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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. Mallafieu	John D. Rigg.
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield	H. W. Warren	John D. Rigg.
20	" 7, '88	Wilm'ton—Union	C. D. Foss	John D. Rigg.
21	" 20, '89	Easton	R. S. Foster	John D. Rigg.
22	" 26, '90	Milford	Thos. Bowman	John D. Rigg.
23	" 19, '91	Centreville	C. H. Fowler	John D. Rigg.
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray.
25	" 15, '93	Middletown	S. M. Merrill	A. S. Mowbray.
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury	J. H. Vincent	A. S. Mowbray.
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna	J. F. Hurst	A. S. Mowbray.
28	" 18, '96	Dover	H. W. Warren	A. S. Mowbray.
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown	J. M. Walden	A. S. Mowbray.
30	" 23, '98	Lewes	J. P. Newman	A. S. Mowbray.
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge	C. D. Foss	A. S. Mowbray.
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray.
33	" 20, '01	Wilmington—Grace	Daniel A. Goodsell	A. S. Mowbray.
34	" 19, '02	Crisfield	I. W. Joyce	A. S. Mowbray.
35	" 18, '03	Easton	Earl Cranston	A. S. Mowbray.
36	" 16, '04	Dover	J. M. Fitzgerald	A. S. Mowbray.
37	" 15, '05	Wilmington—Grace	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise.
38	" 14, '06	Pocomoke City	C. C. McCabe	W. A. Wise.
39	" 20, '07	Smyrna	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise.
40	" 18, '08	Wilmington—Asbury	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise.
41	" 17, '09	Milford	D. H. Moore	W. A. Wise.
42	" 16, '10	Salisbury	J. W. Hamilton	W. A. Wise.
43	" 15, '11	Wilmington—Asbury	T. B. Neely	W. A. Wise.
44	" 13, '12	Wilmington—St. Pauls	L. B. Wilson	W. A. Wise.
45	" 26, '13	Crisfield	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise.
46	April 1, '14	Berlin	Earl Cranston	W. A. Wise.

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. E. Martindale, T. E. 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.
1908.	A. S. Mowbray, Adam Stengle, W. G. Koons, S. M. Morgan.	Reserves—

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	33
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.	53	30
1870	Andrew J. Crozier	Jan. 21, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	41	7
1829	Joshua Humphriss	Jan. 23, 1879	Salisbury, Md.	78	41
1868	Francis M. Chatham	May 29, 1878	Berlin, Md.	41	8
1857	Edward G. Irwin	Mar. 12, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	50	21
1848	John Hough	Mar. 27, 1879	Near Trenton, N. J.	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. Urie	Nov. 13, 1880	Smyrna, Del.	67	43
1860	Thomas F. Plummer	Feb. 2, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	44	8
1833	Elijah Miller	Apr. 15, 1881	Sudlersville, Md.	71	49
1836	John W. Pierson	May 6, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1880	Francis R. Quigley	Aug. 19, 1881	Hopewell, Md.	27	2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman	Feb. 27, 1882	Newark, Md.	36	9
1865	Benj. W. Chase	Dec. 11, 1882	Seaford, Del.	48	17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack	June 24, 1883	Cambridge, Md.	67	46
1834	I. T. Cooper	Apr. 12, 1884	Camden, Del.	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
1831	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
1836	Frank M. Morgan	Feb. 11, 1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	34	3
1849	William Merrill	Oct. 23, 1889	Upper Fairmt, Md.	75	28
1873	Isaac N. Foreman	June 12, 1890	Lincoln, Del.	47	17
1841	John Allen	Dec. 13, 1890	Brooklyn, N. Y.	72	33
1855	Samuel T. Gardner	Jan. 3, 1891	Pivot Bridge, Md.	60	33
1889	Samuel J. Baker	Sept. 22, 1891	Laurel, Del.	33	2
1870	Thos. O. Ayres	Oct. 4, 1891	Delaware City, Del.	53	21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer	Jan. 10, 1892	Milton, Del.	45	19
1840	Vaughan Smith	Nov. 21, 1891	Wilmington, Del.	79	43
1845	Charles Hill	June 22, 1892	Salisbury, Md.	70	47
1833	James L. Houston	Sept. 18, 1892	Trappe, Md.	82	32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin	Oct. 17, 1892	Bel Air, Md.	52	24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher	Dec. 12, 1893	Bridgeville, Del.	62	17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg	Jan. 24, 1893	Wyoming, Del.	68	36
1847	Joseph Robinson	Feb. 18, 1893	Perryman's, Md.	68	45
1835	George Barton	Mar. 19, 1893	Church Hill, Md.	84	11
1843	James A. Brindle	Apr. 6, 1894	Greensboro, Md.	73	48
1860	Nicholas M. Browne	Feb. 4, 1895	Middletown, Del.	58	35
1850	James Hubbard	Apr. 4, 1895	Philadelphia, Pa.	76	4
1857	James E. Bryan	Oct. 17, 1895	Baltimore, Md.	64	39
1892	John D. Lecates	Nov. 11, 1895	Wilmington, Del.	41	5
1859	Thomas E. Bell	Mar. 21, 1895	Easton, Md.	58	38
1868	James Conner	S.pt. 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. Owen Sypherd	Sept. 3, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	69	39
1872	John D. Kemp	Sept. 21, 1902	Chestertown, Md.	65	30
1856	William F. Talbot	Feb. 26, 1903	Dover, Del.	73	27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard	Apr. 13, 1903	Frankford, Del.	52	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. 13, 1906	Roselle Park, N. J.	73	45
1879	C. A. Grise	Apr. 12, 1907	Berlin, Md.	51	28
1868	W. R. MacFarlane	Feb. 18, 1908	Hockessin, Del.	71	40
1898	F. E. Bloxton	Mar. 5, 1908	Nanticoke, Md.	40	10
1869	W. R. Gwinn	Mar. 13, 1908	Baltimore, Md.	67	34
1876	Albert Chandler	June 22, 1908	Bethel, Del.	58	32
1870	E. H. Nelson	Oct. 27, 1908	Delaware City, Del.	62	39
1860	H. W. Bolton	Jan. 8, 1909	Camden, Del.	69	39
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow	Feb. 8, 1909	Dover, Del.	81	42
1869	E. H. Miller	Jan. 22, 1911	Sharptown, Md.	66	43
1876	W. L. P. Bowen	Mar. 11, 1911	Newark, Md.	77	17
1866	E. E. White	Dec. 26, 1912	Oxford, Md.	69	46
1853	W. M. Warner	Apr. 15, 1913	Millington, Md.	33	41
1897	J. W. Talley	Aug. 9, 1913	Near Wilm'gt'n, Del.	42	9
1868	I. G. Fosnocht	Dec. 3, 1913	Smyrna, Del.	65	45
1858	H. S. Thompson	Apr. 1, 1914	Smyrna, Del.	79	52

CONFERENCE ROSTER.

1858 William W. Redman
 1862 George S. Conaway
 1864 Thomas E. Martindale
 1865 George W. Burke
 1865 James Carroll
 1866 James Esgate
 1868 Cornelius W. Prettyman
 1869 Thomas B. Hunter
 1869 Philip H. Rawlins
 1870 Joseph A. Arters
 1870 John W. Poole
 1870 Adam Stengle
 1870 George E. Reed
 1871 William E. Tomkinson
 1871 Levin W. Layfield
 1871 Thomas H. Harding
 1871 Franz O. B. Wallin
 1871 William L. S. Murray
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 1872 John P. Otis
 1873 Robert Roe
 1873 Frank C. MacSorley
 1873 William M. Greene
 1875 Walter W. White
 1876 George W. Townsend
 1876 Theo. A. H. O'Brien
 1876 Edwin C. Macnichol
 1876 Louis E. Barrett
 1876 Wilbur F. Corkran
 1876 John M. Collins
 1876 Thomas E. Terry
 1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker
 1878 Charles A. Hill
 1878 Robert K. Stephenson
 1878 Howard T. Quigg
 1879 Olin S. Walton
 1879 Alfred Smith
 1879 Joshua M. Lindale
 1879 Gordon R. Neese
 1880 John R. Cannon
 1881 Frederick J. Cochran
 1881 Louis P. Corkran
 1881 Sewall N. Pilchard
 1882 Allison P. Prettyman
 1882 Charles H. Williams
 1883 William B. Guthrie
 1883 George L. Hardesty
 1883 Vaughan S. Collins
 1884 William A. Wise
 1884 Emerson P. Roberts
 1884 Edmund H. Derrickson
 1884 Thomas N. Given
 1884 Daniel F. McFaul
 1884 Wilmer Jaggard
 1884 William F. Dawson
 1885 James M. Mitchell
 1885 James W. Easley
 1885 Robert Watt
 1885 James D. Reese
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 1886 George E. Wood
 1886 Asbury Burke
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 1886 William R. Mowbray
 1886 Henry S. Dulany
 1886 William G. Koons
 1886 Clinton T. Wyatt
 1886 James T. Prouse
 1886 Benjamine F. Jester
 1886 William P. Taylor
 1887 Stephen M. Morgan
 1887 Ralph T. Coursey
 1887 Zach H. Webster
 1887 James H. Wilson
 1888 George T. Alderson
 1888 John F. Anderson
 1888 Frank F. Carpenter
 1888 William P. Compton
 1888 Wesley W. Chaires
 1888 Warren Burr
 1888 Joshua W. Gray
 1889 Vinal E. Hills
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 1889 James W. Fogle
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 1890 George W. Bounds
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 1893 William L. White

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 1893 James T. Richardson
 1894 Henry G. Budd
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Easton District—Leonard White.

