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Recommendations of the Conference Board of Examiners.

1. That we adopt the recommendations of the General Conference as contained in the Appendix to the Discipline, paragraph 62, section 2, and paragraph 63, section 1.

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.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED MARCH 16, 1905.

Resolved 1. "That each student throughout the entire course, shall present to the Registrar, a written statement that he has carefully read all of the books which the Discipline requires to be read for the year."

Resolved 2. "That no candidate shall be examined in studies in advance of those of the class to which he belongs, except as Discipline provides."

Following the instruction of the Conference, certificates will be received in accordance with paragraph 62, section 2, and paragraph 63, section 1 of the Appendix of Discipline, (1904).

All examinations will be held at the time and seat of the annual Conference.

SCHEME OF STUDIES.

(Discipline 1904.)

1. Elementary English.....J. W. Jones.
Reading, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Spelling; Admission.
2. History..... J. W. Talley.
Outlines of History (Swinton), Admission. Students American History (Montgomery), 1st year. Short History of the English People (Green), 2nd year. Outlines of Universal History (Fisher), 3d and 4th years.
3. Belles Letters.....V. S. Collins.
Principles of Rhetoric (Hill), Admission. Lessons in Logic (Jevons), 2nd year. Essays for 2nd and 4th years.
4. Mental Science.....T. F. Beauchamp.
Outlines of Descriptive Psychology (Ladd), 3d year. Essentials of Argumentation (McEwen), Local.
5. Apologetics.....S. N. Pichard.
Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief (Fisher), 4th year. Analogy of Religion (Butler), 4th year.
6. Methodist Polity.....R. K. Stephenson.
Discipline (1904), Admission and Local. Digest of Methodist Law (Merrill), Local. Theological Compend (Binney), Local.
7. Methodist History.....W. L. White.
John Wesley the Methodist (A Biography), Admission. One Thousand Questions on Methodism (Wheeler), Local. A History of Methodism (Stevens,—abridged), Local.

8. Ethics.....G. W. Townsend.
Christian Ethics (Smyth), 4th year. A Manual of Christian Evidence (Row), Local.
9. Historical Theology.....William Cashmore.
History of the Christian Church (Hurst), 3d and 4th years. A Short History of the Christian Church (Hurst), Local.
10. Biblical Theology.....H. C. Turner.
Introduction to Holy Scriptures (Harman), 1st and 2nd years. The Land of Israel (Stewart), 3d year. Introduction to New Testament (Dods), Local.
11. Exegetical Theology.....M. D. Nutter.
Biblical Hermeneutics (Terry), 3d year. A Manual of Bible History (Blaikie), Admission and Local.
12. Systematic Theology.....W. O. Hurst.
Systematic Theology (Miley), 1st and 2nd years. Systematic Theology (Raymond), Local.
13. Doctrinal Theology.....C. A. Hill.
A Manual of Christian Doctrine (Banks), Admission and Local Elders. Christian Baptism (Merrill), Local. Life and Epistles of St. Paul (Conybeare and Howson), Local Elders.
14. Homiletics.....V. E. Hills.
Lectures on Homiletics (Kern), 1st year and Local Elders. Sermons of 1st and 3d years.
15. Practical Theology.....G. P. Jones.
A Plain Account of Christian Perfection (Wesley), Admission and Local. Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience (Merrill), Local. Sermons for Admission and Local Deacons.

V. P. NORTHRUP,
Registrar.

Clayton, Del.

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 two-thirds 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.....	5
1888	G. T. Alderson.....	E	Snow Hill, Md.....	2
1888	J. F. Anderson.....	E	Houston, Del.....	1
1870	J. A. Arters.....	E	Charlestown, Md.....	1
1900	J. M. Arters.....	E	Wilmington, Del.....	1
1876	L. E. Barrett.....	E	Dover, Del.....	4
1902	O. T. Baynard.....	D	Crumpton, Md.....	1
1894	J. H. Beauchamp.....	E	Harrington, Del.....	2
1892	T. F. Beauchamp.....	E	Federalburg, Md.....	1
1897	W. O. Bennett.....	E	Sudlersville, Md.....	3
1900	A. A. Bichell.....	E	Crapo, Md.....	1
1898	F. E. Bloxton.....	E	Ewell's Md.....	2
1890	G. W. Bounds.....	E	St. Michaels, Md.....	4
1876	W. L. P. Bowen.....	Sd	Newark, Md.....	13
1885	G. W. Bowman.....	Sy	Christiana, Del.....	1
1902	J. W. Briscoe.....	D	Pocomoke City, Md.....	1
1890	J. A. Brewington.....	E	St. Georges, Del.....	1
1894	H. G. Budd, Jr.....	E	Centreville, Md.....	3
1904	J. A. Buckson.....	P	Galestown, Md.....	2
1886	Asbury Burke.....	E	Wilmington, Del.....	3
1865	G. W. Burke.....	E	Hockessin, Del.....	1
1888	Warren Burr.....	E	Rock Hall, Md.....	3
1895	William Cashmore.....	E	Frederica, Del.....	3
1880	J. R. Cannon.....	E	Beckwith, Md.....	1
1899	E. N. Cantwell.....	E	Selbyville, Del.....	1
1888	F. F. Carpenter.....	E	Wilmington, Del.....	2
1865	James Carroll.....	SD	Milford, Del.....	7
1889	W. W. Chaires.....	Sy	Tilghman's Island, Md.....	5
1876	Albert Chandler.....	E	Smyrna, Del.....	3
1881	F. J. Cochran.....	E	East New Market, Md.....	2
1895	E. H. Collins.....	E	Marydel, Md.....	2
1876	J. M. Collins.....	Sd	.....	1
1883	V. S. Collins.....	E	Port Deposit, Md.....	2
1902	J. W. Colona.....	E	Princess Anne, Md.....	3
1888	W. P. Compton.....	E	Nassau, Del.....	1
1862	G. S. Conaway.....	E	Rock Hall, Md.....	2
1881	L. P. Corkran.....	E	Wilmington, Del.....	1
1876	W. F. Corkran.....	E	Philadelphia, Pa.....	1
1887	R. T. Coursey.....	E	Milton, Del.....	1
1899	A. H. Covey.....	Sy	Pomona, Md.....	2
1896	E. H. Dashiell.....	E	North East, Md.....	1
1900	Howard Davis.....	D	Powellville, Md.....	3
1884	W. F. Dawson.....	E	Cecilton, Md.....	3
1899	G. W. Dawson.....	E	Rockland, Del.....	3
1884	E. H. Derrickson.....	E	Oriole, Md.....	1
1886	H. S. Dulaney.....	E	Crisfield, Md.....	2
1885	J. W. Easley.....	E	Barbourville, Ky.....	1
1898	G. R. Ellis.....	E	Ridgely, Md.....	3
1866	James Esgate.....	Sd	South Tamworth, N. H.....	19
1900	F. N. Faulkner.....	E	Parsonsborg, Md.....	1

1905	D. J. Ford.....	P	Betterton, Md.....	1
1889	J. W. Fogle.....	E	Girdletree, Md.....	1
1868	I. G. Fosnocht.....	E	Magnolia, Del.....	3
1891	Edwin Gardner.....	E	Millington, Md.....	2
1902	J. H. Gardner.....	D	Marion, Md.....	2
1900	J. E. Gallagher.....	E	Chesapeake City, Md.....	1
1891	J. H. Geoghegan.....	E	Quantico, Md.....	1
1895	D. J. Givan.....	E	Hillsboro, Md.....	2
1884	T. N. Given.....	E	Dover, Del.....	1
1903	A. W. Goodhand.....	D	Cheswold, Del.....	3
1889	J. E. Graham.....	Sy	Seaford, Del.....	1
1888	J. W. Gray.....	E	Cordova, Md.....	1
1905	J. H. Gray.....	P	Wilmington, Del.....	1
1890	Aloycius Green.....	E	Preston, Md.....	2
1873	W. M. Green.....	Sd	Camden, Del.....	7
1900	W. E. Greenfield.....	E	Perryville, Md.....	5
1879	C. A. Grise.....	E	116 W. Mulberry St., Baltimore, Md.....	2
1883	W. B. Guthrie.....	E	Millsboro, Del.....	1
1903	W. F. Gunby.....	D	Odessa, Del.....	1
1869	W. R. Gwinn.....	E	Colora, Md.....	1
1903	W. E. Hubbard.....	D	Fairlee, Md.....	2
1883	G. L. Hardesty.....	E	Whitesville, Del.....	2
1871	T. H. Harding.....	Sy	Wilmington, Del.....	5
1900	G. W. Hastings.....	E	Frankford, Del.....	1
1878	C. A. Hill.....	E	Salisbury, Md.....	5
1889	V. E. Hills.....	E	Mt. Vernon, Md.....	1
1901	W. R. Hiron.....	E	Onancock, Va.....	2
1876	E. L. Hoffecker.....	E	Fairmount, Md.....	1
1897	T. S. Holt.....	E	Still Pond, Md.....	1
1905	W. H. Hudson.....	P	Canterbury, Del.....	1
1869	T. B. Hunter.....	E	Cherry Hill, Md.....	2
1892	W. O. Hurst.....	E	Newport, Del.....	4
1876	L. R. Janney.....	E	Newark, Md.....	1
1899	J. L. Johnson.....	E	Seaford, Del.....	2
1900	C. N. Jones.....	E	Wilmington, Del.....	2
1891	G. P. Jones.....	E	Milford, Del.....	2
1898	J. W. Jones.....	E	Townsend, Del.....	2
1898	O. E. Jones.....	E	Lewesville, Pa.....	1
1903	T. H. Jones.....	D	Church Creek, Md.....	2
1905	E. W. Jones.....	P	Queenst wn, Md.....	1
1890	L. P. Karholson.....	E	Wilmington, Del.....	1
1898	H. B. Kelso.....	E	Williamburg, Md.....	3
1904	J. M. Kelso.....	D	Madison, N. J.....	1
1901	W. H. Kenney.....	E	Roxana, Del.....	2
1882	W. W. King.....	E	Wilmington, Del.....	6
1886	W. G. Koons.....	E	Smyrna, Del.....	3
1880	A. W. Lightbourn.....	E	Middletown, Del.....	1
1871	L. W. Layfield.....	E	Greenwood, Del.....	2
1879	J. M. Lindale.....	E	Bellevue, Del.....	2
1874	W. T. Lewis.....	E	Oxford, Md.....	2
1901	R. H. Lewis.....	D	Westover, Md.....	2
1876	E. C. Macnichol.....	E	Cambridge, Md.....	8
1885	O. L. Martin.....	E	Chance, Md.....	1
1864	T. E. Martindale.....	E	Elkton, Md.....	3
1902	W. E. Matthews.....	E	Bethel, Del.....	1
1902	Milton McCann.....	D	Bozman, Md.....	1
1905	J. C. McCoy.....	P	Royal Oak, Md.....	1

1889	L. I. McDougle.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	1
1869	W. R. McFarlane.....E	Elk Neck, Md.....	1
1884	D. F. McFaul.....E	Kenton, Del.....	3
1892	F. E. McKinsey.....E	Red Lion, Del.....	3
1873	F. C. McSorley.....E	Kent Island, Md.....	3
1869	E. H. Miller.....E	Marshallton, Del.....	1
1885	J. M. Mitchell.....E	Zion, Md.....	2
1902	J. H. Mitchell.....D	Newark, Del.....	1
1887	S. M. Morgan.....E	Dover, Del.....	2
1905	L. P. Morgan.....P	Lelapsic, Del.....	1
1858	S. J. Morris.....Sd	Newark, N. J.....	7
1883	A. S. Mowbray.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	2
1886	W. R. Mowbray.....E	Bridgeville, Del.....	5
1872	W. L. S. Murray.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	10
1898	F. X. Moore.....E	Port Deposit, Md.....	2
1903	F. I. Mumford.....D	Crisfield, Md.....	2
1879	G. R. Neese.....E	Nanticoke, Md.....	1
1870	E. H. Nelson.....E	Felton, Del.....	4
1892	V. P. Northrup.....E	Clayton, Del.....	3
1890	M. D. Nutter.....E	Stockton, Md.....	1
1876	T. A. H. O'Brien.....E	Lewes, Del.....	2
1872	J. P. Otis.....E	Rising Sun, Md.....	2
1893	J. P. Outten.....E	Cape Charles, Va.....	2
1881	S. N. Pilchard.....E	Crisfield, Md.....	4
1870	J. W. Poole.....Sd	Farmington, Del.....	18
1896	L. E. Poole.....E	Pocomoke City, Md.....	3
1900	W. C. Poole.....E	Church Hill, Md.....	2
1882	A. P. Prettyman.....E	Galena, Md.....	3
1868	C. W. Prettyman.....E	New Castle, Del.....	8
1897	J. W. Prettyman.....E	Lincoln, Del.....	1
1886	J. T. Prouse.....E	Boothwyn, Pa.....	2
1878	H. T. Quigg.....E	Georgetown, Del.....	2
1869	P. H. Rawlins.....E	Seaford, Del.....	7
1858	W. W. Redman.....Sd	Greenwood, Del.....	14
1885	J. D. Reese.....E	Tilghman's Island, Md.....	1
1893	J. T. Richardson.....E	Denton, Md.....	5
1884	E. P. Roberts.....E	Boston, Md.....	2
1873	Robert Roe.....E	Trappe, Md.....	2
1858	A. T. Scott.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	5
1886	W. W. Sharp.....E	Deal's Island, Md.....	2
1889	S. P. Shipman.....E	Greensboro, Md.....	1
1879	Alfred Smith.....E	Dover, Del.....	2
1896	G. P. Smith.....E	Wyoming, Del.....	5
1889	T. C. Smoot.....E	Galena, Md.....	2
1870	Adam Stengle.....E	Salisbury, Md.....	3
1878	R. K. Stephenson.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	3
1892	C. W. Strickland.....E	Williston, Md.....	1
1885	E. C. Sunfield.....E	Felton, Del.....	1
1897	J. W. Talley.....E	Farmington, Del.....	2
1897	Harry Taylor.....E	Georgetown, Del.....	2
1886	W. P. Taylor.....E	Chesapeake City, Md.....	2
1894	E. B. Taylor.....E	Pomona, Md.....	1
1876	T. E. Terry.....E	Laurel, Del.....	2
1903	G. S. Thomas.....E	Elliott's Island, Md.....	2
1858	H. S. Thompson.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	5
1853	R. W. Todd.....Sd	Baltimore, Md.....	2
1871	W. E. Tompkinson.....Sd	Carlisle, Pa.....	9

1876	G. W. Townsend.....E	Hurlock, Md.....	3
1891	H. C. Turner.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	2
1905	J. M. S. VanBlunk.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	1
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow.....Sd	Dover, Del.....	4
1895	T. R. VanDyke.....E	Tangier Island, Va.....	2
1879	O. S. Walton.....Sy	Red Lion, Del.....	5
1853	W. M. Warner.....Sd	Millington, Md.....	10
1885	Robert Watt.....E	Smyrna, Del.....	2
1887	Z. H. Webster.....E	Delmar, Del.....	4
1893	H. A. G. Westerfield.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	1
1886	E. E. White.....E	Delaware City, Del.....	1
1893	W. L. White.....E	Chestertown, Md.....	2
1875	W. W. White.....E	Fruitland, Md.....	1
1868	J. S. Wickline.....Sy	Falling Springs, W. Va.....	5
1882	C. H. Williams.....E	Gumboro, Del.....	1
1902	G. C. Williams.....D	Berlin, Md.....	2
1892	W. S. H. Williams.....Sy	Burrsville, Md.....	1
1885	D. H. Willis.....E	Chincoteague Island, Va.....	1
1887	J. H. Wilson.....E	Sharptown, Md.....	1
1884	W. A. Wise.....E	Seaford, Del.....	2
1886	G. E. Wood.....E	Laurel, Del.....	2
1898	E. C. Wright.....Sy	Wilmington, Del.....	2
1886	C. T. Wyatt.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	1
1871	F. O. B. Wallin.....Sd	Philadelphia, Pa.....	5

Supplies.

Hugh Adams.....	Edgemoore, Del.	J. F. Cain.....	Kirkwood, Del.
J. F. Ayres.....	Chesconessex, Va.	E. W. McDowell.....	Lakesville, Md.
W. F. Atkinson.....	Salisbury, Md.	L. T. McLain.....	Holland's Island, Md.
W. N. Conoway.....	Salem, Md.	D. J. Moore.....	Bayside, Md.
J. B. Conoway.....	Ocean View, Del.	C. D. Sharpless.....	Stanton, Del.
J. L. Derrickson.....	Berlin Circuit, Md.	H. E. Truitt.....	Ellendale, Del.
W. G. Harris.....	Town Point, Md.	P. P. Truitt.....	Mardella Springs, Md.
H. G. Hineman.....	Bishopville, Md.	J. K. Underhill.....	Burrsville, Md.
J. B. C. Hopkins.....	Little Creek, Del.	Daniel Wilson.....	Wye, Md.
A. C. Jones.....	Port Penn, Del.	T. S. Barrett.....	Zoar, 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.

JOURNAL.

First Day—March 15, 1905.

The thirty-seventh session of the Wilmington Annual Conference convened in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., March 15th, 1905, at 9 A. M., Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell presiding. After the devotional services, the bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Roll Call.—The roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, the following members and probationers answering to their names: H. S. Thompson, A. T. Scott, J. T. VanBurkalow, G. S. Conaway, T. E. Martindale, E. E. White, C. W. Prettyman, I. G. Fosnocht, W. R. McFarlane, T. B. Hunter, P. H. Rawlins, J. A. Arters, Adam Stengle, E. H. Nelson, W. E. Tompkinson, L. W. Layfield, T. H. Harding, W. L. S. Murray, J. P. Otis, Robert Roe, F. C. MacSorley, W. M. Green, W. T. Lewis, G. W. Townsend, W. W. White, T. A. H. O'Brien, E. C. Macnichol, W. L. P. Bowen, L. E. Barrett, W. F. Corkran, J. M. Collins, L. R. Janney, T. E. Terry, E. L. Hoffecker, Albert Chandler, E. C. Atkins, C. A. Hill, R. K. Stephenson, Alfred Smith, C. A. Grise, J. M. Lindale, G. R. Neese, A. W. Lightbourn, J. R. Cannon, C. S. Baker, F. J. Cochran, L. P. Corkran, S. N. Pilchard, A. P. Prettyman, C. H. Williams, W. W. King, W. B. Guthrie, A. S. Mowbray, V. S. Collins, G. L. Hardesty, W. A. Wise, W. F. Dawson, D. F. McFaul, E. P. Roberts, E. H. Derrickson, T. N. Given, J. M. Mitchell, J. W. Easley, Robert Watt, J. D. Reese, G. W. Bowman, D. H. Willis, O. L. Martin, E. C. Sunfield, G. E. Wood, Asbury Burke, W. W. Sharpe, W. R. Mowbray, H. S. Dulany, W. G. Koons, C. T. Wyatt, J. T. Prouse, S. M. Morgan, R. T. Coursey, Z. H. Webster, J. H. Wilson, G. T. Alderson, J. F. Anderson, F. F. Carpenter, W. P. Compton, Warren Burr, J. W. Gray, W. P. Taylor, V. E. Hills, T. C. Smoot, S. P. Shipman, J. W. Fogle, L. I. McDougale, G. W. Bounds, M. D. Nutter, Aloycius Green, J. A. Brewington, L. P. Karholsen, H. C. Turner, Edwin Gardner, J. H. Geoghegan, G. P. Jones, V. P. Northrup, W. S. H. Williams, E. B. Taylor, W. O. Hurst, T. F. Beauchamp, C. W. Strickland, F. E. McKinsey, H. A. G. Westerfield, W. L. White, J. P. Outten, J. T. Richardson, H. G. Budd, Jr., J. H. Beauchamp, E. H. Dashiell, E. H. Collins, T. R. VanDyke, D. J. Givan, William Cashmore, L. E. Poole, G. P. Smith, J. W. Prettyman, J. W. Talley, T. S. Holt, W. O. Bennett, Harry Taylor, O. E. Jones, F. E. Bloxton, J. W. Jones, F. X. Moore, H. B. Kelso, G. R. Ellis, J. L. Johnson, A. H. Covey, E. N. Cantwell, G. W. Dawson, J. E. Gallagher, Howard Davis, C. N. Jones, J. M. Art-

ers, W. C. Poole, F. N. Faulkner, G. W. Hastings, W. E. Greenfield, R. H. Lewis, W. R. Hirons, W. H. Kenney, Milton McCann, J. H. Mitchell, W. E. Matthews, G. C. Williams, J. H. Gardner, O. T. Baynard, J. W. Briscoe, J. W. Colona, A. W. Goodhand, G. S. Thomas, W. E. Gunby, F. I. Mumford, W. E. Hubbard, T. H. Jones, J. A. Buckson, J. M. Kelso, H. T. Quigg.

Organization.—On motion it was agreed to elect the Secretary by ballot. On motion of V. S. Collins, by count vote of 58 to 48, it was decided to have nominations. The following were placed in nomination:—W. R. Mowbray, W. A. Wise, E. N. Cantwell, Z. H. Webster. The following were appointed tellers: G. P. Jones, V. S. Collins, E. N. Cantwell, W. F. Dawson. The ballot was taken and the tellers retired. On motion of C. W. Prettyman, it was determined that the candidate receiving the highest number of votes should be declared elected.

Statistical Secretary.—H. A. G. Westerfield was nominated and elected Statistical Secretary, and named as his assistants J. H. Geoghegan, H. B. Kelso, J. L. Johnson, W. E. Greenfield, Milton McCann, W. W. Sharp, G. R. Ellis, C. W. Strickland, G. S. Thomas, A. W. Goodhand, F. N. Faulkner, F. I. Mumford, F. X. Moore, J. E. Gallagher, W. E. Gunby, and they were confirmed.

Treasurer.—H. G. Budd was nominated and elected Treasurer and named as his assistants, J. M. Arters, J. W. Prettyman, W. R. Hirons, W. O. Bennett, G. C. Williams, T. R. VanDyke, V. E. Hills, J. H. Gardner, J. T. Richardson, O. E. Jones.

Secretary.—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the vote for Secretary as follows:—Number of votes cast 126. W. A. Wise received 62, W. R. Mowbray 49, E. N. Cantwell 4, Z. H. Webster 10, H. A. G. Westerfield 1. W. A. Wise having received the highest number of votes was declared elected, and named as his assistants, W. R. Mowbray, Z. H. Webster, G. P. Jones, L. E. Poole.

Committees.—W. G. Koons read the nominations for Standing Committees and they were confirmed. (See list).

Hours, Rules and Bar.—On motion of C. W. Prettyman the hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 8.30 A. M. and 12 M. The first half hour for devotions. On motion of V. S. Collins the Rules of Order of the last session were adopted with the following change, in section 3 paragraph 6, the words "two thirds" were substituted for "majority," so as to read, "And if such motion is seconded by two thirds of the members present, the question shall be imme-

diately put." On motion the bar of the Conference was fixed at the fifth window from the left of the pulpit.

Addresses.—At the suggestion of Bishop Goodsell and on motion of Adam Stengle, C. A. Hill, Robert Watt, E. C. Macnichol, E. L. Hoffecker were made a committee to whom should be referred all persons, other than General Conference officers, who may desire to address the Conference.

Bishop Foss.—Bishop Goodsell announced that he had invited Bishop C. D. Foss to be present and assist in duties pertaining to the presiding office. He then presented him to the Conference.

References to Committee on Conference Relations.—On motion of V. S. Collins, it was ordered that all cases intended for the Committee on Conference Relations, in which all the Presiding Elders agree, should be privately referred.

A. S. Mowbray.—On motion the following persons were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable expression for the service of the retiring Secretary—C. W. Strickland, E. P. Roberts, S. N. Pilchard, V. S. Collins and T. E. Martindale.

Stewards.—On motion of T. E. Martindale 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.

Question 15.—"Who have died?" was taken up. The Presiding Elders reported the following:—J. B. Merritt, G. W. Wilcox, E. K. Creed, E. R. Sidell.

Question 13.—The Thirteenth Question, "Was the character of each Preacher Examined?" was taken up. Wilmington District was called, the character of A. S. Mowbray, Presiding Elder, passed, and he presented charges, together with the record of investigation in the cases of W. F. Corkran and C. S. Baker, and on motion they were referred to a Select Number of fifteen.

Select Number.—On motion of V. S. Collins, upon a count vote of 74 to 24, the Conference requested the Bishop and Presiding Elders to submit a list of 30 names from which the counsels for the prosecution and defense should secure the Select Number. The Conference recognized as counsels in the cases, for the Church:—A. W. Lightbourn, W. W. King, W. L. McDowell, J. W. Easley, and H. S. Thompson. For the Defense:—J. A. B. Wilson, J. D. C. Hanna, J.

B. Mann, J. M. Lindale, R. T. Coursey. Bishop Goodsell submitted a list of thirty names to the counsel.

Statistics.—On motion of H. A. G. Westerfield the Reports for the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer were received.

Dickinson College.—On motion of A. S. Mowbray it was directed that money paid to Dickinson College during the year shall be reported to the Committee on Education for tabulation and printing.

Substitutes.—The name of J. A. Brewington was substituted for that of T. E. Terry on the Committee on Conference Relations. The time was extended. R. T. Coursey was excused from serving on the Temperance Committee and G. L. Hardesty was named in his place.

Question 13.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed, A. S. Mowbray, Presiding Elder, 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.

T. L. Poulson.—The privilege of the floor was extended to T. L. Poulson of the New York East Conference.

Postmaster.—On motion of Robert Watt, J. T. Prouse, was appointed Conference Postmaster.

Question 14.—"Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?" was taken up. F. B. Short to the Oregon Conference. B. F. Jester to the Philadelphia Conference.

Question 1.—"Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?" was taken up. Howard T. Quigg from the Philadelphia Conference.

J. E. Graham.—On motion of Adam Stengle the case of J. E. Graham was referred to the Board of Stewards.

Introductions.—W. H. Hutchins, O. S. Baketel, of New Hampshire Conference, R. I. Watkins, of Kentucky Conference, J. B. Mann, of Central Pennsylvania Conference, D. C. Hedrick, of Virginia Conference, and J. E. Malloy, of Maryland Annual Conference of M. P. Church were introduced.

Select Number.—W. W. King reported nine names agreed upon by the counsel from the thirty names submitted, for the Select Number and Bishop Goodsell presented an additional list of twenty names, as requested.

Adjournment.—Committees were called, announcements were made and Conference adjourned to meet at two o'clock, Bishop Foss pronouncing the benediction.

Second Session, Wednesday Afternoon.

Opening.—Conference met at 2 o'clock with Bishop Goodsell in the chair. V. S. Collins conducted the devotional services.

Journal.—The Secretary was excused from reading the Journal of the morning session.

Counsel.—On motion of R. T. Coursey it was agreed that members of the Counsel on both sides, not members of the Conference, be accorded the privileges of the floor so far as they relate to pending trials.

Drafts.—Drafts on the Book Concern for \$1275.00 and on the Chartered Fund for \$22.00 were ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

Introduction.—Dr. O. S. Baketel, representing the Sunday School Union and Tract Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Sunday School Superintendents.—On motion of V. S. Collins, the Secretary was instructed to print a list of Sunday School Superintendents with addresses in the Minutes. The following committee was appointed to secure the addresses for the Secretary: J. H. Mitchell, W. E. Hubbard, Howard Davis, C. N. Jones.

Question 22.—The Twenty-Second Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up. J. S. Wickline, T. H. Harding, O. S. Walton, A. H. Covey, were called and their relation continued. The cases of W. W. Chaires and G. W. Bowman were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Triers of Appeals.—On motion, the Presiding Elders were authorized to nominate the Triers of Appeals.

Question 13.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed. S. M. Morgan, Presiding Elder, was called, the characters of the Effective Elders of Dover District were passed and they reported their work.

Select Number.—The Counsel in the pending trials reported their inability to agree upon further members of the Select Number. W. E. Tomkinson moved to reconsider the action of the morning as to method of appointing the remaining six of the Select Number. E. L. Hoffecker moved to lay the previous motion on the table, which was lost by a vote of 39 to 60. The motion to reconsider prevailed. On motion of E. L. Hoffecker it was directed that an additional 25 names be submitted to the Counsel.

Introduction.—Dr. W. H. Morgan, of the Newark Conference, was introduced.

Methodist Review.—J. F. Anderson was appointed to solicit subscriptions to the Methodist Review.

Question 13.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed. W. G. Koons, Presiding Elder, was called. The characters of the Effective Elders of Easton District were passed and they reported their work. Adam Stengle, Presiding Elder, was called, the characters of the Effective Elders of Salisbury District were passed and they reported their collections.

Select Number.—The Presiding Elders reported their inability to present additional selections of names and recommended that the remaining six members of the Select Number be chosen from the entire membership not already selected.

Temperance.—On motion of Robert Watt it was directed that a telegram of appreciation be sent to the Delaware Legislature concerning the vote on temperance measures and Robert Watt was charged with that duty.

Adjournment.—On motion, Conference adjourned with the Doxology, W. E. Tomkinson pronouncing the Benediction.

Third Session, Thursday Morning.

Opening.—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop Goodsell in the chair. After devotional service, conducted by the Bishop, the Journal of yesterday's sessions was read and approved.

Roll-Call.—The roll of absentees from yesterday's session was called and, on motion of Adam Stengle, its further calling was dispensed with, permission being given to those coming later to have their attendance noted.

Call of Statistical Secretary.—The Call for Delinquents was made by the Statistical Secretary.

Select Number.—The list of names for the Select Number was presented and read by the Secretary as follows:—L. E. Barrett, J. D. Reese, E. H. Nelson, William Cashmore, F. C. MacSorley, J. W. Jones, J. P. Outten, V. E. Hills, C. A. Hill, G. W. Townsend, G. L. Hardesty, G. T. Alderson, C. W. Prettyman, E. P. Roberts, Asbury Burke. Counsels for the church and defense announced their acceptance of the list and on motion of E. L. Hoffecker, it was approved by the Conference.

President and Secretaries of the Select Number.—Bishop Goodsell appointed Bishop C. D. Foss to preside over the Select Number. Z. H. Webster and G. P. Jones were named as Secretaries, and E. H. Dashiell as Stenographer.

Excused.—Bishop Foss requested leave of absence for the Select Number, Counsels and Secretaries, which, upon motion of W. L. S. Murray, was granted. Bishop Foss announced a meeting at once of the Select Number, the Counsels and Secretaries to be held in the Sunday School room of this church.

Question 13.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed. Salisbury District was called and the characters of the Effective Elders were passed. Easton District was called and the characters of the Effective Elders were passed. S. M. Morgan, Presiding Elder of Dover District was called and he read his report.

Sub-Commission.—Bishop Goodsell presented communications from Bishop Mallalieu and J. R. Brushingham asking for the appointment of a Sub-Commission on Aggressive Evangelism, to consist of one from each District and one at large which, upon motion of W. E. Tompkinson, was ordered and the Presiding Elders were requested to nominate.

Insurance.—On motion of A. S. Mowbray the question of the legality of the insurance of our church property, within the State of Delaware, in the National Mutual Church Insurance Company was referred to the Committee on Church Insurance, Adam Stengle being added to the committee.

Dr. Kelley.—Dr. W. V. Kelley, editor of the Methodist Review, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Nominations.—W. G. Koons presented the following nominations for the Sub-Commission on Aggressive Evangelism:—At Large, T. E. Martindale; Easton District, W. L. White; Dover District, T. A. H. O'Brien; Salisbury District, S. N. Pilchard; Wilmington District, R. K. Stephenson and they were confirmed.

Question 13.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed. W. G. Koons, Presiding Elder of Easton District was called and he read a report of his District.

Prof. Eiselen.—Professor Frederick Carl Eiselen, representing the Garrett Biblical Institute, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Question 23.—The Twenty Third Question, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up. The names of James Carroll, James Esgate, W. E. Tompkinson, W. M. Warner, W. L. P. Bowen, J. W. Poole, W. W. Redman, J. T. VanBurkalow, W. M. Green, S. J. Morris, R. W. Todd, F. O. B. Wallin were called, their characters passed and their relation continued.

Dr. Anderson.—Dr. W. F. Anderson, Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced and addressed the Conference. W. G. Koons presented the following resolution which was adopted.

"We have heard with great pleasure the Rev. Dr. W. F. Anderson, Secretary of the Board of Education, and we assure him that the cause he represents has had and will continue to have our loyal and generous support.

Substitutes.—By request the Presiding Elders presented the following names as substitutes for those chosen on the Select Number, who are also on the Committee on Conference Relations. C. T. Wyatt, W. F. Dawson, E. H. Derrickson, J. W. Fogle and they were approved.

Dr. Widerman.—Dr. L. F. Widerman, Agent of the Maryland Bible Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

H. J. Heineman.—The Certificate of Location of H. J. Heineman was presented and on motion of Adam Stengle referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Question 18.—The Eighteenth Question, "Who have Withdrawn?" was taken up. W. G. Koons presented a letter of withdrawal from O. W. DeVenish together with his parchments and on motion the Conference consented to his withdrawal.

A. A. Bichell.—On motion of S. M. Morgan the case of A. A. Bichell, a member of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, desiring to enter this Conference, was referred to the Committees on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications.

Dr. Maines.—Dr. G. P. Maines, Agent of the New York Book Concern was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Adjournment.—Committees were called, notices were given, the Doxology sung and Conference adjourned, Dr. W. V. Kelley pronouncing the benediction.

Fourth Session, Friday Morning.

Opening.—Conference met at 8.30 o'clock with Bishop Goodsell presiding. After devotional exercises conducted by the Bishop, the Journal of the last session was read and approved.

Substitutes.—On motion of A. S. Mowbray the names of O. E. Jones, E. B. Taylor and G. R. Neese were placed upon the Committee on Church Insurance, as substitutes for those serving on the Select Number and elsewhere. On motion of P. H. Rawlins the Presiding Elders nominated W. O. Hurst and W. W. Sharp as substitutes on the Steward's Endowment Committee for those serving on the Select Number.

Statistical Secretary and Treasurer.—The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer were called and they made statements respecting reports.

Question 13.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed. Adam Stengle, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, was called, and he read his report.

Question 7.—The Seventh Question, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Arthur W. Goodhand, Walter E. Gunby, William E. Habbard, Thomas H. Jones, Fred I. Mumford, Howard Davis, Raymond H. Lewis, and George S. Thomas were called, the usual Disciplinary questions were asked, and after an address by Bishop Goodsell their characters were passed, they made their reports and retired. The committees reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were admitted into full membership and elected to Deacon's Orders, except George S. Thomas, he being already a Deacon.

Question 12.—The Twelfth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up. George S. Thomas having completed the Conference Course of Study was elected to Elders Orders under the Seminary Rule.

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

Question 30.—The Thirtieth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was called. Pocomoke City, Snow Hill, Md., and Smyrna, Del., were put in nomination, and after suitable representation Conference voted in favor of Pocomoke City, which vote was made unanimous.

Dr. Spencer.—Dr. J. O. Spencer, president of Morgan College, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Time was extended.

Conference Relations.—T. A. H. O'Brien presented a report from the Committee on Conference Relations in the cases of W. W. Chaires and G. W. Bowman, recommending that their relation be continued, which was adopted.

On motion of their Presiding Elders the cases of W. W. Chaires and O. S. Walton were referred to the Board of Stewards.

T. E. Martindale presented the following paper expressing the appreciation of the Conference for the services of the retiring Secretary, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, At this Session of the Conference, our brother, Dr. A. S. Mowbray, after a continuous service of five years as Assistant and thirteen years as Chief Secretary of this body, is retiring from that position to prosecute his work as Presiding Elder of Wilmington District, therefore

Resolved, That we desire to record our high appreciation of his able, intelligent, courteous and faithful administration of all the affairs of this department of our Conference service.

