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PLAN OF EXAMINATION.**EXCERPT FROM RULES OF EXAMINATION.**

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

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED MARCH 21, 1896.

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

Resolved 2. "In no case shall a candidate for full admission be received nor a candidate for Elder's orders be so elected until every requirement shall have been fully met."

RESOLUTION ADOPTED MARCH 27, 1895.

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.....T. F. Beauchamp
Outlines of History (Swinton), Admission. Student 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.....J. W. Colona
Principles of Rhetoric (Hill), Admission. Lessons in Logic (Jeavons), 2nd year. Essays for 2nd and 4th years.
4. Mental Science.....E. H. Dashiell
Outlines of Descriptive Psychology (Ladd), 3d year. Essentials of Argumentation (McEwen), Local.
5. Apologetics.....S. N. Pilchard
Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief (Fisher), 4th year. Analogy of Religion (Butler), 4th year.
6. Methodist PolityJ. M. Arters
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.....V. S. Collins
History of the Christian Church (Hurst), 3d and 4th years. A Short History of the Christian Church (Hurst), Local.
10. Biblical TheologyH. 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 TheologyM. 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 TheologyC. 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. HomileticsV. 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.

Wilmington, Del.

V. P. NORTHRUP,
Registrar.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

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

II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

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

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. Brown. Reserves—W. S. Robinson, John France.
1892. W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, R. H. Adams. Reserves—T. F. Martindale, T. F. Terry.
1896. Merritt Hulburt, 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. Hanna.
1904. A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, Adam Stengle, C. S. Baker. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, W. G. Koons.

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	Adams, R. H.	E	Pocomoke City, Md	2
1888	Alderson, G. T.	E	New Castle, Del.	2
1888	Anderson, J. F.	E	Wyoming, Del.	2
1870	Arters, J. A.	E	Middletown, Del.	2
1900	Arters, J. M.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1881	Baker, C. S.	E	St. Michael's Md.	1
1876	Barrett, L. E.	E	Elkton, Md.	1
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E	Millville, Md.	1
1892	Beauchamp, T. F.	E	Federalsburg, Md.	1
1894	Beauchamp, J. H.	E	Greensboro, Md.	1
1897	Bennett, W. O.	E	Sudlersville, Md.	1
1900	Bichell, A. A.	E	Leipsic, Del.	5
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E	Elk Neck, Md.	1
1898	Bloxtton, F. E.	P	Nanticoke, Md.	1
1867	Bolton, H. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1890	Bounds, G. W.	E	Harrington, Del.	2
1876	Bowen, W. L. P.	E	Newark, Md.	1
1885	Bowman, G. W.	Sd	Laurel, Del.	
1890	Brewington, J. A.	E	Ebenezer, Del.	1
1902	Briscoe, J. W.	E	At School.	1
1907	Briggs, W. H.	D	Colora Md.	1
1904	Buckson, J. A.	D	Galestown, Md.	1
1894	Budd, H. G.	E	Crisfield, Md.	4
1865	Burke, G. W.	Sd	Smyrna, Del.	1
1886	Burke, Asbury.	E	Perryville, Md.	
1888	Burr, Warren.	E	Rock Hall, Md.	2
1880	Cannon, J. R.	E	Concord, Md.	5
1899	Cantwell, E. N.	E	Cordova, Md.	1
1888	Carpenter, F. F.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1865	Carroll, James.	E	Milford, Del.	4
1889	Chaires, W. W.	Sd	Roxana, Del.	
1876	Chandler, Albert.	E	Smyrna, Del.	1
1881	Cochran, F. J.	E	Lincoln, Del.	5
1876	Collins, J. M.	E	Claymont, Del.	1
1883	Collins, V. S.	Sd	Port Deposit, Md.	
1895	Collins, E. H.	E	Still Pond, Md.	4
1902	Colona, J. W.	E	Bridgeville, Del.	1
1888	Compton, W. P.	E	Nassau, Del.	1
1862	Conaway, G. S.	E	Smyrna, Del.	3
1876	Corkran, W. F.	Sd	Newark, Del.	
1881	Corkran, L. P.	E	Hillsboro, Md.	2
1887	Coursey, R. T.	E	Milton, Del.	1
1899	Covey, A. H.	E	Pomona, Md.	3
1896	Dashiell, E. H.	Sy	Frederica, Del.	4
1900	Davis, Howard.	E	Marion, Md.	1
1884	Dawson, W. F.	E	Cecilton, Md.	2
1899	Dawson, G. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	5
1884	Derrickson, E. H.	E	Marydel, Md.	2
1886	Dulaney, H. S.	E	Fruitland, Md.	1
		Sy		1

1906	Easley, J. K.	P	Fairlee, Md.	2
1898	Ellis, G. R.	E	Hurlock, Md.	2
1866	Esgate, James	Sd	South Tamworth, N. H.	1
1900	Faulkner, F. N.	E	At School	1
1889	Fogle, J. W.	E	Whitesville, Del.	1
1905	Ford, D. J.	D	Henderson, Md.	1
1868	Fosnocht, I. G.	E	Rockland, Del.	2
1891	Gardner, Edwin	E	Preston, Md.	1
1902	Gardner, J. H.	E	Onancock, Va.	1
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.	E	Quantico, Md.	3
1907	Gillespie, E. A.	P	Cherry Hill, Md.	1
1895	Givan, D. J.	E	Odessa, Del.	1
1884	Given, T. N.	Sy	Dover, Del.	2
1903	Goodhand, A. W.	E	Stockton, Md.	2
1905	Gray, J. H.	D	Wilmington, Del.	3
1888	Gray, J. W.	E	Powellville, Md.	2
1873	Greene, W. M.	Sd	Camden, Del.	2
1900	Greenfield, W. E.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1879	Grise, C. A.	E	Berlin, Md.	4
1903	Gunby, W. E.	E	Princess Anne, Md.	1
1883	Guthrie, W. B.	E	Burrsville, Md.	1
1869	Gwinn, W. R.	Sy	Tilghman's Md.	1
1903	Habbart, W. E.	E	Kenton, Del.	2
1883	Hardesty, G. L.	E	Seaford, Del.	1
1871	Harding, T. H.	Sd	Wilmington, Del.	1
1906	Harris, W. G.	P	Christiana, Del.	2
1900	Hastings, G. W.	E	Frankford, Del.	2
1878	Hill, C. A.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1889	Hills, V. E.	E	Mt. Vernon, Md.	3
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	E	Fairmount, Md.	3
1897	Holt, T. S.	Sy	Federalburg, Md.	1
1905	Hudson, W. H.	P	At School	1
1869	Hunter, T. B.	E	Elsemere, Del.	1
1892	Hurst, W. O.	E	Seaford, Del.	1
1907	James, O. E.	P	Queenstown, Md.	1
1876	Janney, L. R.	E	Crumpton, Md.	1
1896	Jackson, Leolan	E	Vienna, Md.	1
1886	Jester, B. F.	E	Dover, Del.	2
1899	Johnson, J. L.	E	East New Market, Md.	1
1900	Jones, C. N.	E	St. Georges, Del.	1
1905	Jones, E. W.	D	Bozman, Md.	1
1891	Jones, G. P.	E	Middletown, Del.	1
1898	Jones, J. W.	E	Ridgley, Md.	2
1898	Jones, O. E.	E	Lewisville, Pa.	3
1903	Jones, T. H.	E	Crapo, Md.	2
1903	Jones, C. T.	E	Chincoteague, Va.	1
1907	Keen, C. P.	P	Claymont, Del.	1
	Kellog, H. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1898	Kelso, H. B.	E	Magnolia, Del.	2
1904	Kelso, J. M.	D	Elendale, Del.	1
1901	Kenney, W. H.	E	Millsboro, Del.	2
1886	Koons, W. G.	E	Smyrna, Del.	5
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E	Greenwood, Del.	4
1874	Lewis, W. T.	E	Oxford, Md.	4
1901	Lewis, R. H.	E	Selbyville, Del.	1
1880	Lightbourne, A. W.	E	Dover, Del.	1

1879	Lindale, J. M.	E	Pivot, Md.	1
1876	Macnichol, E. C.	E	Cambridge, Md.	10
1902	Marshall, E. H.	E	Ocean View, Del.	1
1885	Martin, O. L.	E	Parsonsburg, Md.	1
1864	Martindale, T. E.	E	Salisbury, Md.	2
1902	Matthews, W. E.	E	Bethel, Del.	3
1902	McCann, Milton	E	Cheswold, Del.	1
1905	McCoy, J. C.	D	Pomona, Md.	1
1889	McDougal, L. I.	E	Sharptown, Md.	1
1906	McDowell, E. W.	P	Bishopville, Md.	1
1868	McFarlane, W. R.	E	Hockessin, Del.	1
1884	McFaul, D. F.	E	Houston, Del.	2
1892	McKinsey, F. E.	E	Red Lion, Del.	5
1891	McGilton, A. C.	E	Denton, Md.	2
1873	McSorley, F. C.	E	Townsend, Del.	2
1869	Miller, E. H.	E	Marshallton, Del.	3
1885	Mitchell, J. M.	E	Galena, Md.	1
1902	Mitchell, J. H.	E	Zion, Md.	1
1894	Moore, C. W.	E	Millington, Md.	1
1898	Moore, F. X.	E	Port Deposit Md.	4
1887	Morgan, S. M.	E	Dover, Del.	4
1905	Morgan, L. B.	D	Williamsburg, Md.	2
1883	Mowbray, A. S.	E	Wilmington, Del.	4
1886	Mowbray, W. R.	E	Lewis, Del.	1
1872	Murray, W. L. S.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1879	Neese, G. R.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1870	Nelson, E. H.	E	Camden, Del.	3
1892	Northrup, V. P.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1890	Nutter, M. D.	E	Tangier, Va.	2
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E	Lawsonia, Md.	1
1872	Otis, J. P.	E	Rising Sun, Md.	4
1893	Outten, J. P.	E	Kent Island, Md.	1
1831	Pilchard, S. N.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1870	Poole, J. W.	Sd	Farmington, Del.	1
1896	Poole, L. E.	E	Georgetown, Del.	1
1900	Poole, W. C.	E	Church Hill, Md.	4
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	E	Galena, Md.	10
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	E	Snow Hill, Md.	2
1897	Prettyman, J. W.	E	Gridletree, Md.	1
1886	Prouse, J. T.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1878	Quigg, H. T.	E	Milford, Del.	1
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	E	Seaford, Del.	1
1858	Redman, W. W.	Sd	Greenwood, Del.	9
1865	Reese, J. D.	E	Boothwyn, Pa.	1
1993	Richardson, J. T.	E	North East, Md.	1
1884	Roberts, E. P.	E	Easton, Md.	4
1873	Roe, Robert	E	Betterton, Md.	2
1858	Scott, A. T.	E	Wilmington, Del.	7
1886	Sharpe, W. W.	E	Oriole, Md.	2
1889	Shipman, S. P.	E	Chance, Md.	1
1879	Smith, Alfred	E	Dover, Del.	4
1896	Smith, G. P.	E	Clayton, Del.	2
1907	Smith, Tilghman	P	Canterbury, Del.	1
1889	Smoot, T. C.	E	Chesapeake City, Md.	1
1906	Sparklin, J. L.	P	Farmington, Del.	2
1889	Stallings, G. W.	E	Phoebns, Va.	2

1870	Stengle, Adam.....	E	Salisbury, Md.....	5
1878	Stephenson, R. K.....	E	Wilmington, Del.....	5
1907	Stewart, H. D.....	P	Trappe, Md.....	1
1906	Stone, W. C.....	P	Beckwith, Md.....	1
1892	Strickland, C. W.....	E	Newport, Del.....	2
1885	Sunfield, E. C.....	E	Felton, Del.....	3
1897	Talley, J. W.....	Sy	Boothwyn, Pa.....	2
1894	Taylor, E. B.....	E	Fairlee, Md.....	1
1897	Taylor, Harry.....	E	Bellevue, Del.....	1
1886	Taylor, W. P.....	E	Ewells, Md.....	1
1876	Terry, T. E.....	E	Laurel, Del.....	4
1903	Thomas, G. S.....	E	Georgetown, Del.....	2
1858	Thompson, H. S.....	Sd	Reisterstown, Md.....	
1871	Tompkinson, W. E.....	Sd	Everett, Pa.....	
1876	Townsend, G. W.....	E	Cape Charles, Va.....	2
1891	Turner, H. C.....	E	Wilmington, Del.....	4
1905	VanBlunk, J. M. S.....	E	Charlestown, Md.....	1
1859	VanBurkalow, J. T.....	Sd	Dover, Del.....	
1895	VanDyke, T. R.....	E	Deal's Island, Md.....	2
1871	Wallin, F. O. B.....	Sd	Sweden,.....	
1879	Walton, O. S.....	Sd	Red Lion, Del.....	
1853	Warner, W. M.....	Sd	Millington, Md.....	
1885	Watt, Robert.....	E	Smyrna, Del.....	4
1887	Webster, Z. H.....	E	Delmar, Del.....	6
1893	Westerfield, H. A. G.....	E	Wilmington, Del.....	3
1866	White, E. E.....	E	Delaware City, Del.....	3
1893	White, W. L.....	E	Chestertown, Md.....	4
1875	White, W. W.....	E	Gumboro, Del.....	1
1905	Whittaker, I. S.....	D	Salem, Md.....	1
1868	Wickline, J. S.....	Sd	Falling Springs, W. Va.....	1
1882	Williams, C. H.....	Sy	Greenwood, Del.....	1
1902	Williams, G. C.....	E	Berlin, Md.....	4
1892	Williams, W. S. H.....	E	Fruitland, Md.....	1
1885	Willis, D. H.....	E	Westover, Md.....	1
1887	Wilson, J. H.....	E	Laurel, Del.....	1
1906	Wilson, Daniel.....	P	Tilghman, Md.....	1
1884	Wise, W. A.....	E	Centerville, Md.....	1
1886	Wood, G. E.....	E	Newark, Md.....	1
1886	Wyatt, C. T.....	E	Wilmington, Del.....	3

SUPPLIES.

W. F. Atkinson.....	Lakesville, Md.	A. C. Jones.....	Port Penn, Del.
J. F. Ayres.....	Grape, Va.	Wilson Lewis.....	Henderson, Md.
T. S. Barrett.....	Elliott, Md.	L. T. McLaine.....	Holland's Island, Md.
J. S. Bozman.....	Fishing Creek, Md.	C. D. Sharpless.....	Stanton, Del.
W. N. Conway.....	Mardella Springs, Md.	J. W. Sutton.....	Claremont, Va.
J. B. Conaway.....	Pocomoke City, Md.	J. H. Thornton.....	Wilmington, Del.
J. L. Derrickson.....	Georgetown, Del.	H. E. Truitt.....	Church Creek, Md.
J. W. Hardesty.....	Salisbury, Md.		

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Porter, M. P.....	Cheswold, Del.
Simmons, J. H.....	Wilmington, Del.
Stimmil, W. E.....	Wilmington, Del.
Johnson, Wesley.....	Wilmington, Del.

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Adams, R. H.....	Wilmington, Del.
Cassaboom, S. P.....	Wilmington, Del.
Galloway, W. K.....	Wilmington, Del.
Green, Daniel.....	Newport, Del.
Hamilton, William.....	Wilmington, Del.
McLain, L. T.....	Hollands Island, Md.
Northrup, C. L.....	Hurlock, Md.
Rogers, R. L.....	Wilmington, Del.
Scott, J. T.....	Wilmington, Del.
Tindale, W. J.....	Seaford, Del.
Wilkinson, J. W.....	Lewisville, Pa.
Willey, J. H.....	Laurel, Del.

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Ake, T. J.....	Pittsville, Md.
Allen, George.....	Seaford, Del.
Baker, C. G.....	Selbyville, Md.
Banks, W. W.....	Salisbury, Del.
Beauchamp, J. H.....	Fairmount, Md.
Benson, N. C.....	Royal Oak, Md.
Betts, W. H.....	Millsboro, Del.
Biddle, Isaiah.....	North East, Md.
Biggs, W. H.....	Wilmington, Del.
Bradley, M.....	Lincoln, Del.
Brown, A. R.....	Sylmar, Md.
Burdette, J. P.....	Smyrna, Del.
Carey, W. J.....	Milford, Del.
Cathers, Abner.....	Blake, Md.
Clark, J. F.....	Delmar, Del.
Clark, D. S.....	Kenton, Del.
Coleman, W. B.....	Chestertown, Md.
Cole, H. M.....	Holly Oak, Del.
Conaway, J. B.....	Chincoteague, Va.
Cooper, L. T.....	Sharptown, Md.
Corbett, E. E.....	Onancock, Va.
Coveington, Henry.....	Queenstown, Md.
Cox, N. H.....	Marydel, Md.
Davis, A. W.....	Wilmington, Del.
Deakynne, E. T.....	New Castle, Del.
Dickey, T. M.....	Savage, Md.
Dize, J. T.....	Tangier, Va.
Downey, J. M.....	Rock Hall, Md.
Ellegood, J. A.....	Ellendale, Del.
Ellis, W. S. L.....	Delmar, Del.
English, T. W.....	Mardella Springs, Md.
Farries, William.....	Smyrna, Del.
Fogle, S. J.....	Roe, Md.
Fogwell, S. T.....	Hayden, Md.

Ford, Walter.....	Smyrna, Del.
Geoghegan, J. M.....	Salisbury, Md.
Gibbons, S. O.....	St. Georges, Del.
Gillespie, E. A.....	Wilmington, Del.
Gore, C. C.....	Lakesville, Md.
Gray, Frank.....	Wilmington, Del.
Hackett, L. K.....	Oak Grove, Del.
Hamilton, Samuel.....	Wilmington, Del.
Hanby, L. S.....	Boothwyn, Pa.
Handcock, I. B.....	Greenbackville, Va.
Hardesty, J. W.....	Salisbury, Md.
Harkness, Edwin.....	Newark, Del.
Hendrickson, Wm.....	Edgemooore, Del.
Hill, M. M.....	Delmar, Del.
Huffington, J. W.....	Salisbury, Md.
Janney, N. C.....	Wilmington, Del.
Jones, A. C.....	Town Point, Md.
Jones, G. W.....	Galestown, Md.
Kane, J. F.....	Summit Bridge, Del.
Kirk, C. A.....	Pivot, Md.
Long, L. W.....	Dover, Del.
McFarlane, B. L.....	Centreville, Md.
McLaughlin, J. F.....	Wilmington, Del.
Milman, Jesse.....	Ellendale, Del.
Moore, D. J.....	Rock Hall, Md.
Nicholson, W. G.....	Williards, Md.
Noble, W. C.....	Preston, Md.
Pardee, Thomas.....	Lebanon, Del.
Pass, W. R.....	Harrington, Del.
Peck, P. W.....	Lincoln, Del.
Poulson, M. L.....	Wilmington, Del.
Prettyman, E. C.....	Madison, N. J.
Price, G. T.....	Dover, Del.
Purnell James.....	Millington, Md.
Pusey, S. B.....	Seaford, Del.
Reed, Otis.....	Ellendale, Del.
Revelle, W. H.....	Fairmount, Md.
Simms, E. W.....	Whayland, Md.
Simonson, J. A.....	Crisfield, Md.
Smith, Tilghman.....	Canterbury, Del.
Spaid, A. R.....	Wilmington, Del.
Stedman, Wm.....	East New Market, Md.
Stevens, R. S.....	Dover, Del.
Talley, N. R.....	Edgemooore, Del.
Thornton, J. H.....	Wilmington, Del.
Todd, Noah.....	Toddsville, Md.
Tomer, Hugh.....	Wilmington, Del.
Walls, A. S.....	Madison, N. J.
Weldin, G. W.....	Edgemooore, Del.
Wheatley, Melvin.....	Oak Grove, Del.
White, John, Sr.....	Wilmington, Del.
White, Leonard.....	Bayside, Md.
Wilson, G. W.....	Georgetown, Del.
Wilson, W. D.....	Lewes, Del.
Wilmot, A. A.....	Wilmington, Del.
Winder, E. J.....	Seaford, Del.
Wise, J. M.....	New Castle, Del.
Wingate, W. H.....	Marshallton, Del.
Wright, W. J.....	Choptank, Md.

APPOINTMENTS.

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Beckwith, Md. W. C. Stone P. O. Cornersville, Md	Lakesville, Md. (Sup) W. F. Atkinson P. O. Golden Hill, Md.
Bridgeville, Del. J. W. Colona	Leipsic, Del. A. A. Bichell
Burrsville, Md. W. B. Guthrie P. O. Harrington, Del.	Lewes, Del. W. R. Mowbray
Cambridge, Md. E. C. Macnichol	Lincoln, Del. F. J. Cochran
Camden, Del. E. H. Nelson	Magnolia, Del. H. B. Kelso
Canterbury, Del. Tighman Smith	Milford, Del. H. T. Quigg
Church Creek, Md. (Sup.) H. E. Truitt	Milton, Del. R. T. Coursey
Concord, Md. J. R. Cannon P. O. Hobbs, Md.	Nassau, Del. W. P. Compton
Crapo, Md. T. H. Jones	Preston, Md. Edwin Gardner
Denton, Md. A. C. McGilton	Salem, Md. I. S. Whittaker
Dover, Del. A. W. Lightbourn	Seaford, Del. W. O. Hurst P. O. Seaford, Del.
East New Market, Md. J. L. Johnson	Seaford Circuit. G. L. Hardesty
Ellendale, Del. J. M. Kelso	Vienna, Md. Leolan Jackson
Elliot's, Md. (Sup) T. S. Barratt	Williamsburg, Md. L. B. Morgan
Farmington, Del. J. L. Sparklin	Wyoming, Del. J. F. Anderson
Federalburg, Md. T. F. Beauchamp	Zoar. (Sup.) J. L. Derickson P. O. Georgetown, Del.
Felton, Del. E. C. Sunfield	Alfred Smith, conference temperance evangelist, member of Dover Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.
Frederica, Del. E. H. Dashiell	P. H. Rawlings, agent of the Stewards Endowment Fund, member of Seaford Quarterly Conference, Seaford, Del.
Galestown, Md. J. A. Buckson	W. H. Hudson, left without appoint- ment to attend one of our schools. Member of Felton Quarterly Confer- ence, Felton, Del.
Georgetown, Del. L. E. Poole	
Georgetown Circuit. G. S. Thomas P. O. Georgetown, Del.	
Greenwood, Del. L. W. Layfield	
Harrington, Del. G. W. Bounds	
Hooper's Island, Md (Sup.) J. S. Bozman P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.	
Houston, Del. D. F. McFaull	

Easton District.

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Bayside, Md. J. K. Easley P. O. Sherwood, Md.	Chestertown, Md. W. L. White
Betterton, Md. Robert Roe	Cheswold, Del. Milton McCann
Bozman, Md. E. W. Jones	Church Hill, Md. W. C. Poole
Cecilton, Md. W. F. Dawson	Clayton, Del. G. P. Smith
Centreville, Md. W. A. Wise	Cordova, Md. E. N. Cantwell
	Crumpton, Md. L. R. Janney

Easton, Md. E. P. Roberts	Piney Neck (Sup) W. V. Harris P. O. Rock Hall, Md.
Fairlee E. B. Taylor P. O. Worton, Md.	Queenstown, Md. O. E. James
Galena. J. M. Mitchell	Ridgely, Md. J. W. Jones
Assistant, A. P. Prettyman	Rock Hall, Md. Warren Burr
Golt (Sup) B. L. McFarland	Royal Oak Md. D. J. Ford
P. O. McDaniel, Md.	St. Micheals, Md. C. S. Baker
Greensboro, Md. J. H. Beauchamp	Smyrna, Del. Robert Watt
Henderson, Md. (Sup.) Wilson Lewis	Smyrna Circuit Albert Chandler P. O. Smyrna, Del.
Hillsboro, Md. L. P. Corkran	Still Pond, Md. E. H. Collins
Kent Island. J. P. Outten P. O. Stevensville, Md.	Sudlersville, Md. W. O. Bennett
Kenton, Del. W. E. Habbart	Tilghman's Island, Md. Daniel Wilson
Marydel, Md. E. H. Derrickson	Townsend, Del. F. C. McSorley
Middletown, Del. G. P. Jones Assistant, J. A. Arters	Trappe, Md. H. D. Stewart
Millington, Md. C. W. Moore	Wye, Md. (Sup.) Leonard White J. W. Briscoe left without appoint- ment to attend one of our schools. Member of Galena Quarterly Confer- ence, Galena, Md
Neavitt, Md. (Sup.) J. T. Price	
Odessa, Del. D. J. Givan	
Oxford, Md. W. T. Lewis	
Pomona, Md. J. C. McCoy	

Salisbury District

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

Annamess-x, Md. W. H. Revelle P. O. Hopewell, Md.	Marion, Md. Howard Davis
Asbury, Md. T. A. H. O'Brien P. O. Lawsonia, Md.	Millsboro, Del. W. H. Kenney
Berlin, Md. G. C. Williams	Millville, Md. O. T. Baynard
Bethel, Del. W. E. Matthews	Mt. Pleasant, Del. J. H. Wilson
Bishopville, Md. E. W. McDowell	Mt. Vernon, Md. V. E. Hills
Cape Charles, Va. G. W. Townsend	Nanticoke, Md. F. E. Bloxton
Chincoteague, Va. T. C. Jones	Newark, Md. G. E. Wood
Claremont, Va. (Sup.) J. W. Sutton	Onancock, Va. J. H. Gardner Assistant, J. F. Ayres
Crisfield, Md. H. G. Budd	Ocean View E. H. Marshall
Deal's Island, Md. T. R. Vandyke	Parsonsburg, Md. O. L. Martin
Delmar, Del. Z. H. Webster	Phoebus, Va. G. W. Stallings
Fairmount, Md. E. L. Hoffecker	Pocomoke City, Md. R. H. Adams
Frankford, Del. G. W. Hastings	Pocomoke Circuit (Sup) J. B. Conaway P. O. Cokesbury, Md
Fruitland, Md. W. S. H. Williams	Powellville, Md. J. W. Gray
Girdletree, Md. J. W. Prettyman	Princess Anne, Md. W. E. Gunb
Gumboro, Del. W. W. White	Quantico, Md. J. H. Goeghegan
Holland's Is., Md (Sup.) L. T. McLain	Koxana, Del. W. W. Chaires
Laurel, Del. T. E. Terry	St. Peters W. W. Sharp P. O. Oriole, Md.
Mardella Sp'gs Md. (Sup) W. N. Conaway	

Salisbury, Md. T. E. Martindale	Tangier Island, Va. M. D. Nutter
Salisbury Circuit (Sup) J. W. Hardesty	Westover, Md. D. H. Willis
P. O. Salisbury, Md.	Whitesville, Del. J. W. Fogle
Selbyville, Del. R. H. Lewis	C. A. Grise, Peninsula agent of the
Sharptown, Md. L. I. McDongle	Anti-Saloon League, member of Berlin
Smith's Island W. P. Taylor	Quarterly Conference, Berlin, Md.
P. O. Ewell, Md.	J. N. Faulkner, left without appoint-
Snow Hill, Md. C. W. Prettyman	ment to attend one of our schools.
Somerset S. P. Shipman	Member of Selbyville Quarterly Con-
P. O. Chance, Md.	ference, Selbyville, Del
Stockton, Md. A. W. Goodhand	

Wilmington District.

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Cherry Hill, Md. E. A. Gillespie	P. O. Lewisville, Pa.
Chesapeake City, Md. T. C. Smoot	Zion J. M. Mitchell
Chester-Bethel J. D. Reese	P. O. Northeast, Md.
P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.	Wilming'n, Asbury, H. A. G. Westerfield
Christiana, Del. W. G. Harris	Brandywine and Edge Moor—H. C.
Claymont, Del. C. P. Keen	Turner
Colora, Md. W. H. Briggs	Cookman V. P. Northrup
Delaware City, Del. E. E. White	Eastlake J. H. Gray
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Elk Neck, Md. J. R. Bicking	Grace H. W. Kellogg
Elkton, Md. L. E. Barrett	Harrison Street C. T. Wyatt
Hockessin, Del. W. R. McFarlane	Kingswood J. T. Prouse
Hopewell F. X. Moore	Madeley G. R. Neese
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Mt. Lebanon I. G. Fosnocht	Scott R. K. Stephenson
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Mt. Pleasant, Del. Harry Taylor	Trinity (Sup) J. H. Thornton
Newark, Del. Wilbur F. Corkran	Union S. N. Pilchard
New Castle, Del. G. T. Alderson	Washington Heights: W. L. S. Murray
Newport, Del. C. W. Strickland	Wesley G. W. Dawson
Northeast Md. J. T. Richardson	A. T. Scott editor of the Christian
Perryville, Md. Asbury Burke	Companion member of Grace (Wilmington)
Port Deposit, Md. V. S. Collins	Quarterly Conference, Wilming-
Port Penn, Del. (Sup.) A. C. Jones	ton, Del.
Red Lion, Del. F. F. McKinsey	H. W. Bolton, conference evangelist.
Rising Sun, Md. J. P. Otis	member of Grace (Wilmington) Quar-
Stanton, Del. (Sup.) C. D. Sharpless	terly Conference, Wilmington, Del.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. **Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences?**
Leolan Jackson, Holston Conference; Charles T. Jones, North Indiana Conference; Isaac S. Whittaker, St. John's River Conference; Hiram W. Kellogg, North Indiana Conference.
2. **Who have been Re-admitted?**
None.
3. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**
None.
4. **Who have been Received on Trial?**
 - (a) *In Studies of First Year.*
William H. Briggs, Tilghman Smith, Oden E. James, Harry D. Stewart, John R. Bicking, Earnest A. Gillespie, Cyrus P. Keen
 - (b) *In Studies of Third Year.*
None.
5. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**
 - (a) *In Studies of First Year.*
William H. Hudson.
 - (b) *In Studies of Second Year.*
James K. Easley, William G. Harris, John L. Sparklin, Wilmot C. Stone, Emory W. McDowell, Daniel Wilson
 - (c) *In Studies of Third Year.*
None.
 - (d) *In Studies of Fourth Year.*
None.
6. **Who have been Discontinued?**
None.
7. **Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?**
 - (a) *Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year.*
Joseph A. Buckson, Joseph H. Gray, Lewis B. Morgan, Elwood Jones, Daniel J. Ford, Jesse C. McCay.
 - (b) *Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.*
Joseph M. S. VanBlunk, Isaac S. Whittaker.
8. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
 - (a) *Admitted into Full Membership this Year.*
Joseph A. Buckson, Joseph H. Gray, Lewis B. Morgan, Elwood W. Jones, Daniel J. Ford, Jesse C. McCoy, Joseph M. S. VanBlunk, Isaac S. Whittaker
 - (b) *Admitted into Full Membership previously.*
None.
9. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
John M. Kelso.
10. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
 - (a) *Elected and Ordained Elders this Year.*
Arthur W. Goodhand, Walter E. Gunby, William E. Habbart, Thomas H. Jones, Howard Davis, Raymond H. Lewis.