Salisbury District—W. G. Harris.

Wilmington District—G. W. Dawson.

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1917—L. E. Barrett, T. E. Martindale, W. O. Hoeffcker.

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President, V. S. Collins; Vice President, W. L. S. Murray; Secretary, J. W. Easley; Treasurer, C. W. Prettyman.

Term expires—1915: W. L. S. Murray, J. W. Easley, C. T. Watt; 1916: T. E. Martindale, R. T. Coursey, W. H. Briggs; 1917: V. S. Collins, C. W. Prettyman, J. M. Kelso.

TRIFIERS OF APPEALS.

T. A. H. O'Brien, T. E. Terry, R. T. Coursey, J. P. Otis, F. F. Carpenter.

TRUSTEES WILMINGTON CONFERENCE ACADEMY.

Ministerial—1915—C. A. Hill, W. L. White, G. P. Jones, G. L. Hardesty. 1916—Robert Watt, W. L. S. Murray, G. E. Reed, W. A. Wise. 1917—T. E. Martindale, R. H. Adams, T. A. H. O'Brien, V. S. Collins, Alfred Smith. 1918—C. W. Prettyman, R. K. Stephenson, E. L. Hoeffcker, C. T. Wyatt.

Lay—1914—G. A. Cox, G. W. Todd, E. W. Cooper, G. E. Magee. 1916—S. S. Andrews, G. M. Jones, Joseph Mallelieu, J. S. Mullin. 1918—Wm. Saulsbury, G. W. Tebo, Joseph Smithers, H. P. Cannon. 1920—W. H. Jackson, Dr. Frank Grier, Wm. P. Jackson, Harry Mayer, E. G. Budd.

CHURCH FEDERATION.

V. S. Collins, W. A. Wise, W. L. S. Murray, W. L. White, F. M. Jones, Orlando Harrison, J. S. Mullin, Joseph Baynard. District Superintendents, ex-officio.

CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

President—W. G. Harris; Secretary—Milton McCann; Treasurer—Miss Dora E. Wise; Jr. League Supt.—W. G. Koons. Vice-Presidents—The Presidents of the District Leagues.

MANAGERS OF WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY

Term expires 1915—Ministers, C. W. Prettyman, G. C. Williams, T. A. H. O'Brien; Lay, J. H. Kimble, J. T. Taylor, W. O. Hoeffcker.

Term expires 1916—Ministers, F. F. Carpenter, V. S. Collins; Lay: A. B. Magee, J. B. Tawes.

Term expires 1917—Ministers, F. J. Cochran, W. O. Hurst, F. C. MacSorley; Lay: Joseph Smithers, Harry Mayer, H. J. Guthrie.

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DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Ministerial—R. K. Stephenson, R. T. Coursey, T. E. Terry, H. T. Quigg, T. E. Martindale.

Lay—R. S. Loomis, Dr. G. L. Grier, C. H. Jefferson, W. J. Downing.

CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Ministerial—T. E. Martindale, R. H. Adams, V. S. Collins, J. P. Otis, Alfred Smith.

Lay—E. L. Cross, H. C. Conrad, J. C. Mulliken, A. G. Cox, J. E. Holland Joseph Smithers, J. H. Phillips.

Officers—President, T. E. Martindale; Corresponding Secretary, R. H. Adams; Recording Secretary, J. P. Otis; Custodian, E. L. Cross.

PERMANENT COMMISSION ON STEWARDS ENDOWMENT.

Ministerial—C. A. Hill, W. G. Koons, L. E. Barrett. At large, Dr. G. E. Reed.

Lay—Hon. W. P. Jackson, Hon. W. O. Hoeffcker, Melville Gambrill, H. P. Cannon, T. R. Ingram. District Superintendents ex-officio.

President—G. E. Reed, Wilmington, Del.; Secretary—W. G. Koons, Lewes, Del.; Treasurer—T. R. Ingram, Lewes, Del.

COMMISSION ON FINANCE.

Ministerial—W. G. Koons, J. W. Colona, C. W. Prettyman, C. T. Wyatt, G. C. Williams, E. H. Dashiell, V. S. Collins, W. A. Wise. District Superintendents ex-officio.

Lay—W. J. Downing, J. G. Townsend, J. H. Phillips, H. P. Cannon, W. O. Hoeffcker, M. B. Burris, H. C. Downward, T. B. Ridgaway.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE.

R. T. Coursey, C. W. Prettyman, R. H. Adams, T. E. Martindale, T. E. Terry, W. L. White, L. E. Barrett, E. H. Dashiell.

COMMISSION ON CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES.

C. A. Hill, V. S. Collins, S. N. Pilchard, C. W. Prettyman, J. W. Easley.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Dickinson College—V. P. Northrup, H. G. Budd.

Boston School of Theology—W. E. Tomkinson.
Conference Academy—G. C. Williams, W. O. Hoffecker.
Princess Anne Academy—W. O. Hurst, J. B. Tawes.
Drew Seminary—G. T. Alderson, T. C. Smoot.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Auditing Committee—H. B. Kelso, G. W. Bounds, W. F. Dawson, W. H. Briggs.

Bible—O. E. Jones, L. P. Corkran, B. L. McFarland, Edwin Gardner.

Conference Relations—T. A. H. O'Brien, F. F. Carpenter, W. L. S. Murray, H. T. Quigg, T. C. Smoot, C. W. Prettyman, F. X. Moore, John L. Sparklin, W. R. Mowbray, L. W. Layfield, H. A. G. Westerfield, J. W. Colona, R. H. Adams, T. E. Martindale, F. N. Faulkner, V. E. Hills.

Education—J. W. Easley, G. E. Reed, E. W. Jones.

Epworth League—Milton McCann, V. P. Northrup, L. I. McDougle, J. T. Richardson, E. H. Collins, W. G. Harris, Leolan Jackson, D. J. Givan.

Sabbath Observance—J. H. Beauchamp, M. D. Nutter, W. E. Matthews, A. P. Prettyman.

Temperance—C. P. Keen, Alfred Smith, E. H. Derrickson, W. C. Poole, G. C. Williams.

Sunday Schools—T. C. Smoot, Z. H. Webster, H. S. Dulaney, W. H. Kenney.

Thanks—L. E. Barrett, Leolan Jackson, H. T. Quigg, G. A. Cooke.

W. F. M. Society—J. P. Otis, G. R. Neese, J. H. Gardner, G. W. Hastings.

W. H. M. Society—W. W. Sharp, W. E. Habbart, G. F. Newton, J. P. Outten.

Freedman's Aid—A. P. Prettyman, J. A. Brewington, L. B. Morgan, J. W. Gray.

Memoirs—T. E. Terry, J. T. Richardson, L. E. Barrett, R. H. Adams, C. W. Prettyman, W. L. S. Murray.

Ministerial Qualifications—1915—C. T. Wyatt, L. E. Barrett, E. H. Dashiell. 1916—J. P. Outten, J. W. Colona, H. T. Quigg. 1917—W. L. White, G. T. Alderson, T. R. VanDyke.

Missionary Statistics, Local Preachers and Post Offices—G. L. Hardesty, Asbury Burke, W. O. Bennett, H. E. Reed.

Periodicals—E. H. Dashiell, W. H. Briggs, A. W. Goodhand, C. W. Moore.

Philadelphia Hospital—W. R. Mowbray, W. E. Greenfield, W. W. Chaires, C. W. Strickland.

Public Worship—T. R. VanDyke, W. H. Revelle, J. W. Easley, G. P. Jones.