Resolved, That we beg to assure him of our regard as a brother beloved, and pray that in his present work he may have the blessing of the Great Head of the Church.

Sale of Property.—On motion of W. G. Koons the Conference authorized the sale of our church property at Ingleside, Md., and Presiding Elder W. G. Koons was appointed agent for the sale and conveyance of the same.

J. E. Graham.—On motion of Adam Stengle the case of J. E. Graham was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Adjournment.—Committees were called, announcements made, the Doxology sung and Conference adjourned, Dr. G. E. Reed pronouncing the benediction.

Fifth Session, Saturday Morning.

Opening.—Conference met at 8.30 o'clock with Bishop Goodsell in the chair. After devotional exercises, in charge of the Bishop, the Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

Question 10.—The Tenth Question, "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Wm. R. Hirons, Wm. H. Kenney, Jos. E. Gallagher, Floyed E. Bloxton and

Clarence N. Jones, were called, their characters passed and they retired. The committees reported and they were elected to Elders Orders.

Freedman's Aid.—A communication from the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, apportioning \$3000.00 to this Conference for the ensuing year was announced, and on motion of T. E. Martindale was referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to the districts.

Question 3.—The Third Question, "Who have been Received on Credentials and from what Churches?" was taken up. Albert A. Bichell, of the Methodist Protestant Church, was presented to the Conference, answered the disciplinary questions, and after appropriate representations he was admitted into Full Membership, recognized as an Elder and required to pass the last two year's Course of Study.

Question 4.—The Fourth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. The recommendations of Jos. M. S. Van-Blunk, Jos. H. Gray, Lewis B. Morgan, Elwood W. Jones, William H. Hudson, Daniel J. Ford, Daniel Wilson, and Jesse C. McCoy, were presented, they were introduced to the Conference, and retired. After certain representations had been made, on motion, the Presiding Elder was permitted to withdraw the application of Daniel Wilson and to employ him as a supply. The committees reported, the Presiding Elders represented and the others named were Received on Trial, Jos. H. Gray and Daniel J. Ford being each conditioned on one study.

Conference Academy.—On motion of T. E. Martindale the report of the Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy was made the order of the day at 11 o'clock.

Question 5.—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Jos. A. Buckson, John M. Kelso and Edwin B. Taylor, were called, the Committees reported. J. A. Buckson and E. B. Taylor were Continued on Trial in the Studies of the First year, the former receiving credits for books passed. John M. Kelso was advanced to the Studies of the Second year and conditioned on one book, and Conference requested the Bishop to leave him without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Question 9.—The Ninth Question, "What Members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?" was taken up. John H. Mitchell, George C. Williams, Oram T. Baynard, John W. Brisco, Milton

McCann, James H. Gardner, and Wm. E. Matthews, were called, their characters passed, they reported their work and were advanced to Studies of Fourth year, O. T. Baynard and W. E. Matthews being conditioned on one study.

Boundary Commission.—Adam Stengle presented the following memorial from the Layman's Association of the Alexandria District of the Virginia Conference:

TO THE PRESIDING BISHOP AND MEMBERS OF THE WILMINGTON CONFERENCE,

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

We, the Members of the Laymen's Association of the Alexandria District, Virginia Conference, in convention assembled, at Alexandria, Virginia, October 25, 1904, do hereby memorialize the Wilmington Conference, respectfully requesting you to appoint a committee of five, in accordance with the requirements of Paragraph 436 of our Discipline, to act in conjunction with a like committee from the Baltimore and Virginia Conferences, the said joint commission to take into consideration and effect a change of boundaries of the Virginia Conference so as to place the Alexandria District of the Virginia Conference within the bounds of the Baltimore and Wilmington Conferences.

A. E. HOUSHOLDER, President
WM. PIERPOINT, Secretary.

On motion, privilege of the floor was granted to Mr. Wm. Pierpoint to represent the question involved and he addressed the Conference. Adam Stengle nominated the following committee on Conference boundary: T. E. Terry, C. A. Hill, S. P. Shipman, Warren Burr, V. S. Collins, and they were confirmed.

Academy.—On motion of E. L. Hoffecker the order of the day was called. T. E. Martindale presented and read the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of the Conference Academy, and offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A considerable number of the members, probationers and supplies of the Conference have not as yet complied with the earnest request of the last Conference to raise an amount equivalent to (4) four per cent of their salaries for the Conference Academy debt, and

WHEREAS, It is important for the future success of the Institution that no debt whatever shall remain on it, therefore

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders are hereby requested to make special communication to all Pastors in arrears at an early day after the adjournment of this session, and urge them to comply with the call of the Conference without delay. Also to continue to urge the

delinquent charges to raise or pay over any balances of their apportionments yet outstanding.

Pending the adoption of which Dr. E. L. Cross, Principal of the Academy, was introduced and addressed the Conference, and on motion the report and resolution were adopted.

Time was extended.

Dr. Parr.—Dr. W. D. Parr, representing the Church Extension Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Stewards.—The Board of Stewards made the report of distribution of Conference Claimant Fund, which was adopted. E. H. Nelson was appointed trustee of the funds of Mrs. Annie D. Chatham, and Hon. Jay Williams those for the children of James Connor. On motion of V. S. Collins the Board of Stewards were directed to place the moneys of the Conference Endowment Fund where the largest rate of interest could be had with safety.

Endowment Fund.—On motion of P. H. Rawlins the report of the Committee on Conference Endowment Fund was made the order of the day for Monday at 10 o'clock.

Epworth League.—Bishop Goodsell presented a communication from the committee preparing for the Seventh International Epworth League Convention, which was read to the Conference.

Triers of Appeals.—W. G. Koons presented nominations for the Triers of Appeals and they were confirmed: (See list.)

Missionary Sermon.—Bishop Goodsell appointed C. T. Wyatt to preach the missionary sermon and S. P. Shipman alternate.

Conference Committees and Societies.—The Presiding Elders presented nominations for Conference Societies and Committees and they were confirmed. (See list.)

Select Number.—Bishop Goodsell announced a communication from Bishop Foss, and on motion of W. E. Tomkinson it was ordered that when Conference adjourned it be to meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock to receive the finding of the Select Number.

Introductions.—Howard T. Quigg, of our own Conference, and Dr. E. L. Eaton, of the Pittsburg Conference, were introduced.

Adjournment.—Committees were called, announcements were made, the Doxology sung, and Conference adjourned, Dr. W. D. Parr pronouncing the benediction.

Sixth Session, Saturday Afternoon.

Opening.—Conference met at 4 o'clock, Bishop Goodsell in the chair, devotions were conducted by W. L. S. Murray.

Journal.—The Secretary was excused from reading the Journal of the morning session.

Question 22.—The Twenty Second Question was resumed. On motion of their Presiding Elders, J. E. Graham and W. S. H. Williams were granted Supernumerary relations at their own request.

C. K. Morris.—On motion of W. G. Koons a collection was taken in behalf of C. K. Morris amounting to \$113.

Board of Examiners.—A. S. Mowbray presented and read the list of the Conference Board of Examiners.

C. A. Grise.—C. A. Grise addressed the Conference concerning the work of the Anti-Saloon League within the bounds of Maryland and Delaware, and on motion of W. G. Koons the Bishop was requested to appoint Bro. Grise to the superintendency of that work.

J. W. Easley.—Bishop Goodsell announced the election of J. W. Easley to the presidency of Union College, Kentucky, and on motion of A. S. Mowbray, H. S. Thompson, T. H. Harding and A. W. Lightbourn were appointed to prepare a suitable minute.

Education.—W. C. Poole presented the report of the Committee on Education and it was adopted as read.

Episcopal Fund.—C. T. Wyatt presented the report of the Committee on Episcopal Fund and it was adopted.

Select Number Finding.—Bishop C. D. Foss presented the finding of the Select Number in the case of W. F. Corkran, and at the direction of Bishop Goodsell it was read by the Secretary of the Conference as follows:—

The Select Number in the case of the Rev. W. F. Corkran, appointed to try the charges against him, reported that there were Four Charges.

First—Gambling.

Second—Fraud.

Third—High Imprudence and Unministerial Conduct.

Fourth—Falsehood.

They found the First Charge; viz. Gambling—Sustained.

The Second Charge; viz. Fraud—Not Sustained; but that the evidence under that Charge did sustain a Charge of High Imprudence and Unministerial Conduct.

The Third Charge,—High Imprudence and Unministerial Conduct was Sustained.

The Fourth Charge,—Falsehood, was not sustained.

The Select Number determined as the penalty for the offenses found to have been committed, that W. F. Corkran be suspended from the Ministry for ONE YEAR—that is—until the session of the Wilmington Conference in the year 1906.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Select Number
 CYRUS D. FOSS,
 President.
 ZACK H. WEBSTER,
 Secretary.

WILMINGTON, DEL., March 18, 1905.

Appeal.—Counsel for defense gave notice of an appeal to the Judicial Conference.

Adjournment.—Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Foss.

Seventh Session, Monday Morning.

Opening.—Conference met at 8.30, T. E. Martindale conducting the devotions. At 9 o'clock Bishop Goodsell took the chair.

Journal.—The Journal of Saturday's sessions were read and approved.

Curtis Chapel.—Upon request of Adam Stengle the Conference Board of Trustees were directed to place in his hands, as Agent of the Conference, the money received from the sale of Curtis Chapel, the same to be applied on our church at Westover, Md., when he shall have found the Trustees of that property legally incorporated.

Bishop Goodsell requested Adam Stengle to take the chair.

Epworth League.—S. P. Shipman presented the report of the Committee on Epworth League, and it was adopted, together with the following resolution.

Inasmuch as our experience proves that it is impracticable to properly sustain our Conference organization known as the Conference Epworth League, and

WHEREAS, The election of Conference Epworth League officers in the past has not been a representative expression of the Conference.

Resolved 1st, That the organization known as the Conference Epworth League be and is hereby dissolved, and the election of Conference Epworth League officers take place in open Conference by such method as the Conference may direct.

Resolved 2nd, That we proceed to the election of officers at such time during this session as the Conference may direct.

Ordination.—Bishop Goodsell presented the following certificate of ordination:

This is to Certify

That on the Nineteenth Day of March, A. D. 1905; I ordained, after election by the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the following as:—**Deacons**, Arthur W. Goodhand, Walter E. Gunby, William E. Hubbard, Thomas H. Jones, Fred I. Mumford, Howrad Davis, Raymond H. Lewis, and assisted by Elders, the following as:—**Elders**, William R. Hirons, William H. Kenney, Joseph E. Gallagher, Floyd E. Bloxton, Clarence N. Jones, George S. Thomas.

DANIEL A. GOODSSELL, *Bishop*.

WILMINGTON, DEL., March 19th, 1905.

Conference Epworth League Officers.—On motion of Robert Watt the election of the Conference Epworth League officers was made the order of the day at 11 o'clock or as soon thereafter as possible. The Presiding Elders were requested to name a committee on nominations, which they did as follows:—S. P. Shipman, V. P. Northrup, R. K. Stephenson, T. E. Terry and they were approved.

Reports.—Reports from the Committees on Sunday School and Tracts, Church Extension, Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, Women's Home Missionary Society, Sabbath Observance, Bible Society, Conference Board of Church Extension, were presented and adopted.

Bishop Goodsell resumed the chair.

Philadelphia Hospital.—W. B. Guthrie presented the report of the Committee on Philadelphia Hospital, pending the adoption of which, Dr. J. A. Lippincott, Corresponding Secretary of that institution, was introduced and addressed the Conference, after which the report was adopted. On motion of A. S. Mowbray the Committee on Philadelphia Hospital was made the Conference Visiting Committee to that institution.

Introductions.—Rev. T. J. Scott, of Barielly, India, and Dr.

Robert W. Rogers, of Drew Theological Seminary, were introduced, and they addressed the Conference.

Conference Board of Education.—V. S. Collins presented and read a report from the Conference Board of Education, which was adopted and the nominations therein made were confirmed.

Examinations.—V. S. Collins presented the following resolutions.

Resolved 1st, That we adopt the recommendations of the Discipline, paragraph 62, section 2 and paragraph 63, section 1.

Resolved 2, That the permission granted to Conferences in paragraph 63, sections 2, 3, 4, 5 would not be of advantage to our Conference, and, therefore, recommend that we omit them from the scheme of our examinations.

On motion it was ordered that they be taken up seriatim. The 1st resolution was read and adopted. The 2nd resolution was withdrawn by common consent, and the resolutions as amended were adopted.

Annuity Endowment Fund.—On motion of L. W. Layfield, the order of the day was called. The report of the Committee on the proposed Annuity Endowment Fund was read. On motion of V. S. Collins, Conference ordered its consideration item by item. After considerable discussion the preamble, together with sections one and two of the resolutions were amended, the remainder of the report stricken out and the report adopted as amended, as follows:

Your Committee on Annuity 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 Claimants Fund may be largely increased. The Endowment now is \$11,550, 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 \$8,422; while the number of claimants at the last session of our Conference was 60, thus the average per claimant was \$140, 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 larger 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 Annuity 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 Annuity 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 Annuity Endowment Collection. This collection shall be taken annually for ten years.

Dr. Mason.—Dr. M. C. B. Mason, Corresponding Secretary of Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Temperance.—Alfred Smith presented and read the report of the Committee on Temperance, which was adopted, the nominations therein confirmed, and on motion of S. M. Morgan, Bishop Goodsell was requested to continue Dr. Smith the Conference Temperance Evangelist.

V. S. Collins was excused.

Conference League Officers.—On motion of Robert Watt, the order of the day was called. R. K. Stephenson presented nominations for officers of the Conference Epworth League, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot.

P. H. Rawlins.—On motion of S. M. Morgan, the Conference requested the Bishop to continue P. H. Rawlins as Agent of the Stewards Endowment Fund. Time was extended.

J. M. Collins.—The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that the relation of J. M. Collins be changed from Effective to Superannuate, and on motion he was granted that relation. A col-

lection was ordered in his behalf which amounted in cash and subscription to \$64.52.

A. T. Scott.—On motion of A. S. Mowbray the bishop was requested to appoint A. T. Scott, editor of the Christian Companion.

Conference Evangelist.—On motion of T. E. Martindale the Conference requested Bishop Goodsell to appoint one Conference Evangelist, and L. P. Karholsen was named for that office.

E. C. Wright.—The relation of E. C. Wright was changed from Effective to Supernumerary.

Select Number.—Bishop Goodsell announced a communication from Bishop Foss, relative to the report from the Select Number.

Special Session.—A motion by T. F. Beauchamp, that when we adjourn it be to meet at 7.30 this evening, was laid on the table by a count vote of 52 to 40. On motion of W. W. King it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Robert Watt.—Bishop Goodsell requested Robert Watt to preside at this afternoon's session until Bishop Foss should arrive.

Adjournment.—Committees were called, announcements made, the Doxology sung, and Conference adjourned, Bishop Goodsell pronouncing the benediction.

Eighth Session, Monday Afternoon.

Opening.—Conference convened at 3 o'clock with Bishop Foss in the chair. The devotions were conducted by Robert Watt.

Journal.—The Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

Select Number Finding.—Bishop Foss presented the finding of the Select Number in the case of C. S. Baker, which was read by the Secretary.

The Select Number in the case of Rev. C. S. Baker respectfully report as follows:

The following charges against him were submitted by the Conference:

Charge First—Gambling;

Charge Second—Fraud;

Charge Third—High Imprudence and Unministerial Conduct.

All these charges were found by the Select Number to be sustained and the penalty for the offenses thus proven to have been committed was fixed as follows:

The Rev. C. S. Baker is hereby DEPOSED from the Ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Select Number.

CYRUS D. FOSS,
President.
ZACK H. WEBSTER,
Secretary.

Wilmington, Del., March 20, 1905.

Appeal.—C. S. Baker gave notice of an appeal to the Judicial Conference.

Expense of Trials.—On motion of G. L. Hardesty it was ordered that the items of expense incurred in the prosecution of the charges against W. F. Corkran and C. S. Baker be presented to the Conference, and that some plan be devised to meet the same, an account of which should be submitted to the Auditing Committee.

Copy of Proceedings.—On motion of R. T. Coursey, the Secretary of the Conference was instructed to provide for the Defense a complete copy of the proceedings in the cases of W. F. Corkran and C. S. Baker.

Examinations.—The motion of E. L. Hoffecker to reconsider the action of the morning session, adopting the recommendations of the Board of Examiners, was laid on the table.

Statistical Secretary and Treasurer's Reports.—The Statistical Secretary presented his report, and on motion of T. E. Terry it was ordered that Conference totals only should be read. H. G. Budd presented the report of the Treasurer which was adopted.

Sub-Commission.—T. E. Martindale presented and read a report from the Sub-Commission on Aggressive Evangelism which was adopted.

Church Insurance.—O. E. Jones presented and read a report from the Committee on Church Insurance, and on motion of E. L. Hoffecker, A. S. Mowbray and S. M. Morgan were added to the Committee named in the report for the purpose of inquiring into the status of the National Mutual Church Insurance Company within the State of Delaware, and the report was adopted.

Temperance.—T. A. H. O'Brien presented an additional item to the report on temperance which was adopted.

Audits.—J. M. Mitchell presented and read a report from the Auditing Committee which was adopted.

Collection.—A collection was ordered for the Sexton, the Minutes, and the Conference Board of Examiners.

Special Session.—On motion of W. W. King it was ordered that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 7.30 o'clock this evening.

Academy Trustees.—On motion of Robert Watt, G. P. Jones, T. E. Terry, H. G. Budd, J. W. Prettyman, E. C. Macnichol were appointed a committee to nominate Ministerial Trustees for the Wilmington Conference Academy in the place of those whose term has expired.

Adjournment.—Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Bishop Foss pronouncing the benediction.

Ninth Session, Monday Evening.

Opening.—Conference convened at 7.30 o'clock with Robert Watt in the chair. After devotions led by T. L. Poulson, Conference gave way to the anniversary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society and at 8.30 o'clock Conference resumed its work with Bishop Goodsell in the chair.

Collection.—W. E. Tompkinson reported the special collection ordered at the afternoon session as \$26.20, distributed as follows to the Board of Examiners \$6 25, to the Secretary for Minutes \$15.00, to the sexton \$5.01, and by common consent the amount allowed to the Secretary was transferred to the sexton and an additional collection was ordered to supplement this, which when taken amounted to \$15.10

Conference Academy Trustees.—T. E. Terry presented the following nominations for Ministerial Trustees of the Conference Academy:—T. E. Martindale, R. H. Adams, Adam Stengle, L. E. Barrett, E. C. Macnichol, G. P. Jones, H. T. Quigg, E. H. Dashiell, J. W. Prettyman, S. N. Pilchard. On motion of Robert Watt it was ordered that the five having the highest number of votes should be declared elected. The following were appointed tellers, E. H. Nelson, H. G. Budd, G. L. Hardesty, R. K. Stephenson. The vote was taken and the tellers retired.

Adjournment.—On motion of W. E. Tompkinson it was ordered that after reading the Journal, devotional exercises and reading of the appointments Conference stand adjourned without date.

Thanks.—On motion, T. E. Martindale, Robert Watt, L. E. Barrett, E. N. Cantwell and A. S. Mowbray were appointed a Committee on Thanks. A. S. Mowbray presented a report of the Committee, which was adopted.

Conference Trustees.—T. E. Terry presented the following nominations for Conference Trustees, V. S. Collins, C. W. Prettyman, L. E. Barrett, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

Missionary Appropriations.—W. G. Koons announced the following appropriation of Missionary money. Whole amount of appropriation to Conference \$500, applied as follows;—Dover District, Salem \$100, Lakesville \$40; Easton District, Royal Oak \$52, Oxford \$46, Piney Neck \$46; Salisbury District, Cape Charles \$100, Onancock \$76, Marion \$20, Newark \$20.

Tellers Report.—The Tellers returned and Bishop Goodsell announced the election of Adam Stengle, L. E. Barrett, T. E. Martindale, R. H. Adams and E. C. Macnichol.

J. W. Easley.—H. S. Thompson presented the report of the Committee to prepare a minute in the case of J. W. Easley which was adopted as follows:—

The Committee appointed to voice the sentiments of the Conference, in view of the election of our esteemed Brother James W. Easley, to the Presidency of Union College, Ky. report—That we have heard the announcement with mingled feelings of gratification and regret.

We congratulate Union College on its choice of a man so thoroughly equipped for the responsible position, by high intellectual abilities, rare natural gifts and scholarly attainments. We bespeak for him the fullest confidence upon the part of his associates in the Faculty, and Governing Board of the College—believing that his administration, with such co-operation will result in the largest measure of success for the institution.

We part with his personal presence from the scenes of our mutual labors, for the past twenty years, with regret. He has endeared himself to us, by his ability, his urbanity, and sincere devotion to the cause of Christ.

We will miss his genial fellowship, his tonic earnestness of speech and spirit, as well as the brotherly helpfulness, with which he has performed the preacher's mission, and the pastor's toil.

May the period of his absence be measured by the pleasantness of his surroundings—and the success of his work.

Our compensation for the loss of his personal presence will be found in the assurance that distinction, honor and happiness await him in a field of labor so congenial to his tastes, and so adapted to his talents.

We will hope for his annual reappearance in our Conference sessions, when our cordial relations will ever be renewed.

Periodicals.—W. E. Hubbard presented and read the report of the Committee on Periodicals and it was adopted. On motion of G. T. Alderson, the Committee was instructed to mention the Epworth Herald in the report.

E. B. Taylor.—On motion of Robert Watt, E. B. Taylor was excused from the first and second and required to pass the third and fourth year's course of study.

Journal.—The Journal of the afternoon and evening sessions was read and approved.

Closing—After devotional services and an address by Bishop Goodsell, the appointments were read and Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

Daniel A. Goodsell,
President.

W. A. Wise,
Secretary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. **Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences?**
Howard T. Quigg, Philadelphia Conference.
2. **Who have been Re-admitted?**
None.
3. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**
Albert A. Bichell, of the Methodist Protestant Church.
4. **Who have been Received on Trial?**
 - (a) *In Studies of First Year.*
Jos. M. S. VanBlunk, Jos. H. Gray, Lewis B. Morgan, Elwood W. Jones, Wm. H. Hudson, Daniel J. Ford, Jesse C. McCoy.
 - (b) *In Studies of Third Year.*
None.
5. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**
 - (a) *In Studies of First Year.*
Joseph A. Buckson.
 - (b) *In Studies of Second Year.*
John M. Kelso.
 - (c) *In Studies of Third Year.*
Edwin B. Taylor.

- (d) *In Studies of Fourth Year.*
None.
6. **Who have been Discontinued?**
None.
7. **Who have been Admitted in Full Membership?**
 - (a) *Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year.*
Arthur W. Goodhand, Walter E. Gunby, Wm. E. Hubbard, Thos. H. Jones, Fred I. Mumford, Howard Davis, Raymond H. Lewis.
 - (b) *Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.*
George S. Thomas.
8. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
 - (a) *Admitted into Full Membership this Year.*
Arthur W. Goodhand, Walter E. Gunby, Wm. E. Hubbard, Thos. H. Jones, Fred I. Mumford, Howard Davis, Raymond H. Lewis, Albert A. Bichell.
 - (b) *Admitted into Full Membership previously.*
None.
9. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
John H. Mitchell, George C. Williams, Oram T. Baynard, John W. Brisco, Milton McCann, James H. Gardner, William E. Matthews.
10. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
 - (a) *Elected and Ordained Elders this Year.*
Wm. R. Hiron, Wm. H. Kenney, Jos. E. Gallagher, Floyd E. Bloxton, Clarence N. Jones.
 - (b) *Elected and Ordained Elders previously.*
None.
11. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
 - (a) *As Local Preachers.*
None.
 - (b) *Under Missionary Rule.*
None.
12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
 - (a) *As Local Deacons.*
None.
 - (b) *Under Missionary Rule.*
None.
 - (c) *Under Seminary Rule.*
George S. Thomas.
13. **Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?**
This was done in open Conference.
W. F. Corkran suspended for one year.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?
F. B. Short, Oregon Conference ; B. F. Jester, Philadelphia Conference.
15. Who have Died?
J. B. Merrit, G. W. Wilcox, E. K. Creed, E. R. Sidell.
16. Who have been Located at their own Request?
None.
17. Who have been Located?
None.
18. Who have Withdrawn?
O. W. DeVenish.
19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?
None.
20. Who have been Expelled?
C. S. Baker was deposed from the ministry but not expelled from the Church.
21. What other personal Notation should be made?
Jos. M. S. VanBlunk, recognized as an Elder from the Holiness Christian Church.
22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?
J. S. Wickline, T. H. Harding, O. S. Walton, A. H. Covey, W. W. Chaires, G. W. Bowman, J. E. Graham, W. S. H. Williams, E. C. Wright.
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, J. T. VanBurkalow, W. M. Green, S. J. Mooris, R. W. Todd, F. O. B. Wallin, J. M. Collins.
24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?
T. A. H. O'Brien, H. G. Budd, T. E. Terry, R. K. Stephenson, E. C. Macnichol, Robert Watt, J. M. Mitchell.
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?
\$38,165.00.
27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?
\$12,980.00.
28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?
\$8,386.00.
29. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See List.
30. Where shall the Next Conference be Held?
Pocomoke City, Md.

CONFERENCE ROSTER.

1853 W. M. Warner	1879 J. M. Lindale	1890 M. D. Nutter
1853 R. W. Todd	1879 G. R. Neese	1890 Alojcius Green
1858 W. W. Redman	1880 A. W. Lightbourn	1890 J. A. Brewington
1858 H. S. Thompson	1880 J. R. Cannon	1890 L. P. Karholsten
1858 A. T. Scott	1881 F. J. Cochran	1891 H. C. Turner
1858 S. J. Mörris	1881 L. P. Corkran	1891 Edwin Gardner
1859 J. T. VanBurkalow	1881 S. N. Pilchard	1891 J. H. Geoghegan
1862 G. S. Conaway	1882 A. P. Prettyman	1891 G. P. Jones
1864 T. E. Martindale	1882 C. H. Williams	1892 V. P. Northrup
1865 G. W. Burke	1882 W. W. King	1892 W. S. H. Williams
1865 James Carroll	1883 W. B. Guthrie	1892 W. O. Hurst
1886 E. E. White	1883 A. S. Mowbray	1892 T. F. Beauchamp
1866 James Esgate	1883 V. S. Collins	1892 C. W. Strickland
1869 W. R. Gwinn	1883 G. L. Hardesty	1892 F. E. McKinsey
1868 C. W. Prettyman	1884 W. A. Wise	1893 H. A. G. Westerfield
1868 I. G. Fosnocht	1884 W. F. Dawson	1893 W. L. White
1869 W. R. McFarlane	1884 D. F. McFaul	1893 J. P. Outten
1868 J. S. Wickline	1884 E. P. Roberts	1893 J. T. Richardson
1869 T. B. Hunter	1884 E. H. Derrickson	1894 H. G. Budd, Jr.
1869 E. H. Miller	1884 T. N. Given	1894 J. H. Beauchamp
1869 P. H. Rawlins	1885 J. M. Mitchell	1895 E. H. Collins
1870 J. A. Arters	1885 J. W. Easley	1895 T. R. VanDyke
1870 J. W. Poole	1885 Robert Watt	1895 D. J. Givan
1870 Adam Stengle	1885 J. D. Reese	1895 William Cashmore
1870 E. H. Nelson	1885 G. W. Bowman	1896 E. H. Dashiell
1871 W. E. Tomkinson	1885 D. H. Willis	1896 L. E. Poole
1871 L. W. Layfield	1885 O. L. Martin	1896 G. P. Smith
1871 T. H. Harding	1885 E. C. Sunfield	1897 J. W. Prettyman
1871 F. O. B. Wallin	1886 G. E. Wood	1897 J. W. Talley
1872 W. L. S. Murray	1886 Asbury Burke	1897 T. S. Holt
1872 R. H. Adams	1886 W. W. Sharp	1897 W. O. Bennett
1872 J. P. Otis	1886 W. R. Mowbray	1897 Harry Taylor
1873 Robert Roe	1886 H. S. Dulaney	1898 O. E. Jones
1873 F. C. McSorley	1886 W. G. Koons	1898 F. E. Bloxton
1873 W. M. Green	1886 C. T. Wyatt	1898 J. W. Jones
1874 W. T. Lewis	1886 J. T. Prouse	1898 F. X. Moore
1876 G. W. Townsend	1886 W. P. Taylor	1898 H. B. Kelso
1875 W. W. White	1887 S. M. Morgan	1898 G. R. Ellis
1876 T. A. H. O'Brien	1887 R. T. Coursey	1898 E. C. Wright
1876 E. C. Macnichol	1887 Z. H. Webster	1899 J. L. Johnson
1876 W. L. P. Bowen	1887 J. H. Wilson	1899 A. H. Covey
1876 L. E. Barrett	1888 G. T. Alderson	1899 E. N. Cantwell
1876 W. F. Corkran	1888 J. F. Anderson	1899 G. W. Dawson
1876 J. M. Collins	1888 F. F. Carpenter	1900 A. A. Bichell
1876 L. R. Janney	1888 W. P. Compton	1900 J. E. Gallagher
1876 T. E. Terry	1888 W. W. Chaires	1900 Howard Davis
1876 E. L. Hoffecker	1888 Warren Burr	1900 C. N. Jones
1876 Albert Chandler	1888 J. W. Gray	1900 J. M. Arters
1877 E. C. Atkins	1889 J. E. Graham	1900 W. C. Poole
1878 C. A. Hill	1889 V. E. Hills	1900 F. N. Faulkner
1878 R. K. Stephenson	1889 T. C. Smoot	1900 G. W. Hastings
1878 H. T. Quigg	1889 S. P. Shipman	1900 W. E. Greenfield
1879 O. S. Walton	1889 J. W. Fogle	1901 R. H. Lewis
1879 Alfred Smith	1889 L. I. McDougle	1901 W. R. Hirons
1879 C. A. Grise	1890 G. W. Bounds	1901 W. H. Kenney

1902 Milton McCann	1903 A. W. Goodhand	1904 F. B. Taylor
1902 J. H. Mitchell	1903 G. S. Thomas	1905 J. M. S. VanBlunk
1902 W. E. Matthews	1903 W. E. Gunby	1905 J. H. Gray
1902 G. C. Williams	1903 F. I. Mumford	1905 L. P. Morgan
1902 J. H. Gardner	1903 W. E. Hubbard	1905 E. W. Jones
1902 O. T. Baynard	1903 T. H. Jones	1905 W. H. Hudson
1902 J. W. Briscoe	1904 J. A. Buckson	1905 D. J. Ford
1902 J. W. Colona	1904 J. M. Kelso	1905 J. C. McCoy

APPOINTMENTS.

Dover District.

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

Beckwith, Md. J. R. Cannon.	Lakesville, Md. Supply, E. W. McDowell.
Bridgeville, Del. . . . W. R. Mowbray.	Leipsic, Del. . . . Supply, L. B. Morgan.
Burrsville, Md. Supply, J. K. Underhill.	Lewes, Del. T. A. H. O'Brien.
Cambridge, Md. . . . E. C. Macnichol.	Lincoln, Del. J. W. Prettyman.
Camden, Del. E. H. Nelson.	Little Creek, Del. Supply, J. B. C. Hopkins.
Canterbury, Del. . . . W. H. Hudson.	Magnolia, Del. I. G. Fosnocht.
Church Creek, Md. . . . T. H. Jones.	Milford, Del. G. P. Jones.
Ciapo, Md. A. A. Bichell.	Milton, Del. R. T. Coursey.
Denton, Md. J. T. Richardson.	Nassau, Del. W. P. Compton.
Dover, Del., Wesley . . . L. E. Barrett.	Preston, Md. Aloysius Green.
Armory T. N. Given.	Salem, Md. To be supplied.
East New Market, Md. . . F. J. Cochran.	Seaford, Del. W. A. Wise.
Ellendale, Del. Supply, H. E. Truitt.	Seaford Circuit J. L. Johnson.
Elliott's Island, Md. . . G. S. Thomas.	Vienna, Md. To be supplied.
Farmington, Del. J. W. Talley.	Williamsburg, Md. . . . H. B. Kelso.
Federalsburg, Md. . . . T. F. Beauchamp.	Williston, Md. C. W. Strickland.
Felton, Del. E. C. Sunfield.	Wyoming, Del. G. P. Smith.
Frederica, Del. William Cashmore.	Zoar, Md. Supply, T. S. Barrett.
Galestown, Md. J. A. Buckson.	
Georgetown, Del. H. T. Quigg.	P. H. Rawlins, agent for the Stew-
Georgetown Circuit Del. . Harry Taylor.	ards Endowment Fund, member of Sea-
Greenwood, Del. L. W. Layfield.	ford Quarterly Conference.
Harrington, Del. J. H. Beauchamp.	
Hooper's Island, Md. . . To be supplied.	Alfred Smith, Conference Temper-
Houston, Del. J. F. Anderson.	ance Evangelist, member of Wesley
Hurlock, Md. G. W. Townsend.	Quarterly Conference of Dover.

Easton District.

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

Bayside, Md. Supply, D. J. Moore.	Millington, Del. Edwin Gardner.
Betterton, Md. D. J. Ford.	Odessa, Del. W. E. Gunby.
Bozman & Neavitt, Md. Milton McCann.	Oxford, Md. W. T. Lewis.
Cecilton, Md. W. F. Dawson.	Piney Neck, Md. G. S. Conaway.
Centreville, Md. H. G. Budd.	Pomona, Md. E. B. Taylor.
Chestertown, Md. W. L. White.	Queenstown, Md. E. W. Jones.
Cheswold, Del. A. W. Goodhand.	Ridgely, Md. G. R. Ellis.
Church Hill, Md. W. C. Poole.	Rock Hall, Md. Warren Burr.
Clayton, Del. V. P. Northrup.	Royal Oak, Md. J. C. McCoy.
Cordova, Md. J. W. Gray.	St. Michaels, Md. G. W. Bounds.
Crumpton, Md. O. T. Baynard.	Smyrna, Del. Robert Watt.
Easton, Md. E. P. Roberts.	Smyrna Circuit Albert Chandler.
Fairlee, Md. W. E. Hubbard.	Still Pond, Md. T. S. Holt.
Galena, Md. T. C. Smoot.	Sudlersville, Md. . . . W. O. Bennett.
Assistant, A. P. Prettyman.	Tilghman's Island, Md. . J. D. Reese.
Greensboro, Md. S. P. Shipman.	Townsend, Del. J. W. Jones.
Henderson, Md. W. V. Harris.	Trappe, Md. Robert Roe.
Hillsboro, Md. D. J. Givan.	Wye, Md. Supply, Daniel Wilson.
Kent Island, Md. F. C. McSorley.	
Kenton, Del. D. F. McFaul.	C. A. Grise, Superintendent of the
Marydel, Md. E. H. Collins.	Maryland Anti-Saloon League, member
Middletown, Del. . . . A. W. Lightbourne.	of Middletown Quarterly Conference.

Salisbury District.

