	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
19	301	5		10	18	10	20	30	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
20	629	12		80	50	10	40	50	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
21	828	5		130	60	29	10	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
22	876	39		100	125	50	50	100	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
23	911	35		100	101	31	69	100	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
24	961	35	8	255	90	160	50	210	15	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
25	771	10		80	100	22	58	80	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
26	1014	40		100	100	130	35	165	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
27	903	35	8	100	65	45	55	100	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
28	1009	30	8	200	137	20	100	120	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
29	512	7		35	20	20		20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
30	611	10		35	78	52	18	70	8	2	1	4	5												
31	905	25		185	70	30	70	100	5	2	2	3	17	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
32	853	20		100	50	30	50	100	5	1	1	5	50	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
33	225	1		25		4			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
34	937	30	7	260	160	115	85	200	6	2	2	6		3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
35	1017	45	8	173	90	260		260	12	2	2	10		5	4										
36	1544	85	12	450	140	146	354	500	45	10	10	20	22	37	11										
37	685	15		75	60	90	90	90	10	3	3	5	10		4										
38	671	20	10	70	65	30	50	80	9	2	2	5	9	5	1										
39	962	30		115	50	118	107	225	1	1	1	1	1	1	1										
40	1192	30		100	75	60	182	182	5	2	2	5	50	2	2										
41	960	24		135	90	60	40	100	5	2	2	5	8	2	2										
42	741	35		160	100	223	223	12	3																

STATISTICAL

Wilmington District, No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.				Bap- tisms.	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 Bethel and Summit.....	35	113	2	2	6	1	2	25	145	2	\$ 8600	1	\$ 2500
2 Charlestown.....	26	81	.....	.....	16	.....	2	18	100	2	5000	1	1200
3 Cherry Hill.....	5	155	25	4	9	.....	2	170	170	2	6700	1	2000
4 Chesapeake City.....	54	188	.....	2	21	3	1	16	185	2	10800	.....	.....
5 Chester.....	8	142	1	1	2	2	1	11	50	1	12000	.....	2000
6 Christiana.....	8	70	1	2	1	1	2	18	100	1	8000	1	1200
7 Claymont.....	.....	25	.....	.....	2	1	1	5	47	1	6700	1	1500
8 Colora.....	47	110	.....	2	4	4	1	10	60	.....	4500	.....	.....
9 Delaware City.....	28	100	.....	2	3	1	1	18	105	1	11000	1	2000
10 Ebenezer.....	.....	138	.....	2	.....	3	3	31	312	2	4000	1	1500
11 Elk Neck.....	47	65	.....	2	20	.....	2	22	100	2	3000	1	1050
12 Elkton.....	42	384	.....	6	16	1	6	78	600	1	12000	1	5000
13 Hockessin.....	.....	47	.....	1	.....	.....	1	11	55	1	2000	1	1000
14 Hopewell.....	4	124	.....	1	6	.....	2	30	150	2	6500	1	2000
15 Kirkwood.....	(5)	(25)	(1)	.....	(30)	(40)	(1)	(10)	(60)	(1)	(1700)	.....	.....
16 Mars'ton & S'n.....	3	132	3	.....	1	1	1	29	180	1	2725	.....	.....
17 Mt. Lebanon.....	73	96	1	.....	22	6	1	15	90	1	5080	.....	.....
18 Mt. Pleasant.....	63	101	3	.....	4	17	2	29	227	1	4000	1	3000
19 Newark.....	62	135	1	3	23	21	1	21	224	1	10000	1	3500
20 Newcastle.....	14	234	2	3	30	2	1	29	220	1	18000	1	3500
21 Newport.....	18	133	1	4	10	6	1	26	226	1	4000	1	2000
22 North East.....	23	205	1	4	15	.....	1	31	240	1	17000	1	1500
23 Perryville.....	4	112	.....	4	30	1	1	26	173	1	10000	.....	.....
24 Port Deposit.....	12	244	.....	5	21	1	1	35	225	1	64000	1	3000
25 Port Penn.....	29	47	1	.....	.....	.....	1	12	56	.....	2000	.....	.....
26 Red Lion.....	19	97	1	10	3	3	3	35	210	2	9000	1	1200
27 Rising Sun.....	8	218	1	6	19	1	2	31	202	2	10000	1	2000
28 St. George's.....	.....	101	1	3	.....	.....	1	17	127	1	5000	1	2000
29 St. John's.....	5	165	2	2	1	.....	1	14	125	1	4500	1	2200
30 Stanton.....	10	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	60	1	2000	.....	.....
31 Zion.....	11	370	1	14	9	4	4	74	375	4	13500	1	1600
32 Wil'm'n-Asbury.....	200	900	3	15	107	6	1	48	1067	1	50000	1	3000
33 " Brandywine.....	62	350	1	3	17	.....	3	57	640	2	18000	1	2500
34 " Cookman.....	24	57	2	.....	5	.....	1	23	191	1	10900	.....	.....
35 " East Lake.....	10	47	.....	5	2	1	1	20	130	1	1000	.....	.....
36 " Elsmere.....	(3)	(15)	(1)	.....	.....	.....	(1)	(6)	(30)	(1)	(1500)	.....	.....
37 " Epworth.....	32	275	1	2	20	3	1	34	350	1	25000	1	3000
38 " Grace.....	30	714	1	5	23	7	1	78	790	1	200000	1	15000
39 " Harrison St.....	20	351	2	3	12	2	1	54	500	1	27000	.....	.....
40 " Kingswood.....	25	135	1	3	25	9	1	29	290	1	14000	.....	.....
41 " Madeley.....	38	112	2	2	21	4	1	30	350	1	4000	.....	.....
42 " Mt. Salem.....	13	287	3	6	27	2	2	58	494	2	35000	1	2000
43 " St. Paul.....	50	630	1	6	15	10	1	55	559	1	60000	1	4000
44 " Scott.....	63	359	.....	4	15	2	1	40	410	1	25000	1	2800
45 " Silverbrook.....	13	130	.....	8	.....	.....	1	28	200	1	24000	1	3800
46 " Union.....	46	635	4	6	10	4	2	64	738	1	35000	1	7000
47 " Wesley.....	50	230	2	7	46	4	1	32	315	1	10000	1	2000
Total.....	1337	9414	45	124	703	181	72	1420	12183	64	823625	33	93150
Conference Total.....	3939	37627	104	522	2345	311	383	5603	43838	333	1728650	148	282379

TABLES.