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).

Resolution 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."

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 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."

Resolution Adopted March 17, 1909.

Resolved, "That the Executive Committee shall hold a meeting annually on the first Wednesday of February, at such place as the President and Registrar may agree upon. At which meeting all certificates (as far as possible) shall be presented and acted upon by the Executive Committee for the Board of Examiners."

In accordance with the above Resolution all certificates should be in the hands of the Registrar not later than February the First.

Resolution Adopted March 28, 1913.

Certificates.

Resolved, "That we adopt sections 1 and 2, paragraph 568 (Discipline 1912): also section 5, paragraph 568, omitting the words "admission

to, or", so it shall read, "A Certificate of graduation from any high school or academy of good standing may be accepted in place of an examination in "Elementary English Branches."

Mid-Year Examinations, Adopted March 31, 1914.

The mid-year examination shall cover two books, (to be designated by the Registrar and published in the minutes) in each year of the course of study, and this examination shall be held the first Wednesday of October in each year. A member of this Board, resident within the bounds of each District shall be appointed by the President to conduct the examination which shall be held in the town where the examiner resides, and under-graduates may attend that examination most convenient.

The examination in each book shall send his questions to the member of board, thus appointed, who shall oversee such examinations and forward both questions and answers to the examiner of the book, who shall mark them and notify the Registrar of the marks before Oct. 31st.

The expense of postage necessary to this plan shall be given to the Registrar, and shall be added to his expense account.

In accordance with the above resolution, the following members of the Board have been appointed to conduct the mid-year examinations:—

V. P. Northrup—Dover District.

J. L. Sparklin—Easton District.

J. W. Easley—Salisbury District.

T. F. Beauchamp—Wilmington District.

At this mid-year examination, (Wednesday, October 7, 1914), examination will be held on the following books:—

Admission—The Worker and His Bible; Life of John Wesley.

First Year—Jesus and the Gospels; English Style in Public Discourse.

Second Year—How We Think; The Light of the World.

Third Year—The Face of Conversion; The New Basis of Civilization.

Fourth Year—Theism; Principles of Literary Criticism.

SCHEME OF STUDIES.

(Discipline of 1912).

- Dept. 1. Elementary English.....C. A. Hill
Reading, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar and Spelling: Admission.
- Dept. 2. Practical Work.....T. F. Beauchamp
Organizing and Building the Sunday School (Hurlbut): Admission. Winning the Fight Against Drink (Eaton), 1st year. The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice (Meyer), 2nd year.
- Dept. 3. Belles Letters.....O. E. Jones
Principles of Rhetoric (Hill): Admission. Principles of Literary Criticism (Winchester), 4th year. Essays and Synopses for 2nd and 4th years.

- Dept. 4. History and Mental Science.....E. H. Dashiell
General History (Meyer): Admission. American History (James and Sanford), 1st year and Local. How We Think (Dewey), 2nd year.
- Dept. 5. Apologetics.....S. N. Pilchard
Theism (Bowne), 4th year. History and Exposition of the Twenty-five Articles of Religion of the Methodist Episcopal Church (Wheeler): Admission. Sacerdotalism in the Nineteenth Century (Sheldon), 3rd year.
- Dept. 6. Methodist Polity.....J. T. Richardson
Methodism and the Republic, (Platt), Local. Discipline (1912), Admission, Local Deacons and Elders. Digest of Methodist Law (Merrill and Downey), 1st year and Local.
- Dept. 7. Methodist History.....W. O. Bennett
Life of John Wesley (Winchester), Admission. One Thousand Questions on Methodism (Wheeler), Local. History of Methodism (Abridged, Stevens), Local.
- Dept. 8. Ethics.....J. W. Easley
Christian Ethics (Smyth), 4th year. The New Basis of Civilization (Patten), 3rd year. Social Creed of the Churches (Ward and others), Local.
- Dept. 9. Historical Theology.....Z. H. Webster
History of the Christian Church (Fisher), 3rd year. Short History of the Christian Church (Hurst), Local. The Light of the World (Speer), 2nd year.
- Dept. 10. Biblical Theology.....J. L. Sparklin
Jesus and the Gospels (Denny), 1st year. The Bible, Its Origin and Nature (Dods), 2nd year and Local. Prophecy and the Prophets (Eiselen), 4th year.
- Dept. 11. Exegetical Theology.....M. D. Nutter
Biblical Hermeneutics (Terry), 2nd year. The Worker and His Bible (Eiselen and Barclay), Admission and Local. Decisive Hour of Christian Missions (Mott), 2nd year and Local.
- Dept. 12. Systematic Theology.....W. O. Hurst
System of Christian Doctrine (Sheldon), 3rd and 4th years. The Fact of Conversion (Jackson), 3rd year.
- Dept. 13. Doctrinal Theology.....J. W. Jones
A Manual of Christian Doctrine (Banks), Local Deacons and Elders. Life of St. Paul (Stalker), Local Deacons and Elders. Life of Christ (Stalker), Local Deacons and Elders. Religious Education in the Home (Folsom), Local.
- Dept. 14. Homiletics.....V. E. Hills
Preparation and Delivery of Sermons (Broadus), 1st year. English

Style in Public Discourse (Phelps), 1st year. Sermons of 1st and 3rd years.

Dept. 15. Practical Theology.....G. C. Williams
Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience (Merrill), Local. The
Social Engineer (Earp), 4th year. Sermons for Admission and
Local Deacons.

V. P. NORTHRUP.

Harrington, Del.

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, but shall, ad interim, upon the unanimous request of the District Superintendents, furnish a copy of any paper or document in his possession to be used for the best interest of our work; 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 comments 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 member who chooses to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than ten minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference. Provided, however, that a committee making a report through its chairman or one of its members selected by the committee or by its chairman, shall be entitled to ten minutes to close the debate, either to oppose the motion to lay the report on the table, or this permission not having been used, to close the debate on the motion to adopt.

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 to move the Previous Question—that is, that the question be taken without further debate—or any measure pending except in cases in which moral character is involved. If the call for the Previous Question be sustained by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, the Main Question shall be put; nevertheless, under this rule, after the Previous Question has been ordered, it shall be in order to divide, or to move to refer, or to recommit, or to lay on the table. It shall not be in order for a member to move the Previous Question or to move to lay on the table at the close of a speech in which he has discussed the pending question.

7. Any member may demand the "yeas and nays" upon any question, and if ONE FIFTH of the members present, and voting, shall second such demand, the vote shall be taken.

8. Any member may object to the reading of a paper, and when such objection is made the reading shall be dispensed with, unless the Conference, without debate, shall otherwise order.

9. No motion, unless seconded, shall be entertained; and all motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing by the member presenting them, if so desired by the President, Secretary, or any member of the Conference.

10. When a motion is made, seconded and entertained by the President, it shall be in possession of the Conference, but it may be withdrawn at any time by the mover with the consent of the seconder before a decision is had thereon, or an amendment entertained by the President.

11. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member has the floor, when such a motion cannot be made without his consent.

12. In discussing the reports of committees, the chairman of the committee whose report is under consideration, or such members of the same as the committee may agree upon, shall be entitled to close the debate.

IV. QUESTIONS TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT DEBATE.

1. All motions, simply to adjourn.

2. All motions to lay on the table.

3. Motions on the "previous question."

4. Demand for "yeas and nays."

5. All appeals from the decision of the President, except that the appellant shall state the reason for his appeal and the President the reason for his ruling.