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

Annessex, Md. F. I. Mumford.	Gumboro, Del. C. H. Williams.
Asbury, Md. H. S. Dulaney.	Holland's Is., Md. Supply, L. T. McLane.
Berlin, Md. G. C. Williams.	Laurel, Del. T. E. Terry.
Berlin Circuit, Supply, J. L. Derrickson.	Mardela Springs. Supply, P. P. Pruitt.
Bethel, Del. W. E. Matthews.	Marion, Md. J. H. Gardner.
Bishopville, Md. Supply, H. J. Heineman.	Millsboro, Del. W. B. Guthrie.
Cape Charles, Va. J. P. Outten.	Mount Pleasant, Del. . . . G. E. Wood.
Chincoteague, Va. D. H. Willis.	Mount Vernon, Md. . . . V. E. Hills.
Crisfield, Md. S. N. Pilchard.	Nanticoke, Md. G. R. Neese.
Chesconnessex. Supply, J. Frank Ayars.	Newark, Md. L. R. Janney.
Deal's Island, Md. W. W. Sharp.	Onancock, Va. W. R. Hiron.
Delmar, Del. Z. H. Webster.	Oceanview, Supply, J. B. Conway.
Fairmount, Md. E. L. Hoffecker.	Parsonsburg, Md. F. N. Faulkner.
Frankford, Del. G. W. Hastings.	Pocomoke City, Md. . . . L. E. Poole.
Fruitland, Md. W. W. White.	Pocomoke Circuit J. W. Brisco.
Girdletree, Md. J. W. Fogel.	Powellville, Md. Howard Davis.

Princess Anne, Md.	J. W. Colona.	Somerset, Md.	O. L. Martin.
Quantico, Md.	J. H. Geoghegan.	Stockton, Md.	M. D. Nutter.
Riverside, Md. Supply, W. F. Atkinson.		Tangier, Va.	T. R. Vandyke.
Roxana, Del. Supply, W. H. Kenney.		Westover, Md.	R. H. Lewis.
St. Peter's, Md.	E. H. Derrickson.	Whitesville, Del.	G. L. Hardesty.
Salisbury, Md.	C. A. Hill.		
Selbyville, Del.	E. N. Cantwell.		
Sharptown, Md.	J. H. Wilson.		
Smith's Island, Md.	F. E. Bloxton.		
Snow Hill, Md.	G. T. Alderson.		

Wilmington District.

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

Bethel, Md.	W. P. Taylor.	Town Point . . . Supply, W. G. Harris.	
Charlestown, Md.	J. A. Arters.	Zion, Md.	J. M. Mitchell.
Cherry Hill, Md.	T. B. Hunter.	Wilming'n, Asbury, H. A. G. Westerfield.	
Chesapeake City, Md.	J. E. Gallagher.	Brandywine	H. C. Turner.
Chester, Pa.	J. A. Prouse.	Cookman	C. N. Jones.
Christiana, Del. Supply, G. W. Bowman.		Eastlake	J. H. Gray.
Claymont, Del. Supply, T. H. Harding.		Edgemoor	Supply, Hugh Adams.
Colora, Md.	W. R. Gwinn.	Elsmere	To be supplied.
Delaware City, Del.	E. E. White.	Epworth.	L. P. Corkran.
Elkezer, Del.	J. H. Mitchell.	Grace	W. W. King.
Elk Neck, Md.	W. R. MacFarlane.	Harrison Street.	C. T. Wyatt.
Elkton, Md.	T. E. Martindale.	Kingswood	J. M. S. Van Blunk.
Hockessin, Del.	G. W. Burke.	Madeley	J. M. Arters.
Hopewell, Md.	F. X. Moore.	Mt. Salem.	F. F. Carpenter.
Kirkwood, Del.	Supply, J. F. Kane.	St. Paul's	W. L. S. Murray.
Marshallton, Del.	E. H. Miller.	Scott	R. K. Stephenson.
Mount Lebanon, Del.	G. W. Dawson.	Silverbrook	H. S. Thompson.
Mount Pleasant, Del.	J. M. Lindale.	Trinity	L. I. McDougal.
Newark, Del.	E. C. Atkins.	Union	R. H. Adams.
New Castle, Del.	C. W. Prettyman.	Washington Heights	To be supplied.
Newport, Del.	W. O. Hurst.	Wesley	Asbury Burke.
Northeast, Md.	E. H. Dashiell.		
Perryville, Md.	W. E. Greenfield.		
Port Deposit, Md.	V. S. Collins.		
Port Penn Md.	Supply, A. C. Jones.		
Red Lion, Del.	F. E. McKinsey.		
Rising Sun, Md.	J. P. Otis.		
St. George's, Del.	J. A. Brewington.		
St. John's, Pa.	O. E. Jones.		
Stanton, Del. Supply, C. D. Sharpless.			

J. M. Kelso, left without appointment to attend Drew Theological Seminary, member of Onancock Quarterly Conference.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

Dover District.

In entering upon the duties of the presiding eldership of Dover District one year ago, we found some problems of adjustment touching pastoral supplies requiring our prompt attention. Some of the smaller appointments had been left without supplies and in the case of a few others, changes were made necessary because of conditions unknown at the time of Conference adjournment. To Leipsic was assigned Brother J. K. Underhill, a supernumerary of the Genesee Conference; to Hoopers' Island, young Brother Harry Williams, who is a candidate for the traveling connection. He did well in the work for a few months and then grew dissatisfied and left the work, notwithstanding our earnest entreaty and insistence that he remain. Since that time we have been unable to supply this charge. Brother J. S. Bozman, assigned as supply to Lakesville, in a few weeks after Conference gave up the work. After some delay, Brother Elwood W. Jones, an undergraduate of Dickinson College, was secured for this work for the period of his vacation. He was succeeded immediately after his returning to college by Brother John C. B. Hopkins, who has remained till the present moment. These young brethren have done good work on Lakesville charge. Crapo, a very vigorous work of five churches, had Brother Jester returned for the second year. He had come to us from the Methodist Protestant Church two years before. The momentum of his passage from them to us had not spent its force, and thus, immediately following our Conference adjournment, it swept him up to Quakertown, in the Philadelphia Conference. Applying to Bishops FitzGerald and Merrill for their approval, it was agreed that he should remain at Quakertown. That created a problem difficult for us to solve—the supplying of Crapo with a preacher sufficiently capable for that important work. After four months of continuous effort to secure the kind of man indicated, we were rewarded by the application of Brother A. A. Bichell, who for the previous eight years had been a member of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. He has met the demand of that situation most capably and successfully and is before us as an applicant for admission and for recognition of his orders.

Federalburg, desiring to be made a station, was dissociated from her two country churches—Chestnut Grove and Nichols—at our last Conference session. These two churches were left without a supply. They alone were entirely too feeble to support a pastor. After consulting the representative brethren concerned, we placed Chestnut Grove with Williston, under the efficient care of Brother Shipman, and secured the consent of Brother Holt, pastor of Federalburg, to supply Nichols.

Shortly after our Conference adjourned, Dr. W. F. Corkran, under Episcopal authority, relinquished his pastorate at Georgetown, and under the same authority Dr. Howard T. Quigg was transferred from the Philadelphia Conference, and appointed as Dr. Corkran's successor. We welcome Dr. Quigg into

our ranks, both for reasons of his own merit and also for that of his honored father, whose career in our midst was so long and useful.

For some years we have had a growing conviction that many of the charges of our Conference are paying shamefully inadequate salaries. They are not, in many instances, sufficient to afford the preachers and their families a comfortable support. This is the painful and humiliating fact in the case. There are 98 charges in this Conference—more than one-half—that pay \$700 and less, and by far the larger number of these pay a less sum, reaching as the minimum the meagre sum of \$250. These charges, in this regard, have not kept pace with either the increasing cost of living or with the increasing general thrift of the people. They have neither advanced the salaries to meet the preachers' increasing demands because of the advancing prices in life's necessities, nor have they kept their vows to make the ratio of their giving keep pace with the ratio of the increase of their substance. It becomes a matter of high interest to our people themselves, therefore, in all conscience, that they make good their sacred vows; that they discharge their reasonable obligation for the blessings of the gospel upon their lot as well as upon their lives; that they pay so much of the debt as is in their resources to pay, and that is required of them; that they meet their own moral and spiritual needs that are to be met only by paying what they owe. Many of our people, in other words, are suffering for lack of real spiritual life because, in part, at least, they fail to recognize that their paying into the Lords' treasury is a *debt* and to be discharged only upon inquiry for His will as revealed in His word and by the voice of His Spirit.

With these reflections as a deep conviction we have made strenuous efforts to induce the officials of the charges of the district to advance the salaries of the charges. In most instances where it has been done, it ought to be said that the pastors themselves have been a quiet force in that direction—the value of their services making a silent plea for this just recognition. The following are the charges to be put down in this list, with the respective amounts of their increase: Williamsburg, \$25; Galestown, \$40; Beckwith, Bridgeville, Salem, Ellendale and Greenwood, each \$50; Elliott's Island, \$60; Cambridge, Wesley (Dover), Federalsburg and Seaford circuit, each, \$100; Preston, \$150; Burrsville, \$166; Georgetown and Milford, each, \$200. The charges advancing are sixteen in number, more than one-third of the whole number on the district. The aggregate of this advance, in a round sum, is \$1,500; and in nearly every instance, the advance in the estimate has been made good by full payment of the cash.

Church and parsonage improvements have obtained with more or less scope of undertaking in most of the charges. Bridgeville, after a careful study of the question by the pastor and his officials, decided to sell their old parsonage property and build a new one on the church lot, by the side of the church. A beautiful house of four rooms on the first floor, in modern style and with modern improvements, is completed, and the successful pastor of this church for four years past, Brother Mowbray, is comfortably installed in his new home. The cost of this structure, in excess of receipts for the old parsonage, was about \$1,000, which has been amply provided for. Dr. George Edward Reed assisted the

pastor on a Sabbath in December to raise this amount, preaching on that occasion to the delight of all the people.

Frederica has thoroughly renovated the auditorium and halls of their church. New memorial windows throughout, new circular pews, new and exquisite decorations by that artistic designer, Mr. Otto M. DuBrau, of Baltimore, and new rubber matting on the floor and steps of the halls constitute the work done. The cost of these improvements exceeded \$2,000. One of the most beautiful auditoriums in the Conference is the result. It ought to be said, too, that the pastor, Brother Cashmore, has exhibited rare skill and taste in organizing and conducting this enterprise. Bishop Cranston, of Washington, D. C., assisted the pastor in the reopening services, January 15. On that day, including amounts previously given, over \$400 in excess of the cost was secured. This latter sum will be expended upon other needed repairs. Bishop Cranston's sermon preached in Frederica on that occasion has been most highly commended, as likewise his sermon that evening preached to our Dover congregation.

Elliott's Island is again building a new church. About fourteen year ago a new church was erected by this little band of heroic and church-loving people. It was very unsubstantially erected, however; and this became increasingly manifest until it was believed to be a standing menace to the worshippers. Thus it was decided to reduce this house to a pile of lumber and build a new and more commodious edifice upon the site thus vacated. It is now in process of erection and will be completed and dedicated in the early summer. The cost of this edifice will exceed \$2,000, more than half of which has already been paid. Great credit is due the pastor, Brother Thomas, for organizing and conducting this enterprise; for it is an onerous task to build such a church on Elliott's Island. It means, to many of them, heroic sacrifice.

One other instance of extensive church improvement remains to be told in this report—that at East New Market. Here they tore out the gallery, laid new floors and wainscoting, placed new steel walls and ceiling, new circular pews, stained glass windows, put on a new and more elevated roof, excavated the cellar and installed new heaters and built an annex with communicating doors to the auditorium of the church—all of which work, interior and exterior, has been newly painted. The cost of these improvements was \$4,000. The day selected for reopening was very inclement. Brothers S. N. Pilchard and C. W. Smith were present and assisted the pastor. The amount raised that day and the following Sabbath, when Brother Layfield was present, aggregated \$2,000. This amount, with \$1,000 obtained by the pastor before beginning the repairs leaves only \$1,000 unprovided for. This sum the people are to raise on May 28, when that peerless raiser of money, Bishop C. C. McCabe, is to be present and assist. This was a difficult project to undertake. The people were by no means united upon the enterprise or confident of their ability to accomplish it. The resources of the congregation are surely not abundant. It required capable and inspiring leadership, therefore, to realize the result. The pastor, Brother Cochran, was equal to the task, as the result proved.

Harrington has expended on church and parsonage property, \$1,400; Seaford Circuit, \$960; Ellendale, \$850; Federalsburg, \$675; Magnolia, \$625; Preston,

\$620; Felton, \$582; Galestown, \$550; Lewes, \$420; Dover and Leipsic, each, \$400; Crapo, \$274; Zoar, \$235; Georgetown Circuit, \$213; Seaford, \$195; Georgetown, \$170; Church Creek, \$165; Nassau, \$160; Canterbury, \$111; Salem, \$110; Farmington, \$98. The aggregate of all these sums mentioned, with smaller ones not here tabulated, reaches a total for church and parsonage improvements of over \$18,000. To this is to be added old debts paid, amounting to \$3,000. In this sum is included the debt on Wesley Church, Dover, of \$1050. It might be related in this connection that some steps have been taken towards a new church at Lewes. This is badly needed, not only for the sake of a better and more attractive church home for the people, but for a more commodious and more modernly appointed interior. They have not sufficient floor space nor a sufficient number of rooms for the accommodation of their growing congregations. Especially is this true of their Sunday school attendance. They realize it; and under the vigorous leadership of their efficient pastor, Dr. O'Brien, a committee has been authorized of their official body to make a thorough study of the proposed enterprise, and make report to their first Quarterly Conference of the coming Conference year.

To our connectional enterprises, missionary and the other benevolences, attention has been called during the year, both by letters to the pastors and by suitable mention of them in the Quarterly Conferences. It may be feared that many of us who are preachers are not as well informed touching these great interests as we might be, and do not, therefore, give adequate information to the people. Certain it is, that the rank and file of our membership are not informed as to what we are doing and are not aroused to a proper sense of their opportunity and obligation to take their part in the onward march of Christendom and in the successive victories attending the publishing of the gospel to the ends of the earth. A large proportion of our people are not really interested and are either paying nothing, or a mere pittance, to help give the gospel and its blessings to the world at large. We have made large advance in the total of our missionary and other benevolent offerings in the last quarter of a century in our own Conference as well as throughout the Connection, but we have not even loosed the purse-strings of many of our people, nor reached the self-denial dollar of a great multitude. We need not only a revival of religion throughout the Connection, but we need this in the matter of gathering and imparting the abundant current information touching the benevolent enterprises and operations of our Methodism; and we need capable and inspiring agitation of these interests in all the churches. The multitude need to be reached and enlisted. It is practicable, too, with an aroused, competent, aggressive, consecrated and inspiring leadership all along the line.

The weather conditions of this past winter have made of all church enterprises a problem. The gathering of the benevolences has been difficult in many of the churches, especially to those who have delayed this important work till the winter season. There is no sufficient reason for such delay in most instances either, and the result, we believe, is less in amount than it would be if a different course were always pursued when practicable. A conscientious interest in and discharge of the obligations placed upon us by God and His Church for

the benevolences will always incite to the best care of this trust possible to be given. Many of my brethren realize all this, and have been very diligent in this department of church enterprise, as the tabulation of the result will show. The churches advancing in their missionary collection are: Wesley, (Dover) Seaford Circuit, Church Creek, Denton, Felton, Greenwood, Zoar, Magnolia, Farmington, Georgetown Circuit, Hurlock, Williamsburg, Frederica, Camden, Williston, Preston, Canterbury. The total of all these advances exceeds \$200. — Greenwood leads the district in the amount of her increase. In most of these same charges it is true to say that there are advances in some of the other collections. According to the best information available now, four of the charges have reduced their offering to this chief of christian obligations. These are Leipsic, Lakesville, Hooper's Island and Armory. These are all weak charges and it is by no means certain that the principal reason for their weakness is not to be found in the fact that they pay so little heed to the great Commission. What church or church member can expect to develop strength that repudiates the Master's insistent command to bear His message to the world's end. The total advance for missions on the district will exceed \$150. Nearly all the churches have paid a part or all of their apportionments made by action of our Conference last spring for the Conference Academy debt. The total that goes into the Academy treasury from Dover district will exceed \$750.

Of the Conference Academy's present prosperity much might be said. After years of struggle against a distressing and paralyzing debt, she has emerged from the crushing onus of this evil and has now entered upon a career of increasing activity and usefulness. Her halls are well filled with bright and ambitious young people, under the direction of as able a corps of teachers as is likely to be found in any school of like purpose in our Church. No equal number of students has been in this school at any previous period of her history and no better work, we believe, has been done. The current income of this institution meets the current expense. Dr. Cross is clearly showing himself to be the Providential head of the school. He is the man for the hour. He is a success in securing students, in directing the instruction and discipline of the institution, and in managing the material affairs of the enterprise. The future of this school looms up before us in most promising vision. The currents of learning and of other supplies for character development will flow on from this fountain of Christian training into the minds and lives of the thirsty of the generations coming, and will be a blessing to them, and to society here while time lasts, and there while eternity endures. We plead, therefore, in this presence, for universal and liberal support, both with students and money, to make this school of our Conference all that such constituency can make it.

The two organizations of our modern church life that need especial attention by the presiding elders and pastors, as we believe, are the Sunday school and Epworth League. They are both particularly addressed to the young of our Church, and look not only to their sustained religious training and betterment in every way, but to the future welfare of our Church, her numerical strength and her commanding position among the denominations of Christendom. The degree that these are made a factor in church organization and activity will de-

termine largely not only what our young people shall be, but also what our church shall be. The presiding elders and pastors who give careful attention to the promotion of these organizations in their respective districts and charges will not only serve well the present interests intrusted to them, but will promote and conserve these same interests for the Church of the future. Believing this, we have sought to emphasize the importance of these departments of church activity upon the pastors and Quarterly Conferences, and are persuaded that it has had some advantageous results. The reports of the Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues of the charges have indicated advancement in this work during the year.

The call of our Church for more aggressive evangelistic effort has been heard in our territory and has been repeated by the presiding elders and pastors to the people. There is no doubt that this call and the response to it are very badly needed in our territory. More than this, the desire among the good people of our churches for a spiritual awakening that will stir the mere nominal believers and bring them face to face with God and spiritual and eternal verities, and into vital and vitalizing experience; and that will also reach the unregenerate and make them tremble with conviction for sin and groan in soul for deliverance—the desire for this among our good people, we believe, is growing more general and more intense and may be taken to be the harbinger of the oncoming revival flame that will sweep over our Conference territory, burn up the worldliness and sin in the Church, and much of it in the world, and bring our Lord and His cause into pre-eminence in the thought and endeavor of our people. We, my brethren, can have much to do with determining this blessed outcome. Our hold on God and our consecration and zeal will weigh mightily. There have been some remarkable spiritual results in some of the charges of the district, already. Seaford Circuit has been in a blaze of revival fire for half the year. The pastor, Brother Johnson, reports 206 conversions. Cambridge has had a great awakening. It is the seventh year of Dr. MacNichol's pastorate—a very successful one—a pastorate of sustained and increasing force and usefulness, reaching this year the crowning result of all in the ingathering of 135 redeemed and converted souls to God. Seaford charge reports 121 conversions; Burrsville, 88; Galestown and Preston, each, 75; Crapo, 70; East New Market, 65; Lakesville, 51; Greenwood, 48; Houston, 40; Zoar, 37; Lincoln, 34; Farmington, 21; Lewes and Salem, each, 20. Almost all the other charges of the district report some conversions, making, with those just mentioned, an aggregate of over 1,300 who have sought and found God at our Church altars. Surely the revival fires have not gone out in this historic Methodist territory any more than they have ceased to burn in our communion at large. Thus the summary of the work on the district is made up. My brethren of these charges, under the blessing of God, have inspired and led the forces in these great achievements; and they have done, many of them, magnificently.

Touching the effort now being made in Delaware for temperance legislation, something ought to be said in this report. For more than a generation the moral and religious elements of our State have had no voice and practically no representation in enactments upon this subject. They sought, under the old

constitution, to secure a local option law from the legislative organizations of that period. When, at last, hope seemed to light up the temperance horizon, they were met by an interpretation of that constitution by a leading statesman of Delaware at that time, and which was placed in the hands of the enemies of the proposed law, that the law would be unconstitutional—that it would vitiate the delegated and representative idea of our form of government; and that was enough to side-track all such legislation under that fundamental document of our State. Changes took place, however, in the governing forces and policy of this State, and a new constitution was one of the results. Written in that constitution is provision for the voice of the people touching this burning issue, to be expressed at the fountain of government—the ballot box. After betrayal of the confidence of the temperance people and cruel delay by our lawmakers for more than a decade since the new constitution was adopted, last Autumn, when the political parties were asking for the suffrages of the people, one of these parties solemnly declared in their platform, that if they were intrusted with the reins of government, they would enact such a law. More than that, nearly all their candidates on the legislative branch of their ticket, as some of like candidates on other party tickets, personally pledged to do this thing. Such candidates, almost without exception, were elected. Without any further step than this it was binding upon all these men and this party to use their best endeavor to enact that law. They are on record to do it. In addition to this, however, in accordance with a provision in our constitution a majority of the members of the Legislature of Kent county signed a petition to this body asking for this legislation; and that makes it mandatory, under the constitution, for the Legislature to enact this law for that county. And yet this promised measure has been held up for more than two months. Liquor men have been employing their shrewdest, subtlest and darkest methods to defeat it, and the temperance people have been calling upon these pledged legislators to redeem their promises and to obey the constitution; and are eagerly, breathlessly waiting for them to do it. There is good reason to expect it now; it has passed the lower house, we are told; and there are earnest, vigorous advocates of this measure in the Capitol building, as well as out of it, and they are doing their utmost to sway that body of legislators to keep their solemn vows. Three of these gentlemen are on the temperance committee of the House, and merit special mention here. They are Messrs. Garrison, Baggs and Townsend. Dr. Robert Watt, President of the Temperance Alliance, and Dr. Alfred Smith, our Temperance Evangelist, have been most active in their endeavor to influence these legislators to such action. But even if this bill passes the Senate, what shall be said of the legislators who have voted against it, and will return to their homes violators of their pledges to their constituency, and with the foul mark of perjury on them as to their oath to obey the terms of the constitution? We predict that there will be a rising up of the moral forces of their districts and of the commonwealth in organized, sustained and enfranchised manhood, that will drive these smirched and craven slaves of the insolvent liquor oligarchy from power, and that will bring into place men who will concede our right as American citizens to govern ourselves upon this issue as upon all issues.

The lives and health of nearly all the occupants of the parsonages have been blessedly preserved. The few exceptions to this should be noted in this report. Brother Beauchamp's family at Harrington was sorely afflicted for nearly the first half of the Conference year, two of his children being very ill at the same time. One of these, the youngest born, after a resistless wasting away in the arms of her mother, passed from her embrace to the embrace of Jesus. The son, after weary vigils of parents and physicians for many weeks, has entirely recovered his health. Sister Price, the mother of the wife of Brother Fosnocht, and residing with them in the Magnolia parsonage, after a short illness, passed to her Heavenly home. She was a good woman and an intelligent and interesting one, as well. Brother and Sister Mowbray, occupants of our parsonage at Bridgeville, have been severely chastened in the long and serious illness of their son, Randolph, who has been for three months in the Methodist Hospital at Philadelphia. He, however, it may be hoped, is slowly recovering. The death angel has twice entered the parsonage home at Ellendale, taking from Brother and Sister Taylor, first their youngest, an infant, and then, ere they had emerged from the shadow of that sorrow, little Bruce, their first born, was suddenly taken. This is a recent and staggering bereavement, and they are now walking in the poignancy and gloom of it and need from everyone of us our tenderest sympathy.

With gratitude to Heaven I would like to record here that my own health has been almost perfect and that I have been enabled to fill all my official engagements with joy. The brethren—pastors and laity—have been uniformly kind in every way and have thus made my burdens light. I have gone about over the district, preaching three times and riding from fifteen to thirty miles in carriage on the Sabbath, holding from three to five Quarterly Conferences weekly, and not infrequently preaching during the week; and throughout the whole year, as throughout my entire Christian ministry, I have been singing the song of joyous service with bounding soul that I have a place to work and an opportunity to inspire others to work in this great enterprise of making mankind better and helping to prepare them for the Kingdom.

And now one word touching my thought of the great office to which I have given one year of service. When Bishop FitzGerald read my name, one year ago, at the head of the list of the brethren and of the churches on Dover district I realized that it meant the placing upon me of a great responsibility and an inviolable obligation. The days that immediately followed were days of special prayer and of careful reflection; and I do not hesitate to say in this presence that I solemnly vowed to the great Head of the Church that I would try to do my best in every way with the task laid upon me; that I would give all my time and all my being to the work assigned me to do; that I would strive to make myself the most efficient that is in me touching all the work and service required of me; and that I would work from my knees and in good conscience every day as to what use I make of every prerogative and power residing in this office of the Church and entrusted to my hands for a season.

S. M. MORGAN.

Easton District.

In rendering my second report as Presiding Elder of Easton District, I must first of all acknowledge my gratitude to our Heavenly Father, who has so graciously blessed me with health and strength that I have been able to visit each of the 41 charges of the District, to hold 4 Quarterly Conferences in each, and to preach 160 sermons during the year. I desire also to express my hearty appreciation of the uniform kindness and cordial co-operation accorded me by both the ministry and laity of the District. Our work together has thus been rendered a delight instead of a burden, and the encouraging items of this report were only made possible by the same brotherly co-operation.

None of our preachers from the active ranks have been called away by death, and none incapacitated by continued illness. Rev. James Black Merritt, one of our Superannuated preachers, passed from labor to reward July 8th, 1904 in the 78th year of his age. In his prime he was a man of great mental vigor, a fine preacher, and did much to build up the Church of Christ.

Mrs. Rebecca E. Hough, widow of Rev. John Hough, of precious memory, passed to her Heavenly home from Smyrna, Del., June 14th, 1904, in the 71st year of her age. She lived a beautiful Christ-like life, and her memory is as ointment poured forth.

Mrs. Adelia Jefferson Roe fell asleep in Jesus, Feb. 24th, 1905, at Trappe, Md., in the 47th year of her age. She was a true help-mate to her husband, a loving mother to her two boys, and a faithful worker in the Church of Christ. Her bright day of life closed before it reached its meridian. She rests from her labors, and her works do follow her. I am sure the brethren join me in extending porfoundest sympathy to our dear brother Roe in his great loss.

Bereavement has also come to the heart and home of Brother George S. Conaway in the loss of his daughter Clara M. Conaway, who died Nov. 13th, 1904, in the 28th year of her age. The pride and joy of her parents while here on earth, she awaits their coming over yonder.

Early in Dec. 1904, Mrs. Jennie Smithers Price, of Smyrna, was called to her Heavenly home. A woman of unusual talent and devotion to Christ and his Church, she was early called and rests from her labors.

Brother O. W. DeVenish left his work at Bozman, Jan. 1st, 1905, after sending his withdrawal and parchments for presentation to this Conference. He has entered the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Brother D. J. Ford, our supply at Neavitt, a neighboring charge, was asked to take Bozman also under his pastoral care until Conference.

Methodism was born in a revival of religion and has lived and grown thereby. Thank God that the Methodists of this Peninsula still believe in revivals. The "Mourners bench" is not out of date, and much of the old-fashioned emphasis is still laid on the doctrines of sin, punishment, and new birth, and a conscious, joyous, soul-filling, life-changing religious experience. Nevertheless, we have need to be on our guard against a subtle rationalism, which is as poison in our ecclesiastical body. The Lord save our ministry from spending their time and wasting their talents over the speculative problems of

criticism, high or low. Our age is not an "Age of Doubt" which needs curing, but an age of faith, which needs feeding. The people in our congregations care little for subtle refinements on rationalistic questions, but are hungry for the plain, positive, manly presentation of the great saving truths of the Gospel. These truths properly presented are the live coals which kindle the fire of revival. What a suggestive wail is that which was recently made by one of the oldest and most honored Unitarian preachers of this county, when he said "I cannot see why so democratic and so reasonable a faith as unitarianism has not swept the county long ago." Unitarianism is a question rather than an affirmation. It degrades the Christ and the Bible, and therefore it is not sweeping but dying. The Lord help us Methodists to thank God for our grand old doctrines, and to take fresh courage to preach the same.

Then there is danger of our having so much of form and prescribed method in our revival work that we make impossible the unhindered free leadings of the Holy Ghost. The revival in Wales is a brilliant example of success in soul saving in the absence of a great human leader, in the absence of formal preaching, in the absence of a pre-arranged program for the meetings. The Holy Ghost leads, and there is glorious liberty in prayer and song and testimony. There is a power and influence felt by all as inexplicable as the burning bush of Moses or the fire tongues of Pentecost, and just as evidently full of God. This is the kind of revival we need all over our Peninsula.

I believe every charge on the District reports some conversions. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Marydel, Brother E. H. Collins, pastor, rejoices in 174 conversions; Oxford and Brother W. T. Lewes are singing doxologies over 132 converts. Church Hill and Brother W. C. Poole are happy because 70 souls have been brought to Christ. On Smyrna Circuit Brother Albert Chandler and his people rejoice in 90 conversions. Cheswold reports 52 conversions, Townsend 46, Smyrna 45, Centerville 45, Galena 44, Piney Neck 30, and others report smaller numbers, making a total of about 1100 conversions on the District this year. It is one of the joys of my work this year that in a number of instances when an invitation to seek Christ was given after the sermon, sinners have yielded and been happily converted, even when no special revival effort was prevailing in the community. This has indicated to me that the spirit of revival, which is abroad in the world, is not absent from our churches on Easton District. We are praying for a wide spread revival all over our District work.

Last year our District was free from Camp-meetings, and we rejoiced as those who had escaped a plague. This year two camps have been held, and again we rejoice. They were so conducted and the spiritual results were such that they were benedictions in their communities. One camp was held on the historic grounds near Wye Mills, in charge of Brother H. G. Budd. The camp near Marydel was in charge of Brother E. H. Collins. Both of these meetings were helpful to the saints, and both resulted in a number of conversions. They prove that when properly conducted, this old means of Grace has not lost its power and usefulness among us.

On Nov. 6th, 1904, the beautiful new church at Greensboro, Md., was dedicated to the worship of almighty God. The edifice is brick, the style is

Romanesque, the roof slate, the windows memorial. It contains 8 rooms, so arranged that they can all be thrown into one. This church stands in the first rank, as far as neatness and adaptation to church work are concerned, and I doubt if any church in the Conference has more to show for the money expended. Bishop E. G. Andrews, Dr. S. W. Thomas and the Presiding Elder assisted the pastor in the dedicatory services. Dr. E. L. Hoffecker, the pastor deserves much credit for the unusual success of this enterprise. He was assisted by a faithful building committee, and they literally paid as they built, so that on dedication day only enough to cover the cost of furniture was asked for. This was readily subscribed, and this elegant new church, costing \$10,000, starts on its career for God and Methodism, with every cent of its cost actually paid in cash. The pastor did the collecting of the subscriptions, and hence this remarkable result—in a subscription of about \$10,000, less than \$20 remains.

Cheswold has a new parsonage, commodious, modern in equipment, and a sort of model Methodist Preacher's home. Brother A. W. Goodhand, the pastor, led in this enterprise with zeal and great wisdom. The house has 10 rooms. The whole cost was \$2200, of which \$1400 have been paid this year. This loyal people are planning to rally soon after Conference and wipe out the remaining \$800 of debt.

Other amounts are reported for improvements, as follows: Smyrna \$1250, Sudlersville, \$600, Ridgely \$501, Easton \$350, Marydel \$335, Hillsboro \$350, Cecilton \$300, Chestertown \$279, Odessa \$250, and others in smaller amounts.

While most of our territory is well supplied with churches, a few communities are in need of places of worship. One of these is at Price's Station on Queen Anne & Kent R. R. It is a growing village and the center of a large population in which we have no church. The energetic pastor at Church Hill, Brother W. C. Poole, has taken up the work, prayer meetings have been held from house to house, a society organized, a subscription started, and the work of building a church will begin soon after Conference.

Two years ago, 16 of the 41 charges on Easton District reported debts on church property. Last year this number was reduced to 13. This year we hope to reduce it to 9 or 10.

Fairlee, which has had a vexatious debt of \$1200 on parsonage, has this year paid the whole amount. When all the conditions of this case are known, more than ordinary credit is given to Brother W. E. Habbart, the pastor and his loyal people.

Rock Hall, in the face of financial conditions which would have paralyzed a less enthusiastic people, has not only met its usual expense but has reduced the debt on Church property \$600, leaving only a balance of \$500.

After a net increase of \$1150 in salary estimates last year, I am very glad to report that the good work still goes on. Centerville advanced \$100, and Cheswold, Marydel and Queenstown \$50 each, a total of \$250. A better financial plan in many of our charges would not only meet the present salary estimates promptly and thus save the pastors from much inconvenience, but would make plain the fact that a higher salary is easily possible. The Lord gives wisdom, grace and hustle to our stewards.

Last year Easton District had the unique honor of reporting that it had raised the full amount apportioned to it for Conference Academy Debt. When the apportionment of an amount equal to 4 per cent. of salaries to be paid in two years was laid by the last Conference our preachers though in many instances demurring against it, have with the exception of one or two, set about the task of raising it. About two-thirds of them report the full amount. The others, with two or three exceptions, report one-half the amount. I feel warranted in saying that Easton District can be depended on to do her full share until this incubus of debt is wiped from the face of our Conference Academy to the Glory of God and the good of Methodism'.

Most of our people are loyal to these great interests and look on them as blessed opportunities to do good by their contributions. Some of the pastors need to go to the ant and learn wisdom enough to use the harvest of pleasant weather in the early part of the Conference year to get in their benevolent collections, and not wait until the winter of rough weather, bad roads and financial stringency guarantees at least partial defeat.

A winter of unusual severity prolonged till within a few days of Conference has interfered very much in nearly all the charges, with an easy collection of the benevolences, but pastors and people have labored heroically in the face of unusual hardships.

Charges bordering on the water courses have suffered most and yet in these there are notable cases of victory as at Rock Hall, Kent Island and St. Michaels. Many of the country charge have been seriously crippled by roads which were absolutely impassable for several weeks.

Millington was swept by fire July 12th, 1904, 50 buildings were destroyed, all the business section of the town, but this noble people have not only met all the expenses of the home Church, but under leadership of Brother Edwin Gardner, make their usual liberal offering for the benevolent enterprises of the Church.

Notwithstanding these drawbacks, the reports received indicate that our benevolent collections are about the same as last year. The reports also show heroic effort on the part of the most of our pastors to maintain or advance the Missionary Collection. The following charges report advances over last year: Betterton \$2, Chestertown \$20, Cheswold \$4, Church Hill \$10, Galena \$35, Greensboro \$20, Marydel \$10, Queenstown \$3, Royal Oak \$5, Still Pond \$5, Kenton \$5, Townsend \$15, Rock Hall \$25. The reports received indicate that the net amount for Missions will be about the same as last year.

It has been a real pleasure to note the answers to the new Quarterly Conference question concerning Sunday Schools "Are they furnished with the publications authorized by our Church?" With one exception, every Sunday School on Easton District uses Methodist publications, and by next year we hope it will learn the error of its ways. The reports indicate that about 250 Christian Advocates are taken on the District and 260 Epworth Heralds. These figures can be and ought to be greatly increased. One pastor on the District, Brother W. C. Poole, increased the subscribers for Christian Advocates from 1 to 8, Epworth Heralds from none to 17, and Peninsula Methodists from 7 to 22.

No wonder that he was able to launch a new Church enterprise, and that this charge was blessed with a gracious revival. The circulation of our Church Literature is an open door to blessed service for the Master in all of our charges.

All that part of Easton District which lies in Maryland is under Local Prohibition. The people of those sections freed from the curse of the saloon are very pronounced in their expressions of praise. Some of those Eastern Shore counties have had Local Option for years, and in some of them there is not only a decrease in the use of liquors, but there is scarcely any one who dares resist the strong tide of public sentiment, and advocate the saloon system. Poor old Delaware! Her political situation is a "15 puzzle." The temperance people of the State have scarcely known which way to move in order to success for their desired reform. In the present Legislature all the representatives and senators from Kent County, except 3, signed a petition for the submission of the question of License or no License to the voters of that County, and such a bill may pass. Let us be thankful for that much. But how can representatives of the people of any part of this State refuse those whom they represent, the right to vote on this important question—a right guaranteed them in the State Constitution? They cannot do it without themselves becoming the special guardians of the saloon. Let us pray that the present Legislature may not adjourn until it has taken itself out of such an attitude by giving all the people of the State the right to say by ballot "saloon" or "no saloon."