- (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.
(c) *Under Seminary Rule.*
William H. Briggs.
12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
(a) *As Local Deacons.*
Alfred G. Brooks, Thomas S. Barrett, William F. Atkinson.
(b) *Under Missionary Rule.*
None.
(c) *Under Seminary Rule.*
None.
13. **Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?**
This was done in open Conference.
14. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**
William S. Epperson, Austin Conference; James W. Easley, Kentucky Conference; William W. King, Indiana Conference; Fred I. Mumford, Baltimore Conference.
15. **Who have Died?**
Samuel J. Morris.
16. **Who have been Located at their own Request?**
None.
17. **Who have been Located?**
None.
18. **Who have Withdrawn?**
None.
19. **Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?**
None.
20. **Who have been Expelled?**
None.
21. **What other personal Notation should be made?**
None.
22. **Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?**
W. R. Gwinn, A. H. Covey, J. W. Talley, T. N. Given, T. S. Holt, H. S. Dulaney, C. H. Williams.
23. **Who are the Superannuated Preachers?**
G. W. Burke, James Carroll, W. E. Tompkinson, James Esgate, W. M. Warner, W. L. P. Bowen, W. W. Redman, J. T. VanBurkalow, Wm. M. Green, F. O. B. Wallin, O. S. Walton, J. S. Wickline, J. M. Collins, T. H. Harding, G. W. Bowman, G. S. Conaway, H. S. Thompson, J. W. Poole.

24. **Who are the Triers of Appeals?**
T. A. H. O'Brien, T. E. Terry, E. C. Macnichol, Robert Watt, J. M. Mitchell.
25. **What is the Statistical Report for this Year?**
See Tables.
26. **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
\$38,996.00.
27. **What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?**
\$13,510.00.
28. **What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?**
\$8,824.57.
29. **Where are the Preachers Stationed?**
See List.
30. **Where shall the Next Conference be Held?**
Asbury, Wilmington.

RECORD OF SESSIONS.

No.	Date.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.
1	March 17, '69	Wilm'ton—Asbury	M. Simpson	S. L. Gracey.
2	" 16, '70	Port Deposit	E. S. Janes	S. L. Gracey.
3	" 8, '71	Dover	L. Scott	S. L. Gracey.
4	Feb'y 21, '72	Laurel	E. R. Ames	T. E. Martindale.
5	March 5, '73	Easton	L. Scott	T. E. Martindale.
6	" 4, '74	Salisbury	L. W. Wiley	T. E. Martindale.
7	" 17, '75	Smyrna	E. S. Janes	T. E. Martindale.
8	" 15, '76	Wilm'ton—Union	L. Scott	T. E. Martindale.
9	" 7, '77	Milford	E. R. Ames	T. E. Martindale.
10	" 13, '78	Chestertown	R. S. Foster	T. E. Martindale.
11	" 19, '79	New Castle	M. Simpson	T. E. Martindale.
12	" 17, '80	Dover	E. G. Andrews	T. E. Martindale.
13	" 16, '81	Lewes	Thos. Bowman	John D. Rigg.
14	" 8, '82	Middletown	J. F. Hurst	John D. Rigg.
15	" 7, '83	Cambridge	M. Simpson	John D. Rigg.
16	" 5, '84	Wilm'ton—Asbury	W. L. Harris	John D. Rigg.
17	" 12, '85	Snow Hill	S. M. Merrill	John D. Rigg.
18	" 4, '86	Elkton	W. F. Mallalieu	John D. Rigg.
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield	H. W. Warren	John D. Rigg.
20	" 7, '88	Wilm'ton—Union	C. D. Foss	John D. Rigg.
21	" 20, '89	Easton	R. S. Foster	John D. Rigg.
22	" 26, '90	Milford	Thos. Bowman	John D. Rigg.
23	" 19, '91	Centreville	C. H. Fowler	John D. Rigg.
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray.
25	" 15, '93	Middletown	S. M. Merrill	A. S. Mowbray.
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury	J. H. Vincent	A. S. Mowbray.
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna	J. F. Hurst	A. S. Mowbray.
28	" 18, '96	Dover	H. W. Warren	A. S. Mowbray.
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown	J. M. Walden	A. S. Mowbray.
30	" 23, '98	Lewes	J. P. Newman	A. S. Mowbray.
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge	C. D. Foss	A. S. Mowbray.
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray.
33	" " " "	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.
38	" 14, '06	Pocomoke City	C. C. McCabe	W. A. Wise.
39	" 20, '07	Smyrna	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise.

JOURNAL.

First Day—March 20, 1907.

OPENING.—The thirty-ninth session of the Wilmington Annual Conference convened in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Smyrna, Delaware, March 20th, 1907, at 9 A. M., Bishop Joseph F. Berry presiding. After devotional services conducted by the Bishop the roll was called by the Secretary of the last session, the Conference standing, with bowed heads and in silence, while the Secretary announced the name of Samuel J. Morris, he having died during the year. The following members and probationers being present:

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, L. W. Layfield, W. L. S. Murray, R. H. Adams, J. P. Otis, Robert Roe, F. C. McSorley, W. T. Lewis, W. W. White, G. W. Townsend, 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, C. A. Hill, R. K. Stephenson, H. T. Quigg, Alfred Smith, J. M. Lindale, G. R. Neese, A. W. Lighbourne, J. R. Cannon, F. J. Corkran, L. P. Corkran, S. N. Pilchard, C. S. Baker, A. P. Prettyman, C. H. Williams, H. W. Kellogg, 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. D. Reese, Robert Watt, D. H. Willis, O. L. Martin, E. C. Sunfield, G. E. Wood, Asbury Burke, W. W. Sharp, W. R. Mowbray, H. S. Dulaney, W. G. Koons, C. T. Wyatt, J. T. Prouse, W. P. Taylor, S. M. Morgan, R. T. Coursey, Z. H. Webster, J. H. Wilson, G. T. Alderson, J. F. Anderson, F. F. Carpenter, W. P. Compton, W. W. Chaires, Warren Burr, J. W. Gray, V. E. Hills, T. C. Smott, S. P. Shipman, J. W. Fogle, L. I. McDougal, G. W. Bounds, M. D. Nutter, J. A. Brewington, H. C. Turner, Edwin Gardner, J. H. Geoghegan, G. P. Jones, V. P. Northrup, W. S. H. Williams, 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, C. W. Moore, J. H. Beauchamp, E. H. Collins, T. R. Vandyke, D. J. Givan, A. C. McGilton, E. H. Dashiell, L. E. Poole, G. P. Smith, J. W. Prettyman, J. W. Tally, T. S. Holt, W. O. Bennett, Harry Taylor, O. E. Jones, I. S. Whittaker, F. E. Bloxton, J. W. Jones, F. X. Moore, H. B. Kelso, G. R. Ellis, J. L. Johnson, E. N. Cantwell, G. W. Dawson, A. A. Bichell, G. W. Stall-

ings, E. H. Marshall, Leolan Jackson, Howard Davis, C. N. Jones, J. M. Arters, W. C. Poole, F. N. Faulkner, G. W. Hastings, W. E. Greenfield, R. H. Lewis, 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, C. T. Jones, W. E. Habbart, T. H. Jones, J. A. Buckson, J. M. Kelso, E. B. Taylor, J. M. S. VanBlunk, J. H. Gray, L. B. Morgan, E. W. Jones, D. J. Ford, J. C. McCoy, J. K. Easley, Daniel Wilson, W. G. Harris, W. C. Stone, J. L. Sparklin, E. W. McDowell.

ORGANIZATION.—On motion of Robert Watt, W. A. Wise was nominated and reelected Secretary, naming as his assistants W. R. Mowbray, L. E. Poole, W. E. Greenfield. On motion of Robert Watt, H. A. G. Westerfield was nominated and reelected Statistical Secretary, and named as his assistants H. B. Kelso, J. L. Johnson, G. S. Thomas, G. R. Ellis, Milton McCann, W. E. Gunby, J. H. Geoghegan, A. W. Goodhand, F. N. Faulkner, F. X. Moore, J. M. Mitchell, J. A. Brewington, J. M. Kelso, C. W. Strickland. On motion of C. W. Prettyman, H. G. Budd was nominated and reelected Treasurer, and named as his assistants J. M. Arters, J. W. Prettyman, G. C. Williams, T. R. VanDyke, V. E. Hills, J. T. Richardson, E. B. Taylor, C. T. Jones, J. K. Easley.

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

BAR, HOURS AND RULES.—On motion of A. S. Mowbray the bar of the Conference was fixed so as to include the sixth line of pews from the front. On motion of V. S. Collins, the hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 8.30 A. M. and 12 M., the first half hour for devotional services. On motion of A. S. Mowbray, the Rules of Order for the last session were adopted for the government of this session.

STEWARDS.—The Presiding Elders nominated the ministerial members of the Conference Board of Stewards as follows:—Dover District, P. H. Rawlins; Easton District, J. A. Arters; Salisbury District, T. E. Terry; Wilmington District, W. L. S. Murray, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—W. G. Koons read the nominations for Standing Committees and they were confirmed. The Treasurer and Statistical Secretary asked for the release of all persons from Standing

Committees who had been previously confirmed as their assistants; the name of J. A. Buckson was substituted for that of J. W. Prettyman on the Church Insurance Committee and that of O. L. Martin in the place of V. E. Hills on the Auditing Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.—Robert Watt presented and read the following paper, which was adopted by a rising vote.

“Having heard with great pleasure that our Representatives in the Senate of the United States, H. A. Richardson and Henry A. Dupont, at banquets recently given in their honor, excluded the use of wines, we wish to record our hearty approval, and in the name of our church and the moral sentiment of the community to commend their acts in this respect.

“Having heard also that at a banquet held in the Hotel Richardson in Dover last Monday night that our representative in the lower branch of the National Congress, Dr. Hiram R. Burton, made a savage attack on the Local Option Bill now in the hands of the Governor, we desire to pronounce our unqualified condemnation of this act of wantonness in Congressman Burton in assailing a measure not yet a law, while it was under Executive consideration, and especially as members of the legislature who supported the measure were at the banquet as guests of honor. We will keep before the decent citizens of this state this seemingly servile servant of the legalized saloon so that his uncalled for zeal may not be forgotten.

“We earnestly and respectfully petition our Governor, Preston Lee, to make this Local Option Measure a law, so that the qualified electors of this state may be permitted to exercise the right so long denied them.”

T. L. POULSON.—On motion of C. W. Prettyman, Dr. T. L. Poulson, of the New York East Conference, was accorded the privileges of the floor.

EPWORTH LEAGUE NOMINATIONS.—On motion of F. F. Carpenter, the Presiding Elders were requested to name a committee on nominations for the Conference Cabinet of the Epworth League, which was done as follows: W. R. Mowbray, G. W. Bounds, T. E. Martindale, J. M. Arters, and the election was made the order of the day for Friday at 10 o'clock.

OFFICIAL VISITORS.—Dr. John D. Krantz, representative of the New York Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference; Dr. J. D. Martin, Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, was introduced and addressed the Conference

in the interests of that institution; Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the New York *Christian Advocate*, was introduced and addressed the Conference in behalf of that paper.

TRANSFER.—Bishop Berry announced the transfer of Fred I. Mumford to the Baltimore Conference.

STATISTICS—The call for statistics was made and the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, together with their assistants, collected the reports.

QUESTION 13.—The Thirteenth Question, “Was the character of each preacher examined?” was taken up. W. G. Koons, Presiding Elder of Easton District, and A. S. Mowbray, Presiding Elder of Wilmington District, were called, their characters passed and they read reports of their work.

REFERENCES—On motion of S. M. Morgan the characters of T. N. Given and J. W. Talley were passed and their cases were referred to the Board of Stewards. On motion of W. G. Koons, W. R. Gwinn was granted a Supernumerary relation and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards. On motion of A. S. Mowbray, G. W. Burke was granted a Superannuated relation. On motion of V. S. Collins it was ordered that all other cases intended for the Committee on Conference Relation, in which all the Presiding Elders were agreed, should be referred without further Conference action.

QUIET HOUR.—On motion of S. M. Morgan, an invitation was extended all members of minister's families to attend the Quiet Hour this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

INTRODUCTIONS—W. W. Davis, of the Baltimore Conference; H. W. Bolton, H. W. Kellogg, E. H. Marshall, and G. W. Stallings, of our own Conference; J. H. Nutter, J. R. Brown, and C. S. Sprigg, of the Delaware Conference, were introduced.

BISHOP M'CAKE.—T. E. Martindale, L. E. Barrett and S. M. Morgan were made a committee to prepare a suitable minute on the death of Bishop Charles C. McCabe, and they were requested to report at the Memorial Services.

DOOR-KEEPERS.—Edwin Gardner, W. C. Poole and T. H. Jones were appointed door-keepers for the Quiet Hour this afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT.—Committees were called, announcements were made, the doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, Dr. J. M. Buckley pronouncing the benediction.

Second Session—Thursday Morning.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, with Dr. H. C. Morrison in charge of the devotional services. At 9 o'clock Bishop Berry took the chair.

JOURNAL.—The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved. The roll of the absentees was called and on motion of C. W. Prettyman it was ordered that further calling of the roll be dispensed with.

GREETINGS.—Robert Watt, V. S. Collins and E. N. Cantwell were made a committee to send greetings and express the sympathy of the Conference to Brothers G. W. Burke, W. R. Gwinn and C. A. Grise, who are detained at home on account of sickness.

RESOLUTIONS.—V. S. Collins presented the following resolution, which was adopted by rising vote, and the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the gift therein named.

WHEREAS, Miss Susan D. Carey, of Glenside, Pa., has placed in the hands of our Board of Conference Trustees the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, to be held in trust for Goshen Methodist Episcopal Church of Milton, Delaware, therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of this Wilmington Annual Conference are hereby tendered to Miss Carey, and a cordial appreciation of her confidence in placing this trust in our hands,

Resolved, That we commend to our laymen the example of Miss Carey, in their seeking to aid the church not only during life but even after their decease, and suggest to them the advisability of placing the Church among their list of benefactions in their wills.

REFERENCE—On motion of S. M. Morgan the case of J. T. Van-Burkalow was referred to the Board of Stewards.

NOTICES.—The Secretary read the list of Standing Committees and notices were given. The name of Howard Davis was substituted for that of G. C. Williams on the Committee on Epworth League, and H. C. Turner in place of C. A. Hill on the Temperance Committee.

DELINQUENTS.—The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer reported the names of delinquents.

METHODIST REVIEW.—On motion of W. G. Koons, W. P. Taylor was appointed to canvas for subscribers to the *Methodist Review*.

DRAFTS.—Bishop Berry presented drafts on the Book Concern for \$1549, and on the Chartered Fund for \$22, and they were ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

ORDER OF THE DAY.—At the request of the Bishop, the admission of the class into Full Membership was made the Order of the Day for Friday at 11 o'clock.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. H. C. Morrison of the Kentucky Conference, M. E. Church South, and Dr. J. H. Willey of the New York East Conference were introduced.

QUESTION 13—The Thirteenth Question was resumed, Adam Stengle, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, and S. M. Morgan, Presiding Elder of Dover District, were called, their characters passed and they made reports of their work. The effective Elders of the four Districts were called and their characters passed.

TRANSFERS.—At the request of the Bishop the Secretary read the list of transfers (see list). The following members transferred into the Conference during the year were called and presented, Leolan Jackson, C. T. Jones and I. S. Whittaker.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. S. J. Herben, editor of the *Epworth Herald*, and Dr. L. T. Wideman, Agent of the Maryland Bible Society, were introduced and addressed the Conference respecting the interests which they represent.

QUESTION 30.—The Thirtieth Question "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. H. A. G. Westerfield extended an invitation from Asbury Church, Wilmington, and it was unanimously accepted.

STUDENT CONFERENCE.—C. T. Wyatt presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, arrangements are being perfected for a Mountain Lake Park Student Conference open to students of our schools, pastors, members of our Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues and to all students of the Word, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we approve this Conference and pledge it our hearty support and co-operation.

ADJOURNMENT.—The doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, Dr. S. J. Herben pronouncing the benediction.

Third Session—Friday Morning.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, Dr. H. C. Morrison conducting the devotions. At 9.15 o'clock Bishop Berry took the chair. The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION.—Bishop Edward G. Andrews was presented and briefly addressed the Conference.

QUESTION 22.—The Twenty-Second Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up:—A. H. Covey, J. W. Talley, W. W. Chaires, W. S. H. Williams and T. N. Given were called, their characters passed, and the relation of A. H. Covey, J. W. Talley and T. N. Given was continued, the cases of W. W. Chaires and W. S. H. Williams being referred to the Committee on Conference Relation.

QUESTION 23.—The Twenty-Third Question, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up:—James Carroll, W. E. Tomkinson, James Esgate, W. M. Warren, W. L. P. Bowen, W. W. Redman, J. T. VanBurkalow, W. M. Greene, F. O. B. Wallin, O. S. Walton, J. S. Wickline, J. M. Collins, T. H. Harding, G. W. Bowman, G. S. Conaway, H. S. Thompson and J. W. Poole were called. Their characters passed and their relation was continued.

LOCAL OPTION.—Alfred Smith announced that Governor Lea had signed the Local Option bill, and, on motion of E. L. Hoffecker, the Secretary was directed to communicate the pleasure and appreciation of this Conference to the Governor for having placed his signature to that measure.

QUESTION 5.—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up:—J. K. Easley, W. G. Harris, J. L. Sparklin, W. C. Stone, E. W. McDowell, Daniel Wilson and W. H. Hudson were called, the Registrar reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and they were advanced to the Studies of the Second Year; except W. H. Hudson, who was continued on Trial in Studies of the First Year.

QUESTION 9.—The Ninth Question—"What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. J. M. Kelso was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, the Presiding Elder represented and he was advanced to studies of the fourth year.

QUESTION 10.—The Tenth Question—"What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. A. W. Goodhand, W. E. Gunby, W. E. Habbart, T. H. Jones, Howard Davis and R. H. Lewis were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were graduated from the course of study and elected to Elders orders.

QUESTION 12.—The Twelfth Question—"What Others Have Been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up. The recommendations of A. G. Brooks, T. S. Barrett and W. F. Atkinson were presented and read. The Registrar reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were elected to Elders orders.

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

COLLECTION.—On motion of E. L. Hoffecker, a collection of \$30.55 taken in behalf of a student at Princess Anne Academy, was placed in the hands of V. S. Collins to be forwarded.

ORDER OF THE DAY.—The report of the Committee to nominate officers for the Conference Epworth League was presented. The Secretary read the nominations as follows:—For President F. F. Carpenter, for Secretary and Treasurer J. M. Arters, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

NOTICES.—The Committees were called and notices were given. On motion of C. W. Prettyman the time was extended.

QUESTION 7.—The Seventh Question, "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. J. A. Buckson, J. M. S. Van Blunk, J. H. Gray, L. B. Morgan, E. L. Jones, D. J. Ford, J. C. McCoy and I. S. Whittaker were called. The Registrar reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and the Disciplinary Questions being satisfactorily answered, the class was called before the Bar of the Conference and after a most instructive and impressive address by Bishop Berry the usual questions were propounded and they were Admitted into Full Membership.

ADJOURNMENT.—After a season of prayer participated in by each member of the class just admitted, and by J. T. VanBurkalow, on motion Conference adjourned.

Fourth Session—Saturday Morning.

OPENING.—Conference met at 8.30 o'clock with the devotions in charge of Dr. H. C. Morrison. At 9 o'clock Bishop Berry took the chair.

JOURNAL.—The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

CONFERENCE ACADEMY REPORT.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy was made the order of the day for 10.30 o'clock today.

QUESTION 7.—The Seventh Question, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was resumed:—J. A. Buckson, J. H. Gray, L. B. Morgan, E. W. Jones, D. J. Ford, and J. C. McCoy, who were Admitted into Full Membership, were called and elected to Deacons Orders. J. M. S. VanBlunk and I. S. Whittaker having been previously ordained.

QUESTION 4.—The Fourth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. The recommendations of W. H. Briggs, Tilghman Smith, O. E. James, H. D. Stewart, W. H. Revelle, J. R. Bicking, E. A. Gillespie, and C. P. Keen were read. The Registrar and Committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were Admitted on Trial. W. H. Briggs being elected to Deacons Orders under the Seminary Rule.

RESOLUTION.—E. L. Hoeffcker presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved 1, That the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications be composed of nine members, two from each Presiding Elder's District and one at large.

Resolved 2, That these shall be divided into groups of three each, to serve for one, two, and three years, so that six constituent members of the Committee may have more than one year's experience in the duties of their office.

Resolved 3, That the Committee be, and is hereby authorized and directed to secure a book wherein shall be kept a permanent record of its work, the said record to be preserved in the archives of the Conference.

Resolved 4. That the Committee as at present constituted shall be grouped as follows, term of office to expire,—1907 S. P. Shipman, E.

L. Hoeffcker; 1908 W. L. White, M. D. Nutter, Robert Watt; 1909 H. S. Thompson, C. T. Wyatt, E. C. Macnichol.

Resolved 5, That the Committee on Nominations be authorized to make nominations annually to fill vacancies occurring by expiration of term of office, or otherwise.

BOARD OF STEWARD'S REPORT.—P. H. Rawlins presented the report of the Board of Stewards which was adopted. E. H. Nelson was nominated Trustee for the funds of Mrs. Annie D. Chatham, Hon. Jay Williams Trustee for the children of James Connor, and S. M. Morgan Trustee for the funds of Mrs. R. B. Fisher, and they were elected.

STEWARDS ENDOWMENT.—L. W. Layfield presented the report of the committee on Stewards Endowment and it was adopted.

ACADEMY TRUSTEES.—A motion by C. W. Prettyman that a committee of three be appointed to nominate ministerial members to fill vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy was laid on the table. And on motion the Presiding Elders named as the Committee, R. T. Coursey, W. L. White, C. W. Prettyman, F. F. Carpenter, Bishop Berry naming W. L. S. Murray at large, and they were confirmed.

EPISCOPAL APPORTIONMENT.—The Secretary read a communication respecting the apportionment of \$2043 to this Conference for the Episcopal Fund, and on motion of T. E. Martindale it was referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to the charges.

THE ORDER OF THE DAY—was called. Hon. William Salisbury, President of the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy presented and read a report, pending the acceptance of which Prof. E. L. Cross, Principal of the Academy, was introduced and addressed the Conference. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Education. Conference proceeded to receive subscriptions toward a fund to be used for scholarships at the Academy, R. K. Stephenson, C. W. Prettyman and G. P. Jones being made a committee to complete the canvass of the Conference. Adam Stengle presented the following resolution which was adopted:

"WHEREAS, the part of the Educational Collection usually applied to the Conference Academy is in many cases retained by the pastors until the ensuing session of the Conference, and

WHEREAS, this money will be needed at once by the Trustees of the Academy to meet maturing obligations, therefore be it

Resolved, that our pastors be requested to forward this money to the Treasurer of the Board as soon after the collection is taken as possible.

Resolved, that the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees be requested to notify the pastors of their action a few days preceding the time for taking this collection."

RESOLUTION.—V. S. Collins presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved That the Presiding Elders are hereby instructed to apportion the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to the various charges of the Conference for the Wilmington Conference Academy, the amount thus raised to be considered a part of our offerings for Education, and to be raised as are the other disciplinary benevolences; and to be paid over promptly to the Trustees of the Academy to be used according to their best judgment.

NOTICES.—Notices were given. W. G. Koons announced the gift of Five Hundred Dollars to the Stewards Endowment Fund by Mrs. S. C. Peirce, of Sudleysville, and the following resolution presented by P. H. Rawlins was adopted.

WHEREAS, Mrs. S. C. Peirce has placed in the hands of the Board of Stewards at this session her check for Five Hundred Dollars for the Endowment Fund of the Board of Stewards of our Conference, the interest of which is to be used for the benefit of our Conference Claimants,

Resolved, We hereby extend our grateful acknowledgment of the receipt of this gift and assure her that we will carefully endeavor to carry out her wishes, and keep the money properly invested so that our Conference Claimants through coming years may receive the benefit of the same.

RESIGNATION.—Bishop Berry announced the resignation of R. K. Stephenson from the Conference Board of Examiners, and appointed J. M. Arters to fill the vacancy.

OFFICIAL VISITORS.—Mr. William H. Anderson, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland, was introduced and addressed the Conference. H. T. Quigg presented the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That we request of the Anti-Saloon League of America that they render all possible assistance in our effort to take advantage of the Submission Law just passed by the Delaware Legislature and signed by the Governor, and to lend the aid of its nation-wide influence and organization in the attempt to vote the saloon out of the state.

Dr. W. S. Matthew, Presiding Elder of the San Francisco District of the California Conference, was introduced and addressed the Conference respecting the needs of our churches there which had suffered from the recent earthquake and fire, and on motion the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved. After hearing Dr. Matthews on the needs of Methodists in San Francisco we hereby recommend April 21st as the day of rehabilitation throughout the bounds of our Conference.

OFFICIAL VISITORS.—Dr. W. F. Anderson, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, Dr. W. L. Davidson, Secretary of the American University at Washington, D. C., and J. O. Randall, Field Agent of the General Conference Commission on Aggressive Evangelism, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

V. S. Collins was excused to attend a funeral.

RESOLUTION.—L. E. Barrett presented the following resolution which was adopted.

WHEREAS, the news has gone forth throughout the continent that a child, one Horace Marvin, has been kidnaped for ransom by conspirators, from his father's home in the county in which this Conference now sits, and

WHEREAS, it is difficult to realize that such a dastardly plot could ever have been planned and carried out in this State, where the punishment for robbing a parent of his child is death on the gallows, yet in order that the tranquility of our homes may be fully restored and that those priceless gifts of God, the children, may ever remain inviolate, Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Governor of this State be and is hereby urged to spare no expense in his investigation as to whether this child was really seized and carried away by abductors to force the distracted father into the payment of a ransom or fortune for his return, and that nothing be left undone to bring the perpetrators to bar and mete out to them swift justice; and, be it further

Resolved, That our earnest prayers are hereby pledged in behalf of the father of this child, that his son may be restored to him in full health and strength and that all mothers and fathers of our State be spared this unspeakable suffering to which he has, apparently, been subjected.

ADJOURNMENT.—On motion the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. W. F. Anderson.

Fifth Session—Monday Morning.

OPENING.—Conferenced convened at 8.30 o'clock, Dr. H. C. Morrison conducting the devotional services. At 9 o'clock Bishop Berry took the chair.

JOURNAL.—Journal of Saturday's session was read and approved.

H W BOLTON—A S. Mowbray presented and read a report from H. W. Bolton concerning his work as Conference Evangelist, and on motion of his Presiding Elder the Bishop was requested to reappoint him to that work.

PERMANENT FUND.—On motion of A. S. Mowbray a by-law of the Wilmington Conference Permanent Fund Association, concerning the method of distributing the funds of that Association, was approved.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.—The Bishop was requested to reappoint Alfred Smit's Conference Temperance Evangelist, P. H. Rawlins agent of the Stewards Endowment Fund, A. T. Scott editor of *Christian Companion*, C. A. Grise to the Anti Saloon Work. The Secretary read a report from Brother Grise giving an account of his work during the past year, which was accepted. On motion of their Presiding Elders, the Bishop was requested to leave W. H. Hudson, F. N. Faulkner and J. W. Briscoe without appointment to attend our schools.