Wilmington District, No. 2.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Property.			Sunday Schools.												
	Paid for building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of 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- bers or Probationers.	Members of School Con- verted During Year.	Current Expenses—Les- son Leaves, Books, etc.	No. Epworth League.	No. Ep. L. Members.	Junior League Mem- bers.	
1 \$ 104	\$ 265	.....	2	25	145	80	.....	24	100	21	\$ 60	.....	65	.....	.....
2 640	425	.....	2	18	100	63	.....	18	12	8	20	.....	45	.....	.....
3 125	.....	.....	3	25	170	90	.....	25	90	1	70	.....	85	.....	.....
4 100	82	14	1	16	135	79	.....	15	60	24	30	.....	.....	.....	.....
5 700	200	.....	1	11	50	.....	.....	10	27	24	64	.....	.....	.....	.....
6 20	490	.....	2	18	100	60	.....	18	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	.....
7 20	20	.....	1	1	5	47	.....	28	6	6	37	.....	22	.....	.....
8 25	.....	.....	1	10	60	45	.....	9	.....	.....	12	.....	34	.....	32
9 253	1234	.....	1	18	105	60	.....	15	40	15	110	.....	41	.....	.....
10 33	375	.....	3	31	312	145	.....	31	28	18	60	.....	41	.....	.....
11 51	.....	.....	2	22	100	70	.....	22	79	.....	43	.....	22	.....	.....
12 350	.....	.....	1	78	600	409	30	70	206	25	360	.....	104	.....	117
13 87	42	45	1	11	55	40	.....	11	5	.....	20	.....	50	.....	.....
14 300	.....	.....	2	30	150	90	.....	30	50	.....	30	.....	1	.....	.....
15 100	(100)	.....	(1)	(10)	(60)	(40)	.....	(7)	(20)	.....	(20)	.....	.....	.....	.....
16 200	.....	.....	1	29	180	65	45	29	45	2	69	.....	.....	.....	.....
17 200	.....	.....	1	15	90	40	.....	15	.....	40	40	.....	.....	.....	.....
18 229	.....	.....	2	29	227	162	.....	29	.....	44	182	.....	56	.....	.....
19 224	.....	.....	1	21	224	96	.....	19	82	63	95	.....	.....	.....	.....
20 200	300	.....	1	29	220	101	1	29	94	13	120	.....	54	.....	45
21 450	.....	.....	1	26	226	112	20	23	39	13	96	.....	50	.....	.....
22 11500	2500	.....	1	31	240	135	.....	29	56	8	72	.....	.....	.....	.....
23 425	100	.....	1	26	173	103	.....	24	23	5	160	.....	.....	.....	86
24 303	400	6225	1	35	225	176	14	33	90	.....	170	.....	104	.....	66
25 80	.....	.....	1	12	56	45	.....	7	14	14	18	.....	75	.....	.....
26 200	346	519	3	35	210	95	.....	30	25	13	40	.....	.....	.....	.....
27 155	100	200	2	31	202	118	.....	31	65	1	113	.....	81	.....	55
28 400	.....	.....	1	17	127	85	.....	10	.....	.....	40	.....	90	.....	.....
29 12	164	700	1	14	125	60	.....	67	.....	1	35	.....	83	.....	20
30 180	.....	.....	1	10	60	40	.....	10	40	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....
31 85	.....	.....	4	74	375	175	.....	74	135	8	190	.....	125	.....	.....
32 1168	.....	1000	1	48	1067	428	80	48	370	70	521	.....	275	.....	.....
33 255	.....	4400	3	57	640	420	50	57	200	30	220	.....	70	.....	108
34 188	.....	3750	1	23	191	158	.....	23	.....	23	28	.....	60	.....	50
35 20	.....	.....	1	20	130	100	.....	15	50	24	20	.....	.....	.....	40
36 1000	(1000)	.....	(1)	(6)	(30)	(20)	.....	(4)	(15)	(2)	(15)	.....	.....	.....	.....
37 200	8000	2500	1	34	350	250	25	33	125	29	200	.....	50	.....	.....
38 1200	.....	3500	1	78	790	470	25	.....	.....	.....	680	.....	125	.....	.....
39 250	5000	.....	1	56	500	275	.....	56	.....	.....	301	.....	87	.....	73
40 108	290	3350	1	29	290	180	.....	29	10	15	205	.....	70	.....	.....
41 184	2800	.....	1	30	350	180	.....	29	.....	.....	140	.....	50	.....	50
42 1000	184	200	2	58	494	314	.....	54	120	23	515	.....	.....	.....	.....
43 221	.....	480	1	55	559	340	40	54	220	40	400	.....	.....	.....	.....
44 180	.....	1500	1	40	410	350	.....	40	150	40	350	.....	100	.....	140
45 3400	130	4500	1	28	200	130	.....	25	48	12	180	.....	50	.....	30
46 174	550	4450	2	64	738	287	30	64	340	23	364	.....	146	.....	66
47 174	550	4450	1	32	315	200	.....	24	164	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	23997	11638	51992	72	1420	12183	6989	360	1300	3018	759	6786	34	2259	17	1001
67564	29434	77560	383	5603	43838	26471	753	5275	12411	2311	16441	160	8696	80	3651

STATISTICAL

Wilmington District, No. 3.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Pastor's Support (Claims, Receipts), Supp't of Presid Elders, Supp't of Bishops. Rows include churches like Bethel, Charlestown, Cherry Hill, etc., and a total row at the bottom.

TABLES.

Wilmington District, No. 4.

Table with columns: Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops; Conference Cl: imants; Curr't Exp's; Benevolent Collections (Missions, Education, etc.). Rows include various church-related categories and a total row at the bottom.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR 1904.