Most of our Churches have Chapters of the Epworth League, and many of them are doing most excellent work in winning and training our young people for Christ. Our Annual Convention held last fall in Sudlersville was an inspiring occasion. Brother J. M. Arters, of Odessa, is proving a hustler in the Presidency of the District League. Two helpful Workers Conferences have been held, one at Ridgely in Dec. and one at Kenton, in Feb.

A meeting of the preachers of the District was held in Smyrna Sept. 29th, 1904, for conference and prayer concerning a forward movement in soul saving. It was a blessed day. The Lord was with us in great power. The meeting elected the following committee on Evangelism: Brother W. L. White, C. T. Wyatt, Robert Watt, J. A. Arters and H. G. Budd. They were requested to group the charges for co-operation in revival work during the fall and winter, and secure a tent for use in Evangelistic work on the District next summer. We are hoping that this plan may be carried out and much good accomplished.

Thus we close the year with its joys and sorrows, its successes and defeats. We bring our sheaves of triumph and lay them at the feet of our Master, while with a consciousness of imperfection, we look up into his face and ask forgiveness for our shortcomings. It is a great privilege to work for Jesus, to give life's short day to the blessed work of saving souls and building up the kingdom of God, and then in the evening hear the Master's voice calling us to our reward in heaven.

W. G. KOONS.

Salisbury District.

After another year of toil and care we come again with courage strong and hope bright to report the results of our efforts, so far as we can measure them.

While our effective ranks have not been broken by death this year, yet one of our Superannuated brethren, Geo. W. Wilcox, suddenly departed this life on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 15th, in the blessed hope of a glorious immortality in the "better country." A suitable memoir will be read by Dr. C. A. Hill on the occasion of our Conference memorial service.

With a few exceptions, good health prevailed among our pastors so that they were able to prosecute their duties with the usual energy and success. Among these exceptions were: J. W. Colona, of Princess Anne, who was incapacitated for work about five weeks by an attack of pneumonia. E. H. Miller, of Stockton, because of impaired health was unable to push his work with his usual effectiveness. W. R. Gwinn, of Somerset, was critically ill during the summer and for about three months unable to properly attend to his duties. J. E. Graham, of Ocean View, was also seriously afflicted and in November left his charge to seek relief in the hospital at Cambridge, Md., where he still remains, much improved, but not yet able to resume his work. There were several other cases of sickness among the brethren but no others of long duration or that interfered much with the work.

A few changes of pastoral appointments were made during the year, as follows: John M. Kelso, of Mardela Springs, was relieved of his charge Sept. 1st, to attend Drew Theological Seminary, and after a brief delay, Paul P. Truitt was appointed to supply the vacancy. About the same time W. W. Banks, of Bishopville, was also excused to attend Dickinson College, and after a protracted delay and several appointments and disappointments, H. J. Heineman, who holds a certificate of location from the Central New York Conference, was secured to fill the vacancy. It may be well to add that Brother Heineman is a candidate for admission to this Conference on the certificate referred to.

The work on the District was prosecuted along all lines with characteristic energy and results, as the tabulated reports in our Minutes will show. But the harvests garnered in several fields may fall short of our expectations, due largely to the comparative failure of certain local industries, and the severity of the winter almost paralyzed effort both secular and ecclesiastical. Two such winters coming in succession have financially wrecked many of our people. Church work particularly, both financial and spiritual, was greatly hindered. Consequently at some points the benevolences will fall a little short of last year, and at other points gracious promises of sweeping revivals were nipped in the bud as by an untimely frost. And some brethren who toiled most assiduously and made greatest sacrifices will not be able to render such flattering reports as had been hoped and as some others will present whose fields were more favorably situated. So that, however important and suggestive the statistical columns may be, they do not in every case indicate the accurate measure of faithful service. Possibly the man who brings one hundred dollars was just as willing and zealous as the man who brings ten times that much, and probably toiled harder to get the hundred than the other did to get the thousand.

Pastoral Support is not a matter of first importance, yet it is a matter of great importance, to the Church as well as to the pastor and his family; for every pastor can render better service when assured of a comfortable support. I am happy to report that this question is receiving more and more attention from our intelligent and consecrated laymen. The greatest obstacle now in the way of a liberal support for faithful pastors, is not so much a lack of liberality on the part of the people, as it is a lack of systematic effort on the part of those on whom is laid the responsibility of raising it. The antiquated "quarterly quarterage" system still prevails in some places, despite frequent attempts to introduce a more rational and effective plan. My observation leaves me to believe that nearly every case of deficiency on our District is due, not to inability to pay, but to lack of a rational system and honest effort. It is marvellous that such Churches do even as well as they do, with such slipshod methods. No other organization could long survive nor could any business prosper under such conditions.

During the year only one charge thought it necessary to reduce its estimate for pastoral support, and that was Chincoteague Island. So also there was only one which increased its estimate, and that was Mt. Vernon. But several appointments have already indicated their purpose to make substantial advances next year namely; Pocomoke City, which will advance \$100; Sharptown \$150; Delmar and Stockton, each \$200. Probably some others too will "join the band."

Church Records should receive more attention. "Are the Church Records properly kept?" is regularly asked in our Quarterly Conferences, and generally receives a doubtful or very qualified answer. Few charges can give an unqualified affirmative answer to this question. We have good business men in our Official Boards, yet the business of the Church is often transacted in a very unbusinesslike manner. In some charges it is not known whether the trustees are incorporated or not and in some instances it is difficult to ascertain from the Records who the trustees are or what is the actual state of their affairs. And so far as the Record of Membership is concerned, few are even approximately accurate. In some cases names should be on the roll that are not there—indeed I am credibly informed that one pastor, who served a Church several years and had a great revival during that time, yet did not place a name upon the roll. So on the other hand, there are names on the roll that should not be there, some are duplicates, some triplicates, some dead, some backslidden and some really never joined the Church. If all these dead branches were lopped off we would realize a great reduction of our membership, at least in the statistical columns, though probably not in our Churches.

Benevolent Collections received the usual attention and with the usual result. Some appointments measure up to their previous record, while others advanced and probably a few declined. But from present data I conclude there will be little difference between the sum total of this year and that of last year. Perhaps some will think it due both to the work and to the worker, in connection with this item, to revert to the severity of the winter as the reason for any decline in the collections. This would indeed excuse failure if there had

not been nine months of good weather before the winter came, during which time all these collections should have been taken. It is a serious mistake on the part of many of our people and some pastors too, to defer consideration of these claims until the latter part of the year; for that is the most inopportune time of the whole year to raise money for these objects, because: First, money is scarcer: Second, the local interests of the Church now claim the right of way: Third, the weather is usually more or less inclement and interferes with both secular and Church work. And the fact that under these adverse conditions these churches do so well is proof sufficient that their apportionments are not too high, but on the contrary not high enough, and that they could and would do much better if these causes were properly presented at the proper time.

Church Property also received attention. Due inquiry elicited the fact that nearly all of our property is insured and most of it in our own Insurance Company. But a few Churches have not yet awakened to the importance of insurance—possibly they are waiting for a fire to stir them. And this reminds us of the disastrous fire which swept over a section of Berlin, Md., on October 1st, and consumed our parsonage and furniture there, together with nearly all of the effects of the pastor who was entirely without insurance. This should serve notice on our pastors to have their personal property insured in the above Company where they will obtain protection at reasonable rates and at the same time share in the profits of the business in the way of rebates.

Old debts were paid during the year at several places and in various sums as follows: Tangier, \$675; Princess Anne, \$564; Laurel, \$407; Smith's Island, \$400; Berlin, \$180; Snow Hill, \$175; Annessex, \$110; and many others in smaller sums aggregating for the whole District about \$2700.

Repairs and improvements were made at several places as follows: Parsonsburg, \$133; Mardella, \$140; Tangier, \$175; Deals Island, \$220; Cape Charles, \$300; Asbury, \$315, the Ladies' Aid Society raising \$262 of this amount; Annessex, \$375; Mt. Pleasant, \$380; Mt. Vernon, \$400; Quantico, \$450; Stockton, Circuit, \$550; Berlin Circuit, \$552; Nanticoke, \$630; Delmar \$1,000; Girdletree, \$400; and others in smaller sums, making the total for the District about \$7500. Delmar now has a beautiful and up-to-date church, and with her salary advanced to a \$1000, she takes rank with our best stations.

Among the new churches erected within our bounds this year, Pocomoke City ranks first. It is an architectural gem, of Pompeian brick, surmounted by a tower, with cathedral glass windows, heated by steam, lighted by electricity, all for \$16,000. And now a \$2000 pipe organ has been contracted for, to be in readiness for the coming Easter service. This magnificent temple was dedicated to God on Sabbath Jan. 29th, the preacher for the occasion was Dr. A. W. Lightbourn, of our Conference, the finances were managed by that peerless Church financier, J. W. Powell, of Buffalo, N. Y., and the dedicatory services were conducted by the writer.

As you have observed, this report does not deal in personal eulogies to pastors, not that they have not merited kindly notice, but because time and space forbid to give to each all honor due; and beside such eulogies oft offend good taste and by effusiveness defeat their object. I must however indulge a

word of commendation of Brother L. E. Poole, pastor of the church under consideration. He labored most indefatigably and wisely, and that too amid difficulties which would have driven men of less devotion to abandon the task. But day and night, at home and abroad, with smiles and tears, amid hopes and fears he toiled on until the task was completed. In recognition of such devotion the Official Board has most cordially and unanimously invited him to return for another year, and fortified the invitation with the assurance of a hundred dollars increase in his salary.

I would be derelict to duty if I failed to notice the beautiful loyalty and magnificent liberality of our people in Pocomoke City. I never saw their giving surpassed—no one thought them financially able to build such a structure—but there stands the church, a credit to the city and an honor to Methodism, and every dollar of its cost provided for. And now to "cap the climax" and to give to you all an opportunity to see this Church and to become acquainted with the people, they have sent up a cordial invitation to this Conference to hold its next session in that city.

New churches are also needed and contemplated at a few other points: among them Crisfield, where already \$3000 in cash are in hand for this purpose. Sharptown also is devising ways and means to erect a new church or at least to remodel and enlarge her present building, and nearly \$500 in cash have been collected for this work. Mt. Olive, on Westover Circuit, has also decided to build a new church, and \$600 of the cost is provided for. One other point is Jacksonville, a rapidly growing suburb of Crisfield, where under the auspices of our Church Brother S. N. Pilchard organized a Sabbath School last September and already the average attendance is over 60, and the people are clamoring for a Church; and we must build soon if we would hold this ground for our Methodism.

Ladies' Aid Societies did excellent work throughout the District. How much has been accomplished by our women through their various organizations, as well as by their individual efforts, only God knows. Doubtless many of our Churches would have been closed long ago if the women had been as indifferent as the men were. In some places the women not only furnish the parsonage and collect the money for pastoral support, but also keep the altar fires burning by their undying devotion to Christ. I regret however, that the women on Salisbury District do not manifest a deeper interest in the W. F. M. S., W. H. M. S., W. C. T. U., as well as in the Ladies' Aid Society.

So far as I have gathered the facts it appears that the Ladies' Aid Societies on the District have during the year, and for various purposes, put into the treasury of the Church nearly \$5000. Some of these societies deserve special mention, among them that at Pocomoke City, which raised \$600, Laurel \$593, Crisfield \$460, Delmar \$375, Mt. Vernon \$180, Quantico \$100, Nanticoke and Berlin, each \$80, and Tangier \$75.

As the General Conference has given these organizations official recognition and their Presidents a place and voice in the Quarterly Conference, we may hope for still better results.

The work for and by the Young People was conducted with increasing in-

terest. Sunday Schools are maintained in all of our Churches and nearly all of them are continued through the whole year, and neither vacate in summer nor hibernate in winter, as formerly; and with two exceptions all loyally use the peerless literature of our own Church. The 47 pastoral charges of the District have 108 Sunday Schools with an average attendance of scholars and teachers of nearly 8000.

The Epworth League too is found in nearly every charge, though in some country Churches it is claimed to be difficult if not impossible to maintain this Young People's organization. But generally "where there is a will there is a way" and doubtless a little more interest and effort would overcome all obstacles in the way. I am quite sure that the Church needs the young about as much as they need the Church. The time has come when we must make special efforts to enlist and retain the young, otherwise we soon will have no Church. For that Church which takes the best care of the young today will be the Church of tomorrow, and he is a wise pastor who can give an unqualified affirmative answer to the quarterly question "Have the rules respecting the instruction of Children been observed?" From every quarter, Churches are calling for preachers who can hold the young people. So far as I have gathered the facts, we have on our District 34 Chapters of the League and 23 Junior Leagues. An interesting and profitable District Convention of the League was held at Salisbury, Md., Oct. 25th and 26th.

Revival Fires burned brightly in many of our Churches. Soul-saving is recognized by ministry and laity as the great mission of the Church on earth. Accordingly revival meetings were held in nearly or quite all of the 110 Churches on the District and in nearly every case conversions are reported, and in every case the Church was quickened and placed on higher ground. At some points the consecrated efforts of pastors and people were honored of God with demonstrations of marvellous power and victory, clearly proving that the "Flame of living fire which shone so bright in saints of old" shines with equal lustre today and also proving that

"Grace is as mighty now as when Elijah felt its power,
When glory beamed from Moses' brow, Or Job endured the trying hour."

Special mention should be made of the revival at Franklin City, on Stockton charge, where the ill health of the pastor prevented him from giving needed attention to the work, a local preacher, Ira B. Hancock, seeing the need and opportunity, secured such help as was available, and conducted a revival with extraordinary success, about 160 persons professing conversion, while Brother Hancock developed great evangelistic talent. Delmar also deserves special notice, a wonderful work of grace there resulted in over 100 conversions. This revival was preceded by the improvement and decoration of the Church and by a vigorous and successful fight against the licensing of a saloon, in which the pastor, Z. H. Webster, was the efficient leader. Other charges report conversions as follows: Tangier 90, Whitesville 75, Crisfield 70, Asbury 60, Laurel 56, Gumboro 52, Powellville 51, Fairmount and Mt. Pleasant, each 50, Deal's Island and Berlin Circuit each 45, Cape Charles 40, Frankfort 41, Smiths' Island

30. Other charges reported smaller numbers, making a total for the District of about 1300.

Temperance and Prohibition are more advanced on this District than on the others. While we have more than one-third of the Conference territory, we have only nine localities where saloons are licensed—and even these would not be licensed if the majority were permitted to rule. In the part of Delaware within our bounds, embracing about half of Sussex County licensed saloons are found only at Dagsboro, Millsboro and Laurel, and these too are doomed. In the two counties of Virginia marvellous victories have been achieved by the temperance forces,—Accomac now is free from the legalized traffic and so also is Northampton except at Cape Charles City, and here a movement is on foot to cast the rum devil out of that city too. In our Maryland counties we can also report progress. Somerset has for several years been free, and Wicomico, long a stronghold of the rum traffic, after a fierce struggle at the ballot box and before the courts, has at last been redeemed. But poor, suffering Worcester is still in the clutches of the Rum Fiend, and at Berlin, Ocean City, Stockton, Snow Hill and Pocomoke City, men are still licensed to dispense "Liquid hell and distilled damnation." But even here sentiment against this curse is developing rapidly, and soon will rise in the power and majority of righteousness, and despite the opposition of party politicians and demonized selfishness, crush the life out of this monster devil. So while geographically this is called the "Lower District," yet from a temperance point of view, it certainly is the "Upper District."

This report would be incomplete without an allusion to the completion and dedication of the magnificent hospital at Salisbury, Md., which was in process of erection at the time of our last session. This institution is located on high ground in South Salisbury; it is built of brick, stone and iron, and is four stories high; it is of imposing architecture, and possesses all the convenience and comfort of the most modern hospitals. Competent judges pronounce it one of the best equipped hospitals outside of the largest cities. It was dedicated to its mission of healing on Wednesday, Dec. 28, with interesting exercises which were attended by representatives of the medical fraternity of the Peninsula and by prominent citizens from different parts of the State. While this institution is entirely unsectarian, yet we as Methodists cherish a just pride in it because it is the generous gift of an Official Member of our Church in that city, the Hon. Wm. H. Jackson, and has been elaborately furnished by his son, Wm. P. Jackson, also an official member of the same Church. While this hospital is a monument to the generosity and Christian charity of Mr. Jackson, it will also prove a blessing of inestimable value to the lower Peninsula from all parts of which are brought the sick and wounded to receive its healing art and already it has ministered healing or relief to many sufferers.

And what shall I say more? For time would fail me to tell of all the good works wrought by our people—of the hungry fed, the naked clothed, the distressed relieved—of desperate battles fought and glorious victories won on fields obscure—of services rendered and sacrifices made, perceived only by Him upon the Throne. But the final report, which will be made in the judgement

of the great day, will present in full every thought and motive as well as every word and deed of every man; and will declare to every man God's infallible judgement and exceeding great reward. And in that day it will appear that it did not matter so much where we were stationed as it did how well we performed our duty—not so much how large salary we received as it did how much service we rendered. Let us then so live and labor that God may say to each one of us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant"—and we shall be satisfied.

In conclusion, permit me to assure you that we are not losing ground; the Church is not dying out; Christ has not surrendered his sword to Satan nor his throne to the world; and the former times were not better than the latter. It is true that some mystic, pessimistic, skeptic, dyspeptic croakers in the rear of the great army are howling failures for Christ and victory for Satan, and by their disloyal attitude discourage some saints and encourage the enemies of Christ. But nevertheless Christianity is marching on with banners flying, and the Church flushed with victory, has wheeled her triumphant columns into the 20th Century with the swing of conquest and her brave men out on the firing line with enthusiastic hallelujahs are pressing forward to the conquest of the World for our Jesus; which will be accomplished before the dawning of another century. Behold! Idolatry is falling back. The world is better than at any previous period. The Church is better equipped for her mission than ever before. Then cease this senseless hurrahing for Satan and instead shout hosannahs to our King. Let us join the charging columns of Immanuel's army—fall into line—take our places—victory is sure, for "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let the earth rejoice."

ADAM STENGLE.

Wilmington District.

In presenting this my first report as Presiding Elder of Wilmington District I desire to strive for the ideal twice set by the formal action of this body and limit the report to two thousand words. Individual tributes, however deserved, cannot under such limitations be admitted, and in behalf of brevity I seek the indulgence of brethren who may miss some expected personal items. "The rest of the acts of the Preachers of Wilmington District, behold they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Conference Statistics."

Our ranks have been invaded by the hand of death. Rev. E. K. Creed of Bethel and Summit, Rev. E. R. Sidell of Ebenezer, Mrs. W. L. S. Murray, Mrs. Roberta H. Matlack and Mrs. Carrie B. Dennison have been called from labor to reward. Not only friends, homes and churches are made to mourn, but the whole District is in grief over the departures to the other shore. Appropriate Memoirs will appear elsewhere.

There has been a demand for an unusual amount of adjustment in Pastoral supplies this year. W. F. Corkran was changed from Georgetown to Claymont by Bishop FitzGerald. W. T. Hammond was sent to Ebenezer in the place of E. R. Sidell; W. P. Taylor to Bethel in the place of E. K. Creed; J. M. S. VanBlunk to Elk Neck, W. G. Harris to Town Point, T. L. Poulson to Asbury and W. H. Wingate to Port Penn.

The work of the several charges has been well and faithfully cared for. Not that all these ministers have the same gift. One star differeth from another star in glory. But according as God has dealt to every man his gifts, these men have been faithful to the trust committed to their care. As their co-laborer I have been near them in all seasons lending such aid as it was in my power to give; and I bear glad testimony to the zeal, wisdom and devotion of these men of God. No task has seemed too hard, and their work has been done cheerfully under the most depressing difficulties. I confess that to condense when telling of such devotion, is a hardship.

The Benevolent collections have been carefully taken—not always by the same method, possibly not always by the best method, and surely not always at the best time—but the observant know that no one method or time is always best. Methodist Preachers are wise in their day and generation. They come near knowing and doing what is right and best. Wilmington District has done well for the connectional interests, and none have been allowed to suffer, as the printed tables will show. Without making the customary remarks about the weather, winter storms, and bad roads, I may be allowed to remind you that these results have been reached in the face of great difficulties.

Church improvements have not been wanting. A beautiful and commodious parsonage for Scott Church at a cost of over \$5000, the remodelling of Newark Church at a cost of \$4700, and of Salem Church at a cost of \$2600, the extensive and excellent improvements on Charlestown and Christiana Churches constitute the more notable examples of this sort of work. A large number of lesser examples indicate the care had over the property interests in our bounds. The amount of labor and sacrifice necessary to accomplish such things cannot be told. Figures may not lie, but they cannot tell the whole truth.

An unusual amount of attention has been given to the payment of Church debts. Brandywine, Mt. Salem, Wesley, Harrison Street, North East, Chester-Bethel, Elsmere and Cookman have all done noble work in relieving Wilmington District of an unsavory distinction for Church debts. There has also been a commendable clearing up of smaller obligations in various places.

Much time has been spent and much zeal manifested in evangelistic efforts. Generally the Pastors have been their own evangelists, but some have availed themselves of the help of those who devote their whole time to this sort of work. I doubt if there was ever a time when so much effort was being made to reach the unsaved as at the present time. Several Churches have been favored with seasons of refreshing. All have been helped, but the most notable instances have been where the Pastors have been without professional aid, and where the simplest methods have been employed. There has been nothing in the year's record to commend the bizarre and sensational.

Wilmington District still responds to the call to go forward. A new Society has been organized with temporary location at 22nd and Church Streets. It has a membership of fifty and plans are being matured for a new house there to be erected during the coming year. Another new Society and Church are to be located during the year at 18th and Boulevard. The Eastlake people expect to erect a new Church in the near future and already have much money in hand for the enterprise.

The work of the District has been much distracted during the year by various disturbing events, of which the less we record the better, but in spite of all these things the year has witnessed decided progress. I am standing in the shoes of men who have been as strong in this office as any known to our history. This generation will not fail to recall such men as Lucius Matlack, J. B. Quigg and Charles Hill. Yet the great work of these men was enlarged and improved by such living commanders as W. L. S. Murray, L. E. Barrett and Robert Watt, who have carried the work to the highest point of efficiency and success. To carry forward the broad designs of such men successfully is no small task, and it is undertaken with due humility. "Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off." The results of the first year's attempt forbid discouragement. With gratitude for the kind cooperation of friends, and for the unnumbered blessings of Our Father, I submit this my first report.

A. S. MOWBRAY.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Auditing Committee.

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

Rev. S. M. Morgan, Presiding Elder of Dover District, received from the Parent Missionary Society \$186., which he paid out as follows: Lakesville \$100, Salem \$86. Total \$186 disbursed.. Dr. Morgan also received from the Domestic Missionary Society \$175.75, and paid out to the following charges: Armory—Dover—\$55, Lakesville \$30, Hooper's Island \$20, Ellendale \$25, Zoar \$35.75, Little Creek \$10. Total \$175.75 disbursed.

Rev. W. G. Koons, Presiding Elder of Easton District received from the Parent Missionary Society \$188, and paid out as follows: Royal Oak \$68, Oxford \$60, Piney Neck \$60. Total \$188 disbursed. Brother Koons also received from the Domestic Missionary Society \$239.40, and paid out as follows: Piney Neck \$30, Clayton \$30, Henderson \$15, Royal Oak \$25, Queenstown \$20, Betterton \$20, Church Hill \$15, Golts \$25, Wye \$15, Bayside \$15, Fairlee \$40. Total \$250 disbursed, which is \$10.60 more than he received.

Rev. Adam Stengle, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District received of the Parent Missionary Society, \$300, and paid out as follows: Cape Charles \$140, Onancock \$100, Marion \$30, Newark \$30. Total \$300 disbursed. Brother Stengle also received from the Domestic Missionary Society \$166.25, and from J. W. Wimbrow \$5, making a total of \$171.25, which he paid out to the following charges: Bethel \$25, Westover \$25, Pocomoke Circuit \$50, Riverside \$40, Berlin Circuit \$31.25 Total \$171.25 disbursed.

Rev. A. S. Mowbray, Presiding Elder of Wilmington District, received of the Parent Missionary Society \$75, and paid out as follows: Marshallton \$50, Port Penn \$25. Total \$75 disbursed. Dr. Mowbray also received of the Domestic Missionary Society \$109.25, and from Dr. W. L. S. Murray \$12, making a total of \$121.25, and paid out as follows: Charlestown \$25, Kingswood \$20,

Elk Neck \$35, Christiana \$35, Colora \$15, Hockessin \$15. Total \$145 disbursed, which is \$23.75 in excess of the amount received.

Rev. E. H. Nelson, Trustee for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham, received from our Conference \$200, and from Mrs. Carrow \$216, 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 Connor, received of our Conference Board of Stewards \$80, which was applied to the benefit of said children. We found the accounts of the Conference Treasurer, Rev. H. G. Budd, correct. From all sources, he received last year \$40926.33, and paid out \$40922.66, leaving a balance in hand of \$3.67.

J. R. CANNON, *Secretary.*

J. M. MITCHELL, *Chairman.*

Bible.

The Bible, the Book of books, no word of ours is necessary before this body to establish, and commend the value of the Word of God.

We call your attention to the fact that the American Bible Society is the one great factor on this Continent for the general distribution of the Word of God, and it is the only source from which the Missionary Society of our Church can obtain bibles to carry on our work in foreign fields.

The Bible Society of Maryland is an Auxiliary of the American Bible Society, and we present the fact that the year just closing, this Society has paid over to the Parent Board \$1000.

The Bible is never refused one, being accessible "without money and without price" where the needs demand it, and we offer the following:

Resolved, That we still as in the past, assert our love and veneration for the great work of the American Bible Society.

2nd. We urge that every pastor should consider it a privilege to present this cause to his people and explain what the American Bible Society is to our Church, and the demands at home and abroad, which are greater than ever before, requesting liberal donations.

O. L. MARTIN, *Secretary.*

W. T. LEWIS, *Chairman.*

Church Extension.

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1. The Church may well be proud of the popularity and usefulness of the Board of Church Extension. In the quadrennium ending with the year 1900 the receipts were \$138,000 in advance of any previous quadrennium, and \$46,000 increase from collections alone.

2. The Church Extension Cause is the home department of our great Missionary interests and when the consolidation of the benevolent societies is completed and the new name "The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension" is given to the society it will win greater favor. No excuse will then remain to those who refuse to give because they do not believe in the foreign work.

3. We congratulate the Church upon the alteration in paragraph 386 of the Discipline so as to permit the Board to aid by donation or loan or both in the erection of parsonages.

4. We congratulate the Churches of the Wilmington Conference that of the \$56,000 contributed by our Conference to the Society, \$27,000 has come back in actual donations and \$11,000 more in loans, and we record our pleasure that in this day of larger Churches the General Committee may exempt Churches costing over \$10,000 from the law of limitation.

5. Resolved, That money owed by individual Churches to the Board of Church Extension should be paid when due with scrupulous promptness and all the more so because Church Extension is a genuinely benevolent cause and its assets truly the Lord's money.

6. Resolved, That we recognize the increasing importance of the Cause and record our enthusiastic devotion to the interests of the Board.

H. T. QUIGG, *Secretary.*

G. W. BOUNDS, *Chairman.*

II.

As Secretary of the Conference Board of Church Extension, I beg leave to submit a statement touching the work within the bounds of our Conference.

At a meeting of the Board last April there were no new applications for donations presented. Pocomoke City's application for a donation was renewed.

There have been no payments on grants the past year, and on March 8 there stood to the credit of the Wilmington Conference \$388. There are only two Churches within our bounds indebted to the Loan Fund, viz.; Mardela Springs, which received a loan of \$200 in Feb. 1903, and now owes \$86.50; Kirkwood borrowed \$200 in July 1899 and still owes \$118, eighteen dollars of which is interest. With a firm conviction that the United States is the greatest mission field in the world, we must make strenuous efforts to save this Country. The Board of Church Extension sustains a vital relation to this work. Through its agency thousands of Churches have been made possible throughout the Republic, and these have become recruiting offices for our King. That the Board may be able to enlarge its work, we would lovingly urge every Church to raise its full apportionment for Church Extension.

C. T. WYATT, *Secretary.* T. E. MARTINDALE, *Chairman.*

Church Insurance.

While alive to all the spiritual interests of the Church, we should be none the less attentive to all material and business interests. Prominent among the latter is that of Insurance for all our Church properties. We are glad to know that nearly all our Churches are now insured, but it is a matter of as sound business and religious sense to be insured in the right company as in any company. And for terms and security the National Mutual Insurance Co., organized by our General Conference, is the best. We earnestly recommend it to all seeking protection for our Churches and Parsonages, and to all carrying protection in other companies. Let us bring this before our Official Boards remembering that increasing business for our Church Company means increasing benefit to our Churches.

The question of the legality of our Church Insurance Co.'s operation in the State of Delaware has been raised. According to the laws of our State if the business transacted through the mail without a resident representative it is

perfectly right and legal. But in case of trouble arising over the settling of accounts, those insured have no redress in the Delaware Court, but must go to the Court of Illinois where the home office is located. A representative or any one however, without a license and without complying with the State regulations respecting insurance, soliciting either directly or indirectly, for the Company in Delaware is subject to fine of not less than \$100 and imprisonment.

The State Insurance Commissioner, Mr. George H. Marshall, of Milford, Del., in reply to questions for information about our Church Company, told me Saturday night over the telephone that the National Mutual Church Insurance Co. was an "off Company in Delaware," that it was "no good anyway and everybody knew it." Almost immediately I tried to call him up again to ask him to send those statements in writing to present them to the Conference, but could not get him, nor could I send a telegram because the office at Milford is closed at night. I wrote him, however, but have not of course received reply.

Considering the position that Mr. Marshall holds as State Commissioner and as an impartial authority upon all matters of fire insurance in the State, it is the judgement of your committee that he ought not to be making such unqualified assertions—if he is making them, of course allowance must be made for indistinctness of the phone. And we move that this matter be left in the hands of our General Conference representative, the Rev. Adam Stengle, D. D., to investigate and correct, after Conference.

G. R. NEESE, *Secretary.*

OMAR E. JONES, *Chairman.*

Education.

Methodism can justly feel proud of her schools, and her laymen who patronize them can rejoice in the better moral training their children receive in them.

The danger of culture of intellect without that of heart and character cannot be too greatly emphasized.

We are extremely gratified at the great success of our own Conference Academy. Its enrollment is the largest in its history. We believe that our ministers will endeavor to lighten the labors of its efficient principal by securing new students on their individual charges.

Old Dickinson continues her progress and Denny Hall will be replaced by a better structure.

While this Conference did not contribute the amount desired, it was not for the want of friends or interest, and because of such extra calls as our own Academy has made on our people during the past few years.

26 out of the 186 charges of the Conference sent \$491, as an offering to Denny Hall Fund.

Your committee has received reports from the following charges: Newark \$6.50, Elkton \$25, Newport \$3, Elk Neck \$5, Mt. Pleasant \$15, Marydel \$9, Pomona \$10, Ridgely \$10, Centreville \$5, Chestertown \$23, Galena \$4, Bridgeville \$45, Camden \$5, Denton \$30, Georgetown \$7, Preston \$3, Salisbury \$167, Asbury Md. \$10.

Our Conference can also take a just pride in having in its bounds the Tome Institute, of Port Deposit, Md. Given and endowed by a Methodist, manned

by Methodists, at the head of whom is Dr. W. L. Harris, that peerless educator. Drew and Boston Seminaries continue to grow in equipment and service.

We plead for growth in charity for the cause represented by Morgan College and Princess Anne, and for increased liberality to meet their growing needs.

The Woman's College at Baltimore is not only among the foremost schools of its kind in the Country, but in the world, and by its superior equipment for service is drawing students from other countries as well as all sections of our own.

The American University at Washington is making progress, and we trust will soon be ready for active work.

We heartily commend the increasing work and good done by the Board of Education of our Church, and assure our new Secretary of our most loyal support.

We especially recommend: (1) That our pastors use their influence to have the programs prepared by the Board of Education used by their various Churches on Children's Day. (2) That our Epworth Leagues devote during the year at least one Sabbath evening's service to the study of, and bringing before our people each of the various educational interests of our Church in order that they may not only give, but give intelligently.

W. C. POOLE, *Secretary*.

F. F. CARPENTER, *Chairman*.

Conference Board of Education.

This Society during the past year has aided four students at the Wilmington Conference Academy to the amount of \$150, from the regular funds of the Society, and three students at Drew, to the amount of \$575 from the Riddle Fund.

The collection last year amounted to only \$185, and this year to \$221. This amount ought at least to be doubled, and we would urge our brethren, the pastors, not to stint this collection.

As it has been some twenty years since the charter of this society was published, we recommend its publication in our annual Minutes this year.

We respectfully nominate for officers and managers during the coming year the following: (See List).

V S. COLLINS, *Secretary*

T. A. H. O'BRIEN, *Chairman*.

The Constitution of the Conference Educational Society.

I.

This Society shall be called the Wilmington Conference Educational Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

II.

Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of one dollar annually, or a member for life by the payment of twenty dollars. A contribution of one hundred dollars shall constitute the donor a patron for life, with full power to act as a member of the Board of Managers, if otherwise qualified according to Art. III.

III.

The officers of this Society shall be President, four Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and eight Managers. These shall be appointed by the members of the Society at its regular annual meetings, to hold office until their successors shall have been appointed, and they together with the patrons for life shall constitute a Board of Managers. All vacancies may be filled by the Board in the interval of the annual meetings. The President and Secretary of the Society shall be President and Secretary of the Board of Managers.

IV.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to have the general oversight and direction of the affairs of the Society, to adopt measures to procure, preserve, increase, and disburse its funds, and to find out and aid suitable objects of its bounty. All appropriations of aid from the Society shall be made by the Board, and directly to the individual beneficiaries, satisfactory evidence having first been received of the fitness and necessities of the applicant. It may appoint persons to examine and judge of the fitness of applicants, and transact all business necessary to the furtherance of the Society not otherwise provided for; and shall make an annual report of all proceedings to the Society.

V.

A permanent fund shall be formed by the Board of Managers, to consist of donations, bequest, and legacies given for that purpose.

VI.

All aid afforded by this Society shall be in the form of loans, and no person shall receive aid until the Board shall be satisfactorily assured as to the following facts:

1. That he is of suitable age and in sound health.
2. That he has good natural powers of intellect, and ability to learn.
3. That he is a person of undoubted Christian character, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of whose doctrine and discipline he cordially approves.

4. Every applicant for the Society's aid must also present a certificate from the Quarterly Conference of the Church of which he is a member, that he needs pecuniary assistance, and in their opinion he possesses gifts and graces that promise usefulness in the ministry, and that there is good reason to believe that he is divinely called to that work. Each applicant who shall have received aid shall annually exhibit testimonials from his instructors, that in intellect, diligence, progress, and general character, he is a proper person to receive aid from this Society. Every person who receives the aid from this Society shall, at least once a year, reassure the Board of Managers that it continues to be his serious purpose to devote his life to the work of the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that he agrees to unite with our Conference, and to continue therein at least four years, or until elected Elder.

VII.

The Board of Managers may loan to duly approved applicants, to assist them in prosecuting their studies in institutions approved by the Board, any sum or sums, not to exceed six hundred dollars in all. The notes given for such loans may be cancelled at the option of the Board of Managers whenever the persons making them shall be received into full connection in the Wilmington Conference of the M. E. Church, or a missionary field of labor, and until then shall be binding for both principal and interest.