DR. MORRISON.—Robert Watt presented the following resolution which was adopted by rising vote.

WHEREAS, in the providence of God it has been our pleasure to have with us the Rev. Henry C. Morrison, of Kentucky, and desiring to give some expression of our appreciation and our affection and esteem for this servant of the church we adopt by a rising vote the following:

We believe we voice the sentiments of both ministers and laymen when we say he is a man of apostolic zeal, earnestness and ability. His exposition, sermons and exhortations have moved us mightily and have been used of God to bring us into a larger spiritual experience. Dr. Morrison has won our hearts and convinced our heads. We bid him Godspeed in his great mission of arousing the church and winning souls for his Master. We pray that God may spare his servant many years to prosecute his great work.

We indulge the hope that the Committee on Public Worship may arrange to have Dr. Morrison with us at our next session.

We request the Secretary to send Dr. Morrison a copy of the minutes.

CHANGE OF RELATION—The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that the relation of W. W. Chaires and W. S. H. Williams be changed from Supernumerary to Effective which was done. On motion of their Presiding Elders the relation of T. S. Holt and H. S. Dulaney was changed from Effective to Supernumerary at their own request.

ORDINATION.—Bishop Berry presented the following certificate of ordination.

This is to Certify

That on the Twenty-Fourth Day of March, A. D. 1907, I ordained, after election by the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the following as:—**Deacons**, Joseph A. Buckson, J. Howard Gray, Lewis B. Morgan, Elwood Jones, Daniel J. Ford, Jesse C. McCoy, William H. Briggs, and assisted by the Presiding Elders, the following as:—**Elders**, Arthur W. Goodhand, Walter E. Gunby, William E. Habbart, Thomas H. Jones, Howard Davis, Raymond H. Lewis, Alfred G. Brooks, Thomas S. Barrett and William F. Atkinson.

JOSEPH F. BERRY, *Bishop*.

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EDUCATION.—H. T. Quigg presented and read the report of the Committee on Education, pending the adoption of which A. W. Lightbourne moved to amend, eliminating visitors to the Boston University School of Theology; H. C. Turner moved to amend the amendment by adding the name of A. W. Lightbourne to the visiting committee. After considerable debate the amendments were lost and the report was adopted as read.

COLLECTION.—On motion of Robert Watt, a collection was ordered for the Sexton, Organist, Minutes, Registrar, and deficiency in the amount needed for Dr. Morrison.

EPISCOPAL FUND.—L. E. Barrett presented the report on Episcopal Fund which was adopted.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—V. S. Collins read a report from the Committee appointed at the last Conference to examine the Charter and Constitution of the Domestic Missionary Society: T. E. Terry moved to amend by substituting the words "one per cent." in the place of "two per cent." in the paragraph referring to apportionments. After debate, A. S. Mowbray moved as a substitute for all before us that the report be printed in the Minutes and considered at the next session.

ACADEMY TRUSTEES.—C. W. Prettyman presented the following nominations for ministerial members in the Board of Trustees of the Conference Academy: C. A. Hill, A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, J. T. VanBurkalow, W. G. Koons, V. S. Collins, G. L. Hardesty, W. O. Hurst. The vote was taken. J. W. Prettyman, Howard Davis, J. M. Arters, G. P. Jones were appointed tellers, and they retired.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES—On motion of G. W. Bounds the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for Adam Stengle, T. E. Martindale, E. H. Nelson as members of the Board of Conference Trustees.

THANKS.—The following Committee on Thanks was appointed: G. W. Bounds, G. L. Hardesty, A. C. McGilton, A. W. Lightbourne and W. L. S. Murray.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.—A communication from the Philadelphia Conference was read and accepted, and on motion of T. E. Martindale, the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the same.

MRS. PIERCE.—On motion of W. G. Koons the Secretary was requested to send to Mrs. Pierce a copy of the resolution adopted at yesterday's session referring to her gift made to the Conference.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. Robert W. Rogers of Drew Theological Seminary, Dr. L. W. Munhall of Philadelphia and Dr. Samuel Gurney were introduced to the Conference. On motion of Robert Watt it was agreed that when we adjourn it be to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Bishop Berry requested T. E. Martindale to take the chair for the remainder of the morning session, also to preside at the opening of the session this afternoon.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.—At 11.15 o'clock the Memorial Services began. After prayer by T. E. Terry, J. P. Otis presented and read the Memoir of Samuel J. Morris; W. C. Poole that of Mrs. Hannah P. Merritt; C. A. Hill that of Mrs. Elizabeth S. Titlow. W. L. S. Mur-

ray made fitting remarks upon the life and decease of W. T. Hammond, a local preacher. T. E. Martindale presented the report of the committee appointed to prepare a suitable minute on the death of Bishop Charles C. McCabe, and on motion the Memoirs were adopted. On motion of Alfred Smith it was directed that the Committee of Arrangements for the next Conference session provide for the memorial service immediately after the calling of the roll and organization.

COMMITTEE REPORT.—Robert Watt presented a report of the Committee in the cases of W. R. Gwinn, C. A. Grise and G. W. Burke which was adopted.

Having learned that our brethren, Revs. Geo. W. Burke and W. R. Gwinn, have, on account of failing health, requested a change of relation, we would, in view of their long and useful ministry, express to them our appreciation and love. We crave for them the continued favor of God and pray that their path may be smooth, their life serene, their faith unshaken, until they hear the well done, enter into the joy of thy Lord

We also extend to our brother Dr. C. A. Grise, in his illness, our hearty sympathy and pray the Great Head of the Church that our brother's health may be speedily restored.

ELECTION.—The tellers reported the election of C. A. Hill, A. S. Mowbray, G. L. Hardesty and J. T. VanBurkalow as members of the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS were made and Conference adjourned, Alfred Smith pronouncing the benediction.

Sixth Session—Monday Afternoon.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 3 o'clock with T. E. Martindale in the chair. The Journal of the morning session was read and approved

REPORTS.—Reports from the Committees on Sabbath Observance, Epworth League and Temperance were read and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS. H. C. Turner presented the following resolution: **WHEREAS**, the great conflict for the life or death of the saloon is to be waged in the three Counties of Delaware and Worcester County in Maryland, during this Conference year, therefore be it *Resolved*, That Rev. Alfred Smith, our Conference Evangelist, be

requested to give his whole time to these sections of the Conference as far as possible until after the election in November.

A motion to Lay on Table was lost, after discussion the resolution was adopted.

V. S. Collins presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, consisting of one hundred and eighty ministers and forty-two thousand members, hereby extends hearty congratulations to Honorable Judge Samuel R. Hartman of Indiana, for his manly, noble, brave and statesmanlike decision in a recent application for a license in that State.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to forward this action to Judge Hartman.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.—Robert Watt presented the following resolution which was adopted:

RESOLVED, that we as a Conference heartily endorse the action of our Bishops in refusing to confirm the election of Prof. H. G. Mitchell to the chair of Old Testament Exegesis in the School of Theology of Boston University, and we instruct our Conference visitors to convey this action to the President of Boston University, and we also instruct our Conference visitors, in the event that the report of the proposed action of the faculty of this institution to make impossible the confirmation of their professors by the Bishops proves correct, to convey to President Huntington our disapproval of such action.

REPORTS.—Reports from the committees on the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Church Insurance, Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia, Bible Society, Periodicals, Conference Board of Church Extension, Home Missions and Church Extension Auditing, Freedman's Aid and Southern Education, were read and adopted. T. C. Smoot presented and read the report of the Committee on Sunday School and Tract which on motion of E. H. Dashiell was amended and approved as amended. G. L. Hardesty presented and read the report of the Committee on Thanks, which was adopted by a rising vote. T. E. Martindale presented and read the report of the Sub-Committee on Aggressive Evangelism, which was adopted. V. S. Collins presented and read a report from the Trustees of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes. The report of the Managers of

the Conference Education Society was presented and adopted. T. A. H. O'Brien presented nominations for the Conference Education Society and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

RESOLUTION.—V. S. Collins presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the officers of the Domestic Missionary Society elected last year be elected for the ensuing year.

2. That the officers thus elected be instructed to divide all the money raised this year for Domestic Missions among the ministers of the weaker charges, not reserving any part for the purchase of lots.

3. That the consideration of the report of the Committee offered this morning be made the order of the day for Thursday morning of the next Conference session, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

4. That resolution of last year regarding the apportionments be reenacted.

C. H. WILLIAMS.—On motion of Adam Stengle the relation of C. H. Williams was changed from Effective to Supernumerary at his own request.

REPORTS.—The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer read their reports and they were adopted.

MISSIONARY SERMON.—A. W. Lightbourne was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon, with W. L. White as Alternate.

TRIFIERS OF APPEALS.—W. G. Koons read the names of the Trifiers of Appeals and they were appointed. (See List).

NOMINATIONS.—Nominations were made for the District Missionary Secretaries, Sub-Committee on Aggressive Evangelism, Conference Deaconess Board, Conference Board of Church Extension, Conference Board of Church Location, and they were confirmed. (See List).

MISSIONARY DISTRIBUTION.—The following distribution of Missionary money was read and approved: whole amount of appropriation to Wilmington Conference \$500, applied as follows:—Dover District, Salem \$50, Vienna \$50, Lakesville \$40; Easton District, Royal Oak \$48, Oxford \$42, Henderson \$54; Salisbury District, Cape Charles \$75, Salisbury Circuit \$66, Phoebus \$75. I concur in the above apportionments.—J. F. BERRY.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Journal was read and approved. Hymn number 389 was sung. Bishop Berry addressed the Conference, at the conclusion of which, upon the Bishop's request, the Secretary read the Appointments and Conference adjourned, without date, Bishop Berry pronouncing the Benediction.

Joseph F. Berry,
President.

W. A. Wise,
Secretary.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

Dover District.

This has been a year of strenuous service and of substantial and sublime achievement by the faithful toilers, ministers and laymen, of Dover District in every one of the five departments of Church enterprise: Church improvements; paying old debts; cultivating and stimulating a more intelligent and sustained interest in and response to the request of our General Church for support in her great beneficent world-movements; conversion of souls to Jesus Christ; and the edifying of believers into a broader and stronger character construction and quickening them into more vital spiritual experience and more eager and hurrying errands on the paths of truly consecrated lives.

The work on the district has had less interruption this year than in any of the three years of the writer's incumbency of his present office. Church Creek was supplied after Conference for a few months by Brother D. B. Prettyman, a local preacher living on the charge. This was done both capably and satisfactorily until he insisted upon being relieved as soon as a suitable supply could be secured. At length Brother Leolan Jackson, a member of the Holston Conference and a recent graduate of Grant Memorial University, was found. Testimonials favorable to his character, intellectual attainments and work accompanied his application for a transfer. Upon application to the lamented Bishop McCabe, this request was granted and Brother Jackson was appointed by him to Church Creek. Considering the time of the year of this appointment, the great difficulties of that work, and the further fact that Mrs. Jackson has been disabled by serious illness a part of the time, the charge has been well served.

Leipsic, the dread of pastors and presiding elders for a generation past, has been on the rampage again this year. Brother R. S. Stephens, a local preacher of Armory Church, Dover, was assigned to that charge at our last session. Leipsic peremptorily rebelled. Notwithstanding Brother Stephens is a very enterprising and successful Church worker and leader, she would not receive him on any terms. Dr. Stephens, however, took up the work at Raymond's, the other part of the Leipsic charge, with his usual aggressiveness and enthusiasm, and marked success has crowned his labors. The church edifice, second only in age to Barrett's Chapel of all our churches in Delaware, has been renovated and paid for; the congregation and Sunday School have both grown in numbers and in interest; a revival was conducted with good results, and Raymond's Church of Leipsic charge will do more this year for the local church life and for the General Church claims, than Leipsic and Raymond's together have done for years past. The more of Leipsic, in other words, the less of Raymond's and the less of the total of the two of them; the less of Leipsic, the more of Raymond's and the more of the total outcome.

A change in circuit lines was deemed necessary at the last Conference session on the Concord Circuit work. A new parsonage was demanded by the enterprising church people of the charge, and that its location should be at Concord instead of Williston. Chestnut Grove, which had been separated from Federalsburg two years before, was associated with Concord Circuit and Williston was added to Burrsville charge. Williston rebelled and called in a Swedenborgian preacher to supply that appointment. After an unavailing effort to persuade the Swedenborgian preacher to retire from our Methodist pulpit, and the Williston people from encouraging that irregularity and illegality, we resorted to the legal procedure of an injunction and promptly attained the end sought. The connectional character of our Methodism is a basic and vital fact in our system and our general church ownership of, and authority over all our church property, is a necessary concomitant. These two facts have done much towards making our church great. The one fact ought, therefore, to be emphasized until all our people understand it, and the other ought to be maintained until they all respect it.

The temporal support of our pastors has moved forward this year, notwithstanding the large aggregate advance the last two years. Ten charges are to be numbered in this list. Armory, Little Creek and Asbury, joined together as one charge last Conference session, pays \$100 more than they paid separately. Bridgeville, with a new work added, has advanced \$150; Burrsville, \$100; Denton, \$100; Georgetown Circuit, \$100; Vienna, \$100; Hooper's Island, \$100; Concord Circuit, \$50; Federalsburg, \$50; Galestown, \$50 and Ellendale, \$20. The aggregate increase this year is about \$900. This added to the increase of the previous two years makes an aggregate advance of salaries on Dover District for the three years of nearly \$3,000. This has meant much of added and needed supplies and comforts to our preachers and their families, and is also but the discharge of a debt, viewed from the standpoint alike of quantity, quality and value of the service rendered to every phase of the interest and well-being of the people.

The work of church and parsonage building and repairing has had a good year. Perhaps the most notable instance of this is the organization of a new society and the building of a new church edifice for them in a rural section near Bridgeville. Brother W. R. Mowbray led this enterprise from its inception to its completion. The church edifice cost nearly \$1,800, every dollar of which has been paid. It meant much of toil and sacrifice on the part of both the pastor and the people. Brother Mowbray drew on his overalls and labored for weeks with his own hands in the construction of the house. There are few people as skillful with the trowel as he, and he was the master-workman in that division of the enterprise. As has already been intimated, the church was dedicated free from debt. This was followed by a revival meeting of marked success. So that, where a year ago there was no church and no organized Society, there is now a beautiful church edifice having an auditorium and communicating lecture room, and a shapely steeple; a membership numbering over fifty, a Sunday School of seventy-five and a congre-

gation of worshipers that fill the house at every service.

Mention has been made of changing the location of the parsonage from Williston, which was a part of Concord Circuit, to Concord. An eight-room house, modernly planned and built of substantial material, has been erected near the church on the corner of the famous Concord Camp-Ground. Brother S. P. Shipman gave up one of our good stations last year at the end of a year's successful pastorate and returned to this charge to lead the enterprise. He gave almost his entire time to the supervision of the work. By his skillful management a property that is worth \$2,000 has cost less than \$1,800; and more than two-thirds of this has been collected and paid by him. This new and beautiful parsonage home, centrally located on the charge, transforms the charge into such favorable conditions as to make it one of the best and most desirable circuits in the Conference.

Extensive repairs, embracing painting, new carpets, new pews and new chandeliers have been put upon our church property at Camden. It was greatly needed but most difficult to accomplish. The tact, persistence and insistence of the pastor and his associate helpers in the parsonage, were, however, equal to the task. The cost, \$1,000, was collected and paid before the day of reopening. Dr. W. L. S. Murray and the writer assisted the pastor in the reopening services. Other amounts expended on the church property of Camden charge aggregate \$300.

Harrington church has likewise been renovated in the interior by placing richly decorated metal on the ceiling and walls, new electric lights and new carpets throughout the church, and a set of new furniture in the pulpit. The cost of this, amounting to about \$1,400, has all been met under the leadership of the pastor, Brother J. H. Beauchamp.

Georgetown has sold their old parsonage property and bought another property much superior and better located, at a cost in excess of receipts for the old one of \$1,200. Our people there contemplate rebuilding this property so as to make it one of the best parsonages on the District, or in the Conference. Other improvements on church and parsonage property here amount to \$540.

Seaford has installed a handsome new pipe organ at a cost of \$2,300. Nassau has spent on improvements, \$720; Lewes, \$510; Wesley, Dover, \$450; Denton, \$400; Galestown, \$330; Frederica, \$225; Armory, Cambridge, Crapo, Hooper's Island and Preston, each \$200; Houston, \$170; Hurlock, \$160; Milford and Wyoming, each \$150; East New Market, \$120; Greenwood, \$100; Burrsville, Raymond's and Willis Chapel, each \$95; Elliott's and Federalsburg, each \$85; Ellendale, \$75. The aggregate of other amounts reported is \$270. The total of all amounts reported as expended on church and parsonage property on the district this Conference year is \$17,534.

One of the greatest achievements in debt paying that ever occurred in this Conference, considering the difficulties, is that accomplished for Armory parsonage, Dover, under the leadership of the pastor, Brother B. F. Jester.

This house was built the year previous to the writer's appointment to the District, without a dollar of cash. The entire sum for its construction, \$1,500, was borrowed and a mortgage given upon both parsonage and church to secure it. In addition to this, there were floating debts amounting to \$150 or over, and the people in that little Society were not able or willing to pay even the accruing interest. This indicates the perplexing problem there for the past three years. Brother Jester, the indomitable, the undiscourageable, the invincible, the irrepressible, the irresistible, started out to get this money from nowhere in particular, and from nobody who was in allegiance to and under definite obligation for Armory in her helpless plight. After clearing up the floating debts earlier in the Conference year, in the month of February, he untied the purse strings of enough beneficent folks to pay off the gnawing mortgage debt and release the church to go on her mission of blessing to all who shall come within her reach and influence. Did time allow, mention could well be made of many of these donors. The name of Gen. T. Coleman duPont should not be omitted in any event, for he inspired the effort of Brother Jester by pledging \$500 to be paid when the rest was raised, which pledge was promptly redeemed at the instant stated. Other old debts cancelled are Little Creek and Hooper's Island, each \$200; Zoar Circuit and Houston, each \$147. The aggregate of other sums reported is \$225. The total of all old debts raised is over \$2,500.

The Ladies' Aid Society since its presiding officers have had a place in the roll of our Quarterly Conference membership, has been found to be a very important factor in our church financiering. Their reports show that the expense, largely of parsonage improvements, but not a little of church improvements also, is met by this aggressive organization. They are at once skillful and successful in gathering funds for church enterprises and wise and helpful in their outlay. The writer exercised some care on his last quarterly visitation to secure the facts touching this matter, and with the following results: The Ladies' Aid of Concord Circuit expended during the year \$230; of Denton and Houston, each \$220; of Cambridge and Harrington, each \$215; of Crapo, Greenwood and Hurlock, each \$175; of Galestown, \$150; of Seaford, \$112; of Georgetown, \$100; of East New Market, Lewes, Nassau, Milford, Milton and Preston, each \$75; of Canterbury, Federalsburg and Seaford Circuit, each \$60; of Camden, Church Creek, Williamsburg and Wyoming, each \$50; of Georgetown Circuit and Vienna, each \$40; of Ellendale, Magnolia and Wesley, Dover, each \$30. The aggregate of other sums reported is \$110. All this makes a total of over \$3,000 raised and expended this year by the Ladies' Aid organizations of Dover District.

The great benevolent enterprises of our church have in the main had due attention from our preachers, and liberal responses from our people. No section of the Conference territory has suffered more damage to crops from floods than that embraced within our District lines. Every crop was seriously injured, and some almost totally destroyed. The people in not a few

instances in different localities have had to buy food, rather than sell. Notwithstanding this fact, many of the charges report a larger offering to these great interests this year than last! Twenty-two of them advanced in their offering to missions. They are Wesley, Dover, \$70; Seaford Circuit, \$42; Lewes, \$24; Magnolia, \$19; Armory and Little Creek, Preston and Vienna, each \$15; Bursville, Cambridge, Canterbury, Denton, Federalsburg, Georgetown, Hooper's Island and Seaford, each \$10; Galestown, \$8; Elliott's, Georgetown Circuit, Greenwood, Lincoln, Milton, Nassau and Raymond's, each \$5. The total advance on Missions is about \$200. The minor benevolences in many of the charges of the District will also show a substantial increase and a total increase in the District result.

But all these mentioned departments of Church enterprise and of success issue and are designed only to issue in the conversion of men, and in the construction of human character out of Gospel teaching and Gospel experience. Any church enterprise that does not realize this outcome somewhere, near or remote, in the local church or yonder in some other spot of human habitation and need—somewhere along the line of consequence fails utterly. We all realize this, and seek to add to all other divisions of Christian endeavor and success, a direct, aggressive, eager and urgent effort to win souls by the Gospel and the Spirit's power to a surrendered and transformed life. This effort has been made by the brethren all over the District. That a keen hunger for souls, a basic and deep conviction for sin, and a thoroughly regenerative and cleansing work in the human heart by the Holy Ghost through the atoning merit and favor of Jesus Christ—that this has been felt and sought after by my brethren has been plainly manifest. There have been some revivals of very wide interest and power. Seaford has realized this result. A union meeting of our church and the Methodist Protestant Church there brought 60 souls to God. Seaford Circuit has been in a flame of revival fire a good part of this third year of Brother Johnson's pastorate, resulting in 146 conversions. Milton has not had such a searching and quickening work of grace for some years. Besides the conversion of sinners, members of the church without the warranting experience for church-membership have surrendered themselves to the truth and received the Divine impartation, been delivered from selfishness and brought into glad service for the King. This is true of young and old alike; and the work moves on in ever-deepening and widening scope. Men, moreover, who all their lives have been in bondage to doubtful indulgences and to old Party demands have been released. Out of a full Board of Stewards, not one is a tobacco user or a license voter. A gain of forty protestants against the liquor traffic was registered at the ballot box in the last election in this one section. The Pastor, Brother R. T. Coursey, has largely been the instrument of this great transformation. The number of conversions in this charge is 75. The Pastor of East New Market Charge, after unusual revival interest, reports 71; Georgetown Circuit reports 63; Crapo, 61; Denton, 57; Armory and Little

Creek, 55; Lincoln, 53; Zoar Circuit, 47; Galestown, 43; Burrsville, 42; Cambridge and Magnolia, each 40; Georgetown, 35; Bridgeville, 27; Houston, 25; Federalsburg, 22; Wyoming, 20; Greenwood, 16; Felton and Preston each 15; Wesley, Dover, 14; Frederica and Salem, each 13; Nassau and Canterbury, each 11. The total of smaller numbers reported is 35, making a total of the whole number of reported conversions on the District of 1126.

The writer has sought to get a report from all the charges of the number received into the church in full connection from last year's probationers' list. The reports received are: Seaford Circuit, 73; Concord Circuit, 58; Magnolia, 47; Nassau, 46; Houston, 42; Wyoming, 40; Harrington, 39; Canterbury, Lincoln and Wesley, Dover, each 30; Galestown, 25; Greenwood, 21; Ellendale, and Elliott's, each 20; Federalsburg and Frederica, each 18; Georgetown, 17; Bridgeville and Milford, each 15; Farmington, 14; Crapo, East New Market, Preston and Zoar, each 12. The total of other numbers reported is 50, making a total of the whole number reported as received into full connection from last year's probationers' list of 720. This report is not wholly complete, however, not quite every pastor having answered the question touching this matter. A few, moreover, may yet be received. The total number above stated is 304, less than one-half the number reported of conversions at our church altars on Dover District last Conference year. The question may well be asked not "where are the nine" but where are the 1328 who bowed as before the purifier for cleansing and who were included in the 2048 reported at our last Conference session as cleansed? Were they not cleansed, or were they cleansed, but since that time have become polluted again? The question my brethren, is worthy of our most careful study and our most prayerful effort at solution. Does preparation for our church membership mean any less now than formerly? Are conditions for fit membership less exacting than our fathers maintained and than the Gospel requires? Fundamental to all else of the work of grace in the human heart and life is conviction of sin, of its enormity, of its depths of pollution, and of its offensiveness to God. The agencies to produce this condition are faithful preaching, the swift hammer of the living Word, and the holy Spirit's work of enforcing and riveting the truth upon the conscience of the sinner until he is sin-sick and sin-grieved, and flies to God in Jesus' name for pardon and a clean heart. Of so many as have this experience will there be many, or any, who will lapse in twelve months or in twelve years? Oh, for a revival of the preaching that plows, plows lovingly, but deeply and down to the conscience, that shows sin to be deforming and defaming, to be monstrous and mischievous, that makes men tremble with conviction and penitence and brings them to the feet of Jesus Christ for all the work of grace afforded in the Gospel provision. Then, may it not be that more assiduous pastoral vigilance over the young converts and getting them into lines of church and of Christian service would be an added factor in the solution of this distressing problem?

The Epworth League work of the District has made fine progress. This

is true, both of the Senior and Junior divisions of the League enterprise; true touching the organization of new chapters of both, and of the development of the old chapters into a better organization and operation of their sub-divided departments. The District convention of last October was a rare gathering of Epworthians in point alike of numbers, in the rendered program, and in the keen and substantial interest evidenced. Group conventions of almost equal inspiration to the work have been held at various points over the District territory. Nine new Senior, and eight new Junior chapters and over six hundred members have been added. Twenty new mission study classes have been formed, and are enthusiastically studying our mission fields and work under the auspices of the second department of the District cabinet organization. For this great quickening of this division of our church life, special mention should be made of three of the District cabinet officers—Brothers John L. Johnson, the President; W. R. Mowbray, the Junior Superintendent and Miss Mary E. Holland, the Chairman of the Department of World Evangelism.

Sunday School enterprise also goes forward in enlarging scope and interest in many ways. More Sunday Schools are organized and operated; more of them are continuing in operation through the winter months; more are graded and pursuing their way as thus outlined; more Bible study classes are formed of which some of the best are in the country churches; more money thought Sunday School channels for Sunday School support and for Missions is contributed; and there is a larger number of persons in attendance, and manifesting an active interest in Sunday School work. The Sunday Schools, moreover, whose pastors inform themselves of the new and better methods of Sunday School organization and conduct, and who get into actual leadership of that department of their church life are the schools that are making the greatest progress along these indicated lines of Christian activity. It is there, too, where most conversions among our young people occur, and where they are secured to our church, and our church made secure to go on in her mission of blessing for the coming time.

The Conference Academy, after having been embarrassed and hindered by persistent and burdensome debt all the years of her history, has at last thrown off this baneful incubus. The last dollar of her indebtedness has been paid, and the mortgage notes reduced to smoke and ashes. Much credit is due a multitude of friends on the Peninsula and elsewhere for their part in this achievement, but the chief credit belongs to the capable, energetic, enterprising and inspirational Principal of the School, Dr. E. L. Cross. Without his leadership, begun the day of his election to his position, and steadily accrediting force and momentum for the solution of the problem until the end was reached, this task would not have been accomplished. Now that the school is free to perform her one mission of educating and equipping her wards for life's labors and success, the one co-operating endeavor for all friends of this classic institution of learning is to crowd her halls with ambitious and purposeful youth.

For a generation the moral and self-respecting people of Delaware have been contending for the exercise of their sovereign and constitutional right of self-government touching the liquor traffic. This contention has grown more general and more insistent as betrayal and disappointment have followed pledges made by those in power in State affairs. In recent times this dissatisfaction with the administration of State affairs has been evidenced by outbreaks among the good people in certain communities against violations of the liquor restrictions by the liquor dealers. Two such examples on Dover District are Milford and Harrington. The violators of the liquor laws in these two towns were brought into court, their offences proved and their license suppressed. Milford is free from this saloon abomination at this very moment. Harrington made an equally strenuous effort for freedom, but has only half succeeded. Our Methodist people, thanks to Heaven, were in the forefront of these battles for closed saloons and sober and cleaner towns; and in the vanguard of these two organized forces, in the pulpit upholding the standards of the Gospel, and in the court room defending the majesty of the law, were the two Methodist Pastors, Brothers George P. Jones and J. H. Beauchamp. Agitation of the question and stimulation of the good people at large have been sought after persistently by others of our ministers, and of our more aggressive laymen, chief among the latter being, Dr. G. Layton Grier of Milford. Mention might also be made here of some of the ministers referred to—Brothers Alfred Smith, R. T. Coursey, T. A. H. O'Brien, Robert Watt, Howard T. Quigg and A. W. Lightbourne. This question has been forced to an issue in the last two political campaigns by these brethren and others not here mentioned, and candidates for the legislative offices pledged to the liquor interest were marked for defeat by the temperance forces, and some of them were defeated; and candidates pledged for the local option measure were marked for election, and many of them were elected. So at last, in the present session of the Legislature a majority in both Houses were favorable to the submission of this question. A local option law for the whole State and calling for a special election in the coming month of November has, therefore been enacted. And now for the battle-royal, with every one of our number making ready and doing his best; every Woman's Christian Temperance Union member doing her best; every bearer of the name of our Christ, to be sure, doing his best; every moral and decent citizen, every person interested in the moral, intellectual and material well-being of the people of our State; every lover of youth and eagerly solicitous for their safety, success and happiness—all lined up, as consistently they must be, and doing their utmost from now until November to drive this monstrous enemy of all human interest, this relentless foe to all human happiness, this superlative curse of all human society out of our fair State and back to hell, its native source, to abide. With this aggregation of forces making common cause for this overthrow, the desired result will surely follow.