6. All motions for extension of time, either of a member on the floor, or the session of Conference.

7. All motions to re-commit.

8. All motions to place documents, reports or other papers on record.

All questions that may arise in the course of Conference proceedings, not determinable by these Rules of Order, shall be determined by the President, in accordance with established parliamentary law subject to appeal to the Conference.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

(The letters designate the present relation:—P., Probation; D., Deacon; E., Elder; R., Retired; 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	North East, Md.	1
1888	Alderson, G. T.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1912	Allen, G. S.	D	Vienna, Md.	3
1888	Anderson, J. F.	E	St. Georges, Del.	3
1870	Arters, J. A.	R	Middletown, Del.	6
1876	Barrett, L. E.	E	Chestertown, Md.	6
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E	Dover, Del.	1
1892	Beauchamp, T. F.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1894	Beauchamp, J. H.	E	Perryville, Md.	3
1897	Bennett, W. O.	E	Cape Charles, Va.	1
1914	Benson, C. N.	P	Queenstown, Md.	1
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E	Centreville, Md.	2
1890	Bounds, G. W.	E	Dagsboro & St. George's, Del.	2
1885	Bowman, G. W.	R	5621 Catharine St., Phila., Pa.	7
1890	Brewington, J. A.	E	Bozman, Md.	2
1907	Briggs, W. H.	E	Preston, Md.	1
1904	Buckson, J. A.	D	Beckwith, Md.	3
1894	Budd, H. G.	E	Dover, Del.	4
1909	Bunting, J. J.	E	Mt. Vernon, Md.	3
1865	Burke, G. W.	R	Smyrna, Del.	7
1886	Burke, Asbury	E	Pivot, Md.	2
1888	Burr, Warren	E	Townsend, Del.	2
1880	Cannon, J. R.	E	Somerset, Md.	3
1888	Carpenter, F. F.	E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1865	Carroll, James	R	Milford, Del.	15
1888	Chaires, W. W.	E	Kenton, Del.	1
1881	Cochran, F. J.	E	Whitesville, Del.	2
1876	Collins, J. M.	R	Wilmington, Del.	9
1883	Collins, V. S.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1895	Collins, E. H.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1902	Colona, J. W.	E	Georgetown, Del.	4
1891	Cooke, G. A.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1888	Compton, W. P.	R	6725 Lansdowne Ave., Phila., Pa.	7
1862	Conaway, G. S.	R	Smyrna, Del.	8
1912	Connelly, O. H.	D	Claymont, Del.	1
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E	Wilmington, Del.	6
1881	Corkran, L. P.	E	Sudlersville, Md.	3
1887	Coursey, R. T.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1894	Dashiell, E. H.	E	Crisfield, Md.	3
1900	Davis, Howard	E	Bridgeville, Del.	1
1884	Dawson, W. F.	E	Hillsboro, Md.	1
1899	Dawson, G. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1884	Derrickson, E. H.	E	Oxford, Md.	1
1912	Di-Stefano, Ettore	P	At School	2
1886	Dulaney, H. S.	E	Salisbury, Md.	3
1885	Easley, J. W.	E	Snow Hill, Md.	3

1898	Ellis, G. R.	E	Millsboro, Del.	3
1866	Esgate, James	R	Brocton, Mass.	28
1900	Faulkner, F. N.	E	Delmar, Del.	2
1889	Fogle, J. W.	E	Onancock, Va.	4
1905	Ford, D. J.	E	Seaford, Del.	1
1891	Gardner, Edwin	E	Galena, Md.	1
1902	Gardner, J. H.	E	Lincoln, Del.	1
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.	E	Delaware City, Del.	2
1895	Givan, D. J.	E	Princess Anne, Md.	1
1884	Given, T. N.	E	Roxana, Del.	1
1903	Goodhand, A. W.	E	Hurlock, Md.	2
1905	Gray, J. H.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1888	Gray, J. W.	E	Boothwyn, Pa.	1
1873	Greene, W. M.	R	2124 N. 28th St., Phila., Pa.	10
1900	Greenfield, W. E.	E	Berlin, Md.	1
1903	Gunby, W. E.	E	Dover, Del.	1
1883	Guthrie, W. B.	E	Wye, Md.	1
1883	Hardesty, G. L.	R	Seaford, Del.	1
1903	Habbart, W. E.	E	Ridgely, Md.	2
1871	Harding, T. H.	R	Wilmington, Del.	8
1906	Harris, W. G.	E	Frankford, Del.	3
1900	Hastings, G. W.	E	Deal's Island, Md.	2
1878	Hill, C. A.	E	Crisfield, Md.	2
1889	Hills, V. E.	E	Selbyville, Del.	5
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	E	Wilmington, Del.	5
1897	Holt, T. S.	R	Federalsburg, Md.	3
1900	Hudson, J. A.	E	Williamsburg, Md.	2
1869	Hunter, T. B.	R	137 N. Magnolia Ave., Monrovia, Cal.	5
1892	Hurst, W. O.	E	Fairmount, Md.	2
1910	Hopkins, J. C. B.	E	Greenwood, Del.	2
1884	Jaggard, Wilmer	E	Zion, Md.	1
1907	James, O. E.	E	Farmington, Del.	2
1896	Jackson, Leolan	E	Crapo, Md.	3
1913	Jacobs, D. W.	D	Blades, Del.	2
1886	Jester, B. F.	E	Charlestown, Md.	1
1899	Johnson, J. L.	E	New Castle, Del.	3
1900	Jones, C. N.	E	Hopewell, Md.	2
1905	Jones, E. W.	E	East Newmarket, Md.	3
1891	Jones, G. P.	E	Salisbury, Md.	6
1898	Jones, J. W.	E	Frederica, Del.	2
1898	Jones, O. E.	E	Seaford, Del.	4
1903	Jones, C. T.	E	Crumpton, Md.	1
1907	Keen, C. P.	E	Salisbury, Md.	4
1898	Kelso, H. B.	E	Rehoboth, Del.	4
1904	Kelso, J. M.	E	Nassau, Del.	2
1901	Kenney, W. H.	E	Cheswold, Del.	1
1913	Klug, H. O.	P	Colora, Md.	1
1886	Koons, W. G.	E	Lewes, Del.	3
1911	Latshaw, B. S.	D	Denville, N. J.	1
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E	Felton, Del.	6
1913	Leach, J. A.	P	Galestown, Md.	1
1901	Lewis, R. H.	Sy	Fishing Creek, Md.	2
1879	Lindale, J. M.	E	Red Lion, Del.	2
1876	Macnichol, E. C.	R	2543 N. 9th St., Phila., Pa.	1
1914	Marine, M. W.	P	Hickman, Del.	1
1902	Marshall, E. H.	E	Gumboro, Del.	2

1864	Martindale, T. E.	E	Salisbury, Md.	9
1902	Matthews, W. E.	E	Magnolia, Del.	2
1902	McCann, Milton	E	Smyrna, Del.	1
1910	McCann, W. M.	E	Marydel, Md.	1
1905	McCoy, J. C.	E	Marshallton, Del.	3
1889	McDougal, L. I.	E	Mt. Lebanon, Del.	1
1906	McDowell, E. W.	E	Ocean View, Del.	2
1909	McFarland, B. L.	E	Wyoming, Del.	1
1884	McFaul, D. F.	E	Hockessin, Del.	1
1873	MacSorley, F. C.	E	Wilmington, Del.	4
1885	Mitchell, J. M.	E	Cecilton, Md.	1
1902	Mitchell, J. H.	E	Salt Lake City, Utah	2
1894	Moore, C. W.	E	Laurel, Del.	1
1898	Moore, F. X.	E	Still Pond, Md.	3
1911	Moore, D. J.	D	Trappe, Md.	1
1887	Morgan, S. M.	R	Wilmington, Del.	1
1905	Morgan, L. B.	E	Chincoteague, Va.	1
1886	Mowbray, W. R.	E	Milford, Del.	3
1913	Mowbray, R. L.	P	Dover, Del.	1
1872	Murray, W. L. S.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1879	Neese, G. R.	E	Clayton, Del.	2
1912	Newton, G. F.	D	Westover, Md.	3
1907	Nichols, R. P.	E	Newport, Del.	2
1892	Northrup, V. P.	E	Harrington, Del.	1
1890	Nutter, M. D.	E	Chesapeake City, Md.	1
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E	Port Deposit, Md.	3
1872	Otis, J. P.	E	Sharptown, Md.	1
1893	Outten, J. P.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1881	Pilchard, S. N.	E	Cambridge, Md.	2
1870	Poole, J. W.	R	1540 N. 60th St., Phila., Pa.	13
1896	Poole, L. E.	E	Newark, Del.	2
1900	Poole, W. C.	E	Richardson Park, Del.	1
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	E	Greensboro, Md.	2
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	E	Smyrna, Del.	2
1897	Prettyman, J. W.	E	Rock Hall, Md.	3
1902	Prettyman, E. C.	E	Newark, Del.	2
1908	Price, J. T.	E	Burrsville, Md.	1
1886	Prouse, J. T.	R	Edgemore, Del.	2
1878	Quigg, H. T.	E	Elkton, Md.	2
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	R	Seaford, Del.	4
1858	Redman, W. W.	R	Greenwood, Del.	13
1910	Reed, H. E.	E	Girdletree, Md.	2
1870	Reed, G. E.	E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1885	Reese, J. D.	E	Hebron, Md.	1
1907	Revelle, W. H.	E	Newark, Md.	4
1911	Rice, O. B.	D	Pomona, Md.	2
1893	Richardson, J. T.	E	Mt. Pleasant, Del.	2
1884	Roberts, E. P.	E	Pocomoke City, Md.	2
1873	Roe, Robert	R	Oxford, Md.	3
1910	Sard, T. J.	E	Tangier, Va.	1
1886	Sharp, W. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1910	Shipley, H. C.	D	Odessa, Del.	1
1879	Smith, Alfred	E	Camden, Del.	2
1896	Smith, G. P.	E	Millington, Md.	1
1907	Smith, Tilghman	E	Marion, Md.	3
1889	Smoot, T. C.	E	Kent Island, Md.	3