VIII.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers, and shall perform the duties usually pertaining to the office. He shall sign all orders on the Treasurer.

IX.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers; shall conduct all correspondence; and shall hold in custody all Quarterly Conference recommendations of applicants. He shall also execute all orders, (countersigning same) notes and other obligations in the name of, and for, the Society; and shall forward orders and notes to the Treasurer in time for the semi-annual payments to be sent promptly to the beneficiaries of this Society.

X.

The Treasurer shall keep, disburse, or fund the assets of this Society according to the directions of the Board of Managers; and shall pay out the funds of this Society only on order of the Board of Managers signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary. He shall keep the funds of the Society in some safe banking institution that will allow the best interests on deposits, and shall keep that account in his name as "Treasurer of the Wilmington Conference Educational Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church." He shall present a report to the annual meeting of the Society and to the Board of Managers, which report shall contain in addition to the current account of receipts and expenditures, a list of the notes, securities and other property held in trust by him for this Society; and also a list of the obligations cancelled during the year, with the reason therefor. With this report, and as a part of the report, he shall present his bank-book, duly balanced to date of annual meeting.

XI.

The Society shall meet annually, at such place as the Board of Managers may select, to elect officers for the next year, to receive the reports of the Board of Managers and of the Treasurer, and to transact any necessary business. Special meetings may be called by the President, with the concurrence of the members of the Board of Managers, public notice of which must be given by the Secretary, to all members of the Society. Ten members shall constitute a quorum of the Society, and five a quorum of the Board of Managers.

XII.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a vote of two-thirds of those present, provided it shall have been recommended by the Board of Managers, but eight affirmative votes shall be necessary to order any change, and in no case shall the funds of the Society be diverted from the purposes for which they were raised.

Epworth League.

Your committee recognizes the splendid mission of the Epworth League, and rejoices over its widening fields and increasing activities. Recognizing the fact that the youth of our land is the hope of the Church, we look to the League as an arm of power to help save them from the blight of sin to a life of service and usefulness in the Church, and happiness for themselves.

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 time when Christian life is being put to the test.

That this high standard of experience and life may prevail among our young people we would urge upon our local chapters that special prominence be given to the Department of Spiritual Work, and earnest endeavor be made to get our young people to take larger interest in the work of Aggressive Evangelism.

In order that our young people may have a larger opportunity in the work of the League we would recommend to our local chapters that in the selection of officers our young people be given prominence and whenever possible be chosen to these offices.

That our connectional spirit may be emphasized and greater uniformity prevail in the work of the League, we would recommend that our local chapters so frame their constitutions that the election of officers take place annually, in the month of May.

We have heard with pleasure of the establishment of an Epworth League headquarters in the city of New York, and would request the Epworthians and pastors of our Churches in the city of Wilmington to look into the matter with a view to the advisability of establishing such a place in this city.

We feel that we cannot say too much in favor of that matchless paper for our young people, The Epworth Herald, and bespeak for it a larger share of patronage from our chapters and Churches.

We would also express our thanks to the Peninsula Methodist for its kindly offer of a page for the League, and to our brother, Rev. J. M. Arters, who finds time in the midst of a busy pastorate to edit said page.

We would take this method of asking the managers of our various camp meetings to set apart one day to be known as Epworth League Day, the services of said day to be in charge of the several District Cabinets.

We note with pleasure the receipt of an invitation from the committee in charge, to the International Epworth League Convention to be held in Denver July 5th, 1905, and will call the attention of our people to it, and in every way endeavor to secure a goodly attendance.

Your committee feel that this report would be incomplete without mention of the Junior League. We consider this of first importance, and would urge upon our pastors as well as all others interested, the necessity of forming Junior Leagues, wherever it is possible, and in every way doing all that can be done to train our children for Christ and the Church.

S. P. SHIPMAN, *Secretary.*

V. S. COLLINS, *Chairman.*

Episcopal Fund.

Your committee on Episcopal Fund has carefully considered the work and now submit the following report:

Whereas, The amount apportioned to our Conference for last year was not raised by \$426, and a number of charges have regularly failed to raise their apportionments for this cause, therefore,

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be requested to call attention to this matter at the first Quarterly Conference, and insist that the Episcopal apportionment be included in the estimate for pastoral support.

Resolved second, That the amount of \$1974, which has been apportioned by the Book Committee to our Conference for the ensuing year be raised; and each pastor give his faithful attention to this important cause.

C. T. WYATT, *Secretary.*

E. C. SUNFIELD, *Chairman.*

Sub-Commission.

The Sub-Commission on Aggressive Evangelism begs leave to report that organization has been completed and the election of T. E. Martindale President and R. K. Stephenson Secretary and Treasurer. It also requests the Conference to appoint the Presiding Elders as Ex-officio members of the Commission.

The design of the organization is to formulate plans for Aggressive Evangelistic work, so that the weakest as well as the strongest Churches in the Conference may be helped in a revival campaign of unusual thoroughness for the coming Conference year.

The two features known as the Group Method and the Personal Workers Covenant were adopted as part of the proposed scheme of work.

The Presiding Elder of each District, together with the members of the Commission for the District, is to be in immediate charge of the plans for his own special territory. The Easton District is already, we are glad to learn, organized with reference to this effort. The time is certainly ripe for this movement. The tides of revival power are turning from ebb to flood in many places.

Dear Brethren: Will you not join in earnest and agonizing prayer and in holy co-operation of service, to the end that every charge of this Conference may be swept with revival power?

R. K. STEPHENSON, *Secretary.*

T. E. MARTINDALE, *Chairman.*

Freedman's Aid.

The work of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society is of vast importance, effecting as it does 9,000,000 destitute black people, and 3,000,000 needy white people of the South. The demand for aggressive work

was never so imperative as now. The very considerable 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. There was given to the schools in cash appropriations from the general fund during the past quadrennium \$110,658 more than was appropriated for this purpose during the previous quadrennium. The receipts from incidentals and room rent paid by the students have advanced from \$58,079.28 in 1900 to \$87,478.92 last year. We are glad to report 700 conversions in the schools during the last year. In the three schools of the Morgan College corporation over 80 are preparing for teaching, over 150 for domestic and industrial pursuits, 23 for the ministry, a few for other professions and the remainder of the 370 undecided. It is a matter of special congratulation that President Spencer has succeeded in raising the entire floating debt of \$6,200 on Morgan College. The apportionment to our Conference for the society is \$3000. The amount given last year was \$948.

Resolved, That the Conference urge each pastor in his own way, to present this cause to his Church, and that an attempt be made to raise the full apportionment.

T. N. GIVEN, *Secretary.*

T. F. BEAUCHAMP, *Chairman.*

Note.—The Anniversary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society was held in Grace Church, Wilmington, Monday evening, March 25th. Addressed by Dr. M. C. B. Mason and Dr. J. O. Spencer. A special gift of \$31.35 was received for Morgan College.

SECRETARY.

Philadelphia Hospital.

Your committee on Philadelphia Hospital reports that the Hospital is worthy of the highest commendation, and entitled to a very generous support.

Many of our ministers or members of their families have been treated skillfully and successfully. 70 per cent. of their patients are treated without charge.

Patrons of our territory have received over \$1200 of free treatment, while we have contributed but a little over \$400.

Our sick can be received only when they have room in their wards and money in their treasury.

We recommend that one Sunday in the year be designated as Hospital Day, that a representative of the Hospital be welcomed to all our pulpits, and that a liberal collection be given in every charge. We further recommend that at least one of the collections that are taken on communion days be given to the Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. GIVAN, *Secretary.*

W. B. GUTHRIE, *Chairman.*

Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Among all the Agencies of the Methodist Episcopal Church there is none, perhaps, more active or Christlike in its operations than the "Woman's Home Missionary Society." Representatives of this heroic organization are found in frozen Alaska, the Sunny South, and in almost every part of our land. Their work is that of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, com-

forting the dying and bereaved, and in many and various ways preaching the Gospel of Jesus in a most potent and practical manner. This very influential Society now numbers 3,658 Organizations, with 85,088 Auxiliaries, 13,948 Circles, 5,396 Bands, 18,051 Jewels, 3,363 Reading Circles, 25,500 Woman's Home Missions, 12,388 Children's Home Missions, beside Deaconess Homes and Immigration Stations. What an army of consecrated workers in the Master's kingdom! We rejoice in the splendid achievements at home. In the past 20 years the Wilmington Conference has reported thirty thousand dollars raised and expended, Wilmington alone having raised six thousand dollars of this amount. Special mention should be made of the deaconess' work. Our deaconesses are ministering angels. No organization is or can do the work of this splendid body of women. We shall be very glad to see arrangements perfected for the establishment of a Deaconess Home in Wilmington. Respectfully submitted,

H. S. DULANEY, *Secretary.*

H. C. TURNER, *Chairman.*

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

This great organization has, by divine blessing for thirty five years, been making a splendid record.

The past year has been marked by advances along all lines, but especially in finances. The more than half million dollars raised and disbursed is \$43,397 increase over last year, and promises greater things for the future.

The Society supports 250 Missionaries, 116 assistant missionaries, 1400 Bible women and teachers, 539 day schools, 21 training schools, 67 boarding houses, 20 orphanages, two colleges for women,—one in India, one in Japan,—and a movement to establish one in China. There are 30 Hospitals and Dispensaries, and physicians treated this year over 150,000 patients. More than 16,000 Christian women are receiving instruction, and over 19,000 more Christian women are having the Gospel preached to them. There are 6 homes for homeless women, 16 Deaconesses homes and 23 Deaconesses.

The Society has work in Africa, Burma, Bulgaria, China, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippine Islands, Mexico, South America, Switzerland, North and South Germany.

Our own Conference Branch has contributed its part to the work done, and has raised \$2,636, besides other valuable help given to Missionaries on the field, in the way of gifts of money and supplies.

The Conference Society sustained a great loss in the death of Mrs. Matlack, who was a devoted and efficient leader in this Christlike work, and who was the Wilmington Conference Secretary.

The Conference Anniversary was a decided success, and the outlook is very encouraging for still greater things wrought by this Divinely inspired movement.

J. W. FOGLE, *Secretary.*

T. S. HOLT, *Chairman.*

Sabbath Observance.

The Christian Church and the Holy Sabbath stand or fall together. Each is ordained by God. The laws of human nature, the wellbeing of the human race and the development of the human spirit unite in demanding the Sabbath of rest. Therefore God has blessed both the Sabbath day and those who keep

it Holy to its divine purpose, for its own perpetuity the Church must protect, guard and use the Sabbath day. Therefore, we call upon the Church to observe most carefully the Sabbath as a symbol of man's relations to God and as an opportunity to intensify that relation. We ask our preachers to study with great care the interests of the Sabbath day, and to urge upon our people a wise and devoted observance of the day of sacred rest.

E. N. CANTWELL, *Secretary.*

L. P. KARHOLSEN, *Chairman.*

Periodicals.

Your committee learns with pleasure that with but few exceptions the Sunday Schools of our Conference use the helps published by our Sunday School Board. This is most gratifying as we believe without exception, our publications are better in quality and cheaper in price than those of any other house. We have learned with sorrow, however, that into many of our homes no religious literature ever comes. We would urge therefore, a wider circulation of our Church papers.

The responsibility rests heavily upon the Church to impress upon the minds of the parents and Christian leaders of this Conference the vital importance of the spiritual nourishment derived from a careful study of our periodicals. The Christian Advocate, Epworth Herald, Peninsula Methodist, the Discipline and our Conference Minutes should be in the home of every official member, in order that they may acquire such a knowledge of the life and work of the whole Church as will enable them to intelligently set forth the doctrines and polity of the Church.

We would also call the attention of our preachers to the Methodist Review, and suggest that none of them can afford to sacrifice the spiritual nourishment derived from that magazine. We commend the Peninsula Methodist to all the members and friends of this Conference, and insist that it be read by every one.

W. E. HABBARD, *Secretary.*

I. G. FOSNOCHT, *Chairman.*

Sunday School and Tract.

We rejoice in the success of the Sunday School Union in founding new Sunday Schools in desolate and sparsely settled communities, in helping feeble Sunday Schools already organized until self-supporting, in the special work done for the Negroes of the South, the Indians of the West, the people of foreign lands and the foreign born of our own land, and it endeavors to improve the character of our Sunday Schools by better grading, better teaching and a full supply of the best helps known to the world.

The Tract Society still fills an important place in our Church, and we are convinced that it represents an agency of actual influence but imperfectly understood by the Church, and of possible powers as yet but slightly drawn upon. As to its actual work, testimony comes from almost every part of the world concerning its great helpfulness in disseminating the truths of Christianity and the cultivation of Christian virtues. Its printed pages, scattered widely, carry into remotest places and people not reached by preacher or teacher, the good seed of the Kingdom.

We heartily endorse the administration of Dr. J. T. McFarland, the new and efficient Secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society, and urge all pastors to show their appreciation of the work benignly done by faithfully representing these great interests to their people.

W. O. HURST, *Secretary.*

M. D. NUTTER, *Chairman.*

Temperance Report.

There is in the world today no such tremendous, far-reaching evil as the drink evil. In its implications and effects, it overshadows all else. It blights and beggars childhood. It breeds and fosters crime. It crucifies and outrages womanhood. It despoils and destroys manhood. It lies at the center of all social and political mischief. It obstructs political reform. It silences the voice of religion. It degrades millions to the level of slavery and fills the centers of population with poor, benighted, besotted creatures, whose condition almost exceeds their immorality. All this evil, all this destruction of human souls and intellects goes on daily and hourly among us and there are none so ignorant as not to know it. And yet how hard it is to overcome the people and get this evil seriously attacked. The government, whose first concern it should be to protect the health and morals of the people is on the side of this accursed business, and is actually associated with it in a wicked profit-sharing partnership. Great dominant political parties that seek and secure a larger share of the support of the people are committed to this wicked governmental policy. Law makers elected by the people, and in some instances pledged to give relief from this evil, disregard their pledges and the wish of their constituents, and still continue to give aid and comfort to the enemies of all good. What can we do? We must simply keep up the fight. We must more and more emphasize the fact that "It never can be legalized without sin." We must teach and practice total abstinence, but we must do more than that, we must bring the people to accept and believe that the whole license system as it relates to the traffic in intoxicating beverages is a governmental crime and that the prohibition of the manufacture, sale, importation, transportation by state and nation, of the whole wicked business is the only effectual remedy.

We rejoice in the victories that have already been won within and without the bounds of our own Conference territory. From eight out of the nine of the Eastern Shore counties of Maryland, the saloon has gone to stay. From both of the Eastern Shore counties of Virginia, the same is true. We watch with breathless interest the fight that is now going on at Dover for Local Option in the State of Delaware, and most heartily commend those members of the General Assembly who are so nobly standing up for our cause.

We note with wide interest the on rushing tide of Prohibition in many of our Southern States, and also in far away Oregon. It seems almost too good to be true when we are told that there are at the present time three straight, uncompromising party prohibitionists occupying seats in the Illinois legislature. Polk is bringing the bootleggers and gamblers and liquor sellers to judgement in Missouri. Indiana with her Methodist Governor leading the fight, has struck

the cigarette devil a deadly blow and made the whiskey devil beg for quarters.

In spite of wide-spread apathy upon the part of the Church and a majority of the people, yet we rejoice to believe that there are many hopeful signs.

The Anti-Canteen law still abides. The great fraternal organizations one by one are excluding from membership all who are engaged in the Liquor business. The railroads and many of the other great commercial enterprises of the land are enforcing prohibition upon their employes. There is at last an awakening in Delaware and whether we secure Local Option at the hand of the legislature now in session or not, we will secure it and that too before long. Prohibition is without a doubt a rising tide in this Republic, and sooner or later will sweep over the whole land. A traffic that is so damnable and deadly to everything that is precious in life cannot survive the onward march of a Christian civilization. The State will yet divorce itself from this brazen harlot, the saloon, and wipe the foul stain from our Nation's history.

As helpful agencies to this end, we heartily commend the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Delaware State Temperance Alliance, The Anti-Saloon League, The Prohibition Party and every other agency that has for its aim an honest purpose to cure drunkenness, and kill the saloon.

Recommendations: 1st. That the Fourth of July be made use of as an occasion to advance the interests of this reform, and that wherever possible, celebrations be held where the strongest possible emphasis shall be given to patriotic duty in this respect.

2nd. We recommend that R. K. Stephenson and V. S. Collins be appointed to represent the Wilmington Conference at the tenth National Convention of the Anti-Saloon League, which is to be held in Indianapolis, Nov. 22, 1905.

3rd. We recommend the appointment of G. C. Williams, H. G. Budd, W. L. White, H. A. G. Westerfield and C. T. Wyatt to represent this Conference on the Executive Board of the Anti-Saloon League within the bounds of our Conference and the publications of the National Temperance Society and Prohibition House of New York City.

ALFRED SMITH, *Secretary.*

T. A. H. O'BRIEN, *Chairman.*

Thanks.

Your Committee appointed to express the appreciation of this Conference for the numerous privileges and favors enjoyed at this session feel that it has a gracious task. The hours have been laden with pleasant kindnesses which put us under lasting obligations. We would express our gratitude to our beloved presiding officer, Bishop Goodsell, for his impartial presidency and courteous consideration; to Bishop Foss for his able and impartial conduct of the difficult work of discipline committed to his care in the Presidency of the Select Number, commanding the respect and confidence of all concerned; to our generous hosts, to the Trustees and Pastor of Grace church, to the Press for full and accurate reports of the proceedings; the Secretaries and other officers; all who have contributed to the success of the session; as well as to the Railroads for helpful consideration in the transportation.

A. S. MOWBRAY, *Secretary.*

L. E. BARRETT, *Chairman.*

In Memoriam.

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

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EF- 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. .	63	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
1898	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 R. 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.....	78	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
1834	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. 3, 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 - el.	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 Barton.....	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.....	53	
1868	James Conner.....	Sept. 10, 1896..	Selbyville, Del. .	59	28

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EF- FECTIVE
1862	Merritt Hulburd.....	Oct. 10, 1896..	Wilmington, Del.....	54	34
1873	Newton McQuay.....	May, 1887..	St. Michaels, Md.....	57	21
1896	William G. Chance.....	Sept. 13, 1897..	Quantico, Md.....	33	2
1848	Wm. B. Walton.....	June 21, 1898..	Salisbury, Md.....	77	43
1850	John B. Quigg.....	July 30, 1898..	Wilmington, Del.....	72	46
1845	John H. Caldwell.....	March 11, 1899..	Dover, Del.....	79	45
1860	Andrew D. Davis.....	April 13, 1899..	Georgetown, Del.....	72	35
1845	Henry Sanderson.....	Aug. 16, 1899..	Ridley Park, Pa.....	80	34
1859	Edwin H. Hynson.....	July 27, 1899..	Smyrna, Del.....	64	39
1845	Wm. E. England.....	Jan. 20, 1900..	Philadelphia, Pa.....	79	48
1857	Thos. S. Williams.....	Jan. 20, 1900..	Northeast, Md.....	65	41
1888	Chas. P. Swain.....	May 22, 1900..	Deal's Island, Md.....	41	12
1874	David F. Waddell.....	Dec. 20, 1900..	Westminster, Md.....	48	28
1896	Benj. F. Price.....	Mar. 22, 1901..	Elkton, Md.....	84	60
1851	Jas W. Hammersly.....	Apr. 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.....	78	27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard.....	Apr. 13, 1903..	Frankford, Del.....	65	41
1843	Thos. H. Haynes.....	May 23, 1903..	Smyrna, Del.....	81	51
1853	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
1866	John France.....	Mar. 10, 1904..	Wilmington, Del.....	69	48
1879	E. K. Creed.....	Apr. 24, 1904..	Philadelphia, Pa.....	58	25
1890	F. R. Sidell.....	May 14, 1904..	Philadelphia, Pa.....	43	14
1853	J. B. Merritt.....	July 8, 1904..	Fairlee, Md.....	78	32
1872	G. W. Wilcox.....	Dec. 15, 1904..	Salisbury, Md.....	62	20

MEMOIRS.

Rev. James Black Merritt.

The subject of this memoir was born in Kent County, Maryland, September 20, 1826, and died in the same county, at Worton, July 8, 1904, in his seventy-eighth year. His biography, as written by himself, is appended.

It is our purpose to write our honest estimate of our old, tried and true friend. He was more than an ordinary man—a man of mark and high merit—not courting notoriety or the admiration of his fellow men. His natural and acquired ability gave him great prominence as a preacher. He was not austere to those who commanded his confidence and respect; he was not wanting in courtesy, and proved that he was capable of the most endearing relations.

Frivolity was foreign to his nature. Some thought him morose. At times he was reticent and sought retirement; but none can say that he was not unflinching in the discharge of duty, conscientious, prudent, brotherly and painstaking.

His was not a rugged constitution, yet his powers of endurance were remarkable. He applied himself to close and protracted study. Every sermon was thoroughly thought out and committed to memory, so that when delivered, it was ready for the printer and was always pertinent to the occasion, for his mind was stored with Christian theology. The Bible was to him an ever springing fountain of delight, and kindred books his daily study. He felt he was a God-chosen and commissioned messenger, and always preached with the unction of the Holy One.

He was not gifted in the arts of oratory, but he was clear, concise, cogent and convincing, and had a keen sense of the rightness of things and their true relation to each other. He had a peculiar aptness in disseminating knowledge by immediately arresting attention. Every ear was attent to hear, for it was expected that he had something to say worth hearing. Nor were his hearers ever disappointed, for he never preached a poor sermon. His convictions were strong and he had not only the courage of his convictions, but a convincing power which deeply seated those convictions in the minds of those who flocked to hear him. He had a wonderful memory for dates and facts in Ecclesiastical history and Methodist literature; these were ever at command, and he was always equal to the occasion.

He was a man of God and full of the Holy Ghost—a devoted, loyal, loving disciple of Jesus Christ, a noble defender of the faith. He passionately loved and labored for the Church of his adoption and choice. Content with his lot wherever cast, even when extreme age came and almost the entire loss of sight, he never murmured or complained, but ever said, "It is all right." His home was a blessed sanctuary; humble it was, but the very gate of heaven to his waiting soul.

In such an hour as neither he nor his family expected, he was not, for God translated him. So that it may be said he only saw the dim shadow of death which opened to him the gateway into eternal life.

He was a devoted husband, a fond and faithful father and grandparent, a citizen highly prized and a neighbor richly enjoyed and sincerely mourned.

The funeral services, as per his earnest and oft repeated request, were of the simplest kind and were conducted on the 11th of July at his residence, by the Pastor, Rev. W. E. Hubbard. The interment was among the friends of his boyhood and kindred, in the old Shrewbury Cemetery, Kent County, Md., in close proximity to his old home. Peace be to his ashes, honor to his memory; Heaven is his home. Those of the Wilmington Conference who knew him best loved him most.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

Rev. James Black Merritt was born September 20, 1826 in Kent County, Md. He was of English, Irish and Scotch descent. His mother's name was Eliza Jane Black, daughter of John Black and Mary Perkins. Benjamin Merritt, his father, died when James Black was six years old.

In the seventeenth year of his age, young Merritt passed from the Primary School to the store, where, by sheer necessity he learned valuable lessons in industry, economy and attention to business. In the spring of 1847, while clerk in Smyrna, Delaware, in the employ of Jas. H. Bewley, he was converted and united with the M. E. Church under pastorage of Rev. J. M. McCarter. Deeply impressed that he must preach the gospel, he left the store to prepare for his life work. For a time he taught school, then was for a short period at Dickinson College, and from there he went to the Methodist Theological School, at Concord, N. H.

By appointment of Dr. Quigley, he commenced to preach on Dover Circuit, July 20, 1852. He was received into the Philadelphia Conference in 1853 with Geo. W. Phoebus, Wm. M. Warner, Robt. W. Todd and others, and sent to Centreville Circuit for one year. He was appointed to Talbot Circuit in the spring of 1854, from thence in charge of Frederica for two years; Middletown and Odessa, two years; Dorchester Circuit, two years; Seaford and Cambridge, one year each; thence to Easton, Md., for two years.

In the spring of 1865, on account of ill-health, he spent one year on a farm near Dover, Del., and served as junior preacher on Camden Circuit. Then he was sent to Centreville for three consecutive years; to Chestertown two years; to Dover, Del., two years; to St. Paul's, Wilmington, Del., three years; again to Odessa, three years; to Still Pond, Md., three years; Cecilton, Md., two years; Smyrna Circuit, one year. He was given Supernumerary relation, at his own request, in the spring of 1885 on account of his wife's ill health. He spent two years on a farm near Dover, Del., and moved to Crumpton, Md., where, for five years, he had charge of the M. E. Church there. At this writing (Dec. 22, 1892), he is pastor of Union Church, Kent County, Md., living with his family at Crumpton, where he may or may not spend and end his days. Nor is he careful in this regard, if so he be kept in line with divine providence and at last finish his course with joy.

The following ministerial brethren have been his colleagues:—Rev. J. T. Hazzard, H. F. Hurn, B. F. Price, R. D. McClintock, Geo. Hurlock, Thos. Kirkpatrick, Wm. Formosa, Bro. McLaughlin, N. M. Brown, T. E. Martindale

and J. H. Hammersly. His Presiding Elders have been Rev. Dr. Quigley, Wm. McCrombs, Wm. Urie, H. Colclazer, Adam Wallace, Dr. J. T. Thompson, J. B. Quigg, Chas. Hill, T. E. Martindale, Dr. J. H. Caldwell, John France and Alfred Smith.

The author and subject of this sketch sets up no claim to scholastic attainments. The Bible and Christian Theology as therein taught, with other kindred books and subjects, have been his lifelong study. His highest ambition has ever been to be a God-commissioned, efficient and successful itinerant Methodist preacher. He feels that the Church of his adoption and choice has honored him far above his deserts; he has always been content with his lot and happy in his work.

He was married April 10, 1855 to Miss Hannah P. Webb, daughter of Dr. Samuel Webb and Eliza Pleasanton, near Dover, Delaware. They have had four children, Margaretta Boone, who died in the thirteenth year of her age, Lida Pleasanton, the wife of Archer M. Hepburn, James Black and Samuel Webb Merritt. To their four grandchildren, J. B. and Adaline H. Merritt, children of Dr. J. B. Merritt of Easton, and Archer Kerr and James Merritt Hepburn children of Mrs. Lida Hepburn, of Baltimore, they are greatly attached. They would so live as to bequeath to children and grandchildren the heritage of a good name. When the parents are gone, may the children, with conscious pride, repeat the lines of Cowper:—

“My boast is not that I derive my birth
From lines of Kings and rulers of the earth,
But higher far my proud pretensions rise,
The son of parents passed into the skies.”

After writing the foregoing sketch, Rev. Jas. B. Merritt moved to Fairlee, Kent County, Md., in the fall of 1894, where he preached for five years. His eyesight began to fail in 1897 and two years later, he retired from the active ministry and removed to the town of Worton, Kent County, Md., where he passed the remainder of his days, dying July 8, 1904.

(The biographical sketch of himself, preceding this postscript, was written by Rev. James Black Merritt, an elder of the M. E. Church and member of the Wilmington Conference, Dec. 22, 1892).

S. W. THOMAS.

Rev. Edward Kinnie Creed.

Death at all times is unwelcome. He is the grim Messenger whose call is heard with fear and trembling, followed by grief and a tempest of tears. Death is doubly unwelcome when his call is both unseasonable and sudden. Such was the departure of our friend and brother, Rev. E. K. Creed. In the full vigor of mature manhood, just entering on the hopeful work of a new pastorate, already quickening under his magnetic touch into renewed activity, he is stricken down suddenly in a most unsuspected manner, and is no more.

“Death rides on every passing breeze
And lurks in every flower;
Each season has its own disease,
Its perils every hour.

Our eyes have seen the rosy light
Of youth's soft cheek decay
And fate descend in sudden night
On manhood's middle day.”

Edward Kinnie Creed was born in Galena, N. Y., Nov. 29, 1846. He was reared under religious influences and at the early age of fourteen years he entered upon the privileges and blessings of the Christian life. He early realized that the responsibilities of this holy calling demanded the best possible preparation for its fulfillment. To this end he entered Lima Seminary, N. Y., where he completed his course and afterward pursued his studies in Alleghany College, Sryacuse University, and Drew Theological Seminary. He united with the Erie Conference in 1874, being appointed to Sugar Grove, Pa.

In 1878 he was united in marriage to Miss Fannie McMullan of Warren, Pa.

While in the Erie Conference he served the following appointments:—Sugar Grove, Frensburg, Sinclairville, Silver Creek, North East, Sandy Lake, Mercer, Parker's Landing and Tidionte.

In 1892 he was transferred to the New York East Conference, where he served as Pastor of Southington, Southold, Port Jefferson and Farmingdale.

In 1901 Brother Creed was transferred from the New York East to the Wilmington Conference, and began his labors among us at Centreville, Md. He subsequently served Galena and Bethel and Summit. He had just settled in his new appointment, which gave ample promise of being a most prosperous and happy one, when a very trifling accident produced a serious case of blood poisoning. He was taken to the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, and all that the best medical skill could do for him was done that his valuable life might be spared to the Church and his devoted family. But human love and skill alike proved powerless and the stalwart form of our comrade was silent upon the field of battle. His brave heart no longer keeps time to the tramp of the hosts of the Church militant. The ranks close up while his redeemed spirit rejoices with the hosts of the Church triumphant. On April 24 our friend and brother ceased at once to work and to live. He was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Bethel, amid the tears and regrets of friends new and old. The funeral services were held at the parsonage, conducted by Revs. E. H. Dashiell, J. M. Arters, and T. E. Martindale.

It would be a painfully pleasing task to speak of the many noble qualities of the deceased as a man, as a citizen and as a minister. He was strong and yet very gentle; brave yet childlike in the simplicity of his courage; a Methodist Preacher in the full sense of that phrase, with both words underscored. He knew his Church, its doctrine, polity and personnel as few men know it—and knowing, loved and served it. He knew his Bible and his own Communion with the great Head of the Church, and out of a full knowledge preached a saving Gospel. He was a man of deeds as well as words, enforcing his counsels and instructions by his life. A devoted family that has known him through the sunshine and storms of years, and a faithful Church that had known him but for one brief month, stood weeping beside our fallen brother,

knit in the affection of a new sorrow, and smoothed his last resting place with tender hands, leaving him to sleep where he had fallen in the field of battle.

“Servant of God, well done,
Thy glorious warfare’s past;
The battle’s fought, the race is won
And thou art crowned at last.

In condescending love
Thy ceaseless prayer he heard;
And bade thee suddenly remove
To thy complete reward.”

A. S. MOWBRAY.

Rev. Elmer Randolph Sidell.

The subject of this Memoir was born September 16th, 1861, in the town of New Brunswick, N. J., where his venerable Methodist mother still lives. He entered into the experience of a Christian life when only thirteen years of age. He left home at the age of fifteen and engaged in mercantile work in the city of Newark, where he became a member of St. Paul’s Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Dr. Henry Baker was then Pastor. During his stay in Newark he attended night school and employed a private tutor, and thus prepared himself for entrance at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, where he spent one year. Under the direction of Rev. C. H. Yatman, he became interested in the work of the Young Men’s Christian Association. At this time he became Assistant Secretary in the Department of Railroad work at Forty second street, New York City, where he enjoyed the favor and personal encouragement of Cornelius Vanderbilt, who was greatly interested in this work. Brother Sidell was afterward Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. work at Kingston, N. Y., where he began to exercise his gifts as a preacher of the Gospel. He afterward organized and conducted a branch of the Y. M. C. A. at Olean, N. Y. While here he felt with increasing force the call to devote himself to the Ministry. This was a great source of trouble to him, for he preferred the work in which he was engaged, and in it had great promise of future success and distinction.

He naturally attributed the pressure that came to him to preach as largely human in its origin, and sought to escape it by removal. He entered a promising field of his chosen calling in the State of Wisconsin, but was immediately confronted with the old call to the ministry. Realizing that the voice was the Lord’s and not man’s he obeyed. Accordingly he entered the West Wisconsin Conference in the Fall of 1890, in which he served the following appointments:—Big Spring, Tomah, Barron and Menomie. In each of these appointments his labor was rewarded with gracious revivals, hundreds were converted and the Churches were built up in both spiritual and material interests. Throat trouble, brought on by excessive use and exposure to a rigorous climate, demanded rest and a change of climate. In 1899, after a period of rest, Brother Sidell was transferred to the Wilmington Conference and stationed at Federalsburg, Md. His next appointment was Marydel. He spent the year 1901 with his old associates in the West Wisconsin Conference, and in 1902, returned to the Wil-

mington Conference, being stationed at Millington, Md. In the spring of 1904 he was stationed at Ebenezer, Del., but on account of throat trouble, was compelled to resign his work in the early part of the year. The work of our departed brother and comrade met with the same divine approval in the Wilmington Conference that had marked it in his Western labors. While at Marydel, the Church was visited with a season of refreshing of marked scope and power. As a result of this meeting, one hundred and fifty persons became members of the Church.

In the long and heavy strain incident to meetings of this sort his voice and throat were naturally the sufferers, and that to such an extent that he never fully recovered, so that he felt compelled soon after the session of last Conference to take the advice of his physician and turn aside temporarily from the work. He moved his family to Philadelphia in April and planned to take up other work until such a time as he might be able to resume the work to which he had consecrated his life. He was soon taken sick, but the nature of his trouble was not at first suspected. He, however, seemed from the first to feel that his end had come, and that his work was done. Though in the midst of an active life, with so many years naturally to look forward to, this did not seem to trouble him. On the contrary, he was very happy, and seemed to feel perfectly contented to depart and be with Christ. To the protesting tears and prayers of loved ones he replied “It is all right, it is His way—His way.” The event proved that our brother had been stricken with an attack of small-pox, and he was at once removed to the hospital, leaving behind him weeping loved ones who were never again to see his face. His departure was that of a conqueror. Death had no fears for him. It was his coronation. At peace with God and all the world, he fell asleep May 12, 1904.

On June 25, 1884, Brother Sidell was married to Miss Sarah D. Sidell of Newark, N. J. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Jacob Todd, the pastor of St. Paul’s Church, of which sister Sidell was then a member. One son shares with the widowed mother the grief of the loss which we all feel.

To his many gifts as Preacher and Pastor, Brother Sidell added peculiar talents as an Evangelist, and often felt drawn to devote his entire time to this special work. God wonderfully crowned his efforts in leading men to Christ. The Church has need of such pastors, and in addition to the grief that comes from the loss of faithful friends and loving comrades, is that which follows the realization of the loss of such a workman from the harvest field where even yet the laborers are few. We weep our tears at his grave, we recount his virtues, and then close up the ranks that the work which he loved so well may not be left undone.

A. S. MOWBRAY.

Rev. George W. Wilcox.

George W. Wilcox was born near Milford, Del., May 9, 1842, and died at his home in Salisbury, Maryland, Dec. 15, 1904. In his childhood he was surrounded by religious influences, and early in life was deeply impressed with a sense of his personal responsibility to God. In 1856, when he was but fourteen

years of age, he attended a camp-meeting which was held near his home and there yielded a willing obedience to the gracious call of Mercy, which came to him, and was, for the rest of his life, a faithful and useful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

When he came to the threshold of early manhood, stirring events were transpiring in the Nation's life, and President Lincoln's call for men to defend the Union against those who were seeking its destruction met with a hearty response in his loyal and patriotic soul, and in 1862 he enlisted in the 3rd Delaware Regiment Volunteer Infantry, and served in the army until the close of the Civil War. During this period, surrounded as he was by the temptations which come to the soldier alike in camp and field, he firmly set himself against yielding to solicitations to evil and so through grace, granted him from on high, he was kept from falling. In recent years he occasionally spoke of the fact and in words tremulous with emotion, born of devout thankfulness, he bore testimony to the goodness of God in granting a soldier boy grace to restrain, and power to keep himself pure and true amid the temptations of army life. Upon the close of the war he returned to the quiet and peaceful life of the citizen. Feeling keenly the need of fuller preparation for the performance of its duties, he took a course of instruction in a business college in Philadelphia. He subsequently taught for two years in the seminary at Felton, Del. But Mr. Wilcox believed himself called of God to the work of the Christian ministry, and in this conviction, the Church of which he was a member, agreed with him, and the Quarterly Conference of Lincoln Circuit in session at McColley's Chapel, Nov. 27, 1871, licensed him to preach the Gospel. In 1872 he was received on trial into the Wilmington Conference and appointed to Newtown. The same year he was married to Miss Emma L. Matthews, of Somerset county, Maryland.