Only once during the year has the angel of death entered any parsonage home on the District—that of the Farmington charge, taking the infant child of Brother and Sister J. L. Sparklin. Brother L. B. Morgan was very ill for many weeks during the summer and early autumn with typhoid fever, but by means of the attentions of a skillful physician and a trained nurse, and with the crowning aid of the Divine Healer, this talented and promising young man has been spared to his family and to the church. Brother L. K. Hackett, it may be said, supplied most successfully Brother Morgan's work during his illness.

My own health has been almost perfect and I have pursued my work uninterruptedly and with joyous and bounding spirit throughout the year. I have preached in more than one hundred of the one hundred and twenty-five churches of the District, and from two to four times in many of them. Universal kindness and general co-operation have been accorded me by my brethren of the ministry and of the laity; and the favor and blessing of God have abounded unto me for every circumstance and need.

S. M. MORGAN.

Easton District.

The attempt to briefly summarize the results of the labors and prayers of forty-one Methodist preachers and a great host of laymen, for 12 months on Easton District, is necessarily an incomplete and somewhat unsatisfactory task. These ministers and laymen have contributed faith and works, prayers and money, self-denials and struggles, and achieved many blessed victories for Christ and the Church.

It is a delight to make a good report, especially when it recounts, chiefly, not one's own doings, but the achievements of others. This, then, is my joy today, and your satisfaction, for I recount in brief the successful labors of a very faithful and heroic body of men. Some charges and pastors will not be even mentioned in this report, even where very successful and self-sacrificing labor has been bestowed. Many of the best things done for and by churches and communities cannot be tabulated in Conference reports. It would simply be the roll-call of nearly every pastor and church on the District were I to announce all "Who through faith wrought righteousness, obtained promises, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, and turned to flight the armies of the aliens." Such detail would be a pleasant task, but, with a set purpose to make this report shorter than usual, I must content myself with a few brief sketches.

It has been my constant effort to get preachers and people so busy and so happy in the Lord's work that they would find neither disposition nor time to find fault with one another, nor to quickly separate. It speaks well for the acceptability of the pastors on Easton District and for the faithfulness and Christian spirit of our laity that there have been fewer pastoral

changes on our District than any other in the Conference. The lengthening of the pastoral term is for the good of the Church. A long pull, as well as a strong pull and a pull altogether, is a necessity in order to do any great and lasting good in most communities.

The majority of our churches are using the new Hymnal, and find it a help in the devotional life of the church and the home. The new Hymnal has been the occasion in many of our churches for the introduction of the disciplinary order of service. Our people will do well to study, use and enjoy the rich mine of music, poetry and devotion contained in the new Hymnal.

It has not been a year of many sweeping revivals, but nearly every charge has had some conversions; and, perhaps, in no year since I have been associated with the District has revival success been so generally distributed as this year. Cecilton had the greatest revival for years and reports 58 converts; Galena has been similarly favored and reports 56 converts; Hillsboro has had a great revival with several conversions; Marydel reports 52 converts; Queenstown, 34; Smyrna Circuit, 38; Fairlee, 33; Ridgely, 31; Trappe, 30; St. Michaels, 25 and others in smaller numbers, aggregating, perhaps 800.

The subject of increased pastoral support has received constant attention. Townsend has advanced this year \$100; Church Hill, \$100; Cheswold, \$50; Henderson, \$50. These with other smaller amounts total \$400 for the District.

The advanced cost of living is a matter of general knowledge. The Railroads and other large employers of salaried labor have recognized at once this added cost of living, and the general prosperity of our times by adding at least ten per cent. to the salaries of their employes. Certainly the officials of our churches will not be less alert to the needs of those who are serving them as ministers of Christ, nor less ready than these men of the world to share with those who serve them the fruits of their prosperity.

In this connection I desire to commend the action of our Conference, at its last session, in starting a systematic effort to largely increase our Domestic Mission collection for the supplementing of our lowest salaries. I am glad to report that nearly every charge on Easton District has raised its apportionment in full. Brethren, there should not be a charge in the Wilmington Conference paying less than \$500 support.

Cordova Church has been greatly improved at a cost of \$565, all paid. Matthews Church, on the same charge, has been improved at a cost of \$535, all paid. Salem Church, on Church Hill charge, has been repaired and painted at a cost of \$400 all paid. The audience room of our Church at Millington has been decorated and the whole property thoroughly repaired and painted at a cost of \$950, all paid. Asbury Church, Smyrna, has prepared herself for the entertainment of her Conference guests by thoroughly repairing and beautifying this splendid property at a cost of \$2,500, all paid. Oxford has transformed their church at a cost of \$2,300. Bayside charge has done a wise thing in purchasing a neat, comfortable home for a parsonage, cost \$800; \$200 paid cash, and provision made to pay off the remainder in small pay-

ments. St. Michaels has shown business foresight in purchasing a desirable lot adjoining their property, at a cost of \$400, and paid for the same. Rock Hall has paid \$760 on her indebtedness, leaving only a small balance which they propose to pay off next year, and have given notice that they propose to celebrate their deliverance from debt by adding \$100 to pastoral support, making their support \$900. This is a very becoming way to celebrate almost any happy event in church life. Centreville has purchased and paid for a lot adjoining their property which, together with the horse-shed, erected thereon, cost \$600, all paid. Sudlersville reports \$400 on improvements; Cecilton, \$287; Marydel, \$225; Greensboro, \$150; Crumpton, \$150, and others in smaller amounts, totalling perhaps \$10,000.

Never were our people so intelligently loyal to the cause of Missions, and the benevolent enterprises of our church as they are today. A few good folks in out-of-the-way places, because of lack of knowledge, not only give stingily themselves, but try to set barriers in the way of the liberality of others, by attempting to limit the amount the church shall give to these great causes. The quicker some of our Official Boards get out of the way and let our people give all they can be induced to give to these enterprises of the Church, the sooner the Kingdom will come, and the better these same officials will feel when they come at last to look into the face of Him who gave his very life to redeem us from our sins. In addition to the usual collections, our churches have responded in a gratifying way to special calls for the "San Francisco Emergency Fund," and the "India Jubilee Fund." I think the tabulated reports of the General Benevolences will show gratifying results. Last year our District rejoiced in an increase of \$258 over the offering of the previous year for Missions. This year the report sent me before Conference indicates an advance of at least \$100, and I hope that the final returns may give us an increase equal to that gained last year. I want to thank every minister and every layman who has helped to make this victory possible.

I exhorted every pastor on the District to secure an offering from his charge for the Methodist Hospital of Philadelphia—our hospital—and the response has been more general than ever before, but is still far too meagre for this most Christlike cause. I have had a good opportunity to observe and I gladly testify that we have a hospital of which every Methodist should be proud, and in which every Methodist should take a lively interest. I hope the time is near at hand when our Conference minutes will not show a single blank in the column of offerings for the Methodist Hospital.

The Legislature of Delaware has at last granted to the people of this State the right to vote on the question of license or no license for the liquor traffic. The plan of submission is not just what the temperance people were asking for in that it provides for the submission at a special election, but even that feature may do us no harm. It is so much better than anything previously secured that we feel happy that the good people are to have an

opportunity to express themselves in a direct ballot against the existence of the saloon in the Diamond State. The election takes place next November. There will be no excuse for any minister in the State of Delaware who does not use pulpit and rostrum, private appeal and every other available means to arouse the people and get them out to the polls to cast their ballots against the saloon. The special election feature will certainly rid this campaign of every vestige of partisan politics, and we will be perfectly free, brethren, to take our stand on the high position of our church, and call from the pulpit and every other available place to all our voting members, and to all thoughtful citizens to do their duty in voting against the saloon next November. I think I am perfectly safe in saying that any Methodist voter who should prove a derelict and fail to register his vote against the saloon at such a critical time would be both out of harmony with his church and guilty before God.

I want to record here my solemn conviction concerning the effectiveness of Local Option on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. No one claims that the abolition of the saloon has anywhere stopped all drinking or all drunkenness. **But** I have travelled now for four years through three whole counties and parts of two others on the Eastern Shore, where Local Option prevails, and I have not seen in that territory a single individual drunk, except two who got their intoxicants over the line, in Delaware. You cannot go very long in our Delaware towns without seeing some who are staggering drunk. Now, brethren, we have our opportunity as American citizens and as preachers of the Gospel, and leaders among the people. God help us to do our whole duty and grant us success in ridding our fair State of this terrible curse.

I am glad to believe that a deeper spiritual life pervades our people than ever before. We have more of that Christianity that make Christlike in spirit, in love, in service, more of that holiness which is a foe to self-exaltation and which esteems others better than ourselves; more of that Christian perfection which manifests itself in perfect faith, perfect love and perfect consecration to God and the service of our fellowmen. Yet, brethren, in this time of material prosperity we are in danger of overlooking the spiritual, while we over-emphasize the temporal affairs of the church. Temporal affairs are important. Churches must be built, salaries raised, bills paid, collections taken. All these must have large place. But, brethren, the chief thing, the heart of the whole matter, that which gives meaning and purpose to all the temporal affairs of the church, is the attainment of deep, hearty, happy, **strong, spiritual life through Jesus Christ by the Holy Ghost.**

Death has not entered our effective ranks this year. But Mrs. Hanna P. Merritt, widow of Rev. J. B. Merritt, deceased, passed away, early in the Conference year, to join her husband in the Heavenly world.

Good health has generally prevailed among our ministers and their families, but Brother W. R. Gwinn, pastor of Tilghman's Island has been

sick a part of the year, and has been unable to attend to his work since early in January. Good health is one of God's choice blessings, and I join with most of my brethren in hearty thanksgiving to God for the great blessing of good health throughout the year.

There may be some repetition in the annual acknowledgment, made in Presiding Elders' reports, of the heartfelt appreciation of the courtesies and kindnesses received from ministry and laity, but when we consider that report is being made by one who has been entertained nearly half the year in the homes of these ministers and laymen and has received from them almost numberless courtesies in entertainment and transportation, a word of public thanks seems fitly spoken. Both ministry and laity on Easton District have been constant in Christian courtesy and in sympathetic helpfulness to me.

The story of the really heroic work done in the charges on this District, this year, cannot be fully written. The record is in Heaven. Time and again my heart has been touched by the noble daring and patient self-sacrifice of both ministry and laity as they have met hard conditions without complaint, and have gone on, glad to suffer for the King whom they worship, and for Church which they love. I count it a great honor to be associated with such royal men and to be allowed to be their servant for Jesus' sake.

W. G. Koons.

Salisbury District.

According to its present boundaries, the Wilmington Conference is about 300 miles long, and covers an area of nearly 7,000 square miles, embracing the State of Delaware and considerable portions of Maryland and Virginia, containing 17 counties and having a total population of about 500,000.

Salisbury district, comprising the southernmost part of this vast territory, is about 200 miles long with an area of nearly 3,000 square miles, (or three-sevenths of the whole), embracing 8 1-3 counties located in three States, three of which counties are in Virginia, on the other side of the Chesapeake Bay, and has a population of about 200,000 (or two-fifths of the entire Conference). We have here 13,000 members and 117 churches, arranged into 47 pastoral charges, of which 14 are stations and 33 are circuits of two or more churches, only two of which have as many as five, and only one is a double circuit having two preachers. All these charges, except four, provide and furnish a house or parsonage for the pastor. The highest estimate for pastoral support is \$1,200, and the lowest is \$300, exclusive of house rent; and the average estimate for this year is \$760. And it affords me pleasure to report the tide still rising—the advance for this year being over \$1,000. The following charges recognized the increased cost of living and consequent need of a more liberal allowance, and accordingly advanced their estimates as follows: Claremont, \$25; Frankford and Cape Charles, each \$50; Newark, Phoebus,

Powellville and Pocomoke City, each \$100; Bethel and St. Peters, each \$150; Selbyville, \$200, and several others have indicated a purpose to advance next year. This magnificent country not only furnishes a comfortable living for its preachers, but also presents great opportunities for usefulness and for winning crowns of unfading glory, while it exacts no greater sacrifices than are required elsewhere.

From this great harvest-field we have come, an unbroken company of toilers, to render an account of our work during the year. And despite all the vicissitudes of climate, weather, disease and oppositions, we bring no evil report from this goodly land; but come with gratitude to God for his abounding grace which kept us through the year, so that neither death nor serious illness have smitten any of our pastors, and the work committed to our hands was prosecuted with energy and attended with some measure of success.

As usual it was found expedient after our last session to readjust some appointments, and accordingly, G. T. Alderson of Snow Hill was transferred to New Castle, on Wilmington District, and C. W. Prettyman of the latter place to the former. The transfer of F. I. Mumford to the Baltimore Conference created a vacancy at Bishopville which was supplied by I. S. Whitaker, transferred to us from the St. John's River Conference. W. S. Epperson of Annapessex, owing to ill health, resigned his charge in July, and C. T. Jones a transfer from the North Indiana Conference, filled the vacancy.

Two events during the year emphasized the importance of insurance on our property. The first was on July 17th, when lightning struck our church in Salisbury; the other on December 11th, when our church on Deal's Island took fire while the writer was preaching, and but for its timely discovery and the unusual facilities for extinguishing the flames, the edifice would certainly have been reduced to ashes. But prompt and heroic efforts saved the structure. The damage in both cases was promptly repaired by Insurance Companies concerned.

I hope it will not be regarded an obtrusion at this point for me, as the member of the Board of Insurance from this General Conference District, to call attention again to the "National Mutual Church Insurance Company," organized by order of our General Conference, which furnishes ample fire protection at reasonable rates, and is worthy and should receive the patronage of our churches and ministers. And as it is a mutual organization, whatever profits are made in the business beyond the necessary surplus returns to the patrons in dividends, thus lessening the cost of insurance, yet not diminishing the security. It may inspire greater confidence to know, that notwithstanding losses sustained through the San Francisco disaster, yet the directors at their recent meeting declared a six per cent. dividend for the fiscal year 1906. Does not loyalty to our Church involve loyalty to her institutions? And is not this one of her institutions?

To summarize the year's work and its results is a difficult task, for the

tendency is to particularize and to indulge in details which find their way into our Minutes through other channels and so would prove duplications. But no generalization can impart an adequate conception of the labors wrought, burdens borne, sacrifices made, privations suffered and trials endured—Behold, these are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the King, whose record is complete and infallible.

However, it ought to be said, that the work was prosecuted along all lines with the usual energy and effectiveness, and all of our preachers did well and merit honorable mention, but to review the work of each pastor and to render deserved commendation would require more time and space than our limitations will permit. But while all did well, yet some in fields, and under conditions favorable to special work and larger apparent results have accomplished more than others.

The quarterly Disciplinary inquiries elicited the information that the various institutions of the Church are receiving more or less consideration, and the results usually are in proportion to the faithful application of the machinery.

Ladies' Aid Societies are in successful operation on nearly every charge and the excellency of their work is attested by the improved conditions of parsonages and churches. These organizations may be potent factors in all our church enterprises, whether financial, social, literary or moral and spiritual. These societies during the year and for various purposes raised about \$5,000. Crisfield is the banner society, it having raised \$565; and Pocomoke City next, with \$540.

Epworth League work has not measured up to our expectations. The District President, Rev. G. C. Williams, despite discouragements, labored to make this arm of the Church more effective, and with good results. But it is a fact that we still have some who fail to see the need of a young people's society; who do not recognize the hope of the future church in the young of the present; who do not realize that the Church will be where the children go, and that the children will go where they are attracted and cared for. For a church to neglect the young is to commit ecclesiastical suicide. In a few churches the League is active, zealous and helpful; in others it has only a nominal existence, while in some it is ignored altogether and declared impracticable. There are, however, no insuperable obstacles in the way; the greatest difficulty is the lack of competent, consecrated local officers, so that this work largely devolves upon the already overworked pastor; yet better thus than not at all. From every quarter the cry of the Church is, "Send us a preacher who can hold our young people;" and the preacher who neglects this work will be "pushed to the wall." A few Epworth League study classes have been organized and maintained with splendid results; and it would prove a wonderful and far-reaching blessing if every church had such a class. Our annual District Convention was held in Laurel, Del., October 23-24; and notwithstanding most unfavorable conditions proved an interesting and profitable occasion.

The Sunday School is the most important and popular institution of our Church, and is conducted with greater skill and interest than ever before. We now have very few so-called "Ground Hog Schools," and at most points the work is pushed "through summer's heat and winter's sleet" with little abatement of energy or relaxation of effort. Our peerless literature is found in nearly every school, and everywhere our Church is emphasized as the body through which we should operate in the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ, and in harmony with this our schools are organized into Missionary Societies, more or less according to Disciplinary requirements, and more than two-thirds of our Missionary money comes through this channel. And in some places it would do even better than it does if some of our conservative people did not apply the air-brake to prevent it from giving too much. The marvellous facility of the Sunday School for collecting money from the masses is so well known that it is often harnessed in to help other enterprises through; indeed, at least one church on the District even collects its pastor's salary as well as benevolent and Missionary money through this agency. But effective as the Sunday School is, it is not yet at its best, and from every direction we hear the cry for more and better teachers, and especially for up-to-date, wide-awake and never-late Superintendents; for where we have the latter the former will be sought, and usually found and enlisted in this great and good work.

The various collections received careful attention, but I fear the result will not be commensurate with the effort made—certainly the same effort under ordinary conditions would have yielded larger returns. Financially, this has been a severe year to many of our people, and will be remembered as "the wet year." Not in the memory of the oldest inhabitants did so much rain fall in this section in any year as during the past. Indeed in some parts wet conditions were so continuous and protracted that crops could not be cultivated, which in such cases proved total failures; fruits decayed on the trees or were so aqueous that they were not marketable; grain sprouted in the shocks in the field, and potatoes rotted in the ground. Consequently many sustained great financial losses and therefore were not able to contribute as liberally to the support of the Church and her various benevolent enterprises as they otherwise would have done. Then in addition to this, in some sections the churches were closed, or at least the congregations greatly depleted for a considerable time by epidemics of typhoid fever and diphtheria. Yet the loyalty of our people to the Church and her mission was demonstrated by noble and generous responses to the appeals of the various benevolent and charitable causes presented by the pastors; and in some cases it involved real self-denial. And when the final tabulation is made, Salisbury District will, as usual, be found well up in the rank. While I could not obtain accurate amounts from the various charges, yet I have learned that about 24 will advance in their Benevolent Collections, and 14 will stand as last year, while 9 will fall a little short. For Missions 25 charges will advance, 14 will report

the same as last year, and 8 will fall a little below. From these figures I would judge that we will advance both for Missions and the benevolences.

Few more difficult tasks fall to the lot of preachers than the payment of old debts—none more unpopular and perplexing—and almost superhuman tact and patience are necessary to handle these problems successfully; hence, naturally some pastors shrink from this work, and the task becomes more difficult by the lapse of time. The preacher who launches a great enterprise is glorified, no matter how large a debt remains to burden the people; he is honored with a memorial window and his name is placed in the cornerstone. But the man who follows and seeks to remove this burden has a far more difficult task and receives little glory from men. Yet we have men who are equal to the task, and among the charges reporting old debts paid are: Westover, \$200; Frankford, \$216; Crisfield, \$300; Berlin, \$405; Deals Island, \$525; Tangier, \$900; Pocomoke City, \$1,430; Somerset, where the pastor, O. L. Martin, under adverse conditions of a peculiar nature, raised about \$1,000, on a troublesome debt on Rock Creek Church. Other charges report debts paid in smaller amounts.

Repairs and improvements of churches and parsonages figured prominently in the works of the year. Berlin, Crisfield, Princess Anne and Selbyville, each expended about \$200 for this purpose; Bethel and Frankford, each \$250; Nanticoke, \$—; Mt. Vernon, \$400; Stockton, \$600; Roxana, \$740; Girdletree, \$950; Deals Island, \$1,450. The most extensive work of this kind was at Sharptown, J. H. Wilson pastor, where the church was remodeled, enlarged and beautified at a cost of about \$5,500, and was reopened with appropriate exercises on May 20th, when our Conference Evangelist, Dr. H. W. Bolton, proved himself an expert financier for such occasions, as well as a great preacher. So that the entire cost was provided for in cash and subscriptions before the edifice was dedicated.

Ocean View, D. H. Willis, pastor, erected a beautiful parsonage at the remarkably low cost of \$1,700, including the lot. Bishopville, which has been renting a house for its pastor, has secured a lot and will build soon after Conference.

Three new churches were erected during the year, the first was at Box Iron, a small hamlet within the bounds of Girdletree Circuit, where the people realized the need of a place to worship, and of their own volition built a suitable structure for about \$1,000, and then requested annexation to Girdletree Circuit, the pastor of which, J. W. Fogle, having already given them some service.

But all things considered, the greatest achievement of the year on this District, and probably in the Conference, was on Millsboro Circuit, under the pastorate of W. H. Kenney, where two beautiful, up-to-date churches were built and paid for. The first was at Dagsboro, which had been contracted for last year under the pastorate of W. B. Guthrie, costing \$4,700, and was dedicated October 7th, 1906. This church was made possible by the

wisdom and generosity of one of our esteemed laymen, R. D. Lingo, Esq., who conceived the purpose, directed the work, and provided the means, largely from his own resources), and carried the whole plan to a successful and creditable consummation. Great honor is due this brother for this much-needed good work. May the Great Head of the Church richly reward him.

The other church is in Millsboro, erected on the site of the former edifice, which was destroyed by fire August 12th, 1905. When Brother Kenney arrived there soon after our last session, he found a people, not only without a church and no step taken to rebuild, but far worse, a people divided, discouraged, demoralized and some openly declaring their utter inability to rebuild. But the pastor by indomitable zeal, coupled with tactfulness, inspired confidence, united the discordant elements, and secured their promise of co-operation. Then he planned the work, made the contracts, purchased the materials, employed the workmen, superintended the construction, often labored with his hands as well as with his brain, collected the money and paid the bills as they became due, and carried the whole enterprise to a successful and glorious completion at a cost of only about \$3,500, every dollar of which was paid before the day of dedication, which was December 16th, 1906. This, so far as I know, is without a parallel in the annals of the Wilmington Conference. And the people, though poor and already heavily taxed to pay for the church, as a token of their appreciation of this marvellous achievement, presented him, on the day of dedication, with a liberal purse such as seldom comes to the "poor circuit rider." But there is yet more to be said; this great achievement along material lines was followed by a great spiritual work, which not only revived and unified the church, but also resulted in 55 conversions—a revival such as Millsboro had not known for a generation or more.

But while I would not pluck one flower from the garland that wreaths the brow of this good brother, I would be derelict to duty if I did not recognize the efficient services of his faithful wife and affectionate daughter, whose consecrated talents contributed so largely to his success. God bless these queenly women of the parsonages, who bear so uncomplainingly the privations and hardships of the itineracy, and sacrifice themselves for the Church, yet receive so little recognition and no compensation. Oh, how much the pastor's wife may help or hinder him in his work!

While preachers and people have pushed the work along other lines, the cause of temperance and prohibition has not been side-tracked. By aggressive preaching in the pulpit, faithful teaching in the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues, judicious circulation of literature as well as by the proper exercise of our civil and political rights, sentiment is developing, and the cause is moving forward with resistless force. The X-rays of Divine Truth, the search-light of the Church, the consideration of the physiologic and economic questions involved, all combine to burn conviction into the minds

of the people so deeply that conscience will goad them to rise in their sovereign might and forever throttle this monster-devil. Politicians may dilly-dally and hoodwink and deceive the people for a time and so delay the cause; yet these delays are but like the dam across the stream which only holds it back until it accumulates force to sweep away every barrier. So the day is coming when the dam will break—when the saloon and all its defenders will be swept away by the flood of righteous indignation of a long outraged people, which is certainly accumulating as the result of these unjust delays—and the higher the liquor interests build their dam of obstruction, the greater will be the flood of their destruction.

It was impracticable to carry out fully the suggestion of the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism to group the various charges for co-operative Evangelistic work, because of the geographical proportions of the District and consequent remoteness of many charges from others. Yet the spirit was observed, and evangelistic services were held in all of our churches with more or less success. All of our preachers are endued with the evangelistic spirit, and labor for and expect conversions, and seldom indeed are these expectations entirely disappointed. But several things seriously militated against this work this year in many places. In country churches rainy weather and resultant bad roads, and at some points sickness, prevented attendance at church. But a far more alarming fact, as well as more general, is the growing indisposition of the unsaved to attend revival services, and the consequent failure to reach and save them. Another hindrance is the fact that in many sections the people seem to have run mad for entertainments, and amusements, harmful and otherwise, are multiplying and attract not only the unsaved, but also many of our members, who give these the preference over the church. One other very deplorable fact in the way of successful revival meeting is the failure of the official members to thoroughly co-operate with the pastor. It was my privilege to attend such meetings at many places during the year, and I regret to report comparatively few officials present at any, and fewer still to take active part in the service, and some never attend revival meetings at all. Official members are the pastor's lieutenants who should lead the company to victory; but if these lag behind, the rank and file will not be enthusiastic. Yet, in many cases these are the men who plead for a "live preacher," and embarrass the appointing power in its legitimate work. Oh, if they would only "hold up the hands" of the preacher that is sent, how much better it would be for them and all concerned. But no preacher, however much "alive," can achieve much with a dead officary, for they will hang like a mill-stone about his neck. I believe there is not one preacher on the District who would not succeed if he had reasonable support and co-operation of his official members; for if these will lead the rest will follow. But unfortunately the pastor is often crippled in his influence and defeated in his efforts by cold, unsympathetic, and sometimes even hostile officials—men whose relation to the Church, sacred vows and per-

sonal and family interests justify the expectation that they will co-operate with him. If they would do this then the members generally would fall into line and revival meetings would revive and sinners would be attracted and saved and the Church would be triumphant.

Yet, despite all these hindrances, we have had many revivals during the year and at every point, except one, some conversions; but not what we ought and might have had. At the following places special interest attended these efforts and conversions are reported as follows: Deals Island, 93; Stockton, 76; Selbyville, 63; Asbury and St. Peters, 60; Smith's Island, 57; Millsboro, 55; Roxana and Hollands Island, each 52; Annessex, 53; Salisbury, 46; Gumboro, 45; Delmar, Girdletree and Onancock, each 40; Crisfield, 32; Fairmount, Powellville and Tangier, each 30 and others in smaller numbers. The total number of conversions on the District during the year is about 1,400.

While our church is not yet ideal in all particulars, and every member not yet a saint of the highest type, while every foe is not yet vanquished, nor every stronghold of Satan demolished, yet we are certainly advancing along all lines and growing in grace. The whole front of our army is advanced and on higher ground than ever before—we have more intelligence, higher ideals, broader views, deeper convictions, larger liberality, warmer love, brighter hope, more thorough consecration, more spirituality and Heaven is nearer and Christ is dearer than ever before. Christ is not defeated, and the Church is not retreating.

"Crowns and thorns may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus, constant will remain."

In conclusion permit me thank most heartily both ministers and laymen for their co-operation with me in the Master's work and for their uniform courtesy and kindness to me through the year. And above all I wish to register my obligations and gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His abounding grace which preserved my life and health; and especially for the ministry of His Holy Spirit, which comforted me in sorrow, strengthened me in weakness, guided me in darkness and helped me to preach the Gospel, which I hope proved an inspiration to a purer and higher life.

ADAM STENGLE.

Wilmington District.

Wilmington District, the coveted "higher ground" of our Conference, lying between the Mason and Dixon line on the North, and the Delaware and Chesapeake canal on the South, and having for Eastern and Western boundaries the Delaware and Susquehanna rivers, respectively, is in geographical area, as well as in number of churches, the smallest District in the Conference. It has fifty appointments, of which thirty-five are so-called "stations," having one church, thirteen are circuits of two churches, one a

circuit of three and one of four churches. In area the District is less than half the size of the next smallest. In number of churches it has twenty less than Easton, forty-eight less than Salisbury, and fifty-seven less than Dover District; being only a little over half the number of the latter District. Quite a number of the appointments of this District are small and weak, properly coming under the head of Missionary work. The entire work of Wilmington District is so located as to come into the sharpest competition with that of other denominations. Where their work is new or weak, it is usually handsomely subsidized by some fostering board, but no one of our struggling enterprises either asks or receives any aid from the Missionary Society. Our churches have also to struggle with the problems due to rapidly shifting populations, and to the most persistent and fascinating forms of sin and worldliness as presented in and about the great centers of population. Despite these and other manifest disadvantages, Wilmington District made a good record as compared with other parts of our territory. In the item of contribution to Missions, Wilmington District leads by about \$1,500, and in the amount paid for pastoral support it is \$7,000 in advance of the next best. It is earnestly desired that these comparisons should not bear any of the odium usually attributed to such things. They are made solely for the purpose of showing something of the sacrifice of the good people composing this division of the Lord's army. Other items, if we were to push the comparisons further, would show a still more striking exhibit. Take for example the item of running expenses of the churches. Though in membership we stand next to the smallest, yet these people pay an amount for running expenses a little short of that paid by all three of the other Districts combined. This is largely done by the toiling, wage-earning, middle-class people, who are the chief stay in every good work on this as on every other District.