1906	Sparklin, J. L.	E	Church Hill, Md.	1
1911	Spry, C. W.	P	Mardela, Md.	1
1889	Stallings, G. W.	E	St. Peters, Md.	2
1870	Stengle, Adam	Sy	Wilmington, Del.	5
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	E	Dover, Del.	5
1912	Sterling, G. E.	D	Bishopville, Md.	1
1892	Strickland, C. W.	E	Nanticoke, Md.	3
1885	Sunfield, E. C.	E	Parsonburg, Md.	1
1908	Sutton, J. W.	E	Fruitland, Md.	2
1894	Taylor, E. B.	E	Stockton, Md.	1
1897	Taylor, Harry	E	Cordova, Md.	1
1886	Taylor, W. P.	E	Georgetown, Del.	1
1876	Terry, T. E.	E	Federalburg, Md.	3
1903	Thomas, G. S.	E	Concord, Md.	4
1914	Thomas, E. P.	P	Pittsville, Md.	1
1871	Tomkinson, W. E.	R	604 Boas St., Harrisburg, Pa.	15
1876	Townsend, G. W.	E	Rising Sun, Md.	1
1895	VanDyke, T. R.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1871	Wallin, F. O. B.	R	Stockholm, Sweden	15
1879	Walton, O. S.	R	Red Lion, Del.	8
1885	Watt, Robert	E	Smyrna, Del.	5
1887	Webster, Z. H.	E	Milton, Del.	2
1913	Wells, Z. W.	P	At School	1
1893	Westerfield, H. A. G.	E	Denton, Md.	4
1910	Wheatley, M. E.	E	St. John's, Md.	1
1893	White, W. L.	E	Easton, Md.	1
1875	White, W. W.	E	Fairlee, Md.	1
1908	White, Leonard	E	St. Michaels, Md.	1
1905	Whittaker, I. S.	E	Houston, Del.	5
1882	Williams, C. H.	R	Cambridge, Md.	1
1902	Williams, G. C.	E	Laurel, Del.	4
1892	Williams, W. S. H.	E	Salisbury, Md.	1
1885	Willis, D. H.	R	Cambridge, Md.	2
1912	Willis, Ivanhoe	D	Tilghman, Md.	2
1897	Wilson, J. H.	Sy	Laurel, Del.	1
1906	Wilson, Daniel	E	Smith's Island, Md.	4
1884	Wise, W. A.	E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1886	Wood, G. E.	E	Cherry Hill, Md.	1
1898	Wright, E. C.	E	Bethel, Del.	1
1886	Wyatt, C. T.	E	Middletown, Del.	2
1914	White, Frank	P	Royal Oak, Md.	1

LOCAL PREACHERS DIRECTORY.

Local Elders.

Atkinson, W. F.	.....	Crisfield, Md.	Donoho, S. M.	.....	Cambridge, Md.
Barrett, T. S.	.....	Christiana, Del.	Stimmil, W. E.	.....	Wilmington, Del.
Brooks, A. G.	.....	Newark, Del.	Strickland, W. G.	.....	Wilmington, Del.
Conoway, W. N.	.....	Henderson, Md.	Hudson, J. H.	.....	Millsboro, Del.
Cross, E. L.	.....	New Castle, Del.	Tindall, W. J.	.....	Seaford, Del.

Local Deacons.

Faries, William Smyrna, Del.	Northrup, C. L. Hurlock, Md.
Green, Daniel Newport, Del.	Scott, J. T. Wilmington, Del.
Hamilton, Wm. Wilmington, Del.	Wiley, J. H. Laurel, Del.
McLain, L. T. Phoebus, Va.	

Licentiatees.

Atkins, C. H. Viola, Del.	Low, W. A. Selbyville, Del.
Atwell, Alexander Hockessin, Del.	Lowe, L. S. Delmar, Del.
Ayres, J. F. Leemont, Va.	McCabe, Joshua Carlisle, Pa.
Betts, Henry Millsboro, Del.	McLaughlin, J. F. Wilmington, Del.
Biddle, Isaiah North East, Md.	McGuire, William Houston, Del.
Broadway, L. M. Wilmington, Del.	Miles, D. J. Upper Fairmount, Md.
Brown, A. R. Leipsic, Del.	Moore, B. P. Dover, Del.
Buckson, W. C. Salem, Md.	Nelson, W. C. Lawsonsia, Md.
Cantwell, R. D. Elkton, Md.	Perdue, P. C. Salisbury, Md.
Clark, D. S. Kenton, Del.	Reed, O. B. Ellendale, Del.
Clark, J. F. Delmar, Del.	Riggin, H. C. Blades, Del.
Cole, H. M. Edgemoore, Del.	Robinson, J. O. Toddville, Md.
Coleman, W. B. Chestertown, Md.	Rogers, R. L. Wilmington, Del.
Cooper, E. L. Sharptown, Md.	Rutter, C. W. Wilmington, Del.
Cornwell, John Farmington, Del.	Savage, C. R. Selbyville, Del.
Covington, Henry Centreville, Md.	Scott, A. P. Newark, Del.
Davis, C. E. Dover, Del.	Sebring, Nelson Marshallton, Del.
Davis, A. W. Wilmington, Del.	Seibert, E. T. Carpenter, Del.
Deakne, E. T. New Castle, Del.	Sharpless, C. D. Wilmington, Del.
Derrickson, J. L. Pocomoke, Md.	Shockley, O. M. Showells, Md.
Ellegood, J. A. Ellendale, Del.	Spaid, A. R. Cambridge, Md.
Ennis, H. T. Lewes, Del.	Stephens, John Carlisle, Pa.
Fogwell, S. J. Hayden, Md.	Stradley, E. M. Richardson Pk., Del.
Ford, Walter Smyrna, Del.	Sullivan, C. C. Richardson Pk., Del.
Gibbons, S. O. St. Georges, Del.	Talley, N. L. Edgemoore, Del.
Grant, W. S. Little Creek, Del.	Talley, P. R. Wilmington, Del.
Gray, Franklin Marshallton, Del.	Thawley, R. T. Dover, Del.
Graham, J. T. Deal's Is., Md.	Thornton, J. H. North East, Md.
Gray, Henry Marshallton, Del.	Todd, B. R. Wingate, Md.
Hackett, L. K. Oak Grove, Del.	Todd, N. L. Toddville, Md.
Hanby, S. L. Boothwyn, Pa.	Tomer, Hugh Wilmington, Del.
Hardesty, J. W. Mardela, Md.	Travers, Alonza Rock Hall, Md.
Harris, C. C. Centreville, Md.	Truitt, H. E. Powellville, Md.
Harris, W. V. Claremont, Va.	Warren, H. B. Carlisle, Pa.
Hicks, R. H. Queen Annes, Md.	Weldin, C. W. Wilmington, Del.
Hill, M. M. Delmar, Del.	Weldin, G. W. Edgemoor, Del.
Hill, I. J. B. Marshallton, Del.	West, Harry Carlisle, Pa.
Horner, W. B. Sassafras, Md.	White, E. W. Wilmington, Del.
Horseman, Samuel Winona, Md.	Wilmot, A. A. Claymont, Del.
Hudson, C. H. Church Creek, Md.	Wilson, G. W. Georgetown, Del.
Jones, Edgar Elliott's, Md.	Wilson, W. D. Lewes, Del.
Kelley, J. P. Ellendale, Del.	Windsor, Lister Dover, Del.
Kitchen, C. P. Wilmington, Del.	Wingate, Wm. Marshallton, Del.
Kirk, C. A. Elkton, Md.	Winder, E. J. Seaford, Del.
Low, G. A. Bishopville, Md.	Wise, J. M. New Castle, Del.
Long, R. W. Delmar, Del.	Wright, W. J. Choptank, Md.

APPOINTMENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

R. K. Stephenson, District Superintendent (P. O. Dover, Del.)

Armory and Asbury	O. T. Baynard	Harrington, Del.	V. P. Northrup
	P. O. Dover, Del.	Hickman and Epworth	M. W. Marine
Beckwith, Md.	J. A. Buckson		P. O. Hickman, Del.
	P. O. Cornersville, Md.	Hooper's Island, Md. (Sup.)	
Blades and Epworth	D. W. Jacobs		P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.
	P. O. Blades, Del.	Houston, Del.	I. S. Whittaker
Bridgeville, Del.	Howard Davis	Hurlock, Md.	A. W. Goodhand
Burrsville, Md.	J. T. Price	Lakesville, Md. (Sup.)	R. H. Wilson
	P. O. Harrington, Del.		P. O. Golden Hill, Md.
Cambridge, Md.	S. N. Pilchard	Leipsic, Del.	A. R. Brown
Camden, Del.	Alfred Smith	Lewes, Del.	W. G. Koons
Canterbury, Del. (Sup.)	C. H. Atkins	Lincoln, Del.	J. H. Gardner
	P. O. Viola, Del.	Little Creek, Del.	
Church Creek, Md.			(Sup.) W. S. Grant
	(Sup.) C. H. Hudson	Magnolia, Del. & Barrett's Chapel	
Concord, Md.	G. S. Thomas		W. E. Matthews
	P. O. Hobbs, Md.	Milford, Del.	W. R. Mowbray
Crapo, Md.	Leolan Jackson	Milton, Del.	Z. H. Webster
Denton, Md.	H. A. G. Westerfield	Nassau, Del.	J. M. Kelso
Dover, Del.	W. E. Gunby	Preston, Md.	W. H. Briggs
East New Market, Md.	E. W. Jones	Rehoboth, Del.	H. B. Kelso
Ellendale, Del.	(Sup.) J. P. Kelley	Salem, Md. (Sup.)	W. C. Buckson
Elliott's Island, Md. (Sup.)		Seaford, Del.	O. E. Jones
Farmington, Del.	O. E. James	Seaford Circuit, Del.	D. J. Ford
Federalsburg, Md.	T. E. Terry		P. O. Seaford, Del.
Felton, Del.	L. W. Layfield	Vienna, Md.	G. S. Allen
Frederica, Del.	J. W. Jones	Williamsburg, Md.	J. A. Hudson
Galestown, Md.	J. A. Leach	Wyoming, Del.	B. L. McFarland
	P. O. Seaford, Del.	Zoar, Del. (Sup.)	Thomas Pardee
Georgetown, Del.	J. W. Colona		P. O. Georgetown, Del.
Georgetown Circuit	W. P. Taylor		H. G. Budd, Principal Wilming-
	P. O. Georgetown, Del.		ton Conference Academy Member
Greenwood, Del.	J. C. B. Hopkins	Wesley Quar. Conf.	P. O. Dover, Del.

EASTON DISTRICT.

Robert Watt, District Superintendent (P. O. Smyrna, Del.)

Bayside, Md.	(Sup.) Robt. Kirby	Clayton, Del.	G. R. Neese
	P. O. Sherwood, Md	Cordova, Md.	Harry Taylor
Bozman and Neavitt, Md.		Crumpton, Md.	C. T. Jones
P.O.Bozman,Md.	J. A. Brewington	Easton, Md.	W. L. White
Cecilton, Md.	J. M. Mitchell	Fairlee, Md.	W. W. White
Centreville, Md.	J. R. Bicking	Galena, Md.	Edwin Gardner
Chestertown, Md.	L. E. Barrett	Golt, Md.	(Sup.) W. B. Horner
Cheswold, Del.	W. H. Kenney		P. O. Sassafras, Md.
Church Hill, Md.	J. L. Sparklin	Greensboro, Md.	A. P. Prettyman

Henderson, Md.		Royal Oak, Md.	Frank White
(Sup.) W. N. Conoway		Salem Circuit, Md.	
Hillsboro, Md.	W. F. Dawson	(Sup.) Henry Covington	
Kent Island, Md.	T. C. Smoot	P. O. Centreville, Md.	
P. O. Stevensville, Md.		St. Michaels, Md.	Leonard White
Kenton, Del.	W. W. Chaires	Smyrna, Del.	C. W. Prettyman
Marydel, Md.	W. M. McCann	Smyrna Circuit, Del.	Milton McCann
Middletown, Del.	C. T. Wyatt	P. O. Smyrna, Del.	
Millington, Md.	G. P. Smith	Still Pond, Md.	F. X. Moore
Odessa, Del.	H. C. Shipley	Sudlersville, Md.	L. P. Corkran
Oxford, Md.	E. H. Derrickson	Tilghman's, Md.	Ivanhoe Willis
Piney Neck, Md. (Sup.)	Alonzo Travers	Townsend, Del.	Warren Burr
P. O. Chestertown, Md.		Trappe, Md.	D. J. Moore
Pomona, Md.	O. B. Rice	Wye Mills, Md.	W. B. Guthrie
P. O. Chestertown, Md.		R. T. Coursey, Conference Evangelist,	P. O. Wilmington, Del. Member
Queenstown, Md.	C. N. Benson	Harrison St. Quarterly Conference.	
Ridgely, Md.	W. E. Habbart		
Rock Hall, Md.	J. W. Prettyman		

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

G. P. Jones, District Superintendent (P. O. Salisbury, Md.).

Annamessex, Md.		Mt. Pleasant, Del.	C. W. Moore
(Sup.) W. F. Atkinson		P. O. Laurel, Del.	
P. O. Crisfield, Md.		Mt. Vernon, Md.	J. J. Bunting
Asbury, Md.	E. H. Dashiell	Nanticoke, Md.	C. W. Strickland
P. O. Crisfield, Md.		Newark, Md.	W. H. Revelle
Berlin, Md.	W. E. Greenfield	Ocean View and Millville, Del.	
Bethel, Del.	E. C. Wright	P. O. Ocean View, Del.	E. W. McDowell
Bishopville, Md.	G. E. Sterling	Onancock, Va.	J. W. Fogle
Cape Charles, Va.	W. O. Bennett	and (Sup.) T. S. Dixon	
Chincoteague, Va.	L. B. Morgan	Parsonsborg, Md.	E. C. Sunfield
Claremont, Va. (Sup.)	W. V. Harris	Phoebus, Va. (Sup.)	L. T. McLain
Crisfield, Md.	C. A. Hill	Pittsville, Md.	E. P. Thomas
Dagsboro & St. Georges, Del.		Pocomoke City, Md.	E. P. Roberts
P. O. Dagsboro, Del.	G. W. Bounds	Pocomoke Circuit, Md.	
Deal's Island, Md.	G. W. Hastings	(Sup.) J. L. Derrickson	
Delmar, Del.	F. N. Faulkner	P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.	
Fairmount, Md.	W. O. Hurst	Princess Anne, Md.	D. J. Givan
and (Sup.) P. J. Miles		Powellville, Md. (Sup.)	H. E. Truitt
Frankford, Del.	W. G. Harris	Quantico, Md. (Sup.)	John White
Fruitland, Md.	J. W. Sutton	Roxana, Del.	T. N. Given
Girdletree, Md.	H. E. Reed	St. Peter's Md.	G. W. Stallings
Gumboro, Del.	E. H. Marshall	P. O. Oriole, Md.	
Hebron, Md.	J. D. Reese	Salisbury, Md.:	
Laurel, Del.	G. C. Williams	Asbury	T. E. Martindale
Holland's Is., Md. (Sup.)	R. C. Jones	Grace	H. S. Dulany
Mardela Springs, Md.	C. W. Spry	P. O. Fruitland, Md.	
Marion, Md.	Tilghman Smith	Salisbury Circuit,	W. S. H. Williams
Millsboro, Del.	G. R. Ellis	P. O. Salisbury, Md.	