Mr. Wilcox was a scriptural preacher, plain and straightforward in preaching the truth. He believed the minister of Christ ought to be an earnest man, consecrated wholly to his work, and this ideal he sought to realize in his own life. He served the following pastoral charges:—Newtown, Sharptown, Lewisville, Berlin, Mt. Pleasant, Delmar, Newark, Md., St. Peter's, Berlin, Farmington, Millsboro, Gorgetown Circuit. In 1892, after twenty years of faithful labor, he was granted a Supernumerary relation.

That his children might enjoy the advantages of a collegiate education, he moved to Carlisle, Pa., where he lived until 1896, when he returned to the Peninsula and made his home at Onancock, Va., until 1898, when he came to Salisbury, Md., where he resided until his death.

Two years ago he suffered a paralytic stroke which seriously impaired his speech, and while it is true that he subsequently improved and seemed to recover very largely from its effects, he nevertheless regarded it as an admonition that death was not far away. And so it proved. Throughout all the morning of Dec. 15th he was in his usual health and strength and went in and out of his home with his accustomed cheerfulness; but before the sun of that day had set he crossed the flood and was admitted to the fellowship of the Church triumphant "which is without fault before the throne of God." The funeral services

which were held in Asbury Church, Salisbury, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18th, were largely attended, and in conducting them the pastor of the Church was assisted by other resident ministers of the town; the interment was in Parson's Cemetery; and in the services at the grave, Wicomico Lodge of masons participated.

C. A. HILL.

Mrs. Roberta H. Matlack.

I do not stop to mention dates, or to give family history, but speak of the woman herself.

Mrs. Matlack was an extraordinary woman—one in a thousand; aye, one in ten thousand. In all my experience and acquaintance as a pastor, I have never known such a woman. I have known many noble and good women, but I have never known one so strong at so many points. She was extraordinary in her natural gifts and endowments. She was born to be a leader, and she was a leader among women and in woman's work. In the various women's societies in the Church and wherever women worked, she had positions of honor and responsibility and prominence, not because she wanted them or sought them, for one of her chief characteristics was her modesty, but because she was recognized as peculiarly fitted to fill them. I have often said, if she had been a man, what a man she would have been. She was intellectually quick and keen and discerning and brilliant. She was original or nothing. There seemed to be nothing commonplace in the workings of her mind. She was always surprising you by what she said. She had a wonderful grasp of truth. I have heard her make some of the most original and luminous and brilliant comments upon the word of God that I have ever heard from the lips of anybody, apparently without premeditation and on the spur of the moment.

She was a woman of extraordinary poise and balance of character. I have never known any one who surpassed her in tact and discretion and judgement in dealing with people. She knew how to approach them. She could get them to do things for her which no one else could get them to do. And this not simply because they had confidence in her, but because she knew how to approach them and deal with them. She never went to the extreme, or injured her cause or her influence by extreme views. She had no hobbies that she was always thrusting upon you in season and out of season, and no eccentricities for which her friends had to make apologies and explanations. She was always sane and sensible and safe.

She was a woman of unusual spirituality. It is true, I think, that women are usually more spiritually-minded than men; but she was an unusually spiritual woman. Her religion was more than a sentiment with her; it was a controlling principle, and a daily life, and a constant experience. She loved to talk about it, not merely in a rhapsodical way, but intelligently and clearly. She loved to talk about the great doctrines and verities of religion, because she so comprehended them, and was so thoroughly grounded in them. She knew God, and loved Him, and walked with Him, and knew that He walked with her. Who that has heard her prayers, or her testimony, could ever doubt that

she knew whom she had believed? "You have fought a good fight," I said to her one day; "Yes," she replied, "and I have kept the faith."

And yet withal, there was no sanctimoniousness and nothing long-faced or funereal about her religious life. There was no Phariseism or assumption of special sanctity. She was bright and sunny and cheerfull, full of humor, winsome in her manner, as welcome a guest at a feast, or in company of young people, as at the prayer meeting or in the services of the Lord's house. Her religion did not make her sad, or misanthropic, or censorious; it enabled her to live on the sunny side of life. She could be aroused, for she was not a negative or passive character; but you will seldom see a sweeter, more equable disposition.

I think that she was one of the most perfect types of what Christianity means at its best that I have ever seen. Most of us will not give Christianity a fair chance with us, and therefore very poorly and imperfectly reflect its true meaning. We are not symmetrical; we are one-sided in our development. We give it right of way at some points, and so make a very fair showing there; but resist it and refuse to yield to it at other points, and so make a poor exhibition of it there. And then beside this, Christianity cannot get its best representation out of inferior material. Christianity cannot make something out of nothing. Paul could never have been the Christian he was, if he had not been the man he was to start with. This good woman had much to start with, and as few others, she gave Christianity the right of way in her whole life.

The close of her life was in a blaze of glory, and was a scene of victorious triumph. She came down to face death, not as a slave scourged to his dungeon and trembling with fear, but as a king going to his coronation. To go into her room and talk with her was like going into heaven. The angels might have stopped there to refresh themselves for their journey. The night never came to her. "She travelled with the day and so outrode the night." Time and again have I gone away from her room saying, "The chamber where the good man meets his fate is privileged beyond the common walks of life, quite on the verge of heaven." Who of us who were privileged to hear it, will ever forget the testimony that she gave? And how many times did the friends who were with her all the time say, "O that everybody could see her and hear her talk!"

WM. WIRT KING.

Rebecca E. Hough.

Rebecca Hough, the widow of the Rev. John Hough, who will be remembered as one of the most devoted and talented members of the Wilmington Conference, passed from the scenes of her earthly labors to the home on high June the 14th, 1904. Her husband after serving a full term as Presiding Elder on Easton District, was appointed to the same office on Dover District, but he continued to reside in Smyrna. It was natural after her husband's death for sister Hough to make her home also in Smyrna. And it was amidst the scenes made sacred by him who had preceded her to the heavenly land, and in a home made radiant by the love and thoughtful care of her devoted daughters, that she closed her eyes in her last sleep. No mother was ever better loved or more tenderly

cared for than was she. Indeed she seemed like an older sister, so beautiful were the relations that existed between mother and daughters.

Sister Hough was a member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and during her childhood and young womanhood, was surrounded by an atmosphere which had not a little to do with forming her character. Naturally of a spiritual bent, she speedily developed into a ripe and useful Christian.

In 1852 she became the wife of the Rev. John Hough, and entered the ranks of the itinerancy. She at once became interested in all that concerned her husband's work. And notwithstanding the cares incident to the rearing of her children, she bore well her part in the holy calling and wider sphere of the Christian Ministry. Fortunate the Itinerant honored with such a companion, happy the children blessed with such a mother! "Her children rise up and call her blessed."

The closing years of her life were alike attractive and beautiful. Sorrow was not allowed to embitter the sweetness of her love nor to weaken the might of her faith. Her life during those years was like the afterglow of a glorious autumn day. The breath of winter approached slowly, and was tempered by a warmth that winter could not chill. Her departure was not wholly unexpected. A few days before the close of her earthly career, she suffered a slight stroke, but no serious results were feared. It soon became evident to the faithful watchers by that bedside that her course was nearly run. Slowly but surely the shadows deepened, but ere they had lengthened to their close, they were threaded through and through with the light of day eternal. With her it was blessed time "it shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light."

Sister Hough is survived by five children; Misses Anna and Emma, of Smyrna, Delaware; Mrs. James P. Hoffecker, of Smyrna; Mrs. Clayton W. Fisher, of Dover, Delaware, and Mr. Olin I. Hough, of Philadelphia.

Her funeral services were in charge of the writer, assisted by the Rev. William G. Koons, Presiding Elder of Easton District, and Rev. Phillip H. Rawlins, of Seaford, Delaware, a life-long friend of the deceased and her family. Her body rests beside her husband's in beautiful Glenwood. One in life, in death they were not divided.

ROBERT WATT.

Mrs. Adelia Jefferson Roe.

Adelia Jefferson Roe, daughter of Rev. Daniel F. and Elizabeth Ewell, was born in Baltimore August 28, 1858, and died at Trappe, Md., February 24, 1904. She was reared in the Methodist Protestant Church, her father being an honored member of the Maryland Annual Conference. At the age of eighteen she was married to Rev. Robert Roe of the Wilmington Conference, at Church Creek, Dorchester county, Md., October 25, 1876. Unto them from this union two sons were born—Robert Ewell and Robley James, both of whom, with their father, survive to mourn her loss. One sister, Mrs. E. C. Atkins, of our own Conference; one brother, Thos. J. Ewell, of Baltimore, Md.; two half sisters, Mrs. Mary A. Middleton of Smyrna, Del. and Miss Clara Ewell of Vienna, Md.; one half brother, Dr. George Ewell of Richmond, Va. also mourn her loss.

Sister Roe had been a Christian from childhood, having been converted under the ministry of Rev. T. H. Harding, at Church Creek, Md., and spent her whole life in a Methodist parsonage. This, associated with her inherent fitness, made her the ideal preacher's wife. From her infancy she had been schooled in those traits and graces that made her not only the pastor's inspiration, but the pastor's assistant. Anything from quiet ministrations to the sick to the conducting of public religious services, she could do. She always stood in the front rank of every forward movement. Missionary work, temperance work, Epworth League work, all shared her earnest, enthusiastic co-operation. In her home she was a queen. It was here that she reigned supreme, and she ruled like the sun, rules, by illumination and attraction. She was pre-eminently a home-maker and a home-keeper. Everything she touched she made beautiful. No matter how unattractive the parsonage was, to which she was sent, she made it a place of beauty. "She made the desert place blossom as the rose." The flowers that might always be found blooming in her home, even when the weather was zero outside, were simply emblematical of her beautiful, fragrant life. In the face of all winds and all weather she just simply went right on working, praying, singing, shining, until the Master said, "It is enough, come up higher."

For about a year prior to her death she had been in poor health. A severe attack of LaGrippe, about a year ago, left her health in shattered condition. Her condition, however, had not been thought serious, until just a few days before the end came. Indeed, she went so swiftly at the last, that even her own children, who were from home, could not reach her bedside in time to see her alive. When she realized that the end was approaching, she expressed a desire to live until the boys could get home, "but," said she, "I am not afraid to die. It is so strange, I used to dread death, but it is all so bright I do not fear it now. Give my love to the boys and tell them to meet me in Heaven." And to her husband she added, "You, too." At 9 a. m. Friday morning, February 24, in the parsonage of Trappe, Md., her sainted spirit went to join the company of the first born in Heaven. It was fitting that she should go from the parsonage at Trappe. This was a second pastoral term at Trappe and the people cherished for her a warm affection. She also loved them. It was beautiful that she could die among such friends.

The funeral services were held in the Trappe M. E. Church on Sunday, February 26, at 2:30 p. m., and were conducted by Rev. W. G. Koons, Presiding Elder of Easton District, assisted by the pastors of the M. P. and M. E. Church, South of the town. Interment was made in the family cemetery at Cambridge, Md., on Monday 27, at 1 p. m., burial services being conducted by Rev. E. C. Macnichol, D. D.

Thus has there gone out from us a rare and beautiful spirit. I do not say dead, but gone from us.

There is no death! And angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread.
He bears our best-loved things away
And then we call them dead.

He leaves our hearts all desolate
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers;
Transplanted into bliss they now
Adorn immortal bowers.

The bird-like voice whose joyous tones
Made glad the scenes of sin and strife
Sings now an everlasting song
Amid the trees of life.

And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there are no dead.

ALFRED SMITH.

Mrs. Catherine Haman Janvier Murray.

Catherine Haman Janvier, daughter of Edwin and Lizzie Haman Janvier, was born in Stanton, Del. February 7, 1851, and entered her heavenly home January 24, 1905. She came of an ancient and honorable family. On her father's side, she traced her lineage to the French Huguenots. He was driven from France by the fierce persecution then raging. His first refuge was the Isle of Sea, where after remaining for a short time, his eyes were turned to the New World, and on reaching America, he made his home at New Castle, Delaware.

The death of her mother while little Catharine was but two years of age, gave her a home with her grandparents in New Castle, where she remained until their death. From then until her marriage, she resided with her aunt, Mrs. William M. Shakespear, of Dover. She had an ideal girlhood. On February 8th, 1876, she was united in marriage to the Rev. Dr. W. L. S. Murray. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James Williams, principal of the Conference Academy.

Three children were born of this union: Elizabeth, wife of William Metten, Esq., of the Wilmington "Every Evening;" William McCabe, who died in childhood, and Margaret Gemmill. Our enthroned sister was reared amidst the most careful and devout surroundings. She was trained in the Presbyterian faith, and during her girlhood, attended that church. When eighteen years of age, she was converted during the progress of a powerful revival of religion, held in Wesley Church, Dover, under the pastorate of the Rev. James H. Lightbourn. She at once united with our church in Dover, and became an earnest and active Christian. She was soon placed in charge of a class in the Sabbath School, to which she gave efficient and faithful service until she entered the itinerant ranks.

Mrs. Murray's religious life was not demonstrative, but deep, steady, and true, and characterized by a sweet, child-like simplicity. She was a lover of the Word, and the care with which she read and studied it is witnessed by the much marked copy which she leaves among her earthly treasures. She was a devoted and capable Sabbath School teacher, and never rested until the unsaved in her class were brought to the Saviour. She was deeply interested too in all the work of the Church, including the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

She was a ready helper in all the work of the Church, wise in counsel and diligent in service, a helpmeet to her husband in their chosen calling. How wise and helpful her counsel during the years her husband served the Church in a difficult and responsible office, our stricken comrade can bear tender witness.

And yet none of these outside demands were permitted to interfere with the claims of her household. With her, home was first. Its duties were sacred, and whether as wife or mother, she made home a benediction and a delight. A devoted and faithful wife, a loving mother, a wise counsellor will be sadly missed from that home.

And how brave and hopeful and patient she was when the heavy hand of a painful malady was laid upon her. With rare fortitude and unshaken faith in God, she faced the trying ordeal through which she knew she must pass. The writer can bear personal witness to her uniform cheerfulness and patience during those eventful years. "I am better, thank you, I feel sure I will soon be well," were her usual responses to the solicitous inquiries of her friends. And how beautiful was her childlike confidence in the Heavenly Father. To her husband, when he expressed his joy of her speedy recovery from the effects of the anaesthetic she said, "Well, dear, it was all right; I had a good understanding with God." She was not taken by surprise then when the end came so suddenly. She had not withdrawn her hand from His who was her source of confidence and strength, and she was not, for God took her. She seemed to feel for some time that the crossing was near, for the following beautiful and suggestive poem was found in her Bible by her husband, as he was about to retire for the night, yet withal wondering how he could sleep.

"Lie down and sleep,
Leave it with God to keep
This sorrow which is part
Now of thy heart.
And when thou dost awake,
If still 'tis thine to take
Again life's burdens,
Utter no wild complaint,
Work waits thy hands;
If thou shouldst faint,
God understands."

It seemed like a voice out of the unseen, and the troubled human spirit was comforted, and the weary body found rest in sleep. And thus in her death she exemplified as in her life the faith so dear to her heart.

She will be missed from our annual gatherings, for she was rarely absent from our Conference session. She took a lively interest in all that concerned the welfare of the Conference she loved so well.

The funeral services were held in St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, Thursday, January 26th, in charge of the Rev. A. S. Mowbray, D. D., Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District. Addresses were made by Rev. Doctors Wm. Wirt King, A. W. Lightbourn, and the Presiding Elder. Her body was laid to rest on the banks of the historic Brandywine.

ROBERT WATT.

Mrs. Carrie B. Dennison.

Carrie B. Dennison, widow of the Rev. John B. Dennison, departed this life August 6th, 1904, and was laid to rest beside the body of her husband, in Asbury burying-ground, Cecil county, Md., August 9th.

Mrs. Dennison was the daughter of John and Sarah Hartenstine, and was born August 23, 1830, in Chester county, Pa. The family removed to Cecil county, Md., when she was about sixteen years of age and became acquainted with the family of William Dennison, Methodists, of Asbury Church; the Hartenstines were Protestant Episcopalians. The friendship between the two families resulted in the marriage of the only son, then living, Rev. John B. Dennison, to Caroline B. Hartenstine, in Port Deposit M. E. Church, January 9th 1854, marriage being performed by the Rev. Mr. Hern. Thus she shared the life of a Methodist minister, with its pleasures and trials.

Her husband served the Churches at Safe Harbor, Cochranville, Oxford, Pottstown, Lebanon and St. Georges, Del., and at the latter charge, after only a few months service, he was stricken with typhoid fever, and died July 20th, 1864, leaving the wife with four helpless children, the oldest not yet six years of age, and the youngest a babe of six months. Being a dependent woman, she had now to face the world with the care and responsibility of her family.

After being with her relatives about a year, she moved to Wilmington, Delaware in order that her children might have the advantages of the schools; her aim in life being to educate them as best she could, and she did her utmost toward training them in the Christian life. Mrs. Dennison was a fine needlewoman, and with the aid of her needle, and the funds from the Conference, she succeeded in caring for her family, and keeping her children in school.

On coming to Wilmington, she joined St. Paul's M. E. Church, where in early life the two daughters also united. She remained a member of St. Paul's until about ten years ago, when she and her daughter, with whom she had made her home for about fifteen years, joined Harrison St. Church.

Mrs. Dennison believed that a woman's sphere was in her home, and that it should have her first and best interest. She often said, "I would give ten years of life for a few days again in a Methodist Parsonage." Her natural forces began to weaken about two years before her final sickness; the weakness affecting her heart. She knew she could not recover and looked forward to the release from her sufferings. She had no fear of death and relied wholly on her Saviour. She said, "Though I am unworthy, He accepts me." She was always backward about expressing her religious feelings. A short time before her death, her pastor, who called frequently and prayed with her, sang "Jesus Lover of my Soul;" her face lighted up and she said: "Oh! praise the Lord." She lost her interest in the things of this world, and her thoughts seemed to go upward and beyond. Often in the morning she would say: "I hoped I would not be here this morning." As long as she was able she read the "Christian Advocate" and the "Word of God." After seven months of suffering, she passed quietly to her rest.

Four children survive her: Charles H., at present in Manchester, England; George G., of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. George O. Baily, of Washburn, Wis., and Mary B. Dennison, of Wilmington, Delaware.

J. W. EASLEY.

Mrs. Sarah D. Walton.

Sarah D. Walton, the daughter of John and Mary Deibler, was born at Berrysburg, Pa., March 19, 1835. She was converted when twelve years of age and entered at once actively into Christian work. The Church which she joined was within the bounds of the first charge to which the Rev. William B. Walton was appointed after his admission to the Philadelphia Conference. A note which I received yesterday from her son, Mr. Elmer H. Walton, contains this statement: "When father went to his first charge, mother was living there, and the fact that at her age she was accustomed to lead in prayer in the Church services drew his attention specially to her." Between the young minister and this consecrated young Christian, there grew up a friendship which, with the passing years was transformed into a deathless love. Oct. 9, 1851, they were married, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. J. B. McCollough, and with rare grace and efficiency she contributed to the success which marked the life of her husband in the pastorate for forty years.

Of her children, Wilbur F. died June 26, 1890, aged 38; those who survive are the Rev. Olin S., a member of this Conference; Mrs. Mary W. Nock, of Berlin, Md.; and Miss Clara C., and Messrs. Morris A. and Elmer H. of Salisbury. Since 1891, when her husband retired from the active work of the ministry, she has, with her family, resided in Salisbury. Here she took her full part in the work of Asbury Church, being for years the President of the Mite Society, and of the Woman's Home Missionary Society; while no teacher in any Sunday School was ever more faithful than Mrs. Walton. Her Christian life commanded the fullest admiration and confidence of the people, and to all who numbered her among their friends, she was ever true and constant. Her chief ornament was a meek and quiet spirit devoid of the pride of display, though alike in the circle of her family and friends she exemplified the spirit of Him who said: "Let your light shine, before men."

She was a woman of calm faith and fortitude, of gentle patience and resignation to the Divine will, who passed through the ills and suffering of this life without murmur or complaint. She grew old gracefully and maintained a lively interest in things about her until the last.

She peacefully passed from earth on Monday afternoon, Feb. 20th, and hers is the blessedness of the dead who die in the Lord.

"It is not death to die,
To leave this weary road,
And, 'mid the brotherhood on high,
To be at home with God.

Jesus, thou Prince of life,
Thy chosen cannot die!
Like thee, they conquer in the strife,
To reign with thee on high."

C. A. HILL.

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Alfred Kay.....	Port Deposit, Md.	R. S. Poole.....	Williamsburg, Md.
Walter H. Keen.....	Wilmington, Del.	F. J. Prettyman.....	Farmington, Del.
W. H. Kelley.....	Locust Grove, Md.	L. M. Price.....	Smyrna, Del.
W. E. Killen.....	Felton, Del.	J. P. Price.....	Milford, Del.
Harney King.....	Bridgeville, Del.	J. T. Pruitt.....	Tangier, Va.
C. E. King.....	Lowe's X Roads, Del.	Wm. Purnell.....	Harrington, Del.
C. A. Kirk.....	Chesapeake City, Md.	Judson Ramsdell.....	Denton, Md.
A. F. Lane.....	Crisfield, Md.	Wm. Reynolds.....	St. Georges, Del.
C. E. Lane.....	Galena, Md.	J. M. Richardson.....	Church Creek, Md.
Elon Landing.....	Pocomoke City, Md.	J. M. Riggins.....	Crisfield, Md.
J. A. Latta.....	Townsend, Del.	Miss Mary Robinson.....	Reddin, Del.
W. A. Law.....	Crisfield, Md.	W. Robinson.....	Toddville, Md.
Chas. Layfield.....	Westover, Md.	W. F. H. Robinson.....	Toddville, Md.
Stephen Lecompt.....	Salem, Md.	J. R. Robertson.....	Clara, Md.
H. R. Lewes.....	Denton, Md.	David Rothenberg.....	Hartle v, Md.
Woodland Long.....	Pocomoke City, Md.	A. J. Roe.....	Ford's Store, Md.
George McCready.....	Vienna, Md.	W. W. Rumbley.....	James, Md.
Harry McDowell.....	Liberty Grove, Md.	John Ryan.....	Showell, Md.
F. P. Medford.....	Marydel, Md.	W. L. Ryan.....	Rising Sun, Md.
L. S. Melson.....	Bishopville, Md.	Chas. Savage.....	Williamsville, Del.
T. A. Melson.....	Rockawalkin, Md.	T. P. Scott.....	Lewes, Del.
W. W. Melson.....	Queenstown, Md.	Elmer Shores.....	Oriole, Md.
S. J. Messick.....	Laurel, Del.	W. F. Silver.....	Red Lion, Del.
T. E. Messick.....	Nanticoke, Md.	David Simperts.....	Harrington, Del.
D. A. Miles.....	Upper Fairmount, Md.	Jas. Smith.....	Harrison, Md.
A. H. Minner.....	Bowers, Del.	C. W. Smith.....	Delmar, Del.
J. J. Mitchell.....	New Hope, Md.	G. W. Smith.....	Whitesville, Del.
L. H. Moore.....	Farmington, Del.	T. A. Smith.....	Ridgely, Md.
D. L. Moore.....	Cornersville, Md.	W. L. Galloway.....	Crumpton, Md.
J. E. Mortimore.....	Neavitt, Md.	A. G. Strickland.....	Klej Grange, Md.
J. S. Mullin.....	Wilmington, Del.	Dr. E. A. Sudler.....	Sudlersville, Md.
T. W. Murray.....	Snow Hill, Md.	Jas. Sutton.....	Bozman, Md.
Robt. Nailor.....	Milton, Del.	J. B. Tawes.....	Crisfield, Md.

A. M. Thomas.....	Canterbury, Del.	John Wallace.....	Dover, Del.
Harvey Thompson.....	Milford, Del.	Thos. Walters.....	Seaford, Del.
R. S. Tilghman.....	Salisbury, Md.	J. S. Walters.....	Stevensville, Md.
E. H. Tindale.....	Georgetown, Del.	Chas. Ward.....	Laurel, Del.
G. W. Todd.....	Wilmington, Del.	J. H. Warren.....	Ellendale, Del.
J. H. Todd.....	Greenwood, Del.	B. F. Welch.....	Smiths Island, Md.
J. F. Todd.....	Federalsburg, Md.	J. B. Welch.....	Milton, Del.
John Tomblinson.....	Wilmington, Del.	M. Wheatley.....	Oak Grove, Del.
G. L. Townsend.....	Odessa, Del.	E. White.....	Hebron, Md.
W. F. Townsend.....	Cape Charles, Va.	E. G. White.....	Salisbury, Md.
W. T. A. Townsend.....	Girdletree, Md.	T. E. White.....	Clayton, Del.
W. W. Trader.....	Welbourne, Md.	D. N. White.....	Whitemills, Md.
Mrs. Lulu Travis.....	Harrington, Del.	E. F. Whitney.....	Ellendale, Del.
G. F. Truitt.....	Seaford, Del.	S. F. Whittington.....	Marion, Md.
W. R. Tubbs.....	Selbyville, Del.	W. L. Wiggins.....	Milington, Md.
E. J. Tull.....	Pocomoke City, Md.	S. J. Willey.....	Taylor's Island, Md.
W. F. Tunnell.....	Georgetown, Del.	Madison Willin.....	Seaford, Del.
G. N. Vetra.....	Winona, Md.	N. H. Wilson.....	Georgetown, Del.
Henry Viusinger.....	Elkton, Md.	J. L. Wilson.....	Mt. Vernon, Md.
J. S. Vickers.....	Galestown, Md.	Alfred Wilson.....	Wilmington, Del.
G. W. Wallace.....	Rockland, Md.	Isaac Williams.....	Seaford, Del.
Jas. Wallace.....	Sudlersville, Md.	S. H. Winbrow.....	Parsonsburg, Md.
Leslie Wallace.....	Barclay, Md.	G. J. Windsor.....	Fairmount, Md.
W. O. Wallace.....	Church Hill, Md.	W. J. Wright.....	Choptank, Md.

Record of Sessions

No.	Date.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.
1	March 17, '69	Wilm'ton-Asbury.	M. Simpson.	S. L. Gracey.
2	" 18, '70	Port Deposit	E. S. Janes.	S. L. Gracey.
3	" 3, '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.
37	" 15, '05	Wilmington-Grace.	D. A. Goodsell.	W. A. Wise

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Missionary Society.	Cash	Vouchers	Total	Conf. Acad. Debt.
Dover District...	\$5401	\$207		Dover District... 278 573
Easton " ...	4841	175		Easton " ... 229 422
Salisbury " ...	6161	155		Salisbury " ... 397 195
Wilmington " ...	7291	289		Wilmington " ... 380 174
Totals.....	23694	1826	24520	Totals..... 1284 1364 2648
Last year.....			25273	
Decrease.....			753	
Church Extension.				Children's Fund.
Dover District...	302			Dover District... 93 4
Easton " ...	240	12		Easton " ... 106 31
Salisbury " ...	437			Salisbury " ... 151 17
Wilmington " ...	468	38		Wilmington " ... 141 74
Totals.....	1447	50	1497	Totals..... 491 126 617
Last year.....			1559	Last year..... 632
Decrease.....			62	Decrease..... 15
Sunday School Union.				American Bible Soc.
Dover District...	89	3		Dover District... 85 77
Easton " ...	70	2		Easton " ... 92
Salisbury " ...	104			Salisbury " ... 100 69
Wilmington " ...	93	2		Wilmington " ... 124
Totals.....	356	7	363	Totals..... 401 146 547
Last year.....			366	Last year..... 544
Decrease.....			3	Increase..... 3
Tract Society.				W. F. M. Society.
Dover District...	88			Dover District... 33 343
Easton " ...	71	2		Easton " ... 1 511
Salisbury " ...	97			Salisbury " ... 2
Wilmington " ...	96	2		Wilmington " ... 22 1694
Totals.....	342	4	356	Totals..... 58 2548 2606
Last year.....			356	Last year..... 2660
Decrease.....				Decrease..... 54
Freedman's Aid.				W. H. M. Society.
Dover District...	216			Dover District... 3 101
Easton " ...	177	13		Easton " ... 14 530
Salisbury " ...	253			Salisbury " ... 1 131
Wilmington " ...	188	3		Wilmington " ... 7 2026
Totals.....	834	16	850	Totals..... 25 2788 2813
Last year.....			948	Last year..... 3184
Decrease.....			98	Decrease..... 371

Domestic Miss.

Dover District...	219		
Easton " ...	226		
Salisbury " ...	166		
Wilmington " ...	225	12	
Totals.....	836	12	848
Last year.....			727
Increase.....			121

Phila. Hospital.

Dover District...	41	31	
Easton " ...	13	31	
Salisbury " ...	49	63	
Wilmington " ...	48	103	
Totals.....	151	228	379
Last year.....			289
Increase.....			90

Stewards Endow.

Dover District ..	79	
Easton " ...	50	
Salisbury " ...	87	
Wilmington " ...	94	
Totals	310	310
Last year.....		435
Decrease.....		125

Conference Claimants.

Dover District...	1491	
Easton " ...	1514	
Salisbury " ...	1339	
Wilmington " ...	2187	
Totals.....	6531	6531
Last year.....		6465
Increase.....		66

General Conf. Exps.

Dover District...	1		
Easton " ...		10	
Salisbury " ...	25		
Wilmington " ...	5		
Totals.....	31	10	41

Conference Education.

Dover District...	40		
Easton " ...	43		
Salisbury " ...	51	6	
Wilmington " ...	87		
Totals.....	221	6	227
Last year.....			185
Increase.....			42

Episcopal Fund.

Dover District...	351		
Easton " ...	283	17	
Salisbury " ...	364		
Wilmington " ...	455	6	
Totals.....	1453	23	1476
Last year.....			1507
Decrease.....			31

RECAPITULATION.

Missions.....	\$24520
Church Extension.....	1497
Sunday School Union.....	368
Tracts.....	356
Freedmans Aid and So. Education.....	850
Conference Academy.....	2648
Children's Fund.....	617
American Bible Society.....	547
W. F. M. Society.....	2606
W. H. M. Society.....	2813
Conference Education.....	227
Domestic Missions.....	848
Philadelphia Hospital.....	379
Total other benevolences.....	1142
General Conference Expenses.....	41
Conference Claimants.....	6531
Stewards Endowment.....	310
Episcopal Fund.....	1476
Total.....	47771

HENRY G. BUDD, JR.,
Treasurer.

Distribution of Conference Funds.