Another sort of a comparison may help to better appreciation of the labors and sacrifices of this people. There has been an apparent fluctuation in the contributions to Missions. This needs to be received in the light of two facts: 1. The division of the Missionary contributors among several societies. The two Women's Societies on Wilmington District gave nearly \$4,000 last year, while in the other three districts combined, they gave only half that amount. If the combined Missionary gift were reported it would be immensely to our advantage. 2. A few years ago two churches contributed about half of the Missionary offering of the District. In one case the church has been almost stranded by complete shifting of the population, while the other has been handicapped by an almost unprecedented translation of generous men of large means. Leaving out these two churches the District will be found to have made a steady advance in this particular, in spite of the multiplication of societies and the liberal division of gifts, and to be now paying more to parent Missionary societies than ever before. The same sort of a statement can easily be shown to be true of all forms of church activity and benevolence. Wilmington District is taking no backward step.

The toilers in the field have been graciously preserved during the past year, and our ranks have been unbroken. The personnel of the District force was modified early in the year by the exchange of Cornelius W. Prettyman of New Castle with George T. Alderson of Snow Hill. Late in October, Dr. Hiram W. Kellogg of Indianapolis was transferred to this Conference and stationed at Grace Church, while our beloved fellow-worker, Dr. Wm. Wirt King, was transferred to Indianapolis. We regret the departure of our gracious friend James W. Easley by transfer to the Kentucky Conference. We note with sadness the death of Dr. Samuel J. Morris, one of the veterans of our Conference, Rev. William T. Hammond, a gifted and consecrated local preacher, and Mr. Albert Cowgill, one of the best known among our noble laymen. There has been little serious illness. Edward H. Dashiell was stricken last December with typhoid, but is now rapidly regaining his health and strength. George W. Burke, for many years one of our most earnest toilers, reminded of advancing years and approaching infirmities, asks to be placed on the Honor Roll of Conference Veterans.

Our reports will show a good year's work. Personally I have visited all the charges quarterly. I have tried to care for every interest of our Zion. I have preached more than 170 times, and in addition to extensive travel by train and trolley have walked more than 1,000 miles. The pastors generally have worked harder than I. Take an example: 2,500 real pastoral visits; 1,800 miles on foot; 200 funerals; revival services for three months, with constant and careful oversight of every interest of a large, varied and difficult church. Not many can be reported as duplicating this in every item, but quite a number have come as near it as circumstances and strength would permit. Such labor would stir the bosoms of the fathers with holy envy. Pioneer days never knew anything more strenuous. Human flesh could not long bear a much tenser strain. A large number have been true to the pastoral office—always with profit. The marks of neglect in this duty always show very plain, though such Pastors often try to hide it by declining to report the number of visits made.

Much wise care has been bestowed on our property interests. Christiana Church has been much improved, and the debt on Salem reduced. This noble little church celebrates its centennial this year and will get free from the remaining debt. Church and parsonage have both been renewed at Delaware City, and the debt reduced until it is less than for some decades. Hope-well spent \$500 for improvements; Mt. Pleasant, \$1,700; Newark, \$500; Newport, \$700; Bethel, \$267; Zion, \$1,000; Brandywine, \$1,200; Elsmere, \$230; Mt. Salem, \$2,700; Union, \$2,200; Harrison street people made a heroic effort and are free from debt, having satisfied the mortgage for \$3,500 last December. Cookman has raised \$1,600 on their mortgage debt. Port Deposit and Eastlake have both made good progress in the same direction. Wesley Church has been inspired with new confidence, \$961 paid on old debt and extensive improvements. The Pastor has, where he can put his hand on it at

any moment, 42 cents of every dollar of the remaining debt. Epworth has made heroic effort and some progress. Red Lion has spent \$100 in improvement and raised \$200 toward paying the mortgage on the parsonage. The Pastor has considerable of the remaining \$200 pledged. Silverbrook and Perryville have each advanced the pastoral support \$200. The former also as far as reported leads the district in the number of conversions. The new work reported last year is doing well. Washington Heights has raised \$130 for benevolence in addition to all the heavy expense incident to launching a new enterprise. They have purchased the rest of the square on which the church stands for \$6,000. The enlarged church and the parsonage will occupy this space.

In evangelistic labors the brethren have been abundant. They have toiled in season and out of season. They have been prompt to use new suggestions, and be at the pains to depart from beaten tracks and ruts that they might be more effective. There has been good work done in many places, but in no case have the results measured up to expectations. Nevertheless at the Master's command we will again cast the net over the side of the ship, trusting we may have better success.

Asbury, the "mother church" of Wilmington, is showing the wholesome effect of a plentiful application of good, hard work. The Pastor bears to the Conference not only a good report, but also a cordial invitation to the Conference to hold the session of 1908 in that church.

Large gifts were made by most of the churches to the San Francisco sufferers, but unfortunately the gifts were bestowed with such promptness—not to say haste—that the best ends to be served thereby have failed. Other denominations are to profit this time by their greater deliberation.

The Maryland half of our territory is under prohibition. And it can be made effective as has been recently shown by our own beloved Brother Amos R. Brown, whose fearless leadership in the recent Cecil Grand Jury brought forth such wholesome results. The Delaware side now hopes soon to be in the same honorable class. We thank God for the chance to fight and pray that he may help us all to wage a good warfare and win a glorious victory over the liquor traffic in Delaware.

We are still planning new things—Stanton expects to build a new chapel at Pipe Creek. Trinity must enlarge at once, or meet out of doors. Silverbrook hopes to build a model church, hall and parlors in the near future. Cookman has started a fund for a new parsonage. Brandywine will clear mortgage next year, and others are likely to try it. Wilmington is organizing a City Missionary Society to meet the pressing needs in that growing town. It promises to be a great success under the wise direction of President Joseph W. Coley.

Sunday School work and child training have received special attention and many interesting experiments are being worked out on this District. This part of the church work is least developed, and contains the hope of the future for the Church.

Our efforts at developing a Sustentation Fund through the Domestic Missionary organization have made considerable progress, but leave much yet to be desired. Our duty to the weak is imperative, and should command the loyal support of every Pastor to the action taken at the last session of Conference.

Our District has developed a strong interest in the special work for men. The Wesley Brotherhood has organized several flourishing chapters and effected a Conference organization, with Robert Kerr Stephenson as President. Our Conference is also represented on the Executive Board of the general organization by Lieut.-Gov. I. T. Parker. There are great possibilities in this form of Christian effort.

The year's work has been attended by uncounted blessings: the kindly co-operation and forbearance of the brethren, health of body, peace of mind, a task to do, and strength from on high for its performance, a measure of success and the conscious rewards of the Lord of the harvest—all command my humblest gratitude.

ALPHEUS S. MOWBRAY.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Aggressive Evangelism.

The Sub-Committee on Aggressive Evangelism begs leave to submit the following report:

It is gratifying to record the evident influence of the present movement for Organized Evangelism upon the Church and Ministry of our Conference. There is a new faith in revivals, a larger confidence in the possibilities of evangelistic success for every pastor and a restoration of soul-winning work to its legitimate place as the highest concern of the Church. More and more our great gatherings and great addresses are taking on the urgency of direct, burning appeal to souls; while in the rush of a thousand routine interests, we are finding time to invite men to the cross. God is in the new order which is in fact but a resurrection of the old Divine order that set its tongue of fire upon initial Methodism. The Sub-Commission has kept in touch with the work of the General Conference Commission and held itself ready to respond to every call for its co-operation.

We heartily endorse the appeal for a "Decision Day" in our Sunday Schools. We think that the time should be left to the discession of the pastor and the Sunday School authorities, but careful preparation in advance should be made for it, and wise and tactful methods adopted to have all our scholars settle the great question of their future. Abundant literature is being supplied for suggestion and inspiration, and our Sunday School periodicals are luminous with exhortation and favor.

The time has also come for the Church to move out from her retreats into the open air. The Gospel must be made portable. The street meeting, the arrest of men whenever they chance to be found, the going forth and weeping, the breaking up of formalism and perfunctory services in favor of rapid-fire and direct attack; these are the needs of the hour. And the Church will see a new day and feel a new thrill when she gets at it. We also commend the Wesley Brotherhood, and are deeply convinced that the splendid manhood connected with our Methodism should at once be called out for emergency duty in the salvation of their business associates.

The stirring address of Bishop Berry on Friday to the Class for Admission powerfully presented and illustrated this need and possibility.

Brothers, let us make the year golden with a harvest of gathered souls.

Brother R. K. Stephenson is the Vice President for this Conference and will be glad to supply information and literature on this subject.

On behalf of the Commission,

R. K. STEPHENSON, *Secretary.*

T. E. MARTINDALE, *Chairman.*

Auditors.

Your committee appointed for this special work makes the following report:

Rev. S. M. Morgan, Presiding Elder of Dover District, received from the Parent Missionary Society \$140. He paid this out as follows: Lakesville charge, \$40; Salem, \$50; Vienna, \$50—a total of \$140.

He received from the Domestic Missionary Society \$240, which he disbursed as follows: Vienna, \$50; Leipsic, \$10; Raymonds, \$5; Wyoming, \$25; Hooper's Island, \$15; Zion Circuit, \$25; Lakesville, \$5; Church Creek, \$10.10; Burrsville, \$100. Total, \$245.10, which was \$5.10 more than he received.

Rev. Wm. G. Koons, Presiding Elder of Easton District, received from the Parent Missionary Society \$144, which was paid out as follows: Royal Oak, \$48; Oxford, \$42; Henderson, \$54. Total, \$144. He received from the Domestic Missionary Society \$285.95, which he paid out as follows: Betterton, \$50; Church Hill, \$50; Bayside, \$25; Wye, \$15; Queenstown, \$35; Neavitt, \$25; Golt, \$10; Clayton, \$25; Burrsville (W. C. Pool), \$25; Piney Neck, \$10; Henderson, \$16. Total, \$286. He also received special gifts for "Good Samaritan Fund," \$16, and paid to Henderson, \$10; Piney Neck, \$5; Golt, 2. Total, \$17.

Rev. Adam Stengle, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, received from the Domestic Missionary Society \$171.95, which was disbursed as follows: Pocomoke Circuit, \$50; Westover Circuit, \$50; Roxana Circuit, \$60; Salisbury Circuit, \$12. Total, \$172. He received from the Parent Board of the Missionary Society \$216, which was paid out as follows: Salisbury Circuit, \$58; Mardella Circuit, \$58; Cape Charles City, \$100. Total, \$216.

Rev. A. S. Mowbray, Presiding Elder, of Wilmington District, received from the Domestic Missionary Society \$255.55, which he paid out as fol-

Gillespie, \$24; E. H. Miller, \$40; W. R. McFarland, \$25; J. D. Reese, \$25; J. lows: Overdraft of last year, \$20; G. W. Burke, \$25; A. C. Jones, \$20; E. A. H. Gray, \$40; J. A. Artis, \$25; J. M. Collins, \$25; T. H. Harding, \$10. Total, \$279. The report shows an overdraft of \$23.45.

Rev. E. H. Nelson, Conference Trustee for Trust Fund, received from Board of Stewards \$200, and from other sources \$216, making a total of \$416, which he paid to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

Hon. Jay Williams, Trustee for the minor children of the late Rev. James Conner, received of the Conference Board of Stewards \$100, which was applied to the benefit of said children.

Your committee has also examined the accounts of Rev. H. G. Budd, Conference Treasurer, and found them correct. They showed that all items were paid by March 28th last year, amounting to \$410.80, and that there is more in the Security Trust and Safe Deposit Co. in Wilmington, a balance of \$583 due the General Conference expense account. Also \$20.26 of accumulated interest held as an expense fund.

T. C. SMOOT, *Secretary.*

E. H. NELSON, *Chairman.*

Bible.

However important the other institutions of the Christian Church, the Bible Society is paramount in importance to them all, because these institutions are founded upon the word of God, and the Bible Society was organized and has been perpetuated for the purpose of publishing and disseminating the Bible.

The Bible is printed in more than 400 languages and dialects and is being scattered like leaves of healing all over the world, so that the people of every language may read the Bible in their own tongue.

The American Bible Society, with headquarters in the city of New York, has a number of auxiliary societies to aid in the ever-increasing demand of the work, one of which is the Maryland Bible Society, located at 8, 10 and 12 East Fayette street, Baltimore. This branch is doing a blessed work in distributing thousands of copies of the Bible. This Society will turn over to the Parent Society at least \$1,000 and possibly \$1,500 this year.

We want to record our pleasure at having had Dr. L. T. Wideman visit and address us at this session of our Conference and to assure him of a welcome whenever he may come.

We recommend that our pastors, as far as practicable, secure Dr. Wideman's services for at least one service during the year to aid in securing increased collections for the Bible cause.

Inasmuch as other religions are failing more and more to satisfy the cravings of human hearts, and that the Christian religion is marvelously growing in popularity and demand in all parts of the earth, and that the Bible is the book that teaches Christianity and must therefore be given these

thousands and millions of people, we therefore urge upon all our people larger liberality towards the Bible cause.

W. W. WHITE, *Secretary.*

A. P. PRETTYMAN, *Chairman.*

Board of Stewards.

Received from Dover District.....	\$1556.00	Increase \$ 20.00
Easton District	1558.00	21.00
Salisbury District	1449.00	Decrease 69.00
Wilmington District	2323.00	Increase 103.00
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Total from collection	\$6887.00	Total \$ 75.00
Balance in Treasury from 1906.....	4.94	
Book-Room Dividend	1549.00	Increase \$197.00
Chartered Fund	22.00	
Interest on Riddle Legacy.....	95.00	
Interest on Bates Legacy and other Investments...	266.63	
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Total from all sources for distribution.....\$8824.57

This we have distributed as follows:

To 17 Superannuated Preachers	\$2725.00
To 3 Supernumerary Preachers	380.00
To 42 Widows of Deceased Preachers.....	5565.00
To the two minor children of Rev. J. Conner, deceased.....	100.00
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Total	\$8770.00
Expenses	\$17.57
Transferred to Endowment Fund	21.00

We have carefully considered each claim and made our distribution of the funds in our hands in the most conscientious and prayerful manner. Some Quarterly Conferences have made no report to us in regard to the circumstances of claimants on their charges, and some, while making a partial report, have made no estimate as to the amount needed and left us to infer there is no special need or say, "give what you can afford to give." We do not think such reports are just right, and we trust in the future the Quarterly Conference Committees, after careful investigation as to the needs of the claimants on their several charges, will give to the Board of Stewards a fair estimate of what is needed to assist the claimant to a comfortable support. During the year one of the widows on our list, Sister Titlow, has passed on to the city where hunger and thirst are unknown, and where "God wipes away all tears from all faces."

There is a balance of unpaid interest which our Treasurer was unable to

collect before this session of Conference, amounting to \$187.42. We have taken legal advice in reference to the matter and are advised the mortgage upon which this interest remains unpaid is perfectly safe and the interest will be paid soon. If the proper attention is not paid to the matter we may be compelled to proceed to collect the whole lien.

During the year the legacy of \$500, left by the late Joseph Pyle, was paid and at once invested for us by H. C. Conrad, Esq., on a mortgage in the city of Wilmington.

Amount received on endowment this year from different charges is \$165.00.

Amount heretofore received and invested on Wilmington City property at 5½ per cent is \$720.50. Total amount of investments held by the Board of Stewards is \$12,350.

P. H. RAWLINS, *Chairman*.

Church Extension.

We have received with great interest the highly encouraging report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, showing a large advance in collections and the increasing aid to churches during the year.

We hail with pleasure the Home Mission feature of this society and believe it has been wisely placed in its right relation for the accomplishment of great and glorious results.

We would suggest that all our ministers secure from the office of this Board, 1026 Arch street, Philadelphia, all the printed matter available and distribute the same among the people of our respective charges at least one week previous to the public presentation of this cause, and the taking of the annual offering for Home Missions and Church Extension.

E. C. SUNFIELD, *Secretary*.

G. T. ALDERSON, *Chairman*.

Conference Board of Church Extension.

As Secretary of the Conference Board of Church Extension I respectfully submit a statement of the work done within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference during the past year. At our annual meeting held in Wilmington last May the following applications for donations were approved:

Epworth and Hoopers Island, on Dover District;

Locust Grove on Easton District;

Salem and Trinity on Wilmington District.

The Parent Board has granted Eastlake \$326;

Salem, \$125; Epworth, \$109; Trinity, \$75;

Unpaid loans—February, 1893, Mardella Springs, \$66.50; interest, \$7.97.

Defaulted loan—Locust Grove, \$200.

To aid the needy in the erection of churches throughout the Republic is a service both patriotic and religious. Since its organization 16,000 churches have been built outright or in part by the Church Extension Society.

Let us give it more generous support and thereby aid in the work of extending the influence and usefulness of the Society.

C. T. WYATT, *Secretary*

T. E. MARTINDALE, *Chairman*

Conference Education Society.

Your Society continues to do the work for which it was organized, as promptly and as efficiently as it is possible to do with the funds placed at our disposal.

During the year we have aided four students in Dickinson College, seven in Wilmington Conference Academy and six at Drew, a total of 17 students aided at an expenditure of \$1,087.50.

We are glad to report that this Conference placed in our hands in 1906 the sum of \$386 for distribution, an increase of \$159 over 1905.

The amount brought to this Conference is \$391, an increase of \$5 over last year.

We would plead with you brethren do not forget our Education Society. See the number of noble young men entering our ranks this session, and just see what a number of them are wards of our Society. Money placed in the development of such young men is a fine investment for God, for Methodism and for our own Conference. Let us be true to the boys of our beloved Peninsula and they will repay us a hundred fold in the loyal service they will render us in the days to come.

There are a few items in the work of our Society that demand special attention at the hands of this Conference. First, we sometimes have young men who are transferred out of this Conference before they have completed their contract term of service, the condition upon which they receive loans from our Society. Manifestly it is not fair to this Society nor to this Conference that they should be so transferred unless they shall return to this Society the full amount of their loan, together with reasonable interest for use of the money.

Again, when we undertake to collect the notes due this Society, when beneficiaries have broken the term of their contract, we are confronted with the fact that this Society has no legal existence, and, therefore, only moral pressure can be brought to collect these debts that are honestly due us.

In view of these facts the Board of Managers present for your consideration and adoption the following recommendations:

1. That our Presiding Elders be, and are hereby requested, not to recommend, nor to consent to the transfer of any member or licentiate of this Conference who has received aid from this Society until such beneficiary shall have returned in full the amount loaned him, together with the interest on same.

2. That the Officers and Board of Managers of the Society elected here today be authorized to secure a charter for this Society, so that the Society shall have legal authority to hold funds and property, and to collect debts due.

3. That the name of the Officers and Board of Managers shall be used in the Charter as the original incorporators of the Society.

4. We recommend that the constitution of this Society be amended, by striking out the words "or until elected Elder," in Article VI, Sec. 4, making the sentence read, "Every person who receives aid from this Society shall, at least once a year, reassure the Board of Managers that it continues to be his sincere 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."

V. S. COLLINS, *Secretary*.

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

Church Insurance.

Lacking any special communication to the Conference this year from their Central Office, your Committee call attention to the gratifying exhibit for last year of the National Mutual Church Insurance Co. of our Church. From other data we are glad to report its continued efficiency and that its resources were sufficient to meet all claims upon it occasioned by the disaster in San Francisco. We recommend this plan of insurance as a wise provision against embarrassing loss, and commend it to all of our Societies as safe and economical.

J. M. LINDALE, *Secretary*.

L. I. McDOUGLE, *Chairman*.

Domestic Missionary Society.

Your Committee appointed at the last session of the Conference to secure such change in the charter and constitution of the Domestic Missionary Society as shall enable the Society to more efficiently perform the functions for which it was organized, beg leave to report as follows:

1. That the charter of the Domestic Missionary Society was granted April 10, 1885, for twenty years, and no longer. The charter, therefore, expired by limitation April 10, 1905, so that we now have no Domestic Missionary Society, that the officers elected last year were not legally elected, and whatever business the Society has transacted since April 10, 1905, has not been legally transacted, and is therefore null and void.

It seems to your Committee that an incorporated Society of this Conference, composed of the four Presiding Elders, four other ministers and nine laymen, certainly should be more careful in the transaction of its affairs, and not to allow its charter to lapse without giving ample notice to this Conference, and thus prevent placing all the important interests of the Society in jeopardy.

As there are now no legal officers we recommend:

1. That all the books, records, deeds, papers and documents, together with all the funds and other property of the defunct Society, be ordered transferred to the care and custody of the Trustees hereinafter named, to be held by them, in trust for this Conference, until a new charter can be obtained for the Society.

2. That the work formerly done by the Society be now placed in the hands of the nine Trustees hereinafter named, and that they be, and are hereby instructed to perform the duties formerly accomplished by the Society until a new charter can be obtained, subject to the provisions following:

1st. That all salaried members and probationers of the Conference and local preachers employed by the Presiding Elders be asked to contribute one-half of one per cent. of salaries paid, exclusive of house rent, but including receipts from this fund and that the churches be requested to raise a sum equal to two per cent. of the salaries allowed, exclusive of house rent, equitably apportioned among the charges.

2d. That the Trustees shall meet during the Conference in order:

(a) To gather all possible information concerning charges that need assistance from this fund, from their Presiding Elders, Pastors, and the charges themselves as to the ability properly to support their preachers, and as to the probability of said charges becoming self-supporting.

3d. The officers of the Board shall be elected by ballot, at the annual meeting; and shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee.

4th. The Board shall meet annually in the town of Dover, Del., on such day as may be agreed upon, in the month of April, for the transaction of business, and at such other times and places as they may select, and necessity require.

5th. At the annual meeting, besides the election of officers and the hearing of reports, it shall be the duty of the Trustees:

(a) To estimate the amount necessary for the support of the work in each charge which, in the judgment of the Board, merits assistance, and that part of said amount, which said charge may be reasonably expected to raise.

(b). To appropriate to each charge, to be paid pro rata out of the Domestic Fund of the ensuing Conference, a sum which with that to be raised by the charge, shall be sufficient to make up the whole of the said estimated amount.

Provided, 1st. That not more than \$100 be appropriated to any charge.

2nd. That no appropriation shall be made by the Committee to any newly created charge until the Conference session next succeeding its creation, the Conference concurring in the same.

3d. That no payment be made to any charge whose Pastor fails to take the collection, and to report to the Conference the amount asked of him by the first resolution.

4th. That no appropriation shall be made to any charge whose payments the previous year, with the amounts received from this Committee, shall exceed \$600 for a married man, \$400 for a single.

5th. That in case the full amount apportioned the Conference is not raised, that the amount distributed to the charges shall be pro rata with amount apportioned the charges, as to amount apportioned and amount raised in the Conference.

6th. This Board shall be duly incorporated according to law, with such powers and prerogatives as may be needful to secure the objects of the Society, and shall be qualified to receive bequests and donations for the support of missions, or the purchase of lots for church buildings, and to hold and transfer such building lots in accordance with the designs and objects of the Society. Any bequests or donations received by this Society, shall be held and used according to the design of the donor.

7th. That nine Trustees, consisting of one minister and layman for each District, and one minister at large be elected by ballot at this session of the Conference, to carry out the provisions of this paper until a new charter is obtained.

Education.

Pursuant to the new order adopted by the General Conference, the Church has now three great Benevolent Societies, one of which is "The Board of Education, Freedman's Aid and Sunday Schools." This consolidation of the benevolences had for its purpose a better representation of our benevolent interests to our people, and it becomes us in this period of more or less perilous transition, to be loyal to this aim of the General Conference. Your Committee therefore recommends:

1st. That one special day be set apart by the Conference, other than Children's Day, for the special presentation of the interests of the Board of Education of Freedman's Aid and Sunday Schools.

2d. That the Children's Day collections be applied as formerly, and,

3d. That the collections of the other special day be divided between the Freedman's Aid and Sunday Schools in the proportion of two to one in favor of the Freedman's Aid.

4th. That in all our Conference Anniversaries of the Board the Freedman's Aid shall have representation.

5th. That Lincoln Day, so called, be the additional Special Day for presentation of the Board's interests.

We rejoice in the substantial and increasing advancement being made in each of the educational interests under the patronage of this Conference

Dickinson College with its increase of 59 students this year exceeds all previous years, and with the finishing of Conway Hall is more than ever worthy of the patronage of all Methodists.

All our people are justly proud of Drew Theological Seminary, more and more with advancing years. The new Department of Applied Christianity established at Drew through the liberality of Mr. James W. Pearsall is a very important advance in her work.

The 80,000 volumes in her own splendid library, together with the proximity of the Seminary to New York City, becomes a greater advantage with each year of its history.

The Conference rejoices in the new era of prosperity on which the Conference Academy has entered since the payment of the debt.

W. C. POOLE, *Secretary.*

H. T. QUIGG, *Chairman.*

Episcopal Fund.

In the very nature of the case, if Methodism is to capture this world for Christ she must be well captained and bannered. Our general superintendents, in intellectual equipment and strength of character, the peers of any leaders in Nation or Church, should be sustained by the free-will offering of our people. They are in "labors abundant," thinking, planning, leading, executing for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth. The same amount of intellectual toil and executive ability given in any industrial enterprise would yield each one of them large financial returns.

Your Committee respectfully reports that the amount apportioned to the Wilmington Conference for the Episcopal Fund the coming Conference year is \$2,043. This is on the basis of 1¼ per cent. of ministerial support, including house rent, exclusive of Missionary appropriations. This is about 5 cents per member. We are informed that our Conference fell short of its apportionment last year to the amount of \$377.

We recommend that a uniform rate of assessment be laid upon the individual charges, and that the Disciplinary directions for raising the apportionment be observed by the Stewards of the respective charges, namely, that of placing the Bishop's claim on the same level of importance with the estimates for the support of Pastor and Presiding Elder, and that the same moral obligations be maintained toward the payment of this claim as is sustained toward the other estimates for ministerial support.

O. L. MARTIN, *Secretary*

L. E. BARRETT, *Chairman*

Endowment.

Remembering that the Methodist preacher is a man of one work, that he promises to devote himself wholly to the work of the ministry, and remembering that he is subject to Episcopal authority, "to go irrespective of Compensation," wherever sent, making it extremely difficult to make reasonable provision for himself and family against ineffectiveness, and believing that if our laymen, who are loyal, God-fearing men were fully informed, and this claim were pressed upon them, they would respond to this debt upon them as readily and as cheerfully as to any other claim of the Church. Therefore we recommend that each presiding elder preach a sermon on the justice of this claim on each charge in his District. We further recommend that the endowment claim be classified or included with the other benevolences, and an apportionment of at least one per cent. of Pastor's salary be made to this fund, and that this collection shall be included in the question "Are all the Collections taken?"

We further recommend that Presiding Elders and Pastors make strenuous effort to secure private donations to this fund. We further recommend that one minister and one layman from each District be appointed a committee to correspond and co-operate with the Pastors in raising this fund.

L. W. LAYFIELD, *Secretary*

P. H. RAWLINS, *Chairman*

Epworth League.

The Epworth League when properly organized and rightly conducted is an arm of power to the church. Its splendidly constituted system embracing every department of charitable, social and spiritual work.

While the Epworth League can, and under favorable conditions does, solve the problem of the social life of the young people, yet the central and most important department of the League work is the Spiritual—what the mainspring is to the watch, what the heart is to the body, Spirituality is to the life of the Epworth League.

It is therefore imperative that we maintain the highest standards of experience and life, and that we insist that while the Epworth League should furnish social entertainment for the young people, and assist in the financial work of the Church, the greatest emphasis should be laid upon the Spiritual life.

There should be a well-worked Epworth League in every church, but this cannot be brought about unless the preacher urges the organization and then has an oversight of it afterward.

If our preachers would take more interest in the Epworth League, not as a money-raising institution, but as a means of developing the Spiritual life of the young, this result would be easily obtained.

The Fourth General Conference District League, of which the Wilmington Conference is a part, will hold its annual convention in Philadelphia, beginning May 16. The committee urges that Pastors see that proper persons are sent to this convention.

While the Senior League is important and should have the support of the entire church, including the pastor, it is no more important than the Junior League.

The man who neglects the Junior League loses an opportunity for molding the character and directing the Spiritual life of the church. The committee would urge that during the coming year every Pastor organize an Epworth League and take an active part in the Annual District Convention.

The Committee would not advise anything that might result in curtailing the circulation of the Church Advocate and the other great organs of our church within our Conference territory, for we believe in, and have a love for them; nevertheless, we believe every Epworthian should subscribe for and read the Epworth Herald, without which we cannot have an intelligent idea of the work and influence of the League.

W. E. HABBARD, *Secretary*.

F. F. CARPENTER, *Chairman*.

Freedman's Aid and Southern Education.

It is to be regretted that prejudice has locked the pocket-books and steeled the hearts of many of our people against the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society. The mission of the church is to humanity's need; the greater the need the greater the obligation. To place the colored race in a position to govern and use themselves for the uplifting of the race is highly commendable work. This is the task assumed by the Society. They are succeeding grandly. If afforded the sympathy and financial help desired, and deserved, we predict that their success would be marvelous.

We are informed that this year, 1907, is the 40th anniversary of Morgan College, Baltimore. Their graduates are honoring all departments of professional life.