Selbyville, Del.	V. E. Hills	Tangier, Va.	T. J. Sard
Sharptown, Md.	J. P. Otis	Westover, Md.	G. F. Newton
Smith's Island, Md.	Daniel Wilson	Whitesville, Del.	F. J. Cochran
P. O. Ewell, Md.		C. P. Keen, Superintendent East-	ern Shore Anti-Saloon League, P. O.
Snow Hill, Md.	J. W. Easley	Salisbury, Md. Member	Asbury
Somerset, Md.	J. R. Cannon	Quarterly Conference.	
P. O. Chance, Md.			
Stockton, Md.	E. B. Taylor		

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

E. L. Hoffecker, District Superintendent (P. O. Wilmington, Del.).

Bethel Circuit, Md.	Asbury Burke	St. Georges, Del.	J. F. Anderson
P. O. Pivot, Md.		St. John's, Md.	M. E. Wheatley
Charlestown, Md.	B. F. Jester	P. O. Lewisville, Pa.	
Cherry Hill, Md.	G. E. Wood	Town Point, Md.	To be supplied
Chesapeake City, Md.	M. D. Nutter	Zion Circuit, Md.	Wilmer Jaggard
Chester-Bethel	J. W. Gray	P. O. North East, Md.	
P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.		Wilmington:	
Christiana, Del.	T. S. Barrett	Asbury	G. W. Dawson
Claymont, Del.	Olie H. Connelly	Brandywine and Edgemoor,	
Colora, Md.	H. O. Klug	F. F. Carpenter	and Hugh L. Tomer
Delaware City, Del.	J. H. Geoghegan	Cookman	J. P. Outten
Ebenezer, Del.	E. C. Prettyman	Eastlake	W. W. Sharp
P. O. Newark, Del.		Epworth	W. L. S. Murray
Elk Mills, Md. (Sup.)	C. D. Sharpless	Grace	G. E. Reed
Elk Neck, Md. (Sup.)	J. H. Thornton	Harrison Street	G. T. Alderson
P. O. North East, Md.		Hillcrest (Sup.)	T. H. Harding
Elkton Ct., Md. (Sup.)	Franklin Gray	Kingswood (Sup.)	L. M. Broadway
P. O. Marshallton, Del.		Madeley	E. H. Collins
Elkton, Md.	H. T. Quigg	McCabe	F. C. MacSorley
Hockessin, Del.	D. F. McFaul	Mt. Salem	T. R. Van Dyke
Hopewell, Md.	C. N. Jones	Richardson Park and Elsmere	
Kirkwood, Del. (Sup.)	O. S. Walton	W. C. Poole	
P. O. Red Lion, Del.		St. Paul's	V. S. Collins
Marshallton & Cedars, Del.		Scott	W. A. Wise
P. O. Marshallton, Del.	J. C. McCoy	Silverbrook	J. H. Gray
Mt. Lebanon, Del.	L. I. McDougle	Trinity (Sup.)	R. High Adams
P. O. Rockland, Del.		Union	W. F. Corkran
Mt. Pleasant, Del.	J. T. Richardson	Wesley	George A. Cooke
P. O. Edgemoor, Del.		T. F. Beauchamp, Superintendent	
Newark, Del.	L. E. Poole	Wilmington City Missionary and	
New Castle, Del.	J. L. Johnson	Church Extension Society. Member	
Newport, Del.	R. P. Nichols	of St. Paul's Quarterly Conference.	
North East, Md.	R. H. Adams	Ettore Di-Stefano, B. S. Latshaw,	
Perryville, Md.	J. H. Beauchamp	R. L. Mowbray and Z. W. Wells, left	
Port Deposit, Md.	T. A. H. O'Brien	without appointment to attend one of	
Port Penn, Del. (Sup.)	G. H. Van Note	our Schools.	
Red Lion, Del.	J. M. Lindale	J. H. Mitchell, Missionary to Salt	
Rising Sun, Md.	G. W. Townsend	Lake City, Utah.	
Stanton, Del. (Sup.)	C. W. Rutter		

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. **Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**
It is, under the laws of Delaware.
2. **Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?**
None.
3. **Who have been Readmitted?**
None.
4. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**
None.
5. **Who have been Received on Trial?**
 - (a) **In Studies of First Year.**
Frank White, Claude N. Benson, Marion W. Marine, Essell P. Thomas.
 - (b) **In Studies of Third Year.**
None.
6. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**
 - (a) **In Studies of First Year.**
Raymond L. Mowbray, Ettore Di-Stefano, Charles W. Spry.
 - (b) **In Studies of Second Year.**
Herman O. Klug, James A. Leach, Zach. W. Wells.
 - (c) **In Studies of Third Year.**
None.
 - (d) **In Studies of Fourth Year.**
Disston W. Jacobs.
7. **Who have been Discontinued?**
None.
8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
 - (a) **Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.**
George S. Allen, Olie H. Connelly, Oren B. Rice, George E. Sterling, George F. Newton, Ivanhoe Willis.
 - (b) **Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.**
None.
9. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
 - (a) **Admitted into Full Membership this year.**
George S. Allen, Olie H. Connelly, Oren B. Rice, George F. Sterling, George F. Newton, Ivanhoe Willis.
 - (b) **Admitted into Full Membership previously.**
None.

10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
Joseph A. Buckson, Blair S. Latshaw, David J. Moore, John C. B. Hopkins, Harry C. Shipley.
11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
 - (a) **Elected and Ordained Elders this year.**
William M. McCann, Harry E. Reed, Thomas J. Sard, Melvin E. Wheatley.
 - (b) **Elected and Ordained Elders previously.**
None.
12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
 - (a) **As Local Preachers.**
None.
 - (b) **Under Missionary Rule.**
None.
 - (c) **Under Seminary Rule.**
None.
13. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
 - (a) **As Local Deacons.**
None.
 - (b) **Under Missionary Rule.**
None.
 - (c) **Under Seminary Rule.**
None.
14. **Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**
This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in the open Conference.
15. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**
Levan R. Janney, Philadelphia; William D. Parry, New Jersey.
16. **Who have Died?**
William M. Warner, James W. Talley, Isaac G. Fosnocht, Henry S. Thompson.
17. **Who have been Located at their own Request?**
J. M. S. VanBlunk.
18. **Who have been Located?**
None.
19. **Who have Withdrawn?**
None.
20. **Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?**
None.
21. **Who have been Expelled?**
None.
22. **What other personal Notation should be made?**
None.

23. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?
R. H. Lewis (2), Adam Stengle (5), J. H. Wilson (1).
24. Who are the Retired Ministers?
J. A. Arters, G. W. Bowman, G. W. Burke, James Carroll, G. S. Conaway, J. M. Collins, W. P. Compton, James Esgate, W. M. Green, T. H. Harding, G. L. Hardesty, T. S. Holt, T. B. Hunter, E. C. Macnichol, S. M. Morgan, J. W. Poole, J. T. Prouse, P. H. Rawlins, Robert Roe, W. E. Tomkinson, W. W. Redman, O. S. Walton, F. O. B. Wallin, D. H. Willis, C. H. Williams.
25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?
T. A. H. O'Brien, T. E. Terry, R. T. Coursey, J. P. Otis, F. F. Carpenter.
26. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?
See Reports.
27. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?
See Reports.
28. What is the Statistical Report?
See Reports.
29. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?
See Reports.
30. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$48,637.
31. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?
\$22,000.
32. What has been raised on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?
\$15,569. (See report of Conference Stewards.)
33. What is the Five Per Cent of the amount raised for the Support of Conference Claimants, and paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional relief?
\$625.
34. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?
\$15,175.
35. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See List of Appointments.
36. Where shall the Next Conference be held?
Laurel, Delaware.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

OPENING—The Forty-Sixth Session of the Wilmington Annual Conference convened in Stevenson Methodist Episcopal Church, Berlin, Md., Wednesday, April 1, 1914, at 9 A. M., Bishop Earl Cranston of Washington, D. C., presiding. After devotions and the administration of the Lord's Supper, the roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference. 156 members and probationers answering to their names.

ORGANIZATION—On motion of E. L. Hoffecker, W. A. Wise was re-elected **Secretary**, and named as his assistants, W. R. Mowbray, W. E. Greenfield, L. E. Poole, D. W. Jacobs. On motion of R. K. Stephenson, H. A. G. Westerfield was re-elected **Statistical Secretary**, naming as his assistants J. H. Geoghegan, J. L. Johnson, W. E. Gunby, G. S. Thomas, H. B. Kelso, J. R. Bicking, G. R. Ellis, J. M. Kelso, W. M. McCann, H. C. Shipley, L. B. Morgan, E. C. Prettyman, Harry Taylor, A. R. Brown. J. W. Colona and J. W. Prettyman were nominated for **Conference Treasurer**. T. F. Beauchamp, Tilghman Smith, Howard Davis, J. M. Kelso were appointed tellers. The vote was taken and resulted as follows:—Whole number of votes cast 136. J. W. Colona received 83; J. W. Prettyman 50; three votes being defective, and J. W. Colona was declared elected, naming as his assistants, R. L. Mowbray, T. R. VanDyke, E. W. McDowell, W. H. Revelle, B. S. Latshaw, G. C. Williams, V. E. Hills, C. T. Jones, J. T. Richardson.

BAR OF CONFERENCE—On motion of T. R. VanDyke the main audience room was fixed as the Bar of the Conference. The hours for meeting and adjourning were fixed at 8:30 A. M. and 12 M.; the first half hour for devotions.