	THIS YEAR.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1 Church Membership.			
Probationers.....	3,939		66
Full Members.....	37,827		242
Deaths.....	522	16	
2 Sunday School.			
Number of Schools.....	383		5
Number of Officers and Teachers.....	5,603		197
Number of Scholars.....	43,838		599
3 Church Property.			
Number of Churches.....	383		
Probable Value.....	\$1,728,650	\$34,025	
Number of Parsonages.....	148		
Probable Value.....	\$282,379	\$4,379	
Paid for Building and Improving			
Churches and Parsonages.....	\$67,564	\$3,030	
Paid on Old Debts.....	\$29,434		196
Present Indebtedness.....	\$77,560		\$8,985
4 Ministerial Support.			
Paid Pastors and House Rent.....	\$148,763	\$3,127	
Deficiency.....	\$1,032	\$91	
Paid Presiding Elders.....	\$7,631	\$80	
Paid Episcopal Fund.....	\$1,507	\$11	
Paid Conf. Claimants (collections only).....	\$6,465		\$84
5 Benevolent Collections.			
Missions.....	\$25,273	\$184	
Church Extension.....	\$1,559		\$72
Sunday School Union.....	\$366		\$9
Tract Society.....	\$356		\$26
Freedman's Aid and So. Ed. Society.....	\$948		\$113
Conference Academy.....	\$2,837	\$100	
Children's Fund.....	\$632		\$104
American Bible Society.....	\$544	\$7	
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	\$2,660	\$142	
Woman's Home Missionary Society.....	\$3,184	\$585	
Conference Education Society.....	\$185		\$26
Domestic Missions.....	\$727		\$86
Philadelphia Hospital.....	\$289	\$12	
6 Epworth League.			
Number of Leagues.....	160		3
Number of Members.....	8,696		165
Number Junior Leagues.....	80		8
Number Junior League Members.....	3,651		218

H. A. G. WESTERFIELD, *Statistical Secretary.*

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.					
1871	15 yrs.	James Esgate.....	S. Tamworth, N. H.....	\$300.00	\$160.00
1891	33 "	Wm. W. Redman.....	Farmington, Del.....	300.00	175.00
1895	42 "	William M. Warner.....	Millington, Md.....	450.00	260.00
1899	19 "	J. W. Poole.....	Farmington, Del.....	300.00	165.00
1893	21 "	Geo. W. Wilcox.....	Salisbury, Md.....	375.00	175.00
1893	17 "	W. L. P. Bowen.....	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.....	50.00	25.00
1897	26 "	W. E. Tompkinson.....	Carlisle, Pa.....	400.00	185.00
1899	34 "	Jas. Carroll.....	Milford, Del.....	200.00	185.00
1901	"	F. O. B. Wallin.....	Tioga, Pa.....	200.00	75.00
1904	51 "	R. W. Todd.....	Elkton, Md.....	300.00	250.00
1904	"	W. M. Green.....	Camden, Del.....	200.00	50.00
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1908	21 "	Olin Walton.....	Red Lion, Del.....	100.00	90.00
1905	12 "	W. W. Chaires.....	Tilghmans, Md.....	100.00	50.00
1901	30 "	T. H. Harding.....	Wilmington, Del.....	100.00	100.00
WIDOWS.					
1865	10 "	Carrie B. Dennison.....	Wilmington, Del.....	175.00	175.00
1873	14 "	Rebecca Brandreth.....	5213 Germantown, Ave., Phila... 113 N. 50 St., Phila.....	100.00	110.00
1878	15 "	Laura F. Weston.....	113 N. 50 St., Phila.....	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.....	400.00	200.00
1879	22 "	Sarah A. Williams.....	1862 Edmonson Ave., Balti., Md.....	300.00	100.00
1881	11 "	Sadie B. Bain.....	Kipple, Blair Co., Pa.....	100.00	100.00
1882	8 "	Emma A. Prettymann.....	East New Market, Md.....	200.00	135.00
1884	33 "	Rebecca E. Hough.....	Smyrna, Del.....	300.00	110.00
1884	43 "	Roberta H. Matlack.....	869 Poplar St., Wilmington, Del.....	150.00	150.00
1884	15 "	Emma L. Shilling.....	1110 West St., Wilmington, Del.....	100.00	60.00
1887	37 "	Mary F. Way.....	Delaware City.....	100.00	90.00
1887	28 "	Mary A. O'Neil.....	1210 W. Lexington St., Baltim... Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa.....	200.00	150.00
1887	48 "	Sarah D. Gray.....	Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa.....	200.00	110.00
1891	25 "	Louisa A. Gardner.....	Cheswold, Del.....	150.00	125.00
1891	18 "	Mary A. Foreman.....	Wilmington, Del.....	300.00	110.00
1892	20 "	S. Jennie Creamer.....	604 W. 8th St., Wilmington, Del.....	350.00	275.00
1893	19 "	G. Annie Gregg.....	Kenton, Del.....	100.00	100.00
1893	47 "	M. R. Robinson.....	Perryman, Md.....	200.00	75.00
1893	26 "	Marian F. Melvin.....	4432 25th St., Baltimore, Md.....	300.00	140.00
1893	27 "	Ruth B. Fisher.....	Viola, Del.....	150.00	150.00
1895	48 "	Ellen Brindle.....	Greensboro, Md.....	200.00	100.00
1896	4 "	Lizzie M. Lecates.....	Lakewood Ave., Baltimore, Md.....	400.00	225.00
1896	35 "	Annie D. Bryan.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	150.00	100.00
1898	35 "	Mrs. C. C. Brown.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150.00	110.00
1898	40 "	Mrs. J. B. Quigg.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150.00	110.00
1895	35 "	Elizabeth Davis.....	Georgetown, Del.....	500.00	200.00
1898	41 "	Mrs. M. L. Williams.....	North East, Md.....	250.00	140.00
1867	4 "	Emma D. Ewing.....	3349 Market St., Philadelphia... Smyrna, Del.....	150.00	60.00
1898	39 "	Mrs. E. H. Hynson.....	Smyrna, Del.....	300.00	175.00
1901	12 "	Martha H. Swain.....	Dover, Del.....	350.00	275.00
1901	26 "	Rebecca Waddell.....	5507 Howe St., E. Pittsburg, Pa.....	275.00	275.00
1902	60 "	Mrs. B. F. Price.....	1133 West St., Wilmington, Del.....	150.00	125.00
1903	"	Jas. Conner's children.....	Salisbury, Md.....	80.00	80.00
1903	27 "	Selma C. Bowie.....	298 1st St., Brooklyn, N. Y.....	100.00	60.00
1903	48 "	Lydia M. Avery.....	119 W. 80th St., New York City... Dover, Del.....	250.00	200.00
1903	44 "	Laura V. Talbot.....	Dover, Del.....	150.00	160.00
1903	31 "	Josephine Sypherd.....	9 Brighton Ave., Atlantic City... Chestertown, Md.....	100.00	60.00
1904	35 "	Jennie Kemp.....	Chestertown, Md.....	250.00	175.00
1904	51 "	Martha E. Davis.....	Newark, Md.....	150.00	150.00
1904	51 "	Mrs. T. H. Haynes.....	Smyrna, Del.....	300.00	150.00
1904	45 "	Mrs. C. F. Sheppard.....	Frankford, Del.....	300.00	200.00
1904	34 "	Mrs. J. D. Rigg.....	Newport, Del.....	250.00	200.00
1904	48 "	Mrs. John France.....	Wilmington, Del.....	100.00	100.00

36th 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.
DOVER, DEL., March 15th, 1904.