We ask every charge in this Conference to help them to celebrate this anniversary by early and generous contributions. Let all make strenuous effort to pay the apportionment in full.

We would suggest that Dr. Spencer be invited to our charges where results would justify to especially represent the industrial improvements resulting from the work of the Society.

W. B. GUTHRIE, *Secretary*

C. S. BAKER, *Chairman*

Methodist Hospital.

We find the chief purpose of this most worthy institution is to administer to the physical needs and to relieve bodily suffering.

This hospital is characterized by the highest ideals in the medical profession, performing its work in the spirit of the Master.

The year recently closing has been the most successful in its history, administering to more people than in any other previous year. 1,046 persons have received 25,263 days' treatment. And this does not include more than 8,000 who were treated in the dispensary.

The income this year from churches and individuals is \$9,650 in excess of last year. And in addition to this \$10,000 was expended in a Children's ward and other improvements.

Your Committee recommends:

1st. That on the second Sabbath in May the Pastors of this Conference present the interest of the Hospital to their various congregations and that an offering be taken for its support.

2d. That donations consisting of linens, fruits, vegetables, etc., be requested and forwarded to the Hospital.

3d. That the Pastors be requested to emphasize the fact that those unable to pay for services secure treatment free.

4th. That this Conference assure Dr. Mortin its hearty and large support.

HARRY TAYLOR, *Secretary*.

GEO. W. BOUNDS, *Chairman*.

Periodicals.

While America is importing people by the thousands whose ideas and practices are detrimental to her moral development, she is also importing a literature more dangerous than these for, while the former finds its level in the lower walks of life in our cities, the latter crosses the thresholds of the reading class, poisons the intellectual stream, and weakens the faith of America's citizens in the Bible, and in the promises on which our hope of immortality is built.

But while this is a dark outlook, hope illuminates the literary skies, for with a sanctified intelligence in operation, our great printing presses, moving day and night, our noble Methodism is doing her part (under the guiding hand of Omnipotence) to meet and defeat this dangerous foe.

And to gain the victory, our church has secured the best talent in the land, and the force of that talent is felt in the products of our great Book Concern.

Through the Christian Advocate, the Epworth Herald, the Methodist Review, the Peninsula Methodist, our Sunday School literature and Conference Minutes.

These are produced at a price within the reach of all, and they stand as sentinels to guard the reading public against anything that is dangerous to morals and everything that is injurious to our blessed religion.

Therefore, your Committee urges that all our people read these publications which will increase their faith, enlighten their minds, and make them intelligent laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

W. H. KENNEY, *Secretary*.

F. J. COCHRAN, *President*.

Sabbath Observance.

The Divine command to "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," has never been revoked. The observance of the Sabbath as a day of rest is important in its relation to man and beast, while as a day of religious devotion it is absolutely necessary to the development of our Spiritual life. Anything that tends to secularize the Sabbath, or to convert it into a day of social or worldly pleasure is a violation of the spirit and letter of the law, and cannot be indulged in by professing Christians without a loss of power and influence for good.

As a Church we deplore the inroads made upon its sanctity by the running of Sunday trains, sale and reading of Sunday newspapers, and all other traffic which destroys its peculiar character as a day of religious privilege and duty. We are convinced that the tide of worldliness and commercial greed which sweeps away the beneficial results of the holy Sabbath will never turn so long as church members and ministers of the Gospel violate the Divine command.

The keeping open of places of business until the beginning of the Sabbath is a poor preparation for the proper observance of the day, while the barter and sales at many camp-meetings on the Sabbath warrants the belief by the world that the net is spread to catch money and not men. We here note with appreciation Bishop Berry's refusal to discuss appointments on the Sabbath Day.

We recommend strict adherence to all laws safeguarding the hours of the Sabbath Day.

E. H. NELSON, *Secretary*.

G. W. DAWSON, *Chairman*.

Sunday School and Tract.

Your Committee on Tracts and Sunday School Union submits the following report:

We recognize with pleasure the growing efficiency and helpful work accomplished by the Tract Society in supplying not only our own people with helpful literature, but also in the evangelizing force of its operations by tracts printed in many languages and distributed among many nationalities. Therefore we recommend:

1st. That every Pastor in our Conference preach and explain to his people the great utility of this Society, and that the respective churches which take collections for this cause secure for use in their own communities carefully chosen tracts to the value of one-half of the amount of their annual offering.

We recommend:

2d. That our Sunday Schools everywhere adopt and use our own Sunday School supplies in preference to any others.

That there be a Cradle Roll established in all our Sunday Schools so as to turn the child mind to the Sunday School and Church at as early an age as possible.

That our Sunday Schools establish and sustain a House Department in connection with the regular school wherever possible.

We would also recommend that Rev. J. M. Arters be appointed as our Conference Sunday School Secretary to co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Union in all matters relating to Sunday School interests in our territory.

We have been gratified to observe that since the action of the Wilmington Conference at its last session relative to the "Higher Critical" tendencies of the Sunday School Journal, there has been a change for the better in that magazine, and we hope that the improvement will continue even to the exclusion of all questionable and objectionable utterances.

T. C. SMOOT, *Secretary*.

C. W. PRETTYMAN, *President*.

Temperance.

The war against the saloon still rages with ever increasing fury. The forces that make for righteousness are hot upon the trails of this beast of nameless passion, with everything pointing to a speedy and triumphant victory. The Church no longer fights this battle alone. Medical science, the great corporations, the fraternal organizations, great business concerns all unite now with the church in proclaiming the drink-habit a dangerous thing and the drink traffic a menace and peril to everything that is precious in life.

Perhaps the most remarkable decision that has ever been made touching upon the drink traffic has recently been handed down by Judge Samuel R. Artman of Indiana. At the January session of the Commissioners' Court in Indianapolis, Albert Soltan filed an application for a license to sell intoxicating liquors in the Tenth ward of that city. Certain residents in that ward filed a remonstrance. The license was granted, whereupon the remonstrators appealed the case to the Movion Circuit Court. A change of venue was taken to the Boone Circuit Court. Here the case was argued before Judge Artman by distinguished lawyers on both sides. The question raised by the remonstrators was the constitutionality of the license system as it relates to the saloon. On the 13th of February, Judge Artman gave his decision in favor of the remonstrants, taking the ground that all laws that purpose to license the sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes are unconstitutional and hence unlawful and wrong. As a warrant for this decision Judge Artman quoted a decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina and also of the United States Supreme Court to the effect that the selling of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes is in the very nature of the case dangerous to public health and public morals, which the Legislature has no right to barter away. This case will, without doubt, be appealed to Indiana Court of Appeals. And it may be from there to the Supreme Court of the United States where, if this decision should be upheld, the legalized liquor traffic would at once and forever come to an end. This decision may prove to be the death-blow to the licensed saloon. At any rate it is a time to wait upon God in mighty prevailing progress.

During the year just closing some notable victories have been achieved. In spite of a furious attack upon the Anti-Canteen law, the law still stands and has been strengthened by making it also include the Old Soldiers' Homes. Within the last few days Knoxville, Tenn., a city of forty thousand inhabitants, has gone dry by a majority of 2,000. Preachers preached, women prayed, children paraded and sang and carried banners and good men voted, while hell frowned and heaven smiled and the saloons of Knoxville died. At the last election in Cecil county, Maryland, the saloon people were called upon to meet the license issue again. This they promptly did and the saloon in Cecil county met its Waterloo. The victory was a decisive one and the probabilities are that the issue will never again be made in this county. The most notable victory, however, of the year, so far as our own

territory is concerned, is the submission of the question of license or no license to the voters of the State of Delaware by the General Assembly, which is now about to adjourn. For ten years we have preached and prayed and worked for this, and now at last it has come.

This action of the legislature brings to us, not only a great opportunity, but also a great responsibility. Success or failure in this fight lies with the Methodist Episcopal Church in this State and to a very large extent with the Methodist preachers of this State. Any preacher in this State at this time who fumbles, or falters, or compromises, or loiters, or turns is unworthy of his high and holy calling. Every preacher in this State at this time that does not throw himself into this fight with all the courage and zeal and persistence of which he is capable, should bring upon his head the condemnation of all lovers of righteousness and good government. The fight ought to commence at once and from the close of this conference till the closing of the polls next November every pulpit should blaze and thunder, and from every altar should ascend the incense of fervent effectual prayers. The opportunity to rid the State of Delaware of the saloon curse is now at our door and we must at any cost embrace the opportunity. Some favorable signs: There are signs all about us that sentiment in Delaware is ripening rapidly for this event. In the last campaign legislative candidates of the old parties were not only willing to receive the endorsement of the Prohibition Party, but in some cases actually sought it. More recently both of our United States senators have discarded the use of wines and all intoxicating liquors from the banqueting board. More recently still the Delaware College Alumni Association has excluded alcoholic liquors from all future banquets. Thus sentiment grows by leaps and bounds and the day of deliverance from the saloon curse in Delaware draws nigh.

Recommendations: 1. We recommend that, so far as practicable, that special effort be made to have all our congregations and Sunday Schools observe the Fourth of July as a day consecrated to the promotion of the temperance reform. 2. We recommend secondly that Rev. H. T. Quigg and Rev. T. E. Terry be appointed to represent the Wilmington Conference at the National Convention of the Anti-Saloon League, which holds its next session at Norfolk, Va, September 16-19, 1907.

ALFRED SMITH, *Chairman.*

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the potent factors in extending the Kingdom of God in the world.

During the past year this part of our machinery was very effectively used in China, Africa, Japan, Korea, Bulgaria, etc. Therefore, inasmuch as we have raised in the Wilmington Conference this year \$2,735, an advance of \$224 over last year, which is only a small percentage of what might be done, if we would pledge this cause our earnest prayers and actions.

We recommend: 1. That a collection be taken in every charge during this Conference year.

2. That the pastors impress their people to be a little more generous toward this worthy enterprise of our Church for the success of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society means the helping to take this world for Christ. Thank God for the progress of this movement throughout the 37 years of its history and pray God richest blessings upon it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GARDNER, *Secretary.*

W. R. COMPTON, *Chairman.*

Wilmington Conference Trustees.

We beg leave to report that during the year we have received the first legacy since the incorporation of our Board. Under date of March 11, 1907, the President received from Miss Susan D. Carey, of Glenside, Pa., a check for \$2,000, which was placed in our hands as coming from her brother, Mr. Theodore C. Carey, deceased, in honor of his mother.

The details of the gift are stated in the instrument accompanying the checks, and we ask that both this report and the document be published in our minutes.

To the Trustee of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Enclosed please find a check for two thousand dollars (\$2,000), drawn to the order of the Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and given to them in trust for Goshen Methodist Episcopal Church in Milton, Sussex county, Delaware.

The above sum is in memory of Susan P. Carey, and is from "The Theodore C. Carey Fund." It is to be kept well invested, and the principal shall be kept intact forever for the purpose named, and shall never be diminished. The net income is to be paid annually to the Treasurer of the Goshen Methodist Episcopal Church in Milton and applied towards the salary of the preacher in charge of that Church, and living in Milton, and is never to be used for any other purpose. If at any time there should be no preacher in charge of the Methodist Episcopal Church, living in Milton, the income is to be added to the principal and the whole allowed to accumulate until such time as there shall be a preacher in charge of said Church, living in Milton.

SUSAN D. CAREY.

Witnessed by—

R. Davis Carey,
Edw. Hutchinson, Jr.

March 23, 1907.

We hereby accept the above fund and agree to disburse it as directed.
(Signed) The Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

VAUGHAN S. COLLINS, *President.*

Attest—

P. H. RAWLINS, *Secretary.*

Thanks.

Without attempting to exhaust all the adjectives of the language to describe the weather conditions which have obtained during our session, despairing of being able to properly characterize the hospitality of the good people of Smyrna, whose kindness has made us forget that we are guests, and not permanent members of their families, thrilled with the splendid fraternal spirit which has prevailed from the first moment of the Conference until now, caught in the groundwall of Bishop Berry's exhaustless courtesy as a presiding officer and swept off our feet by the eloquence and spiritual power of DeMorrison's sermons and exhortations, the writing of this report is a hard service. But with thankful hearts your committee will try to say a few of the many things which ought to be said:

1. Our thanks are hereby tendered to our beloved Presiding officer, Bishop Berry, whose kind, sympathetic and impartial administration are sufficient credentials that he uses the office of a bishop well. Every minister's heart will say as he leaves us: "His gentleness hath made great." The old frontier proverb, the synonym for the highest degree of hospitality is the "Latchstring hangs on the outside." When Bishop Berry comes into conjunction with the Wilmington Conference again he will find two hundred latchstrings on the outside and an equatorial welcome on the inside.

2. To the Trustees of this Church for the use of their splendid edifice, renovated and beautified for their Conference gathering.

3. To the pastor, Robt. Watt, D. D., who has spared no pains night or day to make every one doubly glad that they fell into his hands. Hardesty

4. To the members of the choir, whose classic singing has contributed to the entertainment of our large gatherings and the delight of all lovers of music.

5. To the janitor of the building, who counted it not drudgery to open the doors of the Lord's house and would cheerfully "kindled a fire for naught" for the comfort of Smyrna's guests.

6. To the Secretaries for their faithful discharge of their arduous, but important duties.

7. To the representatives of the press for the fair and impartial report of our business proceedings.

8. To the people of the town, who have so generously opened their homes to the Conference and are ready to lock them and throw away the keys to keep us from going hence. Friends, do not so, we are locked in already. If "love laughs at locksmiths" we shall never get away, for you won't pick the locks and we never intend to try.

G. L. HARDESTY, *Secretary.*

W. L. S. MURRAY, *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, 1871..	Royal Oak, Md.....	64	38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct. 3, 1872..	Frankford, Del.	34	13
1825	T. J. Thompson,	Nov. 29, 1874..	Wilmington, Del. ..	71	49
1828	Robert E. Kemp.....	Mar. 6, 1875..	Greensboro, Md. ...	73	32
1832	Wesley Kenney,	June 24, 1875..	Smyrna, Del.	70	42
1835	Henry Sutton.....	Mar. 23, 1876..	Philadelphia, Pa. ...	68	23
1871	George A. Campbell.....	Sept. 7, 1876..	Frankford, Del.....	30	4
1862	John W. Weston.....	Apr. 23, 1877..	Wilmington, Del. ...	38	15
1837	John D. Curtis.....	July 25, 1877..	Wilmington, Del. ...	61	40
1845	David R. Thomas.....	Feb. 13, 1878..	Wilmington, Del. ...	58	30
1829	Andrew J. Crozier	Jan. 21, 1879..	Wilmington, Del. ...	41	7
1829	Joshua Humphriss.....	Jan. 23, 1879..	Salisbury, Md.....	78	41
1868	Francis M. Chatham.....	May 29, 1878..	Berlin, Md.	41	8
1857	Edward G. Irwin	Mar. 12, 1879..	Wilmington, Del. ...	50	21
1848	John Hough.....	Mar. 27, 1879..	Near Trenton, N. J.	53	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. Urle.....	Nov. 13, 1880..	Smyrna, Del.....	67	43
1833	Thomas F. Flummer.....	Feb. 2, 1881..	Wilmington, Del. ...	44	8
1833	Elijah Miller.....	Apr. 15, 1881..	Sudlersville, Md. ...	71	49
1836	John W. Pierson.....	May 6, 1881..	Wilmington, Del. ...	67	44
1880	Francis B. Quigley.....	Aug. 19, 1881..	Hopewell, Md.	27	2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman.....	Feb. 27, 1882..	Newark, Md.	36	9
1865	Benj. W. Chase.....	Dec. 11, 1882..	Seaford, Del.	48	17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack.....	June 24, 1883..	Cambridge, Md.	67	46
1834	I. T. Cooper,	Apr. 12, 1884..	Camden, Del.	73	26
1829	Henry Colclazer.....	Dec. 18, 1884..	Philadelphia, Pa. ...	75	55
1833	John L. Taft.....	May 30, 1884..	Norristown, Pa.	72	41
1869	John Shilling.....	July 22, 1884..	Wilmington, Del. ...	52	15
1842	Arthur W. Milby.....	June 13, 1886..	Harrington, Del. ...	71	44
1840	Elon J. Way.....	July 5, 1886..	Baltimore, Md.	75	26
1839	Valentine Gray.....	Jan. 21, 1887..	Gap, Pa.	72	42
1881	Isaiah D. Johnson.....	Mar. 4, 1887..	Bridgeville, Del. ...	33	6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil.....	Mar. 9, 1887..	Church Hill, Md....	55	28
1854	Jos. Dare.....	Oct. 22, 1887..	Newark, Del.	56	32
1886	Frank M. Morgan.....	Feb. 11, 1889..	Philadelphia, Pa. ...	34	3
1849	William Merrill.....	Oct. 23, 1889..	Upper Fairm't, Md.	75	28
1873	Isaac N. Foreman.....	June 12, 1890..	Lincoln, Del.	47	17
1841	John Allen.....	Dec. 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 Del.	53	21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer.....	Jan. 10, 1892..	Milton, Del.	45	19
1840	Vaughan Smith.....	Nov. 21, 1891..	Wilmington, Del. ...	79	43
1845	Charles Hill.....	June 22, 1892..	Salisbury, Md.	70	47
1833	James L. Houston.....	Sept. 18, 1892..	Trappe, Md.	82	32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin.....	Oct. 17, 1892..	Bel Air, Md.	52	24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher.....	Dec. 12, 1893..	Bridgeville, Del. ...	62	17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg.....	Jan. 24, 1893..	Wyoming, Del.	63	36
1847	Joseph Robinson.....	Feb. 18, 1893..	Perryman's, Md. ...	63	45
1835	George Earton.....	Mar. 19, 1893..	Church Hill, Md....	34	11
1843	James A. Brindle.....	Apr. 6, 1894..	Greensboro, Md. ...	73	48
1860	Nicholas M. Browne	Feb. 4, 1895..	Middletown, Del. ...	58	35
1850	James Hubbard.....	Apr. 4, 1895..	Philadelphia, Pa. ...	76	4
1857	James E. Bryan.....	Oct. 17, 1895..	Baltimore, Md.	64	39
1892	John D. Lecates.....	Nov. 11, 1895..	Wilmington, Del. ...	41	5
1859	Thomas E. Bell.....	Mar. 21, 1895..	Easton, Md.	58	
1868	James Conner.....	Sept. 10, 1896..	Selbyville, Del.	59	28

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1862	Merritt Hulburd.....	Oct. 10, 1896..	Wilmington, Del.....	54	34
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
1836	Benj. F. Price.....	Mar. 22, 1901..	Elkton, Md.	84	60
1851	Jas. W. Hammersly.....	April 19, 1901..	Brooklandville, Md..	78	40
1877	Walter E. Avery.....	April 22, 1902..	Wilmington, Del.....	50	25
1860	J. Owau Sypherd.....	Sept. 3, 1902..	Wilmington, Del.....	69	39
1872	John D. Kemp.....	Sept. 21, 1902..	Chestertown, Md....	65	30
1856	William F. Talbot.....	Feb. 26, 1903..	Dover, Del.	73	27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard.....	Apr. 13, 1903..	Frankford, Del.....	65	41
1843	Thos. H. Haynes.....	May 23, 1903..	Smyrna Del.....	81	51
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
1856	John France.....	Mar. 10, 1904..	Wilmington, Del.....	69	48
1879	E. K. Creed.....	Apr. 24, 1904..	Philadelphia, Pa.....	58	25
1890	E. 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
1889	James E. Graham.....	July 13, 1905..	Seaford, Del.....	52	16
1853	Robert W. Todd.....	Jan. 18, 1906..	Baltimore, Md.....	75	52
1858	S. T. Morris.....	Apr. 18, 1906..	Roselle Park, N. J....	78	45

MEMOIRS.

Bishop Charles C. McCabe.

With the mention of this most reverend name our minds drift back to the meeting of the Conference, held one year ago in Pocomoke City. He sat there among us, an apostolic figure, a busy and noble representative of his Master, presiding over our thronged and hurrying sessions. He smiled on us like a brother and a comrade in arms. We loved him more than ever before. It was the same old routine of disciplinary questions which he asked and yet some unusually tender suggestion of God and some hint of a life rapidly taking on autumnal tints were about him. There was the old winsome, infectious cordiality, yet he seemed to dwell a little apart, as if already pluming a pinion for his homeward flight. How his knightly love for the dear old Church spoke out in narrative and ringing exhortation. How his stalwart orthodoxy flashed forth in holy indignation and counsel. He was a gracious and invigorating presence in the midst of our Conference group. And we asked him to come back to us soon and prayed that his life might long be spared to bless the world and the Church. Is it possible that he is to return no more? Is it true that he is dead? They tell us so. But it is only the crude expression of our halting mortal language. In the worthier vocabulary of Heaven, they say that he has gone upward to "rule over many things."

In the dense shadow of our loss, how shall we estimate the quality of his character, the impressiveness of his personality, the sweep of his activities, and the measure of his influence. They were all unusual, phenomenal. God had taken pains with him and built him large. His faith swung in wide orbits. He was a dauntless believer in God and all men. He carried the world in his heart and shouted over its conquest in advance. Sunshiny optimist he was. When many leaders were in doubt, he saw the "bright side of issues, as he did in Libby prison, and cheered and rallied the flagging ranks with the spell of his own confidence. To him the Gospel was never in retreat or peril. But always the King's banners were advancing and would conquer. And he could make men believe as he did.

He was also at home amid vast enterprises. He could bend over a dying desperado in a saloon and show him Jesus, and he could with equal skill plan the conquest of a continent for his Lord. Frontiers and outposts had a charm for him and God had given him hands for the laying of foundations. He thought large terms, and calculated colossal figures. More than

any other man among us, he furnished the magnetic watchwords of the Church for the last quarter of a century. What enthusiasms burned in his soul, what powers of glorious leadership, what intrepid activities. There was a power of intense conviction and vivid appeal which made him a master of assemblies. He could come back from distant lands and make their needs live before us and burden our souls as they did his own. And what a frank, great-hearted brother he was. His life was like an open book, the majesty of a soul tropical with summer love transfigured his face, and beamed good will for those lustrous eyes. Men knew that they were welcome into the very secret places of his being. He made common cause with the lowliest of them just as his Master did. And who can ever forget the thrill of his voice in song, now mellow like a flute note and now martial like a bugle blast! He was a later David, leading the Pilgrim Church up to her Jerusalem feasts with ringing measures. The voice that sung the pathos of "My mother's beautiful hands," that led great Conferences into rapture and swept the shadows out of prisons and hospitals—we shall hear it again some day. And what shall we say more of our brother's great heart—gone to be with his King! Versatile Christian, Genius, Patriot, Seer, with his pisgah visions, enthusiast, organizer of rescues, financier for Jesus' sake, world traveler and home lover, ever going and ever giving, giving time and love and money and life, and all with a smile. When shall ever the stricken Church see thy like again.

What a royal welcome Heaven must have given him! There are many Conferences up there—the General Assembly and Church of the First Born, and they will wave his celestial greeting for their thrones of light. He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

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

T. E. MARTINDALE.

Rev. Samuel James Morris.

Samuel James Morris was born April 10th, 1830, in Wolverhampton, England. Very little is recorded of his early years, but it is known that his parents were of the Church of England, in which faith he was trained, and that he came to America at the age of 21, and resided for a time with his brother and sister in Newark, N. J., working at the trade of an edge tool-maker. That year he was converted under the ministry of Rev. John K. Shaw, at Franklin Street Church, Newark, N. J. He here felt the call to preach, studied for four years under the Presiding Elder, was given license by Rev. J. O. Rogers, and began his work. It is not quite clear how the seven intervening years were spent, but it would seem that he must have been employed "under the Elder" about 1855, and until he joined the Newark Conference at its first session in 1858. He was one of a notable class of ten—Samuel J. Morris, John F. Dodd, Wm. E. Blakeslee, Silvester H. Updyke, Gilbert H. Winans, Alexander Craig, Stephen L. Baldwin, John F. Hurst, Solomon Parsons and Henry A. Buttz. The list of his appointments in that Conference, according to the Alumni Record of Drew Theological Seminary, is as follows: Vienna, Swartswood, Barryville, Little Falls, Clinton and Pine Brook, Mendham, Tranquility, Peapack—all in New Jersey; Haverstraw, N. Y.; again in N. J., Bound Brook, Woodbridge and again N. Y., Bethel, Staten Island. In addition to this list Mrs. Morris states that he served Mongaup and Flemington, both in New Jersey. This period of his ministry covered twenty-five years. March 15, 1860, he married Miss Elizabeth Rittenhouse, of Elizabeth, N. J., whose faithful and loving companionship went with him through the years, and who survives him. Owing to her poor health he located in 1882, purchased a farm ten miles from Norfolk, Va., and lived there for a year and a half. At the end of this time he entered the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and served the following pastoral charges: York Circuit, Va.; Elizabeth City, N. C., and Pasquatank Circuit. In 1886 he entered the Wilmington Conference and served the following pastoral charges: Tangier Island, Harrington, Greensboro, St. Michaels, Lewes, Bridgeville and Rising Sun. In 1903 he took a supernumerary relation and the next year superannuated, residing in Elizabeth and Roseville Park, N. J., in which latter place he built him a home, engaging actively in local church work and died—as he had wished—on Good Friday, April 13, 1906, and was buried on Easter Sunday, the service being conducted by Rev. C. C. Woodruff, pastor of Roselle Park Methodist Episcopal Church. A large throng attended, the floral tributes were profuse and, besides a feeling eulogy by the pastor, very appreciative resolutions adopted by the Official Board were read by one of its members.

After this bare outline of his career I do not see how the writer can in any other way so well illustrate his work as by quoting from a letter of his Conference classmate, the honored and beloved Dr. Henry A. Buttz,

President of Drew Seminary: "My memories of Brother Morris are very delightful. He was genial, industrious, successful so far as I am aware; every charge he filled in our Conference, was greatly advantaged by his ministry. He had fine gifts as a sermonizer and was reckoned as one of our most excellent preachers. He was a faithful pastor and a true friend. All that I have ever heard of him indicated a man of superior ability, thorough consecration, successful in service for the Church. He occasionally indulged in literary labors and published valuable articles in the Quarterly Review of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. As a student, pastor, preacher and Christian he will be greatly missed, and the Church is poorer now that he has gone from us. I assure you it is a pleasure to do anything I can to preserve the memory of my dear friend with whom I entered the Newark Conference."

While Dr. Morris was a man of marked idiosyncracies and hence others did not always see things as he did, I think none who really knew him can do otherwise than echo the tender tribute just read. He was indeed a student during his service in the Newark Conference, taking a course in Drew Theological Seminary, and graduating therefrom in 1871. This, however, did not satisfy him, for he continued to study and received the degrees of M. A. and Ph. D. from Grant Memorial University and of D. D. from St. John's College. In the fall of 1904 he paid a most delightful visit to Rising Sun, participating in the semi-centennial then in progress, preaching the last sermons of his life in the morning at Rising Sun and in the afternoon at Sylmar. The morning sermon, on Rom. 1, 20, will long be remembered by all who heard it. It was a blending of simple language, close reasoning, felicitous illustrations—he brought into the pulpit a large child's top—and especially of tenderness and spiritual action that greatly moved the audience. He was then in poor health, and this continued until on the morning of the Good Friday referred to, his wife having left him for a few minutes, was on her return shocked to find that her husband had passed away. Besides his wife five daughters survive him: Mrs. Joseph Cannon, Mrs. Hugh Welch and Mrs. A. L. Pierce, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Henrietta Aronson, of Aberdeen, Md., and Miss Sarah Morris, of Newark, N. J.

J. P. OTIS.

Elizabeth Susan Titlow.

Elizabeth Susan, daughter of John B. Revell, and Anna W., his wife, was born in Northampton county, Virginia, July 3, 1833, and passed from earth to her eternal reward from her home in Onancock, Virginia, August 10, 1906. She was educated at the Wesleyan Female College, which, a generation ago, was an institution of excellent standing in Wilmington, Delaware.

In her childhood she was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she remained a consistent and devoted member until the day of her death.

April 5, 1854, at the home of the late John D. Tyler, in Onancock, she was married to the Rev. Daniel Titlow, who was at that time a member of the Philadelphia Conference, having been admitted to it in 1850. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Allen. In the spring of 1854 Mr. Titlow was appointed to Berlin Circuit, where the subject of this paper went with him a bride. Toward the close of that year, however, Mrs. Titlow was extremely ill in consequence of which at the next session of his Conference Mr. Titlow asked to be made supernumerary and so remained as long as he lived. Retiring from the active work of the ministry, they made their home in Onancock, and when the Wilmington Conference came into being in 1868, Mr. Titlow, by virtue of his residence, became a member of it.

The years they spent in Onancock were coincident with the period of intense anti-slavery agitation, which culminated in the Civil War, and during these trying years this devoted pair, in the midst of strongest opposition, remained true and firm in their attachment to the Old Church, and their home was always open for the reception and entertainment of her ministers.

In 1870 the family removed to Philadelphia, where the following year Mr. Titlow died. Through all the subsequent years of her life Mrs. Titlow made her home with her only son, Mr. Daniel J. Titlow, who is a member of our Church in Onancock.