STANDING COMMITTEES—G. P. Jones presented and read nominations for the Standing Committees and they were approved, other names being ordered substituted in the place of those previously appointed as assistants to the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer. (See list.)

SUBSTITUTION—The name of J. W. Easley was substituted for that of C. T. Wyatt on the Committee on Education.

RULES OF ORDER—V. S. Collins offered the following amendments to the rules of order:—In article three, section two, to strike out all after the word "language," and add the following from rule twelve of the General Conference rules, "And no member shall speak more than once on the same question until every member who chooses to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question,

nor more than ten minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference. Provided, however, that a committee making a report through its chairman or one of its members selected by the committee or by its chairman, shall be entitled to ten minutes to close the debate, either to oppose the motion to lay the report on the table, or this permission not having been used, to close the debate on the motion to adopt."

In article three, section six, to strike out the entire section and substitute therefor rule nineteen of the General Conference, as follows:—"It shall be in order to move the previous question—that is, that the question be taken without further debate—or any measure pending except in cases in which moral character is involved. If the call for the previous question be sustained by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, the main question shall be put; nevertheless, under this rule, after the previous question has been ordered, it shall be in order to divide, or to move to refer, or to recommit, or to lay on the table. It shall not be in order for a member to move the previous question or to move to lay on the table at the close of a speech in which he has discussed the pending question."

A motion by H. G. Budd to amend the proposed amendment by continuing the 15-minute period of debate was lost. A motion by W. E. Tomkinson to amend article four by inserting after No. 8 under "Questions to be taken without debate" the following words:—"that they take precedence in the order named", was lost. After discussion the amendments were adopted and the rules of last session as amended were adopted for the government of this session.

METHODIST BROTHERHOOD—On motion of J. W. Easley a permanent committee on Methodist Brotherhood consisting of one from each District was ordered. Dr. W. S. Bovard, General Secretary of the Methodist Brotherhood, was introduced and addressed the Conference and the committee was named as follows:—H. A. G. Westerfield, C. T. Wyatt, J. W. Easley, W. L. S. Murray.

H. S. THOMPSON—C. W. Prettyman announced the death of Brother Henry S. Thompson. The Conference was then led in prayer by T. E. Martindale and on motion of T. C. Smoot, W. L. S. Murray, C. W. Prettyman, T. E. Martindale and R. H. Adams were appointed to prepare and forward the following communication of condolence to Sister Thompson:—

Berlin, Md.,
April 1st, 1914.

Mrs. Henry S. Thompson,

Smyrna, Del.

The Wilmington Conference in session has just heard, with sad surprise and profound grief, the announcement of the decease of your beloved husband, our dear Brother Rev. Henry S. Thompson. We have paused in

our deliberations to weep over our loss, and to pray for your strengthening in this trying hour of your heart's sore sorrow.

We want you to know that we loved and honored him as a yoke fellow in the gospel. That we think of his ministry with respect and admiration, and that his long activity in the Master's service entitles him to a rare place in our memory and records.

Will you kindly convey to all the members of the family our tenderest sympathy as a Conference and assure them that we shall ever cherish in warmest esteem the example which he set before us, and his faithfulness which never failed but wrought on to the end, and then went away to Heaven to receive the approval of the King Immortal. We remain, in behalf of the Conference.

GREETINGS—On motion of H. B. Kelso, the Secretary was requested to transmit greetings to the Baltimore and Delaware Conferences of our Church, also to the Maryland Methodist Protestant Conference.

STEWARDS—The District Superintendents nominated the ministerial members of the Board of Stewards as follows: Dover District, W. G. Koons; Easton District, C. W. Prettyman; Salisbury District, W. O. Hurst; Wilmington District, G. W. Townsend, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

CHANGE OF RELATION—On motion of their District Superintendents the relation of E. C. Macnichol, S. M. Morgan, C. H. Williams and G. L. Hardesty was changed from Effective to Retired, at their own request. That of W. S. H. Williams, B. F. Jester, G. W. Townsend and G. E. Wood was changed from Supernumerary to Effective. That of J. H. Wilson from Effective to Supernumerary, at his own request. The relation of R. H. Lewis was continued and his case, together with that of J. H. Wilson, was referred to the Board of Stewards.

INTRODUCTION—Dr. J. O. Spencer, President of Morgan College, and Rev. C. E. Adamson of the Philadelphia Conference, and representing the "Times," were introduced and addressed the Conference.

ORDER OF THE DAY—On motion of G. A. Cooke, the debate on the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Church was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning, following the reading of the Journal. On motion of T. R. VanDyke the Semi-Centennial Sermon to be preached by T. E. Martindale was made the order of the day for tomorrow at eleven o'clock. On motion of G. T. Alderson the proposition to merge the Philadelphia and Wilmington Conferences was made the order of the day for Saturday morning following the reading of the Journal.

TELEGRAM—On motion of C. P. Keen the following telegram was ordered sent to the Hon. John Hagan, member of the House of Delegates

of the Maryland Legislature:—"Wilmington Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at Berlin emphatically and vigorously urges you to abandon your efforts to amend anti-shipping law, and urges that you not introduce your hotel license bill.

President, Bishop Earl Cranston.
Secretary, W. A. Wise.

Berlin, Md., April 1, 1914.

ADJOURNMENT—Announcements were made, the doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, Bishop Cranston pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock with Bishop Cranston in the chair and conducting the devotions.

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

DELINQUENTS—The Statistical Secretary and Conference Treasurer made calls for delinquents.

ORDER OF THE DAY—The order of the day was called. G. A. Cooke read the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Church, and on motion his time for debate was extended ten minutes. V. S. Collins offered the following substitute:

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE PROPOSITION.

Amend the Book of Discipline, Paragraph No. 42, as follows:

Strike out all of section 3 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Section 3. The Presiding Officer of the General Conference shall decide questions of order and of law, subject to an appeal, as follows:

FIRST,—In questions of order, an appeal to the General Conference; and if the chair be sustained by a majority of those present and voting the decision shall stand.

SECOND,—In questions of law, an appeal to the Board of Bishops, to be taken as follows:

The presiding officer of the day or any other General Superintendent may raise the question of law in regard to any proposed legislation. When objection has thus been entered, the entire Board of General Superintendents shall take the matter under advisement and report their decision as soon as possible and their reasons for the decision. Their report shall be in writing and shall be printed in the Journal of the General Conference. Any member of the General Conference may raise the question of

law, and if he be sustained by one-third of the delegates present and voting, the General Superintendents shall be required to submit their decision in writing to the General Conference. When a decision of the General Superintendents has been given their decision may be challenged, but it shall require two-thirds of those present and voting to prevail over their decision."

Add a new section, to be known as section 4, as follows:

"Section 4. When any rule or regulation is adopted by the General Conference, which in the opinion of the Bishops is unconstitutional, the Bishops may present to the Conference which passed such rule or regulation their objections thereto, with their reasons, in writing; and if thereupon the General Conference shall, by a two-thirds vote, re-affirm its action on said rule or regulation it shall take the course prescribed for the altering of a restrictive rule; and if thus passed affirmatively by two-thirds of all the members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting, and two-thirds of all the members of the Lay Electoral Conferences present and voting, the Bishops shall announce that said rule or regulation takes effect from that time."

After extended debate, on motion of T. A. H. O'Brien, the previous question was ordered, the main question was put; and the substitute was accepted by a count vote of 102 to 10. The substitute was then adopted by a count vote of 126 to none.

DRAFTS—Bishop Cranston presented drafts on the Book Concern for \$2486.; on the Chartered Fund for \$30., and on the Board of Conference Claimants for \$250., and they were ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

METHODIST REVIEW—W. P. Taylor was appointed to canvass the Conference for subscriptions to the Methodist Review.

EPISCOPAL FUND—The Secretary read a communication relative to the Episcopal Fund, giving the apportionment of \$3228. to this Conference for the ensuing year, which was referred to the District Superintendents for apportionment to the charges.

MANAGERS CONF. ED. SOC.—T. A. H. O'Brien presented nominations for members of the Wilmington Conference Education Society and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference, as follows:—Ministers—F. J. Cochran, W. O. Hurst, F. C. MacSorley; Lay—Joseph Smithers, Harry Mayer, H. J. Guthrie.

TO ATTEND FUNERAL—C. W. Prettyman, T. E. Martindale and W. W. Chaires were made a committee to attend the funeral of Brother Henry S. Thompson.

INTRODUCTIONS—Rev. Walter H. Waywood of the Atlantic Agency, American Bible Society; Dr. Clarence True Wilson, Secretary of the Church Temperance Society; Rev. Ezra C. Clemans, Field