Dover District.

Beckwith.....	J. D. Reese.....	\$ 75
Bridgeville.....	W. R. Mowbray.....	110
Burrsville.....	Harry Taylor.....	75
Cambridge.....	E. C. Macnichol.....	240
Camden.....	L. W. Layfield.....	100
Canterbury.....	E. C. Sunfield.....	70
Church Creek.....	J. H. Gardner.....	45
Crapo.....	B. F. Jester.....	200
Denton.....	J. T. Richardson.....	118
Dover, Armory.....	Daniel Wilson.....	45
" Wesley.....	L. D. Barrett.....	500
East New Market.....	G. E. Wood.....	80
Ellendale.....	J. A. Buckson.....	80
Elliott's Island.....	G. S. Thomas.....	65
Farmington.....	D. J. Givan.....	95
Federalsburg.....	T. S. Holt.....	125
Felton.....	E. H. Nelson.....	125
Frederica.....	Wm. Cashmore.....	167
Galestown.....	E. B. Taylor.....	100
Georgetown.....	W. F. Corkran.....	250
Georgetown Circuit.....	W. S. H. Williams.....	60
Greenwood.....	J. L. Johnson.....	109
Harrington.....	E. C. Atkins.....	150
Hooper's Island.....	J. M. Collins.....	32
Houston.....	J. H. Wilson.....	100
Hurlock.....	G. W. Townsend.....	140
Lakesville.....	T. S. Barrett.....	61
Leipsic.....	H. E. Truitt.....	27
Lewes.....	G. T. Alderson.....	300
Lincoln.....	J. W. Gray.....	75
Little Creek.....	W. E. Hubbard.....	22
Magnolia.....	I. G. Fosnocht.....	80

Milton.....	L. P. Corkran.....	150
Milford.....	S. M. Morgan.....	475
Nassau.....	C. W. Strickland.....	100
Preston.....	G. C. Williams.....	65
Salem.....	J. W. Briscoe.....	60
Seaford.....	W. L. White.....	250
Seaford Circuit.....	J. M. Mitchell.....	155
Vienna.....	W. H. Kenney.....	60
Williamsburg.....	H. B. Kelso.....	66
Williston.....	S. P. Shipman.....	135
Wyoming.....	G. P. Smith.....	80
Zoar.....	W. N. Conway.....	40
Total.....		\$5457

Easton District.

Bayside.....	J. H. Mitchell.....	50
Betterton.....	A. C. Jones.....	30
Cecilton.....	W. F. Dawson.....	200
Centreville.....	H. G. Budd, Jr.....	200
Chestertown.....	E. P. Roberts.....	255
Cheswold.....	A. W. Goodhand.....	136
Church Hill.....	J. M. Lindale.....	90
Clayton.....	V. P. Northrup.....	60
Cardova.....	J. W. Prettyman.....	75
Crumpton.....	J. A. Arters.....	80
Easton.....	C. A. Grise.....	250
Fairlee.....	W. C. Poole.....	85
Galena.....	E. K. Creed.....	100
Golts.....	C. K. Morris.....	32
Greensboro.....	E. L. Hoffecker.....	105
Henderson.....	O. T. Baynard.....	43
Hillsboro.....	J. M. Talley.....	125
Kent Island.....	F. C. McSorley.....	125
Kenton.....	D. F. McFaull.....	85
Marydel.....	T. C. Smoot.....	130
Middletown.....	C. T. Wyatt.....	450
Millington.....	E. R. Sidell.....	100
Neavitt.....	F. I. Mumford.....	40
Odessa.....	J. M. Arters.....	130
Oxford.....	L. I. McDougle.....	60
Piney Neck.....	T. H. Jones.....	20
Pomona.....	Milton McCann.....	85
Queenstown.....	W. E. Gunby.....	75
Ridgely.....	G. R. Ellis.....	90
Rock Hall.....	Warren Burr.....	100
Royal Oak.....	W. W. White.....	30

St. Michael's.....	G. W. Bounds.....	250
Smyrna	V. S. Collins	570
Smyrna Circuit.....	Albert Chandler	135
Still Pond.....	T. F. Beauchamp.....	125
Sudlersville.....	W. O. Bennett.....	120
Talbot	Robert Roe.....	80
Tilghman's Island.....	J. R. Cannon	80
Townsend.....	J. H. Beauchamp	130
Trappe.....	F. E. Bloxton	105
Wye.....	G. S. Conway.....	50

Total.....\$5081

Salisbury District.

Annamessex	J. W. Colona.....	60
Asbury.....	T. E. Terry.....	330
Berlin	G. W. Hardesty.....	105
Bethel	E. N. Cantwell.....	75
Bishopville.....	R. H. Lewis.....	55
Cape Charles.....	Edwin Gardner	85
Chincoteague.....	W. B. Guthrie.....	77
Crisfield.....	S. N. Pilchard.....	300
Crowsentown.....	J. F. Ayres.....	35
Deal's Island.....	F. F. Carpenter.....	223
Delmar.....	Z. H. Webster.....	200
Fairmount	R. T. Coursey	200
Frankford.....	G. R. Neese.....	160
Fruitland	C. H. Williams.....	90
Girdletree.....	J. H. Geoghegan.....	165
Gumboro	V. E. Hills.....	100
Holland's Island.....	D. H. Willis.....	60
Laurel.....	H. C. Turner	240
Mardela Springs.....	W. F. Atkinson.....	30
Marion.....	J. E. Gallagher.....	50
Millsboro	L. R. Janney	39
Mount Pleasant.....	F. J. Cochran.....	100
Mount Vernon.....	G. W. Hastings.....	100
Nanticoke.....	E. H. Derrickson.....	210
Newark.....	W. E. Matthews.....	80
Onancock.....	J. P. Outten.....	165
Parsonsborg.....	J. A. Brewington.....	100
Pocomoke City.....	L. E. Poole.....	120
Pocomoke Circuit.....	W. R. McFarlane.....	20
Powellville.....	Howard Davis.....	70
Princess Anne.....	A. H. Covey.....	100
Quantico.....	J. W. Fogle.....	100
Riverside	J. S. Bozman.....	4