Alike in joy and sorrow she exemplified the power of saving grace and was always patient and gentle, a woman of strong attachments she was tender and true to her friends, yet kind and charitable to all. She had what the Apostle describes as "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit after the manner of the holy women in the old time, which is in the sight of God of great price."

The funeral services were largely attended and were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. L. I. McDougale, and the word expounded on the occasion was appropriate to the closing scene in the life of this venerable Christian. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

C. A. HILL.

Mrs. Hannah Pleasanton Merritt.

Morning! Noon! Eveningtide! Such is life's brief day. Then—for God's children—Eternal morning where night never comes. In the Evening of her life, and the Evening of January 10, 1907, Mrs. Hannah P. Merritt, widow of the late Rev. Dr. James B. Merritt of our Conference, heard the call from the other shore and embarked in the care of the Pilot of Galilee.

Her's was the faith and experience which could say:

"He holds me when the billows smite;
I shall not fall.
If sharp 'tis short; If long 'tis light;
He tempers all.
Safe to the land! Safe to the land!
The end is this;
And then with Him go hand in hand,
Far into bliss."

Her life was beautified by suffering. Each pang revealed more clear the Christ in her life, producing patience—submission—faith—hope—tenderness. Each raindrop from the cloud produced a flower. Her last illness was for ten weeks, during which time loving hands tenderly cared for her at the home of her daughter in Baltimore, Md.

Her parents were Dr. Samuel Webb and Eliza Pleasanton Webb, of near Dover, Del., where Sister Merritt was born, June 23, 1832. It was here she spent her girlhood. It was here she gave her heart to her Saviour, while attending a girl's boarding school in Dover. It was here at the old home, in 1853-55, she was wooed and won by Rev. James B. Merritt, then Junior Preacher on Dover charge. It was at her parent's home, April 10, 1855, she assumed the cares of a Methodist Preacher's wife, Rev. Robert W. Todd performing the ceremony. From that day her life's story—her life's work—was that of her husband. For nearly a half century her life was spent in a Methodist parsonage. She cheerfully bore its sorrows and joys—glad of the privilege of service—never counting the cost. Cambridge, Easton, Centreville, Chestertown, St. Pauls, Wilmington, Dover, Still Pond, Cecilton, Fairlee and other parsonages were brightened by her presence.

When age compelled her husband to cease regular work, the two spent the eveningtide of their busy lives at Worton, Md. It was here the writer first met her—"A mother in Israel." In the most trying period of his life, her ripe experience, calm judgment and motherly comfort and counsel, were a much sought refuge. Gentleness, sweetness of manner, kindness of heart, unswerving devotion to duty, and an intense regard for the feeling of others, were the jewels of her character. Selfishness and pride were foreign to her nature. Those who knew her best loved her best. Her best friends were her oldest friends.

While zealous and active in Sunday School and all church work, her throne was her home. Her heart was the mother heart. Of the four children

God gave her, one, Margaretta Boone, died in her 13th year. Three survive. They are: Lida Pleasanton, wife of Archer M. Hepbron of Baltimore city; Dr. James B. Merritt of Easton, and Samuel Webb Merritt of Philadelphia.

The sudden death of her husband in the summer of 1904 was a rude shock to her already frail constitution, but when a year later a favorite grandson, one on whom she leaned as the comfort and strength of her old age, was snatched from her embrace, she was left torn and bleeding—scarce able to rally from the blow.

Funeral services were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lida P. Hepbron, Sunday evening, January 13th, conducted by Rev. William Sheers, Pastor of Chester Street M. E. Church, Baltimore, Md.

"Out of the shadow-land, into the sunshine,
Cloudless, eternal, that fades not away;
Softly and tenderly Jesus will call us,
Home where the ransomed are gathering today.

Out of the shadow-land, weary and changeful,
Out of the valley of sorrow and night;
Into the rest of the Life Everlasting,
Into the summer of endless delight.

Silently, peacefully, angels will bear us,
Into the Beautiful Mansion above;
There shall be rest from earth's toiling forever,
Safe in the Arms of God's Infinite Love.

WILLIAM C. POOLE.

Distribution of Conference Funds.

Date of Claim.	Term of Service.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	POST OFFICE.	Estimates of Quarterly Conference.	Amount received by each Claimant.
SUPERANNUATED.					
1871	15 yrs.	James Esgate.....	S. Tamworth, N. H.....	\$300.00	\$200.00
1891	33 "	Wm. W. Redman.....	Farmington, Del.....	300.00	200.00
1895	42 "	William M. Warner.....	Millington, Md.....	500.00	265.00
1889	19 "	J. W. Poole.....	Farmington, Del.....	300.00	175.00
1893	17 "	W. L. P. Bowen.....	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.....		25.00
1897	26 "	W. E. Tompkinson.....	Everett, Pa.....	500.00	185.00
1899	34 "	Jas. Carroll.....	Milford, Del.....		200.00
1901	"	F. O. B. Wallin.....	Sweden.....	200.00	100.00
1904	22 "	W. M. Green.....	Camden, Del.....	100.00	25.00
1906	48 "	H. S. Thompson.....	Reisterstown, Md.....		220.00
1906	16 "	G. W. Bowman.....	Laurel, Del.....	40.00	125.00
1906	44 "	G. S. Conaway.....	Smyrna, Del.....	400.00	275.00
1903	21 "	O. S. Walton.....	Red Lion, Del.....	250.00	125.00
1901	31 "	T. H. Harding.....	Wilmington, Del.....		150.00
1906	26 "	J. M. Collins.....	Claymont, Del.....	400.00	100.00
1907	2 "	G. W. Burke.....	Smyrna, Del.....		225.00
		J. T. VanBurkalow.....	Dover, Del.....		180.00
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1906	9 "	J. W. Talley.....	Boothwyne, Pa.....	250.00	200.00
1906	22 "	T. N. Given.....	Dover, Del.....	150.00	50.00
1907	38 "	W. R. Gwinn.....			180.00
WIDOWS.					
1879	14 "	Rebecca Brandreth.....	4941 Sheldon St., Germant'n, Phila.	150.00	120.00
1878	15 "	Laura F. Weston.....	214 Garfield Av., Norwood, Pa.....		75.00
1878	33 "	Mary S. Thomas.....	Wilmington, Del.....		75.00
1879	21 "	Annie H. Irwin.....	911 Farragut Terrace, Phila., Pa.....		150.00
1879	10 "	Annie D. Chatham.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	400.00	200.00
1881	11 "	Sadie B. Bain.....	Jun-ita, Pa.....		150.00
1882	8 "	Emma A. Prettyman.....	East New Market, Md.....	250.00	150.00
1884	15 "	Emma L. Shilling.....	1110 West St., Wilmington, Del.....	100.00	75.00
1887	37 "	Mary F. Way.....	6900 Wisahickon Av. Germant'n Pa.....		90.00
1887	28 "	Mary A. O'Neil.....	308 N. Carey St., Baltimore.....	250.00	150.00
1887	48 "	Sarah D. Gray.....	Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa.....		110.00
1891	25 "	Louisa A. Gardner.....	Smyrna, Del.....	250.00	100.00
1891	18 "	Mary A. Foreman.....	Wilmington, Del.....		90.00
1892	20 "	S. Jennie Creamer.....	604 W. 8th St., Wilmington, Del.....	350.00	300.00
1893	19 "	G. Annie Gregg.....	Kenton, Del.....		50.00
1893	47 "	M. R. Robinson.....	Perryman, Md.....		50.00
1893	26 "	Marian F. Melvin.....	443 E 25th St., Baltimore, Md.....	350.00	150.00
1893	27 "	R. th B. Fisher.....	Viola, Del.....	200.00	175.00
1895	10 "	Ellen Brindle.....	Greensboro, Md.....	350.00	100.00
1896	4 "	Lizzie M. Lecates.....	118 Lakewood Ave., Balto., Md.....	400.00	200.00
1896	35 "	Annie D. Bryan.....	Phillipsburg, Pa.....		100.00
1898	35 "	Mrs. C. C. Brown.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150.00	100.00
1898	48 "	Mrs. J. B. Quigg.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150.00	75.00
1898	13 "	Mrs. M. L. Williams.....	North East, Md.....		140.00
1867	4 "	Emma D. Ewing.....	41 N 18th St., Philadelphia.....	150.00	75.00
1898	39 "	Mrs. E. H. Hynson.....	Lewes, Del.....	300.00	175.00
1901	12 "	Martha H. Swain.....	Dover, Del.....	300.00	250.00
1902	10 "	Mrs. B. F. Price.....	1133 West St., Wilmington, Del.....	150.00	100.00
		Jas. Conner's children.....	Salisbury, Md.....	100.00	100.00
1903	"	Selma C. Bovie.....	642 Baltic St., Brooklyn, N. Y.....	150.00	100.00
1903	27 "	Laura A. Avery.....	119 W. 80th St., New York City.....		150.00
1903	48 "	Laura V. Talbot.....	Dover, Del.....		25.00
1903	31 "	Josephine Sypherd.....	9 Brightox Ave., Atlantic City.....		25.00
1904	23 "	Jennie Kemp.....	Chestertown, Md.....	300.00	175.00
1904	23 "	Martha E. Davis.....	Newark, Md.....	150.00	140.00
1904	51 "	Mrs. T. H. Haynes.....	Smyrna, Del.....	250.00	150.00
1904	45 "	Mrs. C. F. Sheppard.....	Frankford, Del.....	300.00	200.00
1904	34 "	Mrs. J. D. Riegg.....	624 W. 6th St., Chester, Pa.....	300.00	200.00
1905	"	Mrs. E. K. Creed.....	Centreville, Md.....	300.00	200.00
1905	"	Mrs. E. R. Sidell.....	124 Broad St., Newark, N. J.....	300.00	175.00
1905	21 "	Mrs. Emma L. Wilcox.....	Salisbury, Md.....	250.00	100.00
1906	16 "	Mrs. Annie M. Graham.....	Cambridge, Md.....	300.00	200.00
1906	23 "	Mrs. Alice C. Todd.....	213 Prospect Av., Balto., Md.....	150.00	150.00

TREASURERS REPORT.

Missionary Society.	Cash	Vouchers	Total
Dover District	\$6035	\$253	
Easton "	5282	33	
Salisbury "	6320	406	
Wilmington "	7776	287	

Totals..... 25413 979 26392
 Last year..... 25962

Increase..... 480

Church Extension.

Dover District	391	365	
Easton "	245	177	
Salisbury "	420	122	
Wilmington "	493	99	

Totals..... 1549 763 2312
 Last year..... 1625

Increase..... 687

Sunday School Union.

Dover District	106	6	
Easton "	74	8	
Salisbury "	108	2	
Wilmington "	106	7	

Totals..... 394 23 417
 Last year..... 408

Increase..... 9

Tract Society.

Dover District	109		
Easton "	71		
Salisbury "	106		
Wilmington "	106	3	

Totals..... 392 3 395
 Last year..... 399

Decrease..... 4

Freedman's Aid.

Dover District	205	9	
Easton "	209		
Salisbury "	239	14	
Wilmington "	233	14	

Totals..... 886 23 909
 Last year..... 863

Increase..... 46

Conference Academy.

Dover District	62	460	
Easton "	23	325	
Salisbury "	40	507	
Wilmington "	110	313	

Totals..... 235 1605 1840
 Last year..... 1793

Increase..... 47

Childrens Fund.

Dover District	140	50	
Easton "	104	21	
Salisbury "	172		
Wilmington "	159	96	

Totals..... 575 167 742
 Last year..... 786

Decrease..... 44

American Bible Society.

Dover District	120	37	
Easton "	110	22	
Salisbury "	123	48	
Wilmington "	116	27	

Totals..... 467 134 603
 Last year..... 564

Increase..... 39

W. F. M. Society.

Dover District	21	440	
Easton "	22	609	
Salisbury "	12	12	
Wilmington "	2	1613	

Totals..... 57 2674 2731
 Last year..... 2570

Increase..... 161

W. H. M. Society.

Dover District	13	234	
Easton "	3	471	
Salisbury "	6	190	
Wilmington "	2	1749	

Totals..... 24 2644 2668
 Last year..... 3294

Decrease..... 626

Conference Education.

Dover District	90		
Easton "	72		
Salisbury "	89		
Wilmington "	139	1	

Totals..... 390 1 391
 Last year..... 386

Increase..... 5

Domestic Missions.

Dover District	357		
Easton "	344		
Salisbury "	386		
Wilmington "	413		

Totals..... 1400 1400
 Last year..... 1009

Increase..... 391

Conference Claimants.

Dover District	1546		
Easton "	1559		
Salisbury "	1449		
Wilmington "	2323		

Totals..... 6877 6877
 Last year..... 6812

Increase..... 65

Stewards Endowment.

Dover District	25		
Easton "	35		
Salisbury "	55		
Wilmington "	40		

Totals..... 155 155
 Last year..... 249

Decrease..... 94

General Conference Expenses.

Dover District	194		
Easton "	107		
Salisbury "	109		
Wilmington "	176	8	

Totals..... 568 8 594
 Last year..... 552

Increase..... 42

Total Disciplinary Collections. 39010

Last year..... 38264

Increase..... 746

Philadelphia Hospital.

Dover District	44	83	
Easton "	25	28	
Salisbury "	195		
Wilmington "	82	73	

Totals..... 346 184 530
 Last year..... 532

Decrease..... 2

Episcopal Fund.

Dover District	413		
Easton "	343		
Salisbury "	422	2	
Wilmington "	527	11	

Totals..... 1705 13 1718
 Last year..... 1640

Increase..... 78

San Francisco.

Dover District	122		
Easton "	75		
Salisbury "	65		
Wilmington "	299		

561

Total Other Benevolences.

Dover District	78		
Easton "	111		
Salisbury "	121		
Wilmington "	127		

437

Recapitulation.

Dover District	9874	2141	12015
Easton "	8641	1865	10506
Salisbury "	10085	1546	11631
Wilmington "	12799	4717	17516

41399 10269 51668

HENRY G. BUDD,

Wilmington Conference Treasurer.

STATISTICAL
Dover District, No. 1.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (No. of Probationers, No. of Full Members, No. Local Preachers, No. of Deaths), Baptisms (No. Children Baptized, No. Adults Baptized), Sunday Schools (No. o. Schools, No. of Officers and Teachers, No. of Scholars), Church Property (No. of Churches, Probable Value, No. of Parsonages, Probable Value). Rows include Armory and Little Creek, Beckwith, Bridgeville, Burrsville, Camden, Canterbury, Church Creek, Concord, Crapo, Denton, Dover-Wesley, East New Market, Ellendale, Elliott's Island, Farmington, Federalsburg, Felton, Frederica, Galestown, Georgetown, Greenwood, Harrington, Hooper's Island, Houston, Hurlock, Lakesville, Leipsic, Lewes, Lincoln, Magnolia, Milford, Milton, Nassau, Preston, Salem, Seaford, Seaford Circuit, Vienna, Williamsburg, Wyoming, Zoar. Total: 1192, 10632, 20, 199, 759, 86, 122, 1675, 11487, 125, 361, 600, 42, 71, 258.

TABLES.
Dover District, No. 2.

Table with columns: Church Property (Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages, Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property, Present Indebtedness on Church Property), Sunday Schools (No. of Schools, No. of Officers and Teachers, No. of Scholars of All Grades, Average Attendance, No. of Members in the Home Department, Officers and Teachers, Church Members or Probationers, No. of Members of Sunday School Converted During the Year, Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc., No. Epworth Leagues, No. Ep. Members, Junior League Members, Junior League Members). Rows correspond to charges on page 92. Total: 14509, 2812, 7897, 122, 1675, 11487, 7096, 272, 1657, 3847, 625, 3863, 54, 2679, 21, 855.

STATISTICAL
Dover District, No. 3.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Pastor's Support (Claims: Salary, House Rent, Total; Receipts: Salary, House Rent, Total; Deficiencies), Supp't of Presid Elders (Amount Apportioned, Amount Paid), Supp't of Bish-ops (Amount Apportioned, Amount Paid), Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops.

TABLES.
Dover District, No. 4.

Table with columns: Benevolent Collections (Missions: (a) Church, (b) Sunday School, (c) Special Gifts, Total; Board of Church Extension; Education: (a) Church, (b) Sunday School, (c) Sunday School Union, (d) Freedmen's Aid & Southern Education Society, (e) Conference Academy, (f) Children's Fund; American Bible Society; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; (a) Cash, (b) Supplies, Woman's Home Missionary Soc; Conf. Educat n Soc'y; Domestic Missions; Phila. Hospital; General Conference Exp.), Curr't Exp's (Conference Claimants, Endowment Fund, Church Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc., Sunday School, Lesson Leaves, etc.), Total.

STATISTICAL
Easton District, No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.		Bap- tisms.	Sunday Schools.		Church Property.							
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.		No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.				
		No. Local Preachers.				No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.				
1 Bayside.....	6	72		1	2	20	85	2	\$ 800				
2 Betterton.....	2	31		2	1	10	50	1	1500				
3 Bozman.....	2	106	1	1	1	13	100	1	1000				
4 Cecilton.....	51	165	3	28	1	29	224	2	10500				
5 Centerville.....	20	255		1	1	20	205	1	8000				
6 Chestertown.....	8	298	1	16	1	35	225	1	16000				
7 Cheswold.....	20	200		9	2	39	221	2	7500				
8 Church Hill.....	20	225	3	4	46	80	350	5	10000				
9 Clayton.....	18	171		4	6	20	204	1	3500				
10 Cordova.....	10	166		1	9	15	150	3	4500				
11 Crumpton.....	7	158		2	10	3	175	3	6000				
12 Easton.....	12	340		4	10	1	31	1	14000				
13 Fairlee.....	21	19		2	6	2	25	1	6000				
14 Galena.....	45	173		2	23	4	24	1	1150				
15 Golts.....	4	25	1	1	35	2	10	50	3000				
16 Greensboro.....	13	233		5	20	1	26	1	12000				
17 Hendersou.....	6	102		4	32	4	185	4	3500				
18 Hillsboro.....	40	185		4	3	4	200	3	10000				
19 Kent Island.....	30	230		4	14	4	330	3	6000				
20 Kenton.....	20	195	2	7	8	3	22	175	3	4500			
21 Marydel.....	44	309	1	5	14	5	57	303	3	5000			
22 Middletown.....	4	315		2	5	1	29	225	1	10000			
23 Millington.....	18	141		27	1	1	18	125	2	8000			
24 Neavitt.....	10	31		2	1	1	13	70	1	800			
25 Odessa.....	1	141		2	1	1	15	125	1	7000			
26 Oxford.....	98	143		2	8	1	26	141	1	6000			
27 Piney Neck.....	6	30		2	10	2	10	180	1	2000			
28 Pomona.....	9	114		2	8	2	30	150	2	3500			
29 Queenstown.....	32	149		2	7	3	31	235	3	7000			
30 Rideley.....	29	124		2	10	1	19	155	1	6000			
31 Rock Hall.....	9	166	2	3	22	1	36	364	1	9000			
32 Royal Oak.....	11	62	1	2	6	3	20	150	3	4900			
33 St. Michaels.....	10	250		15	10	1	40	275	1	29000			
34 Smyrna.....	15	500	3	5	10	2	54	400	3	21000			
35 Smyrna Circuit.....	46	198		1	56	1	38	198	3	8500			
36 Still Pond.....	15	112		2	2	1	19	198	1	7000			
37 Sudlersville.....	12	222		3	11	3	35	200	5	10300			
38 Tilghman's Island.....	12	121	1	6	8	2	20	175	2	3500			
39 Townsend.....	6	230		4	20	2	34	255	3	18000			
40 Trappe.....	15	127		6		2	25	140	3	4000			
41 Wye.....	31	110		4		2	30	110	2	3000			
Total.....	774	7116	15	107	549	20	84	1176	7824	85	312100	35	69300

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 Prol.	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				1													
2				2	20	85	65	20	50	4	\$ 35	1	50	1	30		
3	25	300		1	10	50	45	9	5		12	1	40	1	50		
4	110	287		1	13	100	60	12	37	2	29	1	44	1	35		
5	225	205		2	29	224	160	29	29	27	70						
6	600	205		2	20	205	140	20	75	3	125	1	75	1	55		
7	406	221		1	35	225	100	25	35	2	181	1	94	1			
8	195	39		2	39	221	127	16	39	120	15	108	1	69	1	39	
9	500	221		1	80	350	200		75	100	6	100	3	70	1	10	
10	137	204		3	4	6	115		20	55	12	123	1	75			
11	1200	150		3	15	150	100		15	75	5	50					
12	170	43		3	43	175	110		41		70	1	20				
13	350	34		2	34	225	125		34	140	14	100	1	125	1	80	
14		25		2	25	165	140		25	115	26	60	1	85	1	25	
15		48	200	2	24	115	70		24	30	27	65	1	25	1	48	
16	150	26		1	10	50	25		10	50	7	77					
17	45	26		4	32	216	115		25	69	7	20	1	45	1	36	
18		32		4	32	185	110		30		100	1	50	1	25		
19		350	400	3	40	200	150		40		15	100	1	60	1	30	
20	90	33		4	40	331	200		40	150	1	75	1				
21	15	22		3	22	175	125	25	22	75	25	90					
22	225	37		3	57	308	150		57	210	40	125	3	100	1	35	
23		29		3	29	225	150		29	150	1	110	1	125	1	50	
24	950	18		1	18	125	100		18	75	1	45	1	40	1	46	
25		13		1	13	70	50		12		10	1	25				
26	100	15		1	15	125	75	20	14	75	1	60	1	58			
27	2300	26		1	26	141	109		26	70		80	1	56	1	81	
28		10		2	10	180	100		8		5	13					
29		30		2	30	150	75		30	69	10	70					
30		31		3	31	235	150				22	50	3	98	1	35	
31	36	19		1	19	155	60	19	47		20	40	1	35	1	50	
32	134	36	570	1	36	364	260		39	120	9	135					
33	1500	20		3	20	150	70		30		10	45	2	25			
34	710	40	500	1	40	275	175		40	175	10	150	1	200	1	75	
35	2609	54		2	54	400	225	26	54	300	14	350	1	80	1	90	
36	85	88		3	88	198	132	39	39	38	18	90	1	16			
37	93	19	600	3	19	198	90		19	85	12	105	1	55	1	44	
38	460	35	65	3	35	200	125		35	90	3	60	1	50			
39	75	2		2	20	175	100		15		40						
40	315	34	3000	3	34	255	142	6	37	93	7	85	1	42	1	35	
41	70	2		2	25	140	90		25		15	45	1	30	1	20	
	50	84		2	30	110	70		30		12	40	1	35			
Total.....	14012	3334	6150	84	1176	7824	4780	176	1160	2649	404	3250	40	1957	23	974	

STATISTICAL

Salisbury District, No. 3.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Pastor's Support (Claims, Receipts), Supp't of Presid Elders, Supp of Bish-ops, Total Support: Pastors, Pre-siding Elders and Bishops.

TABLES.

Salisbury District, No. 4.

Table with columns: Conference Claimants, Endowment Fund, Church Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc., Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc., Benevolent Collections (Missions, Church, Sunday School, Board of Church Extension, Tract Society, Freedmen's Aid & South-ern Education Society, Education, American Bible Society, Woman's Foreign Mis-sionary Society, etc.), Conf. Educat'n Soc'y, Domestic Missions, Phlla. Hospital, General Conference Exp.

STATISTICAL
Wilmington District, No. 3.

Table with columns for NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Pastor's Support (Claims, Receipts), Supp't of Presid Elders, Supp' of Bish-ops, and Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops.

TABLES.

Wilmington District, No. 4.

Table with columns for Conference Claimants, Benevolent Collections (Missions, S. S. Union, Tract Society, Education, etc.), and General Conference Exp.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR 1907.

	THIS YEAR.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1 Church Membership.			
Probationers	3,715		982
Full Members.....	39,450	1,607	
Local Preachers.....	106	6	
Deaths	639	133	
2 Baptisms.			
Children.....	2,692		87
Adults	244		5
3 Sunday School.			
Schools.....	398	3	
Officers and Teachers.....	5,804	59	
Scholars.....	44,820		42
Current Expenses.....	\$18,791	\$1,758	
4 Church Property.			
Churches.....	394	5	
Probable Value.....	\$1,905,200	\$46,092	
Parsonages.....	154	3	
Probable Value.....	\$319,700	\$11,800	
Paid For Building and Improving.....	66,565	8,130	
Paid on Old Indebtedness.....	28,005	9,115	
Present Indebtedness.....	99,636	18,775	
Current Expenses.....	43,703	2,644	
5 Ministerial Support.			
Pastors.....	\$135,348	3,886	
House Rent	23,535	1,141	
Presiding Elders	8,081	112	
Bishops	1,718	79	
Conference Claimants.....	6,877	65	
Endowment Fund.....	155		94
6 Benevolent Collections.			
Missions	\$26,392	430	
Church Extension	2,312	687	
Sunday School Union.....	417	9	
Tract Society	395		4
Freedman's Aid and So. Ed. Society.....	909	46	
Conference Academy	1,840	47	
Children's Fund.....	742		44
American Bible Society	603	39	
Conference Education Society.....	391	5	
Domestic Missions.....	1,400	391	
Philadelphia Hospital.....	530		2
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	2,731	161	
Woman's Home Missionary Society	2,668		626
General Conference Expenses.....	594	42	
7 Epworth League.			
Senior Leagues	171	18	
Senior League Members.....	8,742	749	
Junior Leagues	86	13	
Junior League Members.....	3,902	260	

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

1907

39th 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,
Smyrna, Del., March 20, 1907.

Dover District.

Armory and Little Creek.	B. F. Jester	\$ 52
Beckwith.....	J. R. Cannon.....	90
Bridgeville.....	W. R. Mowbray	121
Burrsville.....	A. A. Bichell.....	85
Cambridge	E. C. Macnichol.....	275
Camden.....	E. H. Nelson.....	125
Canterbury.....	Tilghman Smith.....	85
Church Creek.....	L. Jackson.....	35
Concord.....	S. P. Shipman.....	150
Crapo.....	T. H. Jones.....	200
Denton.....	A. C. McGilton.....	140
Dover.....	L. E. Barrett.....	575
East New Market.....	F. J. Cockran.....	80
Ellendale.....	H. E. Truitt.....	91
Elliott's	E. W. McDowell.....	65
Farmington.....	J. L. Sparklin.....	100
Federalburg.....	T. F. Beauchamp.....	140
Felton	E. C. Sunfield	150
Frederica.....	J. T. Richardson.....	159
Galestown.....	J. A. Buckson.....	120
Georgetown.....	H. T. Quigg.....	270
Georgetown Circuit.....	G. S. Thomas.....	80
Greenwood.....	L. W. Layfield.....	205
Harrington.....	J. H. Beauchamp.....	165
Hooper's Island.....	J. S. Bozman.....	42
Houston.....	D. F. McFaul.....	105
Hurlock.....	G. R. Ellis.....	160

Lakesville.....	W. F. Atkinson.....	45
Leipsic.....	R. S. Stephens.....	23
Lewes.....	T. A. H. O'Brien.....	356
Lincoln.....	J. W. Prettyman.....	80
Magnolia.....	H. B. Kelso.....	110
Milford.....	G. P. Jones.....	500
Milton.....	R. T. Coursey.....	175
Nassau.....	W. P. Compton.....	115
Preston.....	W. C. Stone.....	90
Salem.....	W. N. Conaway.....	65
Seaford.....	W. A. Wise.....	310
Seaford Circuit.....	J. L. Johnson.....	275
Vienna.....	C. W. Moore.....	80
Williamsburg.....	L. B. Morgan.....	70
Wyoming.....	J. F. Anderson.....	82
Zoar.....	T. S. Barrett.....	45
Total.....		6288

Easton District.

Bayside.....	Leonard White.....	60
Betterton.....	Robert Roe.....	25
Bozman.....	Milton McCann.....	70
Cecilton.....	W. F. Dawson.....	200
Centreville.....	H. G. Budd.....	210
Chestertown.....	W. L. White.....	305
Cheswold.....	E. H. Derrickson.....	140
Church Hill.....	W. C. Poole.....	105
Clayton.....	G. P. Smith.....	60
Cordova.....	E. N. Cantwell.....	66
Crumpton.....	O. T. Baynard.....	85
Easton.....	E. P. Roberts.....	260
Fairlee.....	J. K. Easley.....	90
Galena.....	T. C. Smoot.....	151
Golts.....	20
Greensboro.....	W. O. Hurst.....	167
Henderson.....	D. J. Ford.....	40
Hillsboro.....	D. J. Givan.....	100
Kent Island.....	C. S. Baker.....	160
Kenton.....	W. E. Hubbard.....	100
Marydel.....	E. H. Collins.....	150
Middletown.....	A. W. Lightbourne.....	450
Millington.....	Edward Gardner.....	90
Neavitt.....	J. Thos. Price.....	25

Odessa.....	W. E. Gunby.....	130
Oxford.....	W. T. Lewis.....	45
Piney Neck.....	W. V. Harris.....	35
Pomona.....	E. B. Taylor.....	85
Queenstown.....	E. W. Jones.....	80
Ridgley.....	J. W. Jones.....	130
Rock Hall.....	Warren Burr.....	110
Royal Oak.....	J. C. McCoy.....	45
St. Michael's.....	G. W. Bounds.....	260
Smyrna.....	Robert Watt.....	570
Smyrna Circuit.....	Albert Chandler.....	135
Still Pond.....	T. S. Holt.....	100
Sudlersville.....	W. O. Bennett.....	125
Tilghman's.....	W. R. Gwinn.....	25
Townsend.....	F. C. MacSorley.....	170
Trappe.....	H. D. Stewart.....	76
Wye.....	Daniel Wilson.....	65
Total.....		5315

Salisbury District.