Date of Claim.	Term of Service.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	POST OFFICE.	Estimates of Quarterly Conference.	Amount received by each Claimant.
SUPERANNUATED.					
1871 15 yrs.		James Esgate.....	S. Tamworth, N. H.....	\$200 00	\$160.00
1891 33 "		Wm. W. Kedman.....	Farmington, Del.....	200.00	185.00
1895 42 "		William M. Warner.....	Millington, Md.....	450.00	260.00
1899 19 "		J. W. Poole.....	Farmington, Del.....	300.00	185.00
1891 17 "		W. L. P. Bowen.....	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.....		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. E. Wallin.....	Tioga, Pa.....	200.00	100.00
1904 51 "		R. W. Todd.....	1711 Gilford ave, Balto., Md.....	350.00	260.00
1904 "		W. M. Green.....	amden, Del.....	200.00	50.00
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1903 21 "		Olin Walton.....	Red Lion, Del.....	150.00	125.00
1901 30 "		T. H. Harding.....	Wilmington, Del.....	100.00	100.00
1905 16 "		J. F. Graham.....	Seaford, Del.....	250.00	200.00
WIDOWS.					
1873 14 "		Rebecca Brandreth.....	5213 Germantown, Ave., Phila.....	150.00	120.00
1878 15 "		Laura F. Weston.....	113 N. 50 St., Phila.....	100.00	100.00
1878 33 "		Mary S. Thomas.....	Wilmington, Del.....	100.00	70.00
1879 21 "		Annie H. Irwin.....	911 Farragut Terrace, Phila., Pa.....	200.00	150.00
1879 10 "		Annie D. Chatham.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	400.00	200.00
1881 11 "		Sadie B. Bain.....	Kipple, Blair Co., Pa.....	150.00	185.00
1882 8 "		Emma A. Prettyman.....	East New Market, Md.....	200.00	185.00
1884 15 "		Emma L. Shilling.....	1110 West St., Wilmington, Del.....	100.00	75.00
1887 37 "		Mary F. Way.....	Delaware City.....	100.00	90.00
1887 28 "		Mary A. O'Neil.....	1210 W. Lexington St., Balto.....	300.00	150.00
1887 48 "		Sarah D. Gray.....	Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa.....	150.00	110.00
1891 25 "		Louisa A. Gardner.....	Smyrna, Del.....	200.00	125.00
1891 18 "		Mary A. Foreman.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200.00	110.00
1892 20 "		S. Jennie Creamer.....	604 W. 8th St., Wilmington, Del.....	350.00	300.00
1893 19 "		G. Annie Gregg.....	Kenton, Del.....	200.00	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	150.00
1893 27 "		R. H. B. Fisher.....	Viola, Del.....	200.00	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	220.00
1898 41 "		Mrs. M. L. Williams.....	North East, Md.....	250.00	140.00
1867 4 "		Emma D. Ewing.....	3349 Market St., Philadelphia.....	150.00	60.00
1898 39 "		Mrs. E. H. Hynson.....	Dover, Del.....	300.00	175.00
1901 12 "		Martha H. Swain.....	Dover, Del.....	300.00	275.00
1901 26 "		Rebecca Waddell.....	5507 Howe St., E. Pittsburg, Pa.....	300.00	275.00
1902 60 "		Mrs. B. F. Price.....	1133 West St., Wilmington, Del.....	150.00	125.00
1903 "		Jas. Comer's children.....	Salisbury, Md.....	80.00	90.00
1903 27 "		Selma C. Bowie.....	642 Baltic St., Brooklyn, N. Y.....	200.00	100.00
1903 48 "		Lydia M. Avery.....	119 W. 80th St., New York City.....	300.00	200.00
1903 44 "		Laura V. Talbot.....	Dover, Del.....	150.00	150.00
1903 31 "		Josephine Sypherd.....	9 Brighton Ave., Atlantic City.....	100.00	60.00
1904 35 "		Jennie Kemp.....	Chestertown, Md.....	300.00	175.00
1904 51 "		Martha E. Davis.....	Newark, Md.....	100.00	125.00
1904 45 "		Mrs. T. H. Haynes.....	Smyrna, Del.....	800.00	150.00
1904 34 "		Mrs. C. F. Sheppard.....	Frankford, Del.....	800.00	200.00
1904 48 "		Mrs. J. D. Rigg.....	Newport, Del.....	250.00	200.00
1905 30 "		Mrs. John France.....	Wilmington, Del.....		50.00
190 "		Mrs. E. K. Creed.....	Centreville, Md.....	300.00	200.00
1905 20 "		Mrs. E. R. Sidell.....	1634 Mt. Vernon St., Phila., Pa.....	300.00	200.00
1905 1 "		Mrs. Emma L. Wilcox.....	Salisbury, Md.....	250.00	100.00
		Mrs. Elizabeth S. Titlow.....	Onancock, Va.....	100.00	100.00

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.....	22	218	1	2	2	2	20	180	2	\$ 5000	1	\$1200	
2 Bridgeville.....	9	200	1	4	4	3	1	16	1	5500	1	2000	
3 Burrsville.....	71	217	1	1	21	4	4	60	220	5	2000	1000	
4 Cambridge.....	78	365	1	84	1	34	361	1	32000	1	3500		
5 Camden.....	10	358	1	1	1	3	42	284	3	9000	1	1400	
6 Canterbury.....	8	150	2	5	4	3	41	200	3	5200	1	1000	
7 Church Creek.....	18	90	10	3	3	25	150	4	6000	1	1000		
8 Crapo.....	110	476	1	1	40	5	60	400	5	10000	1	1000	
9 Dewton.....	5	150	1	8	1	1	26	156	1	10000	1	1500	
10 Dover—Wesley.....	4	400	2	5	7	1	36	375	1	25000	1	6000	
11 Armory.....	1	45	1	4	18	4	1	17	105	1	2500	1	1500
12 East New Market.....	52	180	1	3	3	28	165	3	7000	1	1500		
13 Ellendale.....	6	212	2	4	14	4	43	250	4	4400	1	800	
14 Elliott's Island.....	4	86	1	1	3	1	20	175	1	1500	1	500	
15 Farmington.....	23	237	2	8	1	4	48	265	4	6000	1	1500	
16 Federalsburg.....	7	157	1	1	6	1	21	140	1	5000	1	1500	
17 Felton.....	10	200	2	11	4	3	40	254	3	7900	1	1500	
18 Frederica.....	18	278	7	4	1	2	35	250	2	12000	1	1500	
19 Galestown.....	50	300	4	2	3	4	62	380	4	5000	1	1000	
20 Georgetown.....	19	323	1	7	15	1	30	325	1	11000	1	1500	
21 Georgetown Circuit.....	10	300	1	4	30	2	4	36	300	4	3000	1	1000
22 Greenwood.....	12	380	2	15	4	60	450	4	11000	1	1500		
23 Harrington.....	5	258	2	4	6	1	32	200	1	7500	1	1500	
24 Hooper's Island.....	36	276	1	3	4	68	440	4	8700	1	1200		
25 Houston.....	7	114	1	2	1	2	22	151	2	7000	1	2000	
26 Hurlock.....	31	123	3	4	2	12	85	2	5500	1	1500		
27 Lakesville.....	30	324	3	25	2	1	34	350	1	11000	1	8500	
28 Leipsic.....	48	290	5	7	3	30	265	3	4000	1	1000		
29 Lewes.....	3	60	1	7	1	19	50	1	2500	1	2200		
30 Lincoln.....	11	254	1	3	25	260	3	8000	1	25000	1	3000	
31 Little Creek.....	12	386	8	26	1	2	48	440	1	9000	1	2500	
32 Magnolia.....	5	225	3	10	2	35	245	2	6400	1	800		
33 Milford.....	75	358	1	3	10	8	4	67	340	4	7000	1	1200
34 Milton.....	40	120	4	4	3	40	150	3	3000	1	700		
35 Nassau.....	14	60	21	4	4	30	100	4	3000	1	2500		
36 Preston.....	100	440	3	5	26	3	48	580	2	13500	1	1500	
37 Salem.....	198	306	11	57	9	4	61	487	4	6500	1	1200	
38 Seaford.....	6	116	3	2	4	40	193	4	5200	1	1000		
39 Seaford Circuit.....	11	180	1	8	4	50	220	5	5000	1	1000		
40 Vienna.....	34	359	4	17	5	66	374	5	6200	1	1000		
41 Williamsburg.....	3	270	3	15	4	58	440	4	7000	1	1800		
42 Williston.....	12	124	2	3	39	7	4	32	208	4	4000	1	1800
43 Wyoming.....	44	224	83	7	17	1	30	2	30	2	50	1	205
44 Zoar.....	4	58	440	380	56	2	80	2	30	2	50	1	205
Total.....	1218	10082	26	126	574	56	119	1647	11189	125	342800	41	65500

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.	Scholars, Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday School Converted During the Year.	Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	No. Epworth Leagues.	No. Ep. . . Members.	Junior Leagues.	Junior League Members.		
1	\$ 45	\$.....	\$.....	2	20	180	100	20	15	5	\$110	1	75	1	35			
2	795	.....	200	2	16	150	90	15	50	30	1	40	1	75	1	35	
3	62	.....	74	4	60	220	150	60	40	42	40	1	40	1	75	1	35
4	450	400	400	3	34	361	250	34	34	53	108	1	40	1	75	1	35	
5	45	3	42	284	175	23	40	75	10	110	1	40	1	75	1	35
6	111	.....	.....	3	41	200	150	5	41	8	60	1	40	1	75	1	35
7	165	.....	.....	3	25	150	100	20	15	7	25	1	50	1	75	1	35
8	274	.....	.....	5	60	400	250	60	60	20	65	2	79	1	75	1	35
9	75	.....	.....	1	26	150	100	26	75	65	1	40	1	75	1	35	
10	450	1050	.....	1	36	375	200	36	150	102	1	100	1	60	1	60	
11	55	.....	1500	1	17	105	70	17	17	26	1	16	1	60	1	60	
12	3000	.....	1500	3	28	165	100	28	75	68	1	40	1	28	1	28	
13	520	.....	320	4	43	250	180	43	43	10	50	1	30	1	40	1	28
14	1050	.....	.....	1	20	175	90	20	50	30	1	30	1	32	1	32	
15	98	46	200	4	48	265	195	48	48	7	71	2	69	1	13	1	13	
16	725	.....	.....	1	21	140	110	21	70	5	65	1	65	1	84	1	84
17	540	.....	.....	3	40	254	145	45	41	6	57	1	86	1	60	1	60
18	2500	.....	.....	2	35	250	150	35	200	6	80	1	86	1	60	1	60
19	550	67	.....	4	62	300	175	62	300	40	60	1	70	1	70	1	70
20	170	.....	.....	1	30	325	165	30	180	17	380	1	20	1	70	1	70
21	213	67	.....	4	36	300	150	36	150	5	50	1	20	1	70	1	70
22	25	200	1200	4	60	450	325	60	200	25	125	1	1	1	70	1	70	
23	1400	60	.....	1	32	200	140	32	100	4	130	1	75	1	57	1	57
24	.....	.....	.....	4	68	440	300	68	30	60	1	60	1	60	1	60	
25	50	.....	700	4	22	151	90	20	29	7	64	1	60	1	60	1	60
26	50	.....	.....	2	4	30	152	80	28	14	10	1	60	1	60	1	60
27	.....	.....	.....	2	12	65	45	12	12	32	1	114	1	60	1	60	
28	.....	500	650	2	1	34	350	186	90	30	141	10	225	1	114	1	114
29	420	20	250	1	30	265	125	25	25	5	76	1	25	1	114	1	114	
30	30	.....	.....	3	19	50	85	10	10	13	1	25	1	114	1	114	
31	63	.....	.....	3	25	260	170	23	70	14	70	1	25	1	114	1	114
32	625	.....	.....	2	48	440	300	45	205	11	225	1	100	1	50	1	50
33	.....	100	500	2	35	245	160	35	35	3	135	1	45	1	50	1	50
34	50	.....	.....	4	67	340	240	15	67	220	20	109	4	200	1	25	
35	200	.....	.....	3	40	150	100	30	30	30	30	4	200	1	25	1	25
36	110	500	375	4	30	100	75	26	18	10	29	1	200	1	25	1	25	
37	195	66	.....	2	48	580	250	104	48	350	70	125	1	80	1	85	
38	960	.....	86	4	61	487	298	14	61	318	116	140	1	178	1	178	
39	.....	.....	.....	4	40	193	150	40	53	3	30	1	48	1	178	1	178
40	.....	.....	.....	4	50	220	150	45	90	8	50	1	48	1	178	1	178
41	50	.....	.....	5	66	374	188	61	225	11	82	5	205	1	178	1	178
42	25	.....	.....	4	58	440	380	56	.....	2	30	2	50	1	178	1	178
43	.....	83	.....	4	32	208	190	29	43	7	17	1	50	1	178	1	178
Total.....	16910	3159	7955	119	1647	11159	7072	334	1582	3238	668	3450	88	1975	14	574		

STATISTICAL

Easton 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 Bayside.....	15	84			5		2	22	118	2	\$ 2700		
2 Betterton.....		26		2	5		1	7	54	1	1500		
3 Bozman.....	3	52		4	2		1	7	63	1	5000		800
4 Cecilton.....	10	160		1	48		2	29	210	2	10500		2000
5 Centerville.....	25	255		1	16		1	32	215	1	8000		3300
6 Chestertown.....	40	278	1	4	9		1	45	339	1	16000		4000
7 Cheswold.....	25	226		1	17		2	44	240	2	7500		2200
8 Church Hill.....	61	200	1	4	23		4	61	275	4	6000		1500
9 Clayton.....	4	167		3	9	4	1	21	224	1	3500		1500
10 Cordova.....	35	175		5	30	3	3	35	225	3	3500		1200
11 Crumpton.....	12	175		3	7		3	30	185	3	6000		1000
12 Easton.....	14	140		5	10		1	34	244	1	14000		4000
13 Fairlee.....	16	175		3	3		2	25	150	2	6000		1200
14 Galena.....	28	162		3	17	4	3	24	137	3	10000		1200
15 Golts.....	5	44	1	2	38		2	14	130	2	1600		
16 Greensboro.....	10	234		3	14		1	22	210	1	12000		2000
17 Henderson.....	14	85			2		3	30	170	3	2500		
18 Hillsboro.....	15	180		1	5		3	40	250	4	8000		1510
19 Kent Island.....	42	255		1	15		4	40	345	3	6000		2000
20 Kenton.....	9	188	2	2	21		3	22	140	3	4500		1800
21 Maryland.....	130	277	1	4	18	5	4	56	230	4	5000		1500
22 Middletown.....	10	305		4	19	4	1	29	150	1	10000		3000
23 Millington.....	4	116		2	4		1	14	62	1	8000		2000
24 Neavitt.....	2	29			1		1	6	38	1	800		
25 Odessa.....	5	148			23		1	15	125	1	7000		2000
26 Oxford.....	114	136		3	8		1	26	135	1	5000		
27 Piney Neck.....	30	26		1	19		1	9	109	1	2000		800
28 Pomona.....	2	121			2		2	30	150	2	3500		1500
29 Queenstown.....	32	190		4	25		3	36	275	3	6000		
30 Ridgley.....	9	165		2	20		1	18	145	1	6000		1500
31 Rock Hall.....		156	1	2	8		1	39	490	1	9000		2000
32 Royal Oak.....	6	62		4	12		4	24	150	4	5000		2000
33 St. Michaels.....	5	300		10	5		1	48	300	1	20000		1600
34 Smyrna.....	50	480	3	3	10	2	2	56	400	3	21000		4000
35 Smyrna Circuit.....	79	195		1	23	14	3	42	290	3	8500		1200
36 Still Pond.....	10	117			7		1	20	200	1	7000		2000
37 Sudlersville.....	18	212		1	14		3	35	200	3	10300		2500
38 Tilghman's Island.....	6	134		1	17		2	20	225	2	4500		1500
39 Townsend.....	36	273		1	18	1	3	32	267	3	14000		2000
40 Trappe.....		125		4	9		3	33	126	3	4000		1500
41 Wye.....	12	100		1			2	25	100	2	3000		1000
Total.....	943	6933	12	97	559	41	84	1197	8001	85	294400	34	64810

TABLES.

Easton District, No. 2.

Church Property.	Sunday Schools.															
	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of All Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in the Home Department.	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. of Epworth Leagues.	No. Ep. L. Members.	Junior Leagues.	Junior League Mem- bers.
1	\$ 75			1	23	118	70		25		6	\$ 28	1	25	1	23
2				1	7	54	45		4			12	1	31		
3				1	300	63	40					50				
4		200		2	29	210	150		75	4		65				
5		150		1	32	215	123		32	137	32	65				
6		322		1	45	339	150		45		25	93		102	1	67
7				2	44	240	175	14	44	110	23	80		122	1	50
8		800		4	21	275	140		55	90	30	60		78	1	51
9		200		1	21	224	113		21	44	5	50				
10		325	900	3	35	225	150		35	225	10	50				38
11		180		3	30	185	125		30	60	4	75	3	60		
12		250		1	34	244	129		34	150	18	94	1	150	1	60
13		1200		2	25	150	100		25	75	14	60	1	25		
14				3	24	137	65		24	41	16	20	1	48	1	32
15				2	14	130	100		14			56				
16	6000			1	22	210	110		22	60		75	1	80	1	30
17				3	30	170	125		30		9	28	1	15		
18	375	170		3	40	250	175		38	91	10	100	1	40	1	25
19				4	40	345	230		38		8	76	1	30	1	27
20				3	22	140	90	24	22	70	5	80	1	40		
21	335			4	56	230	130		56	160	90	97	3	90	1	30
22	100			1	29	150	100		29		3	75	1	80	1	25
23	100	115	211	1	14	62	56		115	50	4	37				
24			75	1	6	38	22		6	17		10	1	25	1	22
25	200	100	300	1	15	125	80	10	14	75	1	75	1	45	1	30
26	50			1	26	135	103	21	24	87	33	79	1	55	1	50
27	52			1	9	109	70		9		25	24				
28	30			2	30	150	85		28	54	1	70				
29				3	36	275	175		36	95	15	55	3	125	1	38
30	501			1	18	145	90		18	50	6	80	1	35	1	45
31	61	674	721	1	3	400	287		34			135	1	46		
32	50	25	150	4	24	150	115		20	45	6	45	2	25		
33	300	600	775	1	48	300	225		48	150	2	150	1	150	1	57
34	1250			2	56	400	220	35	54	265	35	240	1	95	1	65
35			600	3	42	290	215		180	40	31	90	1	26		
36	50			1	20	200	100		20	85	7	76	1	90	1	35
37	600			3	35	200	120		34	90	10	60	1	50		
38	500	80	250	2	20	225	185		19			50	1	40		
39	100		3000	3	32	267	119	35	32	95	23	99	2	65	2	75
40	56			3	33	126	60		33	40		45	1	25		
41		110	75	2	25	100	60		25		3	30	1	30		
Total.....	14083	3579	8307	84	1197	8001	5027	239	1408	2626	514	2967	46	2143	22	865

STATISTICAL

Salisbury 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 Annessex	7	110	5	4	2	14	90	2	\$ 3500	1	\$ 500			
2 Asbury	35	465	8	20	1	33	454	1	10000	1	2800			
3 Berlin	12	227	2	14	3	24	150	3	3500					
4 Berlin Circuit	42	100	3		3	26	260	3	2500					
5 Bethel	6	245	1	3	3	30	126	2	7000	1	1000			
6 Bishopville	16	108		6	1	18	175	1	4300	1	1800			
7 Cape Charles	23	95		5	2	80	200	2	4000	1	1800			
8 Chincoteague		90	1	1	2	39	440	1	10000	1	1500			
9 Chrisfield	70	460	1	6	16	59	200	2	2000					
10 Chesconessex	8	175		15	2	31	275	2	7000	1	1200			
11 Deal's Island	34	197	4	15	2	31	420	1	6000	1	2000			
12 Delmar	81	235	3	8	1	36	400	2	12000	1	2000			
13 Fairmount	10	490	1	8	10	2	48	400	4	12000	1	2000		
14 Frankford	41	450	15	18	4	56	450	4	5200	1	1300			
15 Fruitland	8	291	1	4	21	4	40	289	4	6900	4	2800		
16 Girdletree	20	235	1	5	4	40	300	4	2800	1	1000			
17 Gumboro	20	150	1	10	9	5	4	40	300	4	2800	1	1000	
18 Holland's Island	10	64		2	1	11	90	1	1250	1	700			
19 Laurel	48	345	4	15	1	30	450	1	10000	1	5000			
20 Mardela Springs	16	98	1	1	3	18	130	3	2140					
21 Marion	8	104	2	15	2	20	130	2	5000	1	2000			
22 Millsboro	48	360	1	10	4	40	400	4	4800	1	1000			
23 Mt. Pleasant	45	286	5	7	3	35	430	3	4000	1	1200			
24 Mt. Vernon	14	260	3	8	2	37	262	2	6000	1	700			
25 Nanticoke	20	345	2	5	11	4	44	300	4	11000	1	1000		
26 Newark	10	180	1	15	1	3	35	230	3	6000	1	1000		
27 Onancock	9	167	1	5	2	23	173	2	4000	1	2000			
28 Parsonsbury	30	405	4	12	16	4	44	340	4	4500	1	1500		
29 Pocomoke City	25	224	7	7	1	24	300	1	20000	1	2500			
30 Pocomoke Circuit	9	90	1	10	3	20	120	4	2500	1	600			
31 Powellville	31	306	1	2	4	38	229	4	2800	1	1200			
32 Princess Anne	4	117	4	8	2	13	140	1	4500	1	4500			
33 Quantico	4	208	2	16	3	4	44	300	4	5000	1	1000		
34 Riverside	7	60		40	3	16	125	3	1500					
35 Roxana	7	224	1	1	2	32	230	2	3500	1	800			
36 Ocean View	21	211	4	4	2	1	37	275	1	4000				
37 St. Peters	20	306	10	15	3	40	390	3	6008	1	1500			
38 Salisbury	30	361	2	4	5	1	32	325	1	3000	1	6000		
39 Selbyville	8	215	9	20	2	20	260	2	4000	1	1000			
40 Sharptown	13	227	1	5	2	1	29	250	1	2000	1	1200		
41 Smith's Island	21	220	3	22	3	40	325	3	5500	1	1000			
42 Snow Hill	16	208	2	7	1	21	136	1	20000	1	2000			
43 Somerset	8	204	4	12	2	37	302	3	8000	1	1500			
44 Stockton	61	186	1		3	45	350	3	7500	1	1500			
45 Tangier	70	450	1	5	35	2	35	700	1	11000	1	1500		
46 Westover	3	85	1		2	20	105	2	2500	1	1200			
47 Whitesville	71	429	6	23	5	4	50	669	4	7500	1	1200		
TOTALS	1122	11063	18	164	586	45	112	1455	13205	111	314190	39	65000	

TABLES.

Salisbury 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 Member; or Probationers.	Scholars, Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday School Converted During the Year.	Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books etc.	No. Epworth Leagues.	No. Ep. L. Members.	Junior League Members.	
1	\$ 200	\$ 110	\$ 300	2	14	90	75	14	7	7	\$ 25					
2	325			1	33	454	250	159	7	25	111	1	250	1	195	
3	175			1	27	210	125	27	120	9	75	1	75	1	40	
4	552			3	24	150	85	24	95	22	28	1	20			
5	100			3	26	260	150	20	3	3	60					
6				2	18	126	80	18	18	6	30					
7	300			1	18	175	140	18	75	20	90	1	30	1	45	
8				2	30	200	150	30	30	25	75					
9	90			2	39	440	300	39	200	39	255					
10	60			2	15	200	125	15								
11	220	395		2	31	275	175	30		40	38	1	63	1	40	
12	1000			1	36	420	198	36	45	145	65	1	50	1	20	
13				2	38	400	225	38	180	25	80	1	90	1	30	
14		100		4	56	450	267	50	41	400	2	90	1	30		
15	75	142		4	40	289	162	37	90	1	25	1	67			
16	400			4	40	300	150	38	110	15	100	2	70	1	30	
17	50			4	40	300	150	40	150	12	75	1	52			
18	21	17		1	11	90	75	11	21	13	35	1	20			
19	507			1	30	450	200	30	30	30	130	1	93	1	40	
20	140	78	66	3	18	130	95	18	55	11	18					
21	0	20		2	20	130	70	12	45	5	50					
22	200	132	400	4	40	400	215	40	14	107	2	60				
23	305			3	35	430	210	35	225	40	120					
24	400	152		2	37	262	100	37	6	110	1	35				
25	630			4	44	300	160	44	160	18	120	2	80	1	20	
26	75	85		3	35	230	75	35	125	7	50	1	30	1	25	
27	100			2	23	173	100	19		2	62					
28	133			4	44	346	172	44	217	5	65	1	45	1	25	
29	9000	8000		1	24	300	160	24	90		150	1	70	1	61	
30	10			3	20	120	100	20		8	35					
31		75	85	4	38	229	185	38		16	43					
32	100	652	200	1	13	140	70	13		54	1	56	1	41		
33	400			4	44	300	175	44	150	7	50	4	100	2	50	
34			150	3	16	125	90	15		6	25					
35	13			2	32	230	140	32		6	30	1	40			
36	69			1	37	275	175	37		5	55					
37	80	40		3	40	390	190	40	160	15	85					
38				1	32	325	142	31	175		215	1	60	1	55	
39	100			2	20	260	110	20		5	75					
40	460	24	128	1	29	250	125	25	29	93	5	75	1	65	1	50
41	110	400	300	3	40	325	230	34		18	50					
42	150	175		1	21	136	81	21	56	14	120					
43		500	2000	2	37	302	180	44	14	3	92					
44	200	250		3	45	350	175	45	150	30	75	1	50			
45	200	675		2	35	700	575	35	420	80	250	1	56			
46	30			2	20	105	70	17		7	50					
47	30		150	4	50	669	423	50	540	40	120					
TOTALS	16138	4033	12670	112	1455	13205	7675	45	1547	3748	723	3933	32	1627	17	767

STATISTICAL

Wilmington 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 Bethel.....	30	102	2	5	10	1	2	24	143		\$ 8600	1	\$ 2500
2 Charlestown.....	4	87		2	7	1	2	18	100		5000	1	1200
3 Cherry Hill.....	6	168		4	26	3	3	25	190		6700	1	2000
4 Chesapeake City.....	40	223	1	2	23	4	1	16	115		10800		
5 Chester.....	9	142	1	1	8	1	1	16	185		12000	1	2000
6 Christiana.....		56	1	1	4	1	2	18	100		10000	1	1000
7 Claymont.....		23		2	1	1	1	10	47		6500	1	1500
8 Colora.....		94		9	9	2	1	10	65		4500		
9 Delaware City.....	1	108		3	6	3	1	16	117		11000	1	2000
10 Ebenezer.....	20	142	1	2	17		2	35	350		4000	1	1500
11 Elk Neck.....	14	83		2	10	1	2	22	100		3000	1	1050
12 Elkton.....	18	390		2	22	6	6	82	599		12000	1	5000
13 Hockessin.....		39			2	1	2	11	55		2000	1	1000
14 Hopewell.....	8	128		3	4		2	33	165		6500	1	2000
15 Kirkwood.....	3	18	1		1	8	1	8	26		1400		
16 Marshallton.....	3	100	2		10	1	1	17	117		2725		
17 Mt. Lebanon.....	19	131		4	6	1	1	9	80		5060		
18 Mt. Pleasant.....	20	90	3	1	5	1	2	21	164		3000	1	2500
19 Newark.....	12	140		3	7	1	1	21	243		19000	1	3000
20 New Castle.....	8	244	2	2	29	2	1	29	240		18000	1	3500
21 Newport.....	7	136	1	2	1	2	1	26	276		4000	1	2000
22 North East.....	74	204	1	7	24	1	2	36	271		17400	1	1500
23 Perryville.....	19	115		1	25	1	1	28	176		10000	1	3000
24 Port Deposit.....	6	236		2	11		1	39	202		63000	1	2000
25 Port Penn.....	1	60	1	2			1	12	50		2000		
26 Red Lion.....	8	100		2	29	2	3	30	185		9000	1	1500
27 Rising Sun.....	2	227	1	3	3	6	2	26	160		10000	1	2000
28 St. Georges.....		81			3		1	17	100		5000	1	2000
29 St. Johns.....	14	155	2		2	1	1	14	125		4500	1	2200
30 Stanton.....		64		6			1	18	120		1500		
31 Town Point.....	3	81		2			2	18	74		1000		
32 Zion.....	6	365		7			4	74	375		13500	1	1600
33 Wilmington-Asbury.....	148	857	1	6	13	4	1	44	548		50000	1	3000
34 Brandywine.....	3	375	3	3	10	2	3	60	700		18000	1	3000
35 Cookman.....		170	2	1	20		1	20	181		10900		
36 East Lake.....	7	66	1		8		1	20	150		1000		
37 Elsmere.....	3	12		1			1	9	32		2500		
38 Epworth.....	29	290	2		20	3	1	30	347		25000	1	3000
39 Grace.....	22	762	1	9	7	6	1	69	729		200000	1	15000
40 Harrison St.....	7	322	2	4	10	2	1	56	504		27000		
41 Kingswood.....	34	144			30	4	1	31	298		14000		450
42 Trinity.....	2	25	1		3		1	11	52				
43 Madeley.....	6	148	1	1	25		1	30	300		400		
44 Mt. Salem.....	34	285	4	2	23	2	2	52	554		35000	1	2000
45 St Paul.....	25	635	1	5	1	6	1	55	560		6000	1	4000
46 Scott.....	67	300		2	30	5	1	38	450		20000	1	5500
47 Silverbrook.....	6	121		1	6		1	28	267		24000	1	3900
48 Union.....	26	640	3	5	12	4	2	64	700		35000	1	7000
49 Wesley.....	57	235	2	10		1	1	46	379		10000	1	2000
Total.....	860	9668	45	112	539	76	76	1442	11986	66	823025	33	96100
Conference Total.....	4143	37746	101	499	2258	218	391	5741	44351	887	1774215	147	291410

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 Leagues.	Junior League Mem- bers.
1 Bethel.....	\$ 15	\$ 75	\$ 306	2	24	143	81	24	71	7	\$ 71	2	65			
2 Charlestown.....	463		425	2	18	100	65	18	15	4	27	1	23			
3 Cherry Hill.....	130			3	25	190	110	44	25	1	88	1	60			
4 Chesapeake City.....	80	14		3	16	115	162	16	61	1	48	1	35			
5 Chester.....	100	200		1	16	135	85	16	15		105	1	30			
6 Christiana.....	1494	51	2188	1	18	100	75	18			40	1				
7 Claymont.....				1	10	47	30				37		22			
8 Colora.....				1	10	65	50		10		15					
9 Delaware City.....				1	16	117	66		15	1	109	1	81			
10 Ebenezer.....		391	125	2	35	350	185		95	15	65	1	38			
11 Elk Neck.....	130			2	22	100	70		22	30	30	1	27			34
12 Elkton.....	5			6	82	509	350	25	74	12	388	1	100			116
13 Hockessin.....	110			2	11	55	40		10	6	20					
14 Hopewell.....	10	90	30	2	33	165	40		33	15	20					
15 Kirkwood.....		150		2	8	26	20		8	15	18	1	55			
16 Marshallton.....				1	17	117	26		8		18					
17 Mt. Lebanon.....				1	9	80	17		6	1	60					
18 Mt. Pleasant.....	17	113		1	21	164	35		9	31	7	1	40			
19 Newark.....				2	16	80	60		17	6	80					
20 New Castle.....	18			1	21	243	80		21	86	2	100	1	50		
21 Newport.....	19	4590	1000	1	29	243	135		19	5	266					
22 North East.....	20	250	300	1	26	230	110	3	29	98	4	95	1	50	1	46
23 Perryville.....	21	171		1	36	276	119	20	23	50	120	1	50			
24 Port Deposit.....	22		1580	2	27	107	107		32	90	44	76	1	30	1	78
25 Port Penn.....	23	217	58	1	28	156	102		27	25	15	169	1	21	1	86
26 Red Lion.....	24	373	906	1	39	202	145		37	42	2	155	1	77	1	73
27 Rising Sun.....	25			1	12	50	40		7	14	15	18	1	40		
28 St. Georges.....	26	70	160	3	30	185	75		30	75	4	30				
29 St. Johns.....	27	124	100	2	26	160	110		26	85	24	92	1	65	1	42
30 Stanton.....	28	75		1	17	100	40		10		40					
31 Town Point.....	29	25	95	1	14	125	60		14		4	35	1	60		
32 Zion.....	30	112		2	18	120	80		18	30	7	30				
33 Wilmington-Asbury.....	31	125		1	18	74	54		18	34	4	30	1	37	1	23
34 Brandywine.....	32	280	100	4	74	375	195		74	6	95	3	125			
35 Cookman.....	33	340	1000	1	44	548	315	12	43	180	5	243	1	300	1	100
36 East Lake.....	34		1800	3	60	700	450	100	60	300	4	250	1	80	1	100
37 Elsmere.....	35	400	50	1	20	181	145		20		30	1	75	1	65	
38 Epworth.....	36	95		2	20	150	130		20		20	30	1	40		
39 Grace.....	37	500		1	9	32	20		7		10					
40 Harrison St.....	38		2500	1	30	347	282	30	29	109	16	220	1	60	1	40
41 Kingswood.....	39	400	6000	1	69	729	446	28			480	1	100	1	40	
42 Trinity.....	40	140	8200	1	56	504	268		56		14	305	1	100	1	45
43 Madeley.....	41	277	3350	1	31	298	170		27	20	5	215				
44 Mt. Salem.....	42		40	1	11	52	40		11	25	1	25				
45 St Paul.....	43			1	30	300	150	4	27	20	1	140	1	40	1	60
46 Scott.....	44	122	1209	2	52	554	305		52	47	35	305	1	82	1	60
47 Silverbrook.....	45	500		1	55	560	342	45	54	225	20	410				
48 Union.....	46	3327	173	1	38	450	350		38	175	40	499	1	100	1	125
49 Wesley.....	47	108	75	1	24	267	144	43	26	50	6	232	1	50	1	30
Total.....	48	100	1000	2	64	700	327	36	64	30	20	364	1	160	1	76
Conference Total.....	49			1	46	379	270	58	46	100	40	197	1	40	1	75
Total.....	14756	10834	46491	76	1442	11986	7153	448	1288	2497	468	6437	38	2818	22	1394
Conference Total.....	618872	21606	75423	391	5741	44351	28927	1066	5825	12109	2373	16796	154	8063	75	3800

STATISTICAL

Wilmington District, No. 3.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	Pastors Support.						Sup't of Presid Elders	Supp' of Bish-ops.	Total Support: Pastors, Pre-siding Elders and Bishops			
		Claims.			Receipts.								
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.				Deficiencies.		
1 Bethel	W. P. Taylor	\$ 680	\$ 100	780	\$ 680	\$ 100	780	\$ 24	\$ 24	\$ 6	\$ 6	\$ 790	
2 Charlestown	T. N. Given	600	100	700	550	100	650	50	20	20	20	675	
3 Cherry Hill	T. B. Hunter	600	120	720	600	120	720	30	30	30	30	758	
4 Chesape'ke Cy	E. H. Dashiell	750	90	840	750	90	840	28	28	28	28	874	
5 Chester	J. T. Prouse	600	100	700	600	100	700	30	30	10	10	740	
6 Christiana	L. P. Karholsten	500	100	600	600	545	100	645	20	15	15	660	
7 Claymont	T. H. Harding	300	300	182	182	118	10	5	2	1	1	188	
8 Colora	J. M. Collins	400	60	460	400	60	460	16	16	2	2	478	
9 Delaware City	O. E. Jones	700	125	825	700	125	825	30	30	10	10	865	
10 Ebenezer	W. T. Hammond	800	98	898	800	98	898	30	30	6	6	932	
11 Elk Neck	I. M. S. VanBlunk	500	100	600	500	100	600	10	10	4	4	614	
12 Elkton	T. E. Martindale	1100	225	1325	1100	225	1325	68	68	15	15	1408	
13 Hockessin	W. W. White	425	100	525	425	100	525	20	20	6	6	550	
14 Hopewell	F. X. Moore	700	100	800	700	100	800	30	30	8	8	888	
15 Kirkwood	S. O. Gibbons	100	100	100	100	100	8	8	1	1	1	108	
16 Marshallton	G. W. Burke	500	84	584	453	84	537	47	10	5	5	552	
17 Mt. Lebanon	G. W. Dawson	720	100	820	720	100	820	28	28	6	6	854	
18 Mt. Pleasant	J. M. Lindale	650	200	850	650	200	850	30	30	9	9	889	
19 Newark	E. C. Atkins	850	200	1050	850	200	1050	40	40	14	14	1104	
20 New Castle	W. O. Prettyman	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	60	60	10	10	1270	
21 Newport	W. O. Hurst	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	40	40	12	12	1052	
22 North East	H. A. G. Wester'd	800	120	920	800	120	920	40	40	10	10	370	
23 Perryville	W. E. Greenfield	700	132	832	700	132	832	24	24	6	6	862	
24 Port Deposit	V. S. Collins	1400	200	1600	1600	200	1800	100	100	20	20	1800	
25 Port Penn	J. H. Wingate	300	300	300	300	300	300	24	24	6	6	730	
26 Red Lion	F. E. McKinsey	600	100	700	600	100	700	40	40	10	10	1016	
27 Rising Sun	J. P. Otis	800	150	950	816	150	966	25	25	5	5	830	
28 St. Georges	O. L. Martin	650	150	800	650	150	800	25	25	5	5	830	
29 St. Johns	J. E. Gallagher	700	120	820	700	120	820	24	24	7	7	851	
30 Stanton	C. D. Sharpless	800	800	300	300	300	10	10	2	2	2	312	
31 Town Point	W. G. Harris	425	50	475	425	50	475	10	10	10	10	485	
32 Zion	J. M. Mitchell	800	125	925	800	125	925	50	50	10	10	985	
33 Wil.-Asbury	T. L. Poulson	1500	400	1900	1500	400	1900	160	160	25	25	2085	
34 Brandywine	H. C. Turner	1000	800	1800	1000	800	1800	60	60	15	15	1875	
35 Cookman	C. N. Jones	750	750	750	750	750	24	24	5	5	779		
36 East Lake	J. H. Gray	300	300	300	300	300	8	8	2	2	310		
37 Elsmere	W. H. Billany	200	200	200	200	200	60	60	15	15	1275		
38 Epworth	A. W. Lightbourn	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	264	264	65	65	4329	
39 Grace	W. W. King	3000	1000	4000	3000	1000	4000	72	72	10	10	1657	
40 Harrison St.	J. W. Easley	1200	375	1575	1200	375	1575	24	24	5	5	889	
41 Kingswood	L. I. McDougle	900	208	1108	655	208	863	24	24	5	5	889	
42 Trinity	J. T. Scott	700	144	844	700	144	844	24	24	6	6	874	
43 Madeley	E. E. White	1100	120	1220	1100	120	1220	70	70	15	15	1305	
44 Mt. Salem	F. F. Carpenter	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	136	136	23	23	1859	
45 St. Pauls	W. L. Murray	1200	250	1450	1200	250	1450	72	72	15	15	1537	
46 Scott	R. K. Stephenson	700	800	1000	700	800	1000	28	28	10	10	1038	
47 Silverbrook	H. S. Thompson	1400	600	2000	1400	600	2000	140	140	25	25	2165	
48 Union	R. H. Adams	900	180	1080	900	180	1080	20	20	10	10	1110	
49 Wesley	Asbury Burke	3780	7924	45704	37581	7924	45505	211	2091	2081	468	461	48047
Total		130432	21958	152390	128771	21958	150729	2120	7816	7680	1548	1476	158885
Conf Total.													

TABLES.

Wilmington District, No. 4.