Roxana.....	J. E. Graham	200
St. Peter's.....	M. D. Nutter.....	260
Salisbury	C. A. Hill.....	500
Selbyville.....	F. N. Faulkner	90
Sharptown.....	J. F. Anderson.....	80
Smith's Island.....	W. R. Hiron	225
Snow Hill.....	Aloysius Green.....	182
Somerset.....	W. R. Gwinn.....	100
Stockton.....	E. H. Miller.....	223
Tangier.....	W. W. Sharp	330
Westover.....	F. X. Moore.....	40
Whitesville.....	T. R. VanDyke.....	200

Total.....\$6278

Wilmington District.

Bethel	E. H. Collins.....	80
Charlestown.....	T. N. Given.....	40
Cherry Hill.....	O. W. DeVenish.....	100
Chesapeake City.....	E. H. Dashiell.....	80
Chester.....	L. P. Karholsen.....	110
Christiana	J. T. Prouse.....	55
Claymont.....	G. R. Tomkins	20
Colora	C. N. Jones.....	45
Delaware City.....	O. E. Jones.....	75
Ebenezer	T. B. Hunter.....	70
Elk Neck.....	W. P. Taylor	40
Elkton.....	T. E. Martindale.....	405
Hockessin.....	T. H. Harding.....	45
Hopewell.....	R. W. Todd.....	65
Kirkwood.....	S. O. Gibbons	
Marshallton.....	G. W. Burke.....	50
Mount Lebanon.....	G. W. Dawson.....	100
Mount Pleasant	W. T. Lewis.....	150
Newark	J. P. Otis	147
New Castle.....	C. W. Prettyman	136
Newport	W. O. Hurst.....	201
North East.....	W. A. Wise.....	50
Perryville.....	W. E. Greenfield.....	63
Port Deposit	A. S. Mowbray	290
Port Penn.....	W. V. Harris.....	20
Red Lion	F. E. McKinsey	65
Rising Sun.....	H. A. G. Westerfield.....	165
St. George's.....	O. L. Martin.....	65
St. John's.....	E. C. Wright	65
Stanton.....	C. D. Sharpless.....	25
Zion.....	W. P. Compton.....	225

Wilmington:

Asbury.....	H. S. Dulaney.....	715
Brandywine.....	G. P. Jones.....	180
Cookman.....	J. W. Jones.....	45
Eastlake.....	John France.....	15
Elsmere.....	Frank Gray.....	
Epworth.....	A. W. Lightbourne.....	50
Grace.....	W. W. King.....	1758
Harrison Street.....	J. W. Easley.....	371
Kingswood.....	W. T. Hammond.....	40
Madeley.....	E. E. White.....	70
Mount Salem.....	T. A. H. O'Brien.....	543
St. Paul's.....	W. L. S. Murray.....	705
Scott.....	R. K. Stephenson.....	275
Silverbrook.....	H. S. Thompson.....	70
Union.....	R. H. Adams.....	500
Wesley.....	Asbury Burke.....	73

Total.....\$8457

Recapitulation.**Dover District.**

Raised last year.....	\$5,363
Raised this year.....	5,457
Increase.....	\$ 94

Easton District.

Raised last year.....	\$5,113
Raised this year.....	5,081
Decrease.....	\$ 32

Salisbury District.

Raised last year.....	\$6,371
Raised this year.....	6,278
Increase.....	\$ 93

Wilmington District.

Raised last year.....	\$8,242
Raised this year.....	8,457
Increase.....	\$ 215

General Summary.

Raised last year, all Districts.....	\$25,089
Raised this year, all Districts.....	25,273
Increase.....	\$ 184

MISSIONARY STATISTICS.**Dover District.****Beckwith—J. D. Reese, Pastor.**

Churches and Sunday Schools.....\$ 75

Bridgeville—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.Church..... 70
Sunday School..... 40

Total..... 110

Cambridge—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.Church..... 75
Sunday School..... 165

Total..... 240

Camden—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.Camden Sunday School..... 60
Lebanon Sunday School..... 20
St. Jones..... 20

Total..... 100

Canterbury—E. C. Sunfield, Pastor.Canterbury Church..... 25
Canterbury Sunday School..... 10
Viola Church..... 8
Viola Sunday School..... 10
Viola C. E. S..... 5
Woodside Church..... 4
Woodside Sunday School..... 8

Total..... 70

Crapo—B. F. Jester, Pastor.Bethany Church..... 30
Bethany Sunday School..... 2
Ebenezer Church..... 37
Ebenezer Sunday School..... 13
St. Thomas Church..... 60
St. Thomas Sunday School..... 12
Wesley Church..... 13
Wesley Sunday School..... 3
Zion Church..... 20
Zion Sunday School..... 10

Total..... 200

Denton—J. T. Richardson, Pastor.Church..... 78
Sunday School..... 40

Total..... 118

Dover, (Armory)—Daniel Wilson, Pastor.	
Church and Sunday School.....	45
Dover, (Wesley)—L. E. Barrett, Pastor.	
Church	96
Sunday School	404
Total.....	500
East New Market—G. E. Wood, Pastor.	
Trinity Church.....	35
Trinity Sunday School	20
Secretary Church.....	11
Cabin Creek Church.....	14
Total.....	80
Ellendale—J. A. Buckson, Pastor.	
Ellendale Church.....	32
New Market Church.....	18
Union Church.....	15
McColleys	15
Total.....	80
Elliott's Island—G. S. Thomas, Pastor.	
Church.....	25
Sunday School	25
Epworth League	15
Total.....	65
Federalsburg—T. S. Holt, Pastor.	
Sunday Schools	125
Felton—E. H. Nelson, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	125
Frederica—Wm. Cashmore, Pastor.	
Frederica Church	58
Frederica Sunday School.....	100
Milford Neck Church.....	7
Milford Neck Sunday School	2
Total.....	167
Galestown—E. B. Taylor, Pastor.	
Galestown Church.....	25
Galestown Sunday School	2
Wesley Church.....	27
Wesley Sunday School	3
Cokesbury Church.....	5
Cokesbury Sunday School.....	20
Woodland Church.....	18
Total.....	100