Annamessex.....	C. T. Jones.....	40
Asbury.....	H. S. Dulaney.....	389
Berlin.....	G. C. Williams.....	105
Bethel.....	W. E. Matthews.....	100
Bishopville.....	I. S. Whittaker.....	56
Cape Charles.....	G. W. Townsend.....	85
Chincoteague.....	J. B. Conway.....	100
Claremount.....	E. H. Marshall.....	32
Crisfield.....	J. P. Outten.....	325
Deal's Island.....	T. R. Vandyke.....	240
Delmar.....	Z. H. Webster.....	200
Fairmount.....	E. L. Hoffecker.....	213
Frankford.....	G. W. Hastings.....	260
Fruitland.....	W. W. White.....	75
Girdletree.....	J. W. Fogle.....	196
Gumboro.....	C. H. Williams.....	95
Holland's Island.....	L. T. McLane.....	45
Laurel.....	T. E. Terry.....	267
Mardella Springs.....	W. H. Revelle.....
Marion.....	Howard Davis.....	70
Millsboro.....	W. H. Kenney.....	60
Mount Pleasant.....	G. E. Wood.....	124
Mount Vernon.....	V. E. Hills.....	120

Nanticoke.....	G. R. Neese.....	200
Newark.....	L. R. Janney.....	67
Ocean View.....	D. H. Willis.....	81
Onancock.....	L. I. McDougle.....	151
Parsonsbuurg.....	F. N. Faulkner.....	100
Phoebus.....	G. W. Stallings.....	37
Pocomoke City.....	R. H. Adams.....	106
Pocomoke Circuit.....	J. W. Briscoe.....	55
Powellville.....	J. W. Gray.....	80
Princess Anne.....	J. W. Colona.....	100
Quantico.....	J. H. Geohagan.....	100
Roxana.....	W. B. Guthrie.....	65
St Peters.....	W. W. Sharp.....	240
Salisbury.....	T. E. Martindale.....	612
Salisbury Circuit.....	J. W. Hardesty.....	25
Selbyville.....	R. H. Lewis.....	97
Sharptown.....	J. H. Wilson.....	85
Smith's Island.....	F. E. Bloxton.....	223
Snow Hill.....	C. W. Prettyman.....	219
Somerset.....	O. L. Martin.....	60
Stockton.....	A. W. Goodhand.....	250
Tangier.....	M. D. Nutter.....	326
Westover.....	J. H. Gardner.....	50
Whitesville.....	G. L. Hardesty.....	200

Total..... 6726

Wilmington District.

Bethel and Summit.....	W. P. Taylor.....	94
Charlestown.....	Harry Taylor.....	50
Cherry Hill.....	T. O. Hunter.....	87
Chesapeake City.....	C. N. Jones.....	80
Chester-Bethel.....	J. T. Prouse.....	100
Christiana.....	W. G. Harris.....	50
Claymont.....	J. M. Collins.....	22
Colora.....	J. D. Reese.....	25
Delaware City.....	E. E. White.....	45
Ebenezer.....	J. H. Mitchell.....	80
Elk Neck.....	W. R. McFarlane.....	25
Elkton.....	L. E. Poole.....	405
Hockessin.....	G. W. Burke.....	54
Hopewell.....	F. X. Moore.....	80
Kirkwood.....
Marshallton.....	E. H. Miller.....	40
Mount Lebanon.....	I. G. Fosnocht.....	80

Mount Pleasant.....	J. M. Lindale.....	150
Newark.....	W. F. Corkran.....	150
New Castle.....	G. T. Alderson.....	146
Newport.....	C. W. Strickland.....	177
North East.....	E. H. Dashiell.....	100
Perryville.....	Asbury Burke.....	70
Port Deposit.....	V. S. Collins.....	260
Port Penn.....	J. F. Kane.....	20
Red Lion.....	F. E. McKinsey.....	65
Rising Sun.....	J. P. Otis.....	150
St. John's.....	O. E. Jones.....	65
St. George's.....	J. A. Brewington.....	80
Stanton.....	C. D. Sharpless.....	30
Town Point.....	A. C. Jones.....	6
Zion.....	J. M. Mitchell.....	190
Wilmington:
Asbury.....	H. A. G. Westerfield.....	410
Brandywine.....	H. C. Turner.....	255
Cookman.....	V. P. Northrup.....	86
Eastlake.....	J. H. Gray.....	20
Elsemere.....	E. A. Gillespie.....	15
Epworth.....	L. P. Corkran.....	80
Grace.....	H. W. Kellogg.....	1711
Harrison Street.....	C. T. Wyatt.....	365
Kingswood.....	J. M. S. Vanblunk.....	40
Madeley.....	J. M. Arters.....	75
Mount Salem.....	F. F. Carpenter.....	404
St. Paul's.....	C. A. Hill.....	630
Scott.....	R. K. Stephenson.....	290
Silverbrook.....	W. E. Greenfield.....	70
Trinity.....	John Thornton.....	10
Union.....	S. N. Pilchard.....	500
Washington Heights.....	W. L. S. Murray.....	51
Wesley.....	G. W. Dawson.....	75

Total..... 8063

Recapitulation.

Dover District.

Raised last year.....	\$6,090
Raised this year.....	6,288
Increase.....	190

Easton District.

Raised last year.....	\$5,274
Raised this year.....	5,315
Increase.....	41

Sallsbury District.

Raised last year	\$6,551
Raised this year.....	6,726
Increase.....	175

Wilmington District.

Raised last year.....	\$8,049
Raised this year.....	8,068
Increase.....	14

General Summary.

Raised last year, all Districts.....	\$25,962
Raised this year, all Districts.....	26,392
Total Increase.....	430

MISSIONARY STATISTICS.**Dover District.****Armory and Little Creek—B. F. Jester, Pastor**

Armory Church, 13; School, 12.....	25 00
Little Creek Church, 13; School, 12.....	25 00
Asbury Church, 1; School, 1.....	2 00
Total	\$ 52 00

Beckwith—J. R. Cannon, Pastor.

Beckwith Church, 25; School, 26.....	51 00
Spedden's Church, 25; School, 14.....	39 00
Total	\$ 90 00

Bridgeville—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor

Church, 66; School, 55.....	\$121 00
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Burrsville—A. A. Bichell, Pastor.

Wesley Church, 20; School, 17.....	37 00
Hickman Church, 10; School, 7.....	17 00
Central Church, 5; School, 12.....	17 00
Whites Church, 5; School, 9.....	14 00
Total	\$ 85 00

Cambridge—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor

Church and School.....	\$275 00
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Canterbury—Tilghman Smith, Pastor

Churches and Schools.....	\$ 85 00
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Church Creek—Leolan Jackson, Pastor

Church and School.....	\$ 35 00
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Concord—S. P. Shipman, Pastor

Concord Church, 45; School, 25.....	70 00
Bloomery Church, 26; School, 10.....	36 00
Chestnut Grove, Church.....	16 00
Harmony Church and School.....	13 00
Special.....	15 00
Total	\$150 00

Crapo—T. H. Jones, Pastor

St. Thomas Church, 100, School, 10.....	110 00
Zion Church, 15; School, 8.....	23 00
Wesley School.....	5 00
Bethany.....	30 00
Ebenezer.....	32 00
Total	\$200 00

Denton—A. C. McGilton, Pastor

Church, 80; School, 60.....	140 00
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Wesley (Dover)—L. E. Barrett, Pastor

Church and School.....	575 00
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East New Market—F. J. Cochran, Pastor

Trinity Church, 40; School, 15.....	55 00
Cabin Creek Church, 10; School, 5.....	15 00
Secretary Church, 5; School, 5.....	10 00
Total	\$ 80 00

Ellendale—H. E. Truitt, Pastor

Ellendale Church and School	36 00
New Market Church and School.....	19 00
McColby Church and School.....	17 00
Union Church and School.....	19 00
Total	\$ 91 00

Elliott—E. W. McDowell, Pastor

Church and School.....	50 00
Epworth League.....	15 00
Total	\$ 65 00

Farmington—J. L. Sparklin, Pastor

Churches and Schools.....	\$100 00
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Federalburg—T. F. Beauchamp, Pastor

School.....	\$140 00
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Felton—E. C. Sunfield, Pastor

Felton Church and School.....	121 00
Willis' Chapel and School.....	16 00
Manship Epworth League.....	5 00
Special.....	8 00
Total	\$150 00

Frederica—J. T. Richardson, Pastor

Trinity Church, 52; School, 100.....	152 00
Milford Neck.....	7 00
Total	\$159 00

Galestown—J. A. Buckson, Pastor

Wesley Church, 30; School, 5.....	35 00
Galestown Church, 15; School, 16.....	31 00
Cokesbury Church, 13; School, 16.....	29 00
Woodland Church, 13; School, 12.....	25 00
Total	\$120 00

Georgetown—A. T. Quigg, Pastor

Church, 44; School, 221.....	265 00
Junior League.....	5 00
Total	\$270 00

Georgetown Circuit—G. S. Thomas, Pastor

St. John's Church, 20; School, 6.....	26 00
Cokesbury Church, 20; School, 6.....	16 00
Reed's Chapel Church, 10; School, 6.....	12 00
Bethesda Church, 10; School, 2.....	
Total	\$ 80 00

Greenwood—L. W. Layfield, Pastor

Trinity Church, 95; School, 25.....	120 00
Greenwood Church, 25; School, 50.....	75 00
Chapel.....	30 00
Total	\$225 00

Harrington—J. H. Beauchamp, Pastor

Church, 21; School, 144.....	\$165 00
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Hoopers Island—J. S. Bozman, Pastor

Church and School.....	\$ 42 00
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Houston—D. F. McFaul, Pastor

Houston Church, 18; School, 27.....	45 00
Laws Church, 13; School, 12.....	25 00
Millwood Church, 5; School, 18.....	23 00
Williamsville Church, 6; School, 6.....	12 00
Total	\$105 00

Hurlock—G. R. Ellis, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....	\$160 00
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Lakesville—W. F. Atkinson, Pastor

Churches, 20; Schools, 25.....	\$ 45 00
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Raymonds—R. S. Stephens, Pastor

Church and School.....	\$ 25 00
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Lewes—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor

Church, 119; School, 181.....	300 00
India Famine Suffers.....	16 00
Total	\$316 00

Lincoln—J. W. Prettyman, Pastor

Slaughters Neck Church.....	30 00
Lincoln Church, 25; School, 10.....	35 00
Cedar Neck Church.....	15 00
Total	\$ 80 00

Magnolia—H. B. Kelso, Pastor

Magnolia School	78 00
Barratts Church, 8; School, 8	16 00
Junior League.....	1 00
Bowers Church.....	5 00
Special Gifts.....	10 00
Total	\$110 00

Milford—G. P. Jones, Pastor

Avenue Church, 171; School, 300.....	471 00
Chapel School.....	29 00
Total	\$500 00

Milton—R. T. Coursey, Pastor

Church and School	\$175 00
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Nassau—W. P. Compton, Pastor

Churches, 65; School, 50.....	\$115 00
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Preston—W. C. Stone, Pastor

Churches and Schools.....	\$ 90 00
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Salem—W. N. Conaway, Pastor

Linkwood Church, 9; School, 11	20 00
Thompson Church, 14; School, 6.....	20 00
Salem Church.....	15 00
Griffin Church.....	10 00
Total	\$ 65 00

Seaford—W. A. Wise, Pastor

Churches, 160; Schools, 100.....	260 00
Special.....	50 00
Total	\$310 00

Seaford Circuit—J. L. Johnson, Pastor

Bethel Church, 87; School, 20.....	107 00
Wesley Church, 53; School, 45.....	98 00
Brown's School.....	35 00
Concord School.....	35 00
Total	\$275 00

Vienna—C. W. Moore, Pastor

Vienna School	30 00
Reid's Grove School.....	20 00
Wainwright's School	5 00
McKendree School	1 00
Epworth League.....	5 00
Church	19 00
Total	\$80 00

Williamsburg—L. B. Morgan, Pastor

Churches and Schools.....	\$70 00
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Wyoming—J. F. Anderson, Pastor

Wyoming Church, 25; School, 20.....	45 00
Epworth League	5 00
Junior League	5 00
Union Church, 17; School, 5.....	22 00
Willow Grove Church.....	5 00
Total	\$82 00

Zoar—T. S. Barrett, Pastor

Zoar Church, 7; School, 4.....	11 00
Asbury Church, 4; School, 7.....	11 00
Pepper's Church, 6; School, 6.....	12 00
St. Thomas Church, 7; School, 4.....	11 00
Total	\$45 00

Easton District.**Bayside—Leonard White, Pastor**

Church and School.....	\$60 00
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Betterton—Robert Roe, Pastor

Church and School.....	\$25 00
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Bozman—Milton McCann, Pastor

Church and School.....	\$70 00
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Cecilton—W. F. Dawson, Pastor

Cecilton Church and School.....	125 00
St. Pauls Church and School.....	75 00
Total	\$200 00

Centreville—H. G. Budd, Pastor	
Church and School.....	\$210 00
Chestertown—W. L. White, Pastor	
Church and School.....	\$151 00
Cheswold and Bethel—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor	
Cheswold.....	91 00
Bethel.....	49 00
India Famine Suffers.....	8 00
Total	\$148 00
Church Hill—W. C. Poole, Pastor	
Churches and Schools.....	\$105 00
Clayton—G. R. Smith, Pastor	
Church and School.....	\$60 00
Cordova—E. N. Cantwell, Pastor	
Kings Creek Church, 18; School, 3.....	21 00
Chapel Church, 24; School, 4.....	28 00
Cordova Church, 12; School, 5.....	17 00
Total	\$66 00
Crumpton—O. T. Baynard, Pastor	
Union School.....	34 00
Double Creek School.....	11 00
Crumpton Church and School.....	60 00
Total	\$85 00
Easton—E. P. Roberts, Pastor	
Church and School.....	\$260 00
Fairlee—J. K. Easley, Pastor	
Salem Church, 39; School, 15.....	54 00
Union Church, 21; School, 15.....	36 00
Total	\$90 00
Galena—T. C. Smoot, Pastor	
Galena Church, 77.71; School, 14.14.....	91 85
Sassafras Church.....	28 15
Locust Grove Church.....	30 00
Total	\$150 00

Golts—J. C. Stevens, Pastor	
Church and School.....	\$20 00
Greensboro—W. O. Hurst, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	150 00
Senior League.....	2 00
Junior League.....	15 00
Total	\$167 00
Henderson—D. J. Ford, Pastor	
Church and School.....	\$40 00
Kent Island—C. S. Baker, Pastor	
Church and School.....	\$160 00
Kenton—W. E. Habbart, Pastor	
Blackbird Church, 12; School, 12.....	24 00
Central Church, 10; School 10.....	20 00
Kenton Church, 26; School, 30.....	56 00
Total	\$100 00
Marydel—E. H. Collins, Pastor	
Templeville School, 48; Epworth League, 2.....	50 00
Marydel School, 46; Senior League, 2.....	48 00
Hartley School, 45; Senior League, 2.....	47 00
Special Gift.....	5 00
Total	\$150 00
Middletown—A. W. Lightbourne, Pastor	
Church and School.....	\$450 00
Millington—Edwin Gardener, Pastor	
Church, 40; School, 50.....	\$90 00
Odessa—W. E. Gunby, Pastor	
Church, 44; School, 86.....	\$130 00
Oxford—W. T. Lewis, Pastor	
Church, 36; School, 9.....	45 00
Piny Neck—W. V. Harris, Pastor	
Piney-Neck School, 31.....	31 00
Skinner's School.....	4 00
Total	\$35 00

Pomona—E. B. Taylor, Pastor

Bond Church 14; School 59.....	73 00
Mowbray Church 2; School 10.....	12 00
Total	\$85 00

Queenstown—E. W. Jones, Pastor

Winchester School.....	30 00
Queenstown Junior League.....	21 00
Perry's Corner Church, 23; School, 6.....	29 00
Total	\$80 00

Ridgely—J. W. Jones, Pastor

Church, 76; School, 54.....	\$130 00
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Rock Hall—Warren Burr, Pastor

Church, 20; School, 90.....	\$110 00
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Royal Oak—J. C. McCoy, Pastor

Tunis Mills Church.....	5 00
Royal Oak Church, 9; School, 9.....	18 00
Ferry Neck Church, 15; School, 7.....	22 00
Total	\$45 00

St. Michaels—G. W. Bounds, Pastor

Sunday School.....	\$260 00
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Smyrna—Robert Watt, Pastor

Church, 205; School, 340.....	545 00
Epworth League.....	25 00
Total	\$510 00

Smyrna Circuit—A. Chandler, Pastor

Friendship Church, 50; School, 40.....	90 00
Severson's Church, 18; School, 4.....	22 00
Jeriman Chapel, 12; School, 11.....	23 00
Total	\$135 00

Still Pond—T. S. Holt, Pastor

Sunday School.....	\$100 00
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Suddlersville—W. O. Bennett, Pastor

Churches, 42; Schools, 83.....	\$125 00
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Tilghman's Island—W. R. Gwinn, Pastor

Church and School.....	\$25 00
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Townsend—F. C. McSorley, Pastor.

Immanuel Church, 32; School, 86.....	118 00
Junior League.....	5 00
Scott Church, 4; School, 12; Epworth League, 19.....	35 00
Union Church, 10; School, 2.....	12 00
Total	\$170 00

Trappe—H. D. Stewart, Pastor.

Church, 61; School, 15.....	\$76 00
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Wye Mills—Daniel Wilson, Pastor.

Church and School.....	\$65 00
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Salisbury District.**Annessex—O. L. Jones, Pastor**

St. Peters Church, 29; School, 11.....	\$40 00
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Asbury—H. S. Dulaney, Pastor

Church and School.....	\$377 00
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Berlin—G. C. Williams, Pastor

Church and School.....	\$105 00
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Bethel—W. E. Matthews, Pastor

Bethel Church, 60; School, 14.....	74 00
Zion Church, 11; School, 15.....	26 00
Total	\$100 00

Bishopville—I. S. Whitaker, Pastor

Bishopville.....	38 00
Showell.....	18 00
Total	\$56 00

Cape Charles—G. W. Townsend, Pastor

School.....	\$85 00
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Chincoteague—J. B. Conoway, Pastor

Church, 30; School, 53.....	88 00
Goodwill Church.....	7 00
Cash.....	10 00
Total	\$100 00

Claremont—E. H. Marshall, Pastor

Church and School.....	\$32 00
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Crisfield—J. P. Outten, Pastor	
Church, 16; School, 313.....	329 00
Jacksonville School.....	6 00
Total	\$335 00
Deals Island—T. R. VanDyke, Pastor	
School.....	\$210 00
Delmar—Z. H. Webster, Pastor	
Church, 50; School, 150.....	\$200 00
Fairmount—E. L. Hoffecker, Pastor	
Church, 13; School, 200.....	\$213 00
Frankford—G. W. Hastings, Pastor	
Frankford Church and School.....	86 00
St. George Church and School.....	113 00
Omar Church.....	25 00
Houston Church and School.....	36 00
Total	\$260 00
Fruitland—W. W. White, Pastor	
Fruitland School.....	67 00
Siloam School.....	7 00
Total	\$75 00
Girdletree—J. W. Fogle, Pastor	
Girdletree Church and School.....	95 00
Connors Church and School.....	36 00
Goodwill Church and School.....	22 00
Grange Church and School.....	14 00
Box Iron Church and School.....	13 00
Special.....	16 00
Total	\$196 00
Gumboro—C. H. Williams, Pastor	
Gumboro School.....	40 00
Carey's Church, 18; School, 9.....	27 00
West Wood Church, 13; School, 5.....	18 00
Bethel Church and School.....	10 00
Total	\$95 00
Hollands Island—L. T. McLain, Pastor	
Church, 16; School, 24; Epworth League, 5.....	\$45 00

Laurel—T. E. Terry, Pastor	
Church, 22; School, 245.....	\$267 00
Mardella Springs—W. H. Revelle, Pastor	
Churches and Schools.....	\$40 00
Marion—Howard Davis, Pastor	
Churches, 30; Schools, 40.....	\$70 00
Millsboro—W. H. Kenney, Pastor	
Church and School.....	\$60 00
Mt. Pleasant—G. E. Wood, Pastor	
Mt. Pleasant Church and School.....	65 00
King's Church and School.....	30 00
St. George's Church and School.....	20 00
Special.....	9 00
Total	\$124 00
Mount Vernon—V. E. Hills, Pastor	
Wesley Church, 40; School, 20.....	60 00
Asbury Church.....	60 00
Special.....	7 00
Total	\$127 00
Nanticoke—G. R. Neese, Pastor	
Churches and Schools.....	\$200 00
Newark—L. R. Janney, Pastor	
Churches and Schools.....	\$66 00
Ocean View—D. H. Willis, Pastor	
Church, 43; School, 38.....	\$81 00
Onancock—L. I. McDougle, Pastor	
Churches and Schools.....	151 00
Parsonsborg—F. N. Faulkner, Pastor	
Churches and Schools.....	\$100 00
Phoebus—G. W. Stallings, Pastor	
Church and School.....	\$37 00
Pocomoke City—R. H. Adams, Pastor	
School.....	\$106 00

Pocomoke Circuit—J. W. Briscoe, Pastor	
Cokesbury Church and School.....	22 00
Emmanuel Church and School.....	10 00
Williams' Church.....	1 00
Holland's Church.....	8 00
Special Gift.....	19 00
Total	\$55 00
Powellville—J. W. Gray, Pastor	
Churches, 41; Schools, 39.....	\$80 00
Princess Anne—J. W. Colona, Pastor	
Church and School.....	\$100 00
Quantico—J. H. Geoghegan, Pastor	
Churches and Schools.....	\$100 00
Roxana—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor	
Roxana Church, 45; School, 16.....	61 00
Sound Church and School.....	4 00
Total	\$65 00
St. Peters—W. W. Sharp, Pastor	
Church, 75; School, 165.....	\$240 00
Salisbury—T. E. Martindale, Pastor	
Church, 102; School, 398.....	500 00
Special Gift.....	112 00
Total	\$612 00
Salisbury Circuit—J. W. Hardesty, Pastor	
Churches and Schools.....	\$25 00
Selbyville—R. H. Lewis, Pastor	
Church and School.....	97 00
Sharptown—J. H. Wilson, Pastor	
Church, 35; School, 50.....	\$85 00
Smith's Island—F. E. Bloxton, Pastor	
North End Church, 48; School, 52.....	100 00
Drum Point Church, 23; School, 50.....	73 00
Rhodes Point Church, 20; School, 30.....	50 00
Total	\$223 00

Snow Hill—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor	
Church, 23; School, 196.....	\$219 00
Somerset—O. L. Martin, Pastor	
Churches and Schools.....	\$60 00
Stockton—A. W. Goodhand, Pastor	
Stockton School.....	40 00
Epworth League.....	10 00
Franklin City School.....	190 00
Remsons School.....	10 00
Total	\$250 00
Tangier—M. D. Nutter, Pastor	
Church and School.....	\$826 00
Westover—J. H. Gardner, Pastor	
Church, 5; School, 45.....	\$50 00
Whitesville—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor	
Line Church and School.....	56 00
Jones Church and School.....	7 00
Bethesda Church and School.....	31 00
Melson Church and School.....	46 00
Total	\$200 00

Wilmington District

Bethel and Summit—W. P. Taylor, Pastor	
Bethel Church and School.....	40 00
Summit Church and School.....	40 00
Total	\$80 00
Charlestown—Harry Taylor, Pastor	
Charleston Church, 8; School, 22; League, 5.....	35 00
Principio Church, 7; School, 8.....	15 00
Total	\$50 00
Cherry Hill—T. B. Hunter, Pastor	
Church, 77; School, 10.....	\$87 00
Chesapeake City—C. N. Jones, Pastor	
Church, 25; School, 54.....	\$80 00

Chester—J. T. Prouse, Pastor	
Church, 50; School, 50.....	\$100 00
Christiana—W. G. Harris, Pastor	
Christiana Church, 14; School, 21.....	35 00
Salem Church, 6; Sunday School, 9.....	15 00
Total	\$50 00
Colora—J. D. Reese, Pastor	
Church, 20; School, 5.....	\$25 00
Delaware City—E. E. White, Pastor	
Church and School.....	\$45 00
Ebenezer—J. H. Mitchell, Pastor	
Wesley School.....	76 00
Milford Crossroads School.....	4 00
Total	\$80 00
Elkton—L. E. Poole, Pastor	
Elkton Church, 33; School, 322.....	355 00
West Amwel.....	10 00
Crouch.....	10 00
Jones'.....	5 00
Childs' School.....	35 00
Total	\$405 00
Hockessin—G. W. Burke, Pastor	
School.....	\$52 00
Hopewell—F. X. Moore, Pastor	
Hopewell School, 55; Epworth League, 15.....	70 00
Asbury Church, 5; School, 5.....	10 00
Total	\$80 00
Marshallton—E. H. Miller, Pastor	
Church, 6.50; School, 33.50.....	\$40 00
Mt. Lebanon—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor	
Church, 50; School, 30.....	\$80 00
Mt. Pleasant—J. M. Lindale, Pastor	
Mt. Pleasant Church, 26; School, 74.....	100 00
Newark Union Church, 15; School, 35.....	50 00
Total	\$150 00

Newark—W. F. Corkran, Pastor	
School.....	\$150 00
New Castle—G. T. Alderson, Pastor	
New Castle School.....	130 00
Special.....	5 00
Hore's Corner School.....	11 00
Total	\$146 00
Newport—C. W. Strickland, Pastor	
Church, 30; School, 120.....	150 00
Special Gift.....	27 00
Total	\$177 00
North East—E. H. Dashiell, Pastor	
School.....	\$100 00
Perryville—Asbury Burke, Pastor	
Church and School.....	\$70 00
Port Deposit—V. S. Collins, Pastor	
Church, 27; School, 163.....	190 00
Epworth League.....	15 00
Special Gift.....	55 00
Total	\$260 00
Port Penn—J. F. Kane, Pastor	
Church, 8; School, 12.....	\$20 00
Red Lion—F. E. McKinsey, Pastor	
Lebanon Church, 25; School, 17.....	42 00
Glasgow Church, 5; School, 13.....	18 00
Eden School.....	5 00
Total	\$65 00

Rising Sun—J. P. Otis, Pastor

Rising Sun Church, 70; School, 60.....	130 00
Sylmar Church, 14; School, 6.....	20 00
Special Gift.....	15 00
Total	\$165 00

St. Johns—O. E. Jones, Pastor

Church, 17; School, 43; Epworth League 5.....	\$65 00
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St. Georges—J. A. Brewington, Pastor

Church, 22; School, 35.....	57 00
Easter Offering.....	23 00
Total	\$80 00

Stanton—C. D. Sharpless, Pastor

School.....	\$30 00
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Town Point—A. C. Jones, Pastor

Church.....	\$6 00
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Zion—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor

Churches, 115; Schools, 75.....	\$190 00
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Asbury—H. A. G. Westerfield, Pastor

Church and School.....	\$410 00
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Brandywine and Edgemore—H. C. Turner, Pastor

Church, 70; School, 160.....	230 00
Edgemore School.....	25 00
Total	\$255 00

Cookman—V. P. Northrup, Pastor

Church, 10; School, 76.....	\$86 00
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East Lake—J. H. Gray, Pastor

Church, 16; School, 10.....	\$26 00
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Elsmere—E. A. Gillespie, Pastor

Church, 3; School, 12.....	\$15 00
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Epworth—L. P. Corkran, Pastor

Church and School.....	\$80 00
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Grace—H. W. Kellogg, Pastor

Church, 528; School, 1183.....	\$1711 00
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Harrison Street—C. F. Wyatt, Pastor

Church, 103; School, 247.....	350 00
Special Contribution.....	15 00
Total	\$365 00

Kingswood—J. M. S. VanBlunk, Pastor

School.....	\$40 00
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Madeley—J. M. Arters, Pastor

School.....	\$75 00
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Mt. Salem—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor

Mt. Salem School.....	225 00
Riddles Immanuel Chapel.....	179 00
Total	\$404 00

St. Paul's—C. A. Hill, Pastor

Church, 300; School, 300.....	600 00
Christian Endeavor.....	30 00
Total	\$630 00

Scott—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor

Church, 115; School, 175.....	\$290 00
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Silverbrook—W. E. Greenfield, Pastor

School.....	\$70 00
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Trinity—J. H. Thornton, Pastor

Church, 3; School, 7.....	\$10 00
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Union—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor

Church, 100; School, 400.....	\$500 00
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Wilmington Heights—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor

Church, 6; School, 44.....	\$50 00
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Wesley—G. W. Dawson, Pastor

Church, 32; School, 43.....	\$75 00
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