Cur't Exp's.	Benevolent Collections.														
	Missions				S. S. Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and South-ern Education Society.	Education.		Woman's Home Missionary Socy.	Missionary Socy.	Conf. Education Socy.	Domestic Missions.	Phila. Hosp'ial.	General Col. f. r. encc. Exp.
	(a) Church.	(b) Sunday School.	Special Gifts.	Total.				Conf. Academy.	(b) Children's Fund.						
Conference Cl. mants.	\$ 29	\$ 51	\$ 80	\$ 7	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 10	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 2	
Endowment Fund.	17	69	88	8	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Church Sexton, Light, Fuel, e. c.	39	41	80	8	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	55	45	110	6	2	2	2	12	5	2	2	1	1	1	
(a) Church.	18	7	18	7	1	1	1	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	
(b) Sunday School.	34	36	75	4	1	1	1	14	4	2	1	1	1	1	
Special Gifts.	25	25	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Total.	40	5	45	3	1	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	
Board of Church Extension.	34	5	75	4	1	1	1	14	4	2	1	1	1	1	
(a) Church	10	20	120	65	1	1	1	2	4	5	2	2	1	1	
(b) Sunday School	11	15	60	30	1	1	1	3	19	5	2	2	1	1	
Tract Society.	12	100	5	295	388	25	380	405	20	6	8	15	10	11	
Freedmen's Aid and South-ern Education Society.	13	7	10	20	40	40	40	40	3	2	1	1	1	1	
Conf. Academy.	14	25	124	20	12	58	70	5	1	2	1	1	1	1	
(b) Children's Fund.	15	2	18	5	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	
American Bible Society.	16	15	80	60	40	40	40	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Woman's Foreign Mis-sionary Society.	17	20	7	133	40	90	10	100	8	2	3	65	2	2	
(a) Cash	18	35	175	100	29	86	115	9	2	1	3	12	12	3	
(b) Supplies	19	40	295	266	7	108	115	1	1	1	1	15	4	1	
Woman's Home Missionary Socy.	20	40	1035	95	10	120	130	10	2	2	3	5	2	1	
Missionary Socy.	21	40	8	190	26	124	15	165	6	1	1	4	10	3	
Conf. Education Socy.	22	40	250	76	8	54	62	1	1	1	1	16	1	1	
Domestic Missions.	23	20	280	169	10	55	65	10	2	2	5	7	2	3	
Phila. Hosp'ial.	24	153	14	1329	155	63	237	45	345	10	3	10	15	12	
General Col. f. r. encc. Exp.	25	15	45	18	15	5	20	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	26	15	190	30	23	42	65	6	1	1	3	12	3	1	
	27	30	2	413	92	85	65	15	165	11	2	2	4	19	
	28	15	175	40	27	27	54	2	5	2	4	19	18	2	
	29	20	150	85	15	59	65	5	2	3	5	3	3	1	
	30	8	87	30	3	25	3	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	
	31	3	26	30	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	
	32	40	165	95	105	85	190	5	1	1	3	4	2	1	
	33	85	1440	213	50	240	290	30	4	2	5	15	6	2	
	34	65	400	250	40	160	230	15	2	3	6	10	10	4	
	35	10	426	30	10	10	20	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	
	36	5	60	30	10	10	20	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	
	37	2	157	10	10	10	20	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	
	38	25	103	220	25	50	75	5	1	1	5	10	5	2	
	39	600	3700	430	551	1009	1560	162	10	20	40	45	26	20	
	40	40	1125	305	104	196	300	20	4	4	10	10	5	5	
	41	2	457	215	40	40	40	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	
	42		25	25	20	30	50	2	1	1	2	5	2		

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR 1905.

1 Church Membership.	THIS YEAR.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
Probationers	4,143	204	
Full Members.....	37,746		81
Deaths.....	499		23
2 Sunday School.			
Number of Schools.....	391	8	
Number of Officers and Teachers	5,741	138	
Number of Scholars	44,351	513	
3 Church Property.			
Number of Churches.....	380		3
Probable Value.....	\$1,773,615	\$44,965	
Number of Parsonages.....	146		2
Probable Value.....	\$290,910	\$8,531	
Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.....	\$61,887		\$5,677
Paid on Old Debts.....	\$21,605		\$7,829
Present Indebtedness.....	\$75,243		\$2,137
4 Ministerial Support.			
Paid Pastors and House Rent.....	\$128,621	\$1,466	
Deficiencies	\$2,270	\$1,238	
Paid Presiding Elders	\$7,680	\$49	
Paid Bishops.....	\$1,477		\$30
Paid Conf. Claimants (collections only)	\$6,521	\$56	
5 Benevolent Collections.			
Missions.....	\$24,520		\$753
Church Extension.....	\$1,497		\$62
Sunday School Union	\$363		\$3
Tract Society.....	\$356		\$526
Freedman's Aid and So. Ed. Society...	\$850		\$98
Conference Academy.....	\$2,648		\$189
Children's Fund.....	\$617		\$15
American Bible Society.....	\$547	\$3	
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society...	\$2,606		\$54
Woman's Home Missionary Society.....	\$2,813		\$371
Conference Education Society.....	\$227	\$42	
Domestic Missions.....	\$848	\$121	
Philadelphia Hospital.....	\$379	\$90	
6 Epworth League.			
Number of Senior Leagues.....	154		6
Number of Senior League Members.....	8,063		633
Number of Junior Leagues.....	75		5
Number of Junior League Members.....	3,600		51

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

37th 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.
WILMINGTON, DEL., March 15th, 1905.

Dover District.

Beckwith.....	J. D. Reese	\$ 75
Bridgeville.....	W. R. Mowbray.....	110
Burrsville.....	W. S. H. Williams.....	75
Cambridge.....	E. C. Macnichol.....	250
Camden.....	W. P. Compton.....	110
Canterbury.....	E. C. Sunfield.....	75
Church Creek.....	T. H. Jones.....	60
Crapo.....	A. A. Bichell.....	200
Denton.....	J. T. Richardson.....	125
Dover, Wesley.....	L. E. Barrett.....	530
" Armory.....	J. H. Mitchell.....	40
East New Market.....	F. J. Cochran.....	80
Ellendale.....	E. B. Taylor.....	80
Elliott's Island.....	G. S. Thomas.....	65
Farmington.....	J. W. Talley.....	100
Federalsburg.....	T. S. Holt.....	125
Felton.....	E. H. Nelson.....	130
Frederica.....	Wm. Cashmore.....	170
Galestown.....	J. A. Buckson.....	100
Georgetown.....	H. T. Quigg.....	250
Georgetown Circuit.....	Harry Taylor.....	65
Greenwood.....	L. W. Layfield.....	155
Harrington.....	J. H. Beauchamp.....	150
Hoopers Island.....		
Houston.....	J. H. Wilson.....	100
Hurlock.....	G. W. Townsend.....	145
Lakesville.....	J. S. Bozman.....	40
Leipsic.....	W. W. Johnson.....	20
Lewes.....	T. A. H. O'Brien.....	300
Lincoln.....	J. W. Gray.....	70
Little Creek.....	W. H. Hudson.....	22
Magnolia.....	I. G. Fosnocht.....	81
Milford.....	G. P. Jones.....	475

Milton	L. P. Corkran	150
Nassau	C. W. Strickland	100
Preston	A. Green	75
Salem	D. H. Willis	60
Seaford	W. A. Wise	250
Seaford Circuit	J. L. Johnson	180
Vienna	W. N. Conway	60
Williamsburg	H. B. Kelso	75
Williston	S. P. Shipman	160
Wyoming	G. P. Smith	80
Zoar	T. S. Barrett	45

Total..... 5608

Easton District.

Bayside	H. E. Truitt	50
Betterton	A. C. Jones	32
Bozman	D. J. Ford	32
Cecilton	W. F. Dawson	200
Centreville	H. G. Budd	200
Chestertown	W. L. White	280
Cheswold	A. W. Goodhand	140
Church Hill	W. C. Poole	100
Clayton	V. P. Northrup	60
Cordova	J. W. Prettyman	75
Crumpton	J. A. Arters	70
Easton	E. P. Roberts	250
Fairlee	W. E. Hubbard	75
Galena	T. C. Smoot	135
Golts	C. K. Morris	20
Greensboro	E. L. Hoffecker	125
Henderson	W. V. Harris	20
Hillsboro	D. J. Givan	125
Kent Island	F. C. McSorley	130
Kenton	D. F. McFaul	90
Marydel	E. H. Collins	140
Middletown	C. T. Wyatt	450
Millington	Edwin Gardner	80
Neavitt	D. J. Ford	40
Odessa	J. M. Arters	130
Oxford	W. T. Lewis	61
Piney Neck	G. S. Conaway	20
Pomona	Milton McCann	75
Queenstown	W. E. Gunby	78
Ridgely	G. R. Ellis	90
Rock Hall	Warren Burr	106
Royal Oak	O. T. Baynard	35

St. Michaels	G. W. Bounds	250
Smyrna	Robert Watt	570
Smyrna Circuit	Albert Chandler	118
Still Pond	T. F. Beauchamp	130
Sudlersville	W. O. Bennet	120
Tilghman's Island	J. R. Cannon	50
Townsend	J. W. Jones	134
Trappe	Robert Roe	70
Wye	Daniel Wilson	60

Total..... 5016

Salisbury District.

Annessex	F. I. Mumford	55
Asbury	H. S. Dulany	340
Berlin	G. C. Williams	105
Berlin Circuit	J. L. Derrickson	35
Bethel	E. N. Cantwell	75
Bishopville	H. J. Heineman	51
Cape Charles	J. P. Outten	85
Chincoteague	W. B. Guthrie	70
Crisfield	S. N. Pilchard	300
Chesconessix	J. F. Ayres	46
Deal's Island	W. W. Sharp	225
Delmar	Z. H. Webster	200
Fairmount	R. T. Coursey	215
Frankford	G. R. Neese	150
Fruitland	C. H. Williams	110
Girdletree	J. H. Goeghegan	150
Gumboro	V. E. Hills	150
Holland's Island	J. W. Briscoe	45
Laurel	T. E. Terry	262
Mardella Springs	P. P. Truitt	30
Marion	J. H. Gardner	65
Millsboro	L. R. Janney	35
Mount Pleasant	G. E. Wood	100
Mount Vernon	G. W. Hastings	100
Nanticoke	E. H. Derrickson	210
Newark	W. E. Matthews	80
Onancock	W. R. Hirons	115
Parsonsborg	J. A. Brewington	100
Pocomoke City	L. E. Poole	100
Pocomoke Circuit	W. R. McFarlane	40
Powellville	Howard Davis	80
Princess Anne	J. W. Colona	100
Quantico	J. W. Fogle	100
Riverside	W. F. Atkinson	10

Roxana.....	W. H. Kenney.....	95
Ocean View.....	J. E. Graham.....	95
St. Peter's.....	M. D. Nutter.....	242
Salisbury.....	C. A. Hill.....	500
Selbyville.....	F. N. Faulkner.....	95
Sharptown.....	J. F. Anderson.....	85
Smith's Island.....	F. E. Bloxton.....	200
Snow Hill.....	G. T. Alderson.....	182
Somerset.....	W. R. Gwinn.....	75
Stockton.....	E. H. Miller.....	226
Tangier.....	T. R. Vandyke.....	400
Westover.....	R. H. Lewis.....	40
Whitesville.....	G. L. Hardesty.....	200

Wilmington District.

Total..... 6316

Bethel.....	W. P. Taylor.....	80
Charlestown.....	N. Given.....	38
Cherry Hill.....	T. B. Hunter.....	80
Chesapeake City.....	E. H. Dashiell.....	80
Chester.....	J. T. Prouse.....	110
Christiana.....	L. P. Karholsen.....	25
Claymont.....	T. H. Harding.....	25
Colora.....	J. M. Collins.....	45
Delaware City.....	O. E. Jones.....	75
Ebenezer.....	W. T. Hammond.....	53
Elk Neck.....	J. M. S. Van Blunk.....	40
Elkton.....	T. E. Martindale.....	405
Hockessin.....	W. W. White.....	40
Hopewell.....	F. X. Moore.....	70
Kirkwood.....	S. O. Gibbon.....	5
Marshallton.....	G. W. Burke.....	40
Mount Lebanon.....	G. W. Dawson.....	100
Mount Pleasant.....	J. M. Lindale.....	115
Newark.....	E. C. Atkins.....	115
New Castle.....	C. W. Prettyman.....	130
Newport.....	W. O. Hurst.....	165
North East.....	H. A. G. Westerfield.....	62
Perryville.....	W. E. Greenfield.....	65
Port Deposit.....	V. S. Collins.....	335
Port Penn.....	J. H. Wingate.....	20
Red Lion.....	F. E. McKinsey.....	65
Rising Sun.....	J. P. Otis.....	165
St. Georges.....	O. L. Martin.....	54
St. John's.....	J. E. Gallagher.....	65
Stanton.....	C. D. Sharpless.....	25
Town Point.....	W. G. Harris.....	3

Zion.....	J. M. Mitchell.....	190
Wilmington:		
Asbury.....	T. L. Poulson.....	290
Brandywine.....	H. C. Turner.....	200
Cookman.....	C. N. Jones.....	65
Eastlake.....	J. H. Gray.....	20
Elsmere.....	Wm. H. Billany.....	10
Epworth.....	A. W. Lightbourne.....	75
Grace.....	W. W. King.....	1560
Harrison Street.....	J. W. Easley.....	300
Kingswood.....	L. I. McDougle.....	40
Madeley.....	E. E. White.....	50
Mount Salem.....	F. F. Carpenter.....	495
St. Paul's.....	W. L. S. Murray.....	700
Scott.....	R. K. Stephenson.....	275
Silverbrook.....	H. S. Thompson.....	65
Union.....	R. H. Adams.....	470
Wesley.....	Asbury Burke.....	70

Total..... 7580

Recapitulation.**Dover District.**

Raised last year.....	\$5,457
Raised this year.....	5,608

Increase..... 151

Easton District.

Raised last year.....	\$5,081
Raised this year.....	5,016

Decrease..... 65

Salisbury District.

Raised last year.....	\$6,278
Raised this year.....	6,316

Increase..... 58

Wilmington District.

Raised last year.....	\$8,457
Raised this year.....	7,580

Decrease..... 877

General Summary.

Raised last year, all Districts.....	\$25,273
Raised this year, all Districts.....	24,520

Decrease..... 7

MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

Dover District.

Armory—J. H. Mitchell, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 6
Sunday School.....	34
Total.....	

40

Beckwith and Spedden—J. D. Reese, Pastor.

Churches.....	75
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Burrsville Circuit—W. S. H. Williams, Pastor.

Wesley Church.....	20
Wesley Sunday School.....	12
Thawley's Church.....	10
Thawley's Sunday School.....	2
Central Church.....	11
Central Sunday School.....	11
White's Church.....	7
White's Sunday School.....	3

Total..... 75

Bridgeville—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.

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

Total..... 110

Cambridge—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	200
Church.....	50

Total..... 250

Camden—W. P. Compton, Pastor.

Camden.....	66
Lebanon.....	22
Jones.....	22

Total..... 110

Canterbury—E. C. Sunfield, Pastor.

Canterbury Church.....	26
Sunday School.....	9
Viola Church.....	14
Sunday School.....	10
Woodside C. E. Society.....	5

Woodside Church.....	2
Sunday School.....	9

Total..... 75

Church Creek—T. H. Jones, Pastor.

Church Creek Church.....	15
Church Creek Sunday School.....	10
Taylor's Island Sunday School.....	10
Paid to Bishop Harris.....	25

Total..... 60

Crapo—A. A. Bichell, Pastor.

St. Thomas.....	56
Sunday School.....	16
Zion.....	25
Sunday School.....	23
Bethany.....	32
Ebenezer.....	25
Sunday School.....	5
Wesley.....	18

Total..... 200

Denton—J. T. Richardson, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	41
Church.....	84

Total..... 125

Wesley (Dover)—Louis E. Barrett, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	475
Church.....	75
Bishop Cranston's work in Porto Rico.....	30

Total..... 580

East New Market—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Trinity Church.....	35
Trinity Sunday School.....	20
Cabin Creek Church.....	10
Cabin Creek Sunday School.....	5
Secretary Church.....	5
Secretary Sunday School.....	5

Total..... 80

Ellendale—E. B. Taylor, 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

Farmington—J. W. Talley, Pastor.

Farmington Church.....	39
Farmington Sunday School.....	21
Todd's Church.....	15
Todd's Sunday School.....	5
Prospect Church.....	10
Prospect Sunday School.....	5
Staytonville Church.....	5

Total..... 100

Federalsburg—T. S. Holt, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	125
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Frederica—William Cashmore, Pastor.

Frederica Church.....	62
Sunday School.....	100
Milford Neck Church.....	6
Milford Neck Sunday School.....	2

Total..... 170

Felton—E. H. Nelson, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....	130
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Galestown—J. A. Buckson, Pastor.

Galestown Church.....	17
Galestown Sunday School.....	10
Wesley Church.....	22
Wesley Sunday School.....	8
Cokesbury Church.....	3
Cokesbury Sunday School.....	22
Woodland Church.....	18

Total..... 100

Georgetown—H. T. Quigg, Pastor.

Church.....	35
Sunday School.....	215

Total..... 250

Georgetown Circuit—Harry Taylor, Pastor.

St. John's Church.....	15
St. John's Sunday School.....	5
Cokesbury Church.....	15
Cokesbury Sunday School.....	5
Bethesda Church.....	10
Bethesda Sunday School.....	2
Reed's Chapel Church.....	10
Reed's Chapel Sunday School.....	3

Total..... 65

Greenwood—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

Greenwood Church.....	15
Greenwood Sunday School.....	40
Chapel.....	25
Trinity Church.....	63
Trinity Sunday School.....	12

Total..... 155

Harrington—J. H. Beauchamp, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	135
Sr. League.....	10
Jr. League.....	5

Total..... 150

Houston—J. H. Wilson, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....	100
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Hurlock—G. W. Townsend, Pastor.

Hurlock Church.....	85
Hurlock Sunday School.....	40
McKendree Church.....	20

Total..... 145

Lakesville—J. C. B. Hopkins, Pastor.

Church.....	35
Sunday School.....	5

Total..... 40

Leipsic—J. J. Underhill, Pastor.

Church.....	20
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Lewes—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.

Church and School.....	300
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Lincoln—J. W. Gray, Pastor.

Churches.....	62
Sunday Schools.....	8

Total..... 70

Little Creek—William Hudson, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School.....	22
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Magnolia—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.

Magnolia Church.....	9
Magnolia Sunday School.....	60
Barrett's Chapel.....	6

Total..... 81

Milford—G. P. Jones, Pastor.

Avenue Church.....	130
Avenue Sunday School.....	300
Chapel Sunday School.....	45

Total..... 475

Milton—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	128
Epworth League.....	10
Church.....	7
Ushers Union.....	5

Total..... 150

Nassau—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.

Churches.....	70
Sunday Schools.....	30

Total..... 100

Preston—Aloysius Green, Pastor.

Churches.....	75
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Ocean View—J. E. Graham, Pastor.

Church.....	53
Sunday School.....	35
Epworth League.....	7

Total..... 95

Seaford Circuit—J. L. Johnson, Pastor.

Bethel Church.....	40
Bethel Sunday School.....	21
Wesley Church.....	36
Wesley Sunday School.....	30
Wesley Epworth League.....	3

Brown's Sunday School.....	26
Concord Sunday School.....	24

Total..... 180

Salem—D. H. Willis, Pastor.

Salem.....	14
Linkwood.....	26
Thompsons.....	13
Griffen's Neck.....	7

Total..... 60

Seaford—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Churches.....	125
Schools.....	125

Total..... 250

Vienna—W. N. Conaway, Pastor.

Vienna Sunday School.....	25
Vienna Church.....	5
Read's Grove Sunday School.....	15
Read's Grove Epworth League.....	5
Manship Church.....	5
Wainwright's Church.....	5

Total..... 60

Williston—S. P. Shipman, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools.....	160
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Williamsburg—H. B. Kelso, Pastor.

Williamsburg Church.....	16
Williamsburg Sunday School.....	36
Hynson Church.....	7
Hynson Sunday School.....	2
Friendship Church.....	7
Friendship Sunday School.....	2
St. Paul's Church.....	4
St. Paul's Sunday School.....	1

Total..... 75

Zoar—T. S. Barrett, Pastor.

Asbury Church.....	8
Asbury Sunday School.....	4
St. Thomas Church.....	8
St. Thomas Sunday School.....	3
Zoar Church.....	8
Zoar Sunday School.....	4
Pepper's Church.....	8
Pepper's Sunday School.....	2

Total..... 45

Easton District.**Bozman.**

Church.....	4
Sunday School.....	28

Total..... 32

Bayside—H. E. Truitt, Pastor.

Wittman Sunday School.....	2
Sherwood Sunday School.....	25
Churches.....	21

Total..... 50

Betterton—A. C. Jones, Pastor.

Church.....	7
Epworth League.....	23
Sunday School.....	2

Total..... 32

Cordova—J. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Churches.....	75
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Cecilton—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.

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

Total..... 200

Centreville—H. G. Budd, Pastor.

Church.....	42
Sunday School.....	158

Total..... 200

Chestertown—W. L. White, Pastor.

Church and School.....	280
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Cheswold—A. W. Goodhand, Pastor.

Cheswold Sunday School.....	89
Cheswold Church.....	9
Bethel Sunday School.....	43

Total..... 140

Church Hill—W. C. Poole, Pastor.

Church Hill.....	55
Roseville.....	25
Salem.....	20

Total..... 100

Clayton—V. P. Northrup, Pastor.

Church.....	24
Sunday School.....	36

Total..... 60

Crumpton—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Churches.....	20
Sunday Schools.....	50

Total..... 70

Easton—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.

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

Total..... 250

Fairlee—W. G. Hubbard, Pastor.

Union Church.....	20
Union Sunday School.....	20
Salem Church.....	15
Salem Sunday School.....	20

Total..... 75

Galena—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.

Churches.....	118
Sunday Schools.....	17

Total..... 135

Golt—C. K. Morris, Pastor.

Golt Church.....	15
Dulanies Sunday School.....	5

Total..... 20

Greensboro—E. L. Hoffecker, Pastor.

Greensboro Sunday School.....	125
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Hillsboro—D. J. Givan, Pastor.

Hillsboro.....	70
Ebenezer.....	40
Harris Chapel.....	15

Total..... 125

Henderson—W. V. Harris, Pastor.

Church.....	5
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Kent Island—F. C. McSorley, Pastor.

Stevensville Church.....	69
Stevensville Sunday School.....	35
Kingsley Church.....	14
Kingsley Sunday School.....	10
Dominion.....	2

Total..... 130

Kenton—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Churches.....	50
Sunday Schools.....	40
Total.....	90

Marydel—E. H. Collins, Pastor.

Templeville Sunday School.....	18
Miss Cora Smith Class.....	7
William Perkins.....	10
Epworth League.....	5
Marydel Sunday School.....	26
W. Heather Class.....	7
Epworth League.....	2
Hartly Sunday School.....	28
E. L. Nickerson Class.....	15
Epworth League.....	2
Thomas Chapel Church and Sunday School.....	20
Total.....	140

Millington—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.

Church.....	16
Sunday School.....	64
Total.....	80

Middletown—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.

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

Neavitt—D. J. Ford, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	20
Church.....	20
Total.....	40

Odessa—J. M. Arters, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	110
Church.....	20
Total.....	130

Piney Neck—G. S. Conaway, Pastor.

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

Bond Sunday School.....	68
Mowbray Sunday School.....	9
Total.....	75

Oxford—W. T. Lewis, Pastor.

Church.....	41
Sunday School.....	20
Total.....	61

Queenstown—W. E. Gunby, Pastor.

Churches.....	43
Sunday Schools.....	35
Total.....	78

Ridgely—G. R. Ellis, Pastor.

Church.....	40
Sunday School.....	45
Junior League.....	5
Total.....	90

Rock Hall—Warren Burr, Pastor.

Church.....	18
Sunday School.....	88
Total.....	106

Royal Oak—O. T. Baynard, Pastor.

Royal Oak Sunday School.....	5
Royal Oak Church.....	5
Piney Neck Sunday School.....	10
Piney Neck Church.....	7
Tunis Mills Sunday School.....	5
Tunis Mills Church.....	3
Total.....	35

Smyrna—R. Watt, Pastor.

Asbury Sunday School.....	338
Smyrna Landing Sunday School.....	20
Epworth League.....	30
Total.....	570

Smyrna Circuit—Albert Chandler, Pastor.

Friendship Church.....	40
Friendship Sunday School.....	40
Severson's Church.....	15
Severson's Sunday School.....	4
Jerman Chapel.....	5
Jerman Sunday School.....	14
Total.....	118

Still Pond—T. F. Beauchamp, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	125
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St. Michaels—G. W. Bounds, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	233
Epworth League.....	17

Total..... 250

Sudlersville—W. O. Bennett, Pastor.

Sudlersville Sunday School.....	80
Dudley Church.....	25
Barclay Church.....	15

Total..... 120

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

Tilghman Sunday School.....	30
Fairbank Sunday School.....	20

Total..... 50

Trappe—Robert Roe, Pastor.

Churches.....	55
Sunday Schools.....	15

Total..... 70

Townsend—J. W. Jones, Pastor.

Emmanuel Church.....	37
Emmanuel Sunday School.....	74
Union Church.....	3
Blackbird Church.....	5
Blackbird Sunday School.....	15

Total..... 134

Wye—Daniel Wilson, Pastor.

Churches.....	60
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Salisbury District.**Annessex—F. I. Mumford, Pastor.**

St Peter's Church.....	20
St Peter's Sunday School.....	25
Rehoboth Church.....	10

Total..... 55

Asbury—Henry S. Dulaney, Pastor.

Church.....	300
Sunday School.....	40

Total..... 340

Berlin—G. C. Williams, Pastor.

Church.....	24
Sunday School.....	81

Total..... 105

Berlin Circuit—J. L. Derrickson, Pastor.

Church.....	6
Sunday School.....	29

Total..... 85

Bethel—E. N. Cantwell, Pastor.

Bethel Church.....	54
Bethel Sunday School.....	7
Mt. Zion Church.....	10
Mt. Zion Sunday School.....	3
Epworth Church.....	1

Total..... 75

Bishopville—H. J. Heineman, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	51
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Cape Charles—J. P. Outten, Pastor.

Bethany Sunday School.....	85
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Chincoteague—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.

Christ's Church.....	4
Christ's Sunday School.....	55
Goodwill Sunday School.....	7

Total..... 67

Crisfield—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

Church.....	31
Junior League.....	3
Sunday School.....	266

Total..... 300

Chesconnessex—J. F. Ayres, Pastor.

Churches.....	46
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Delmar—Z. H. Webster, Pastor.

Church.....	65
Sunday School.....	135

Total..... 200

Deal's Island—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.

Church.....	115
Sunday School.....	110

Total..... 225

Fairmount—R. T. Coursey, Pastor.

Churches.....	18
Sunday Schools.....	197
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Total.....	215

Frankford—G. R. Neese, Pastor.

St. George's Sunday School.....	54
Frankford Sunday School.....	19
Frankford Church.....	57
Omar Sunday School.....	20
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Total.....	150

Fruitland—C. H. Williams.

Fruitland Sunday School.....	98
Siloam Sunday School.....	12
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Total.....	110

Girdletree—J. H. Goeghegan, Pastor.

Girdletree Church.....	42
Girdletree Sunday School.....	44
Connor's Church.....	10
Connor's Sunday School.....	28
Klej Grange Church.....	10
Klej Grange Sunday School.....	3
Goodwill Church.....	10
Goodwill Sunday School.....	3
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Total.....	150

Gumboro—V. E. Hills, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools.....	100
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Holland's Island—J. W. Brisco, Pastor.

Church.....	24
Sunday School.....	21
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Total.....	45

Laurel—T. E. Terry, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	262
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Mardella Springs—P. P. Truitt, Pastor.

Church.....	24
Sunday School.....	6
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Total.....	30

Marion—J. H. Gardner, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....	65
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Millsboro—L. R. Janney, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....	33
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Mt. Pleasant—G. E. Wood, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church and Sunday School.....	44
King's Church and Sunday School.....	20
St. George's Church and Sunday School.....	16
Pastor and family.....	0
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Total.....	100

Mt. Vernon—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.

John Wesley Sunday School.....	20
Asbury Sunday School.....	19
Churches.....	61
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Total.....	100

Nanticoke—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.

Churches.....	150
Sunday Schools.....	60
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Total.....	210

Newark—W. E. Matthews, Pastor.

Newark Sunday School.....	45
Ironshire Church.....	24
Ironshire Sunday School.....	4
Wesley Church.....	7
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Total.....	80

Onancock—W. R. Hiron, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....	115
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Parsonsborg—J. A. Brewington, Pastor.

Parsonsborg Church.....	24
Parsonsborg Sunday School.....	24
Pittsville Church.....	12
Pittsville Sunday School.....	2
Wango Church.....	6
Wango Sunday School.....	4
Zion Church.....	20
Zion Sunday School.....	8
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Total.....	100

Pocomoke City—L. E. Poole, Pastor.

Salem Sunday School.....	100
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Pocomoke Circuit—W. R. McFarlane, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....	40
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Powellville—Howard Davis, Pastor.

Churches.....	62
Sunday Schools.....	18
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Total.....	80

Princess Anne—J. W. Colona, Pastor.

Church.....	30
Sunday School.....	70
Total.....	100

Quantico—J. W. Fogle, Pastor.

Rockawalking Church and Sunday School.....	50
Hebron Church and Sunday School.....	24
Quantico Church and Sunday School.....	20
Messick's Church and Sunday School.....	6
Total.....	100

Riverside—W. F. Atkinson, Pastor.

Riverside Sunday School.....	3
Bethel Sunday School.....	2
Parker's Sunday School.....	5
Total.....	10

Roxana—W. H. Kenney, Pastor.

Church.....	60
Sunday School.....	35
Total.....	95

St. Peter's—M. D. Nutter, Pastor.

St. Peter's.....	153
St. Stephen's.....	52
Bethel.....	37
Total.....	242

Salisbury—C. A. Hill, Pastor.

Church.....	119
Sunday School.....	381
Total.....	500

Selbyville—F. N. Faulkner, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....	95
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Sharptown—J. F. Anderson, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	50
Junior League.....	10
Senior League.....	5
Special.....	20
Total.....	85

Smith's Island—F. E. Bloxton, Pastor.

North End Church and Sunday School.....	100
Drum Point Church and Sunday School.....	65
Rhodes Point Church and Sunday School.....	35
Total.....	200

Snow Hill—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.

Church.....	28
Sunday School.....	154
Total.....	182

Somerset—W. R. Gwinn, Pastor.

Rock Creek Church.....	40
Dames Quarter Church.....	35
Total.....	75

Stockton—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Stockton Sunday School.....	40
Remson's Sunday School.....	7
Franklin City Sunday School.....	119
Clinton Hancock Fund.....	60
Total.....	226

Tangier—T. R. Van Dyke, Pastor.

Tangier Sunday School.....	400
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Westover—R. H. Lewis, Pastor.

Westover.....	18
Mt. Olivet.....	22
Total.....	40

Whitesville—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....	200
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Wilmington District.**Bethel and Summit—W. P. Taylor, Pastor.**

Bethel Sunday School.....	21
Bethel Church.....	19
Summit Sunday School.....	30
Summit Church.....	10
Total.....	80

Charlestown—T. N. Given, Pastor.

Churches.....	22
Charlestown Sunday School.....	14
Principio Sunday School.....	2
Total.....	38

Cherry Hill—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.

Churches.....	17
Cherry Hill Sunday School.....	50
Big Elk Sunday School.....	10
Baldwin's Sunday School.....	3
Total.....	80

Chesapeake City—E. H. Dashiell, Pastor.

Church.....	39
Sunday School.....	41
Total.....	80

Chester—J. T. Prouse, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	45
Epworth League.....	10
Church.....	55
Total.....	110

Christiana—L. P. Karholsen, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....	25
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Claymont—T. H. Harding, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	25
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Colora—J. M. Collins, Pastor.

Church.....	40
School.....	5
Total.....	45

Delaware City—O. E. Jones, Pastor.

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

Ebenezer—W. T. Hammond, Pastor.

Church and School.....	53
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Elk Neck—J. M. S. VanBlunk, Pastor.

Hart's Church.....	15
Hart's Sunday School.....	5
Wesley Church.....	15
Wesley Sunday School.....	5
Total.....	40

Elkton—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.

Church.....	25
Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.....	380
Total.....	405

Hockessin—W. W. White, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	40
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Hopewell—F. X. Moore, Pastor.

Asbury Church.....	12
Asbury Sunday School.....	3
Hopewell Sunday School.....	55
Total.....	70

Marshallton—G. W. Burke, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	40
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Mt. Lebanon—G. W. Dawson, Pastor.

Mt. Lebanon Church.....	90
Mt. Lebanon Sunday School.....	10
Total.....	100

Mt. Pleasant—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

Newark Union Sunday School.....	29
Newark Union Church.....	9
Mt. Pleasant Sunday School.....	57
Mt. Pleasant Church.....	20
Total.....	115

Kirkwood—S. O. Gibbons, Pastor.

Church.....	5
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Newark—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School.....	115
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New Castle—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	120
Church.....	10
Total.....	130

Newport—W. O. Hurt, Pastor.

Church.....	26
School.....	124
A friend for Africa.....	15
Total.....	165

North East—H. A. G. Westerfield, Pastor.

Church.....	8
Sunday School.....	54
Total.....	62

Perryville—W. E. Greenfield, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	55
Church.....	10
Total.....	65

Port Deposit—V. S. Collins, Pastor.

W. R. Nesbit and wife.....	30
Epworth League.....	15
Sunday School, regular.....	160
Sunday School, special.....	77
Ohurch.....	62
Total.....	345

Red Lion—F. E. McKinsey, Pastor.

Red Lion Church.....	18
Red Lion Sunday School.....	17
Bear Sunday School.....	15
Glasgow Church.....	5
Glasgow Sunday School.....	10
Total.....	65

Rising Sun and Sylmar—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Rising Sun Church.....	70
Rising Sun Sunday School.....	60
Rising Sun Epworth League.....	15
Sylmar Church.....	15
Sylmar Sunday School.....	5
Total.....	165

St. Johns—J. E. Gallagher, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	50
Church.....	15
Total.....	65

St. Georges—O. L. Martin, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	27
Church.....	27
Total.....	54

Stanton—C. D. Sharpless, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	25
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Town Point—W. G. Harris, Pastor.

Church.....	3
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Zion—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

Churches.....	105
Sunday Schools.....	85
Total.....	190

Wilmington-Asbury—T. L. Poulson, Pastor.

Church and School.....	290
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Wilmington-Brandywine—H. C. Turner, Pastor.

Church.....	40
Morning Sunday School.....	13
Afternoon Sunday School.....	132
Edgemoor Sunday School.....	15
Total.....	200

Wilmington-Cookman—C. N. Jones, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	65
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Wilmington-Eastlake—J. H. Gray, Pastor.

Church.....	20
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Wilmington-Elsmere.

Church.....	10
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Wilmington-Epworth—A. W. Lightbourne, Pastor.

Church.....	25
Sunday School.....	50

Total..... 75

Wilmington-Grace—W. W. King, Pastor.

Church.....	551
Sunday School.....	1009

Total.....1560

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

Church.....	104
Sunday School.....	196

Total..... 300

Wilmington-Kingswood—L. I. McDougle, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	40
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Wilmington-Madeley—E. E. White, Pastor.

Church.....	20
Sunday School.....	30

Total..... 50

Wilmington-Mt. Salem—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.

Mt. Salem Church.....	52
Mt. Salem Sunday School.....	213
Riddle's Chapel Sunday School.....	170

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E. E. Richards..... 60

Total..... 495

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

Church and School.....	65
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Wilmington-St. Paul's—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.

Church.....	260
Sunday School.....	350
C. E. Societies.....	90

Total..... 700

Wilmington-Scott—R. K. Sephenson, Pastor.

Church 104
 Sunday School 171

Total..... 275

Wilmington-Union—R. H. Adams, Pastor.

Church..... 70
 Sunday School 400

Total..... 470

Wilmington-Wesley—A. Burke, Pastor.

Church and School 70

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