Georgetown—W. F. Corkran, Pastor.	
Church	35
Sunday School.....	215
Total.....	250
Georgetown Circuit—W. H. S. Williams, Pastor.	
St. John's Church.....	10
St. John's Sunday School.....	5
Cokesbury Church	13
Cokesbury Sunday School.....	10
Bethesda Church.....	8
Bethesda Sunday School.....	2
Sand Hill Church.....	10
Sand Hill Sunday School.....	2
Total.....	60
Greenwood—J. L. Johnson, Pastor.	
Trinity Church.....	50
Trinity Sunday School.....	16
Greenwood Sunday School.....	15
Chaplain,s Sunday School	23
St. Johnstown Sunday School	5
Total.....	90
Harrington—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	129
Church	16
Junior Epworth League.....	5
Total.....	150
Hooper's Island—J. M. Collins, Pastor.	
Churches.....	32
Houston—J. H. Wilson, Pastor.	
Churches and Sunday Schools.....	100
Hurlock—G. W. Townsend, Pastor.	
Hurlock Church.....	77
Hurlock Sunday School	43
McKendree Church.....	20
Total.....	140
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.....	3
Hargis Church.....	4
Hargis Sunday School.....	1
Total.....	61

Leipsic—H. E. Truitt, Pastor.	
Churches.....	21
Sunday Schools.....	6
	Total..... 27
Lewes—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.	
Church.....	125
Sunday School.....	175
	Total..... 300
Little Creek—W. W. Johnson, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	22
Lincoln—J. W. Gray, Pastor.	
Churches.....	50
Sunday Schools.....	25
	Total..... 75
Magnolia—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.	
Magnolia Church.....	16
Magnolia Sunday School.....	55
Barrett's Church.....	2
Barrett's Sunday School.....	5
Eastons..... (S. R. T. & N. S. - B. W. P. & S.)	2
	Total..... 80
Milford—S. M. Morgan, Pastor.	
Avenue Church.....	128
Avenue Sunday School.....	300
Chapel Sunday School.....	47
	Total..... 475
Milton—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	134
Church.....	6
Epworth League.....	10
	Total..... 150
Nassau—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.	
Churches.....	70
Sunday School.....	30
	Total..... 100
Preston—G. C. Williams, Pastor.	
Church and Sunday School.....	65
Salem—J. W. Briscoe, Pastor.	
Salem.....	15
Linkwood.....	20
Griffiths.....	25
	Total..... 60

Seaford and Blades—W. L. White, Pastor.	
Church.....	137
Sunday School.....	113
	Total..... 250
Seaford Circuit—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.	
Bethel.....	72
Wesley.....	52
Concord.....	24
Browns.....	7
	Total..... 155
Vienna—W. H. Kenney, Pastor.	
Sunday Schools.....	40
Church.....	20
	Total..... 60
Williamsburg—H. B. Kelso, Pastor.	
Williamsburg Church.....	18
Williamsburg Sunday School.....	20
Hynson Church.....	11
Hynson Sunday School.....	5
Friendship Church.....	6
St. Paul's Church.....	5
St. Paul's Sunday School.....	1
	Total..... 66
Williston—S. P. Shipman, Pastor.	
Concord Church.....	45
Concord Sunday School.....	10
Williston Church.....	27
Williston Sunday School.....	2
Williston Epworth League.....	2
Harmony Church.....	19
Harmony Sunday School.....	3
Harmony Epworth League.....	2
Bloomery Church.....	24
Bloomery Sunday School.....	1
	Total..... 135
Wyoming—G. P. Smith, Pastor.	
Wyoming Church.....	30
Wyoming Sunday School.....	10
Union Church.....	20
Willow Grove Church.....	5
Asbury Church.....	5
Private Subscriptions.....	10
	Total..... 80
Zoar Circuit—W. N. Conaway, Pastor.	
Churches.....	66

Easton District.

Bayside—J. H. Mitchell, Pastor.

Wittman Church.....	18
Wittman Sunday School.....	2
Sherwood Church.....	22
Sherwood Sunday School.....	8
Total.....	50

Betterton—A. C. Jones, Pastor.

Church.....	30
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Cecilton—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.

St. Paul's Sunday School.....	75
Cecilton Sunday School.....	125
Total.....	300

Centreville—H. G. Budd, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School.....	200
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Cheswold—A. W. Goodhand, Pastor

Cheswold Sunday School.....	96
Bethel Sunday School.....	40
Total.....	136

Church Hill—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

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

Clayton—V. P. Northrup, Pastor.

Church.....	15
Sunday School.....	45
Total.....	60

Cordova—J. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Churches.....	50
Sunday Schools.....	30
Total.....	80

Crumpton—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Union Sunday School.....	30
Churches.....	27
Crumpton Sunday School.....	13
Double Creek Sunday School.....	10
Total.....	80

Chestertown—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.

Church.....	76
Sunday School.....	179
Total.....	255

Fairlee—W. C. Poole, Pastor.

Fairlee Sunday School.....	45
Worton Sunday School.....	40
Total.....	85

Galena—E. K. Creed, Pastor.

Church.....	91
Sunday School.....	9
Total.....	100

Henderson Circuit—O. T. Baynard, Pastor.

Churches.....	23
Sunday School.....	20
Total.....	43

Hillsboro—J. W. Talley, Pastor.

Churches.....	76
Hillsboro Sunday School.....	36
Ebenezer Sunday School.....	13
Total.....	125

Golt—C. K. Morris, Pastor.

Church.....	17
Sunday School.....	15
Total.....	32

Greensboro—E. L. Hoffecker, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School.....	105
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Kenton—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School.....	85
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Kent Island—F. C. McSorley, Pastor.

Stevensville Church.....	77
Stevensville Sunday School.....	31
Kingsley Church.....	12
Kingsley Sunday School.....	5
Total.....	125

Marydel—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.

Templeville Church and Sunday School.....	43
Hartly Church and Sunday School.....	40
Marydel Church and Sunday School.....	27
Thomas Chapel Church and Sunday School.....	20
Total.....	130

Middletown—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.

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

Millington—E. R. Sidell, Pastor.

Millington Church.....	29
Millington Sunday School.....	71

Total..... 100

Neavitt—J. H. Gray, Pastor.

Church.....	30
Sunday School.....	10

Total..... 40

Odessa—J. M. Arters, Pastor.

Odessa Church.....	35
Odessa Sunday School.....	95

Total..... 130

Oxford—L. I. McDougle, Pastor.

Church.....	33
Sunday School.....	27

Total..... 60

Piney Neck—T. H. Jones, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	20
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Pomona—Milton McCann, Pastor.

Bond Church.....	5
Bond Sunday School.....	66
Mowbray Church.....	5
Mowbray Sunday School.....	9

Total..... 85

Queenstown—W. E. Gunby, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School.....	75
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Ridgely—G. R. Ellis, Pastor.

Church.....	42
Sunday School.....	43
Junior Epworth League.....	5

Total..... 90

Rock Hall—Warren Burr, Pastor.

Church.....	15
Sunday School.....	85

Total..... 100

Royal Oak—W. W. White, Pastor.

Ferry Neck Church.....	6
Ferry Neck Sunday School.....	10
Royal Oak Church.....	4
Royal Oak Sunday School.....	6
Tunis Mills Church.....	2
Tunis Mills Sunday School.....	2

Total..... 80

St. Michael's—G. W. Bounds, Pastor.

St. Michael's Sunday School.....	250
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Smyrna—V. S. Collins, Pastor.

Church.....	194.46
Landing Sunday School.....	20
Asbury Sunday School.....	330.54
Asbury Epworth League.....	25

Total..... 570

Smyrna Circuit—Albert Chandler, Pastor.

Friendship Church.....	40
Friendship Sunday School.....	40
Severson's Church.....	18
Severson's Sunday School.....	6
Jerman Chapel.....	6
Jerman Sunday School.....	25

Total..... 135

Still Pond—T. F. Beauchamp, Pastor.

Church.....	25
Sunday School.....	100

Total..... 125

Sudlersville—W. O. Bennett, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools.....	120
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Talbot—Robert Roe, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools.....	40
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Tilghman's Island—J. R. Cannon, Pastor.

Tilghman's Church.....	10
Tilghman's Sunday School.....	50
Fairbank Sunday School.....	20

Total..... 80

Townsend—J. H. Beauchamp, Pastor.

Emmanuel Church.....	26
Emmanuel Sunday School.....	74
Blackbird Church.....	5
Blackbird Sunday School.....	15
Union Church.....	5
Union Sunday School.....	5

Total..... 130

Trappe—F. E. Bloxton, Pastor.

Churches.....	95
Sunday Schools.....	10

Total..... 105

Wye Mills—G. S. Conaway, Pastor.

Church	42
Sunday School.....	5
Starr Church.....	3
Total.....	50

Salisbury District.**Annamessex—F. I. Mumford, Pastor.**

St. Peter's Church.....	30
St. Peter's Sunday School.....	30
Total.....	60

Asbury—T. E. Terry, Pastor.

Church.....	22
Sunday School.....	308
Total.....	330

Berlin—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor.

Church.....	30
Sunday School.....	75
Total.....	105

Bethel—E. N. Cantwell, Pastor.

Bethel Church	50
Bethel Sunday School.....	7
Mt. Zion Church	13
Mt. Zion Sunday School.....	5
Total.....	75

Cape Charles—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School.....	85
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Chincoteague—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.

Church	26
Sunday School.....	51
Total.....	77

Crowsentown—J. E. F. Ayers, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School.....	85
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Crisfield—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

Church	17
Jr. League.....	19
Sunday School.....	246
Total.....	300

Delmar—Z. H. Webster, Pastor.

Church	79
Sunday School	121
Total.....	200

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

Church	70
Sunday School.....	143
Wilson Estate.....	10
Total.....	223

Fairmount—R. T. Coursey, Pastor.

Fairmount Church	15
Fairmount Sunday School.....	144
Union Church.....	5
Union Sunday School	36
Total.....	200

Frankford—G. R. Neese, Pastor.

Frankford Church and Sunday School.....	21
St. Georges Sunday School.....	65
Omar Sunday School.....	21
Houston Church.....	7
Total.....	114

Fruitland—C. H. Williams, Pastor.

Fruitland Church	15
Fruitland Sunday School.....	47
Siloam Church and Sunday School	18
Zion Church	6
St. Lukes Church	4
Total.....	90

Girdletree—J. H. Geoghegan, Pastor.

Girdletree Church.....	50
Girdletree Sunday School.....	44
Connor's Church.....	8
Connor's Sunday School.....	35
Klej Grange Church.....	12
Klej Grange Sunday School	3
Goodwill Church.....	10
Goodwill Sunday School.....	3
Total.....	165

Laurel—H. C. Turner, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	240
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Mardela Springs—W. F. Atkinson, Pastor.

Churches	10
Sunday Schools.....	20
Total.....	30

Millsboro—L. R. Janney, Pastor.

Church and School.....	37
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Mt. Pleasant—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Churches	50
Sunday School.....	50

Total..... 100

Nanticoke—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.

Churches.....	160
Schools.....	50

Total..... 210

Newark, Md—W. E. Matthews, Pastor.

Newark Sunday School.....	53
Ironshire Church.....	19
Ironshire Sunday School.....	5
Wesley Church	4

Total..... 80

Onancock—J. P. Outten, Pastor.

Churches.....	130
Sunday School.....	35

Total..... 165

Parsonsborg—J. A. Brewington, Pastor.

Parsonsborg Church.....	5
Parsonsborg Sunday School.....	38
Pittsville Church.....	10
Pittsville Sunday School.....	3
Wango Church.....	5
Wango Sunday School.....	5
Zion Church	25
Zion Sunday School.....	9

Total..... 100

Pocomoke City—L. E. Poole, Pastor.

Church	20
Salem Sunday School.....	100

Total..... 120

Pocomoke Circuit—W. R. McFarlane, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools	30
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Powellville—Howard Davis, Pastor.

Church.....	18
Sunday School.....	52

Total..... 70

Princess Anne—J. W. Colona, Pastor.

Church.....	30
Sunday School.....	70

Total..... 100

Quantico—J. W. Fogle, Pastor.

Rockawalking Church and Sunday School.....	51
Hebron Church and Sunday School	26
Quantico Church and Sunday School.....	20
Messick's Sunday School.....	3

Total..... 100

Riverside—J. S. Bozman, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School.....	4
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Roxana—J. E. Graham, Pastor.

Churches	115
Sunday Schools.....	85

Total..... 200

St. Peter's—M. D. Nutter, Pastor.

St. Peter's Church.....	170
St. Stephen's Church.....	54
Bethel Church.....	36

Total..... 260

Salisbury—C. A. Hill, Pastor.

Church	146
Sunday School.....	354

Total..... 500

Selbyville—F. N. Faulkner, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School.....	90
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Sharptown—J. F. Anderson, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	50
Jr. League.....	5
Special Collection.....	25

Total..... 80

Smith's Island—W. R. Hiron, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	225
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Somerset—W. R. Gwinn, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools.....	100
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Stockton—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Stockton Sunday School.....	30
Remson's Sunday School.....	10
Young People's Society.....	10
Franklin City Sunday School.....	173

Total..... 223

Tangier—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School.....	330
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Westover—F. X. Moore, Pastor.

Mt. Olive Sunday School	25
Westover Sunday School	15
Total	40

Whitesville—T. R. VanDyke, Pastor.

Melson's Sunday School	40
Jones Sunday School.....	42
Bethesda Sunday School.....	25
Line Sunday School.....	93
Total.....	200

Mt. Vernon—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.

Asbury Sunday School.....	60
John Wesley Church.....	31
John Wesley Sunday School.....	9
Total.....	100

Wilmington District.**Bethel and Summit—E. H. Collins, Pastor.**

Bethel Sunday School.....	40
Summit Sunday School.....	40
Total.....	80

Charlestown—Thos. N. Given, Pastor.

Church	28
Sunday School.....	12
Total.....	40

Cherry Hill—O. W. Devenish, Pastor.

Church	40
Cherry Hill Sunday School.....	50
Big Elk Sunday School.....	10
Total.....	100

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

Church	84
Sunday School	26
Total.....	110

Claymont—G. R. Tompkins, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	20
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Colora—C. N. Jones, Pastor.

Church	36
Sunday School.....	9
Total.....	45

Delaware City—O. E. Jones, Pastor.

Church	34
Sunday School	36
Epworth League.....	5
Total.....	75

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

Churches.....	22.06
Sunday Schools.....	21.64
Ebenezer Sunday School.....	18.55
Wesley Sunday School.....	6.88
Milford Cross Roads.....	5.70
Contents of Savings Bank of Lillie Gertrude Mote deceased 2½ years.....	2.56
Total.....	77.36
Less Expenses Premiums, etc.....	7.36

Total..... 70.00**Elk Neck—W. P. Taylor, Pastor.**

Churches.....	34
Sunday School.....	4
Jr. Epworth League of Hart's Church.....	2

Total..... 40**Elkton—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.**

Church	25
Epworth League	15
West Arnwell Sunday School.....	10
Cronchis Chapel Sunday School	10
Child's Sunday School.....	35
Elkton Sunday School.....	310

Total..... 405**Hockessin—T. H. Harding, Pastor.**

Sunday School.....	45
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Hopewell—J. S. VanBlunk, Pastor.

Hopewell Sunday School.....	55
Asbury Church.....	10

Total..... 62**Marshallton—G. W. Burke, Pastor.**

Sunday Schools	50
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Mt. Lebanon—G. W. Dawson, Pastor.

Mt. Lebanon Church.....	85
Mt. Lebanon Sunday School.....	10
Special Easter Offering.....	5

Total..... 100

Mt. Pleasant—W. T. Lewis, Pastor.

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

Newark—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	135
Church.....	7
Endeavor Society.....	5
Total.....	147

New Castle—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church.....	18
Sunday School.....	118
Total.....	136

Newport—W. O. Hurst, Pastor.

Church.....	30
Sunday School.....	120
Epworth League.....	51
Total.....	201

North East—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Church.....	7
Sunday School.....	43
Total.....	50

Port Deposit—A. S. Mowbray, Pastor.

Church.....	100
Sunday School.....	160
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Nesbitt.....	30
Total.....	290

Port Penn—W. V. Harris, Pastor.

Church.....	15
Sunday School.....	5
Total.....	20

Red Lion—F. E. McKinsey, Pastor.

Churches.....	22
Red Lion Sunday School.....	23
Glasgow Sunday School.....	11
Eden Sunday School.....	9
Total.....	65

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

Rising Sun Church.....	70
Rising Sun Sunday School.....	60
Rising Sun Epworth League.....	15

Sylmar Church.....	18
Sylmar Sunday School.....	2

Total..... 165

St. Georges—O. L. Martin, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School.....	59
Easter Offering.....	6

Total..... 65

St. Johns—J. E. Gallagher, Pastor.

Church.....	22
Sunday School.....	43

Total..... 65

Zion Circuit—W. P. Compton, Pastor.

Churches.....	110
Calvert Sunday School.....	43
Ebenezer Sunday School.....	32
Union Sunday School.....	27
Zion Sunday School.....	13

Total..... 225

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

Church.....	153
Sunday School.....	218

Total..... 371

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

Church.....	400
Sunday School.....	300
Epworth League for Child Educating.....	15

Total..... 715

Wilmington-Brandywine and Edgemoor—G. P. Jones, Pastor.

Churches.....	40
Afternoon Sunday School.....	122
Morning Sunday School.....	13
Junior Epworth League.....	5

Total..... 180

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

Church and Sunday School.....	45
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Wilmington-Grace—W. W. King, Pastor.

Church.....	692
Sunday School.....	1066

Total..... 1758

Wilmington-Epworth—A. W. Lightbourne, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	50
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Wilmington-Kingswood—W. T. Hammond, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	40
Wilmington-Mt. Salem—T. A. H. O'Brein, Pastor.	
Mt. Salem Church.....	38
Mt. Salem Sunday School.....	250
Riddle's Chapel Sunday School.....	167
To Support two Students in Peking University.....	73
A Special Educational Contribution for work in Africa under Dr. E. H. Richards	15
Total.....	543
Wilmington-St. Paul's—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.	
Church.....	252
Sunday School.....	350
Christian Endeavor Societies.....	103
Total.....	705
Wilmington-Scott—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor.	
Church.....	107
Sunday School.....	168
Total.....	275
Wilmington-Silverbrook—H. S. Thompson, Pastor.	
Church.....	5
Sunday School.....	65
Total.....	70
Wilmington-Union—R. H. Adams, Pastor	
Church.....	115
Sunday School.....	385
Total.....	500
Wilmington-Wesley—A. Burke, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	73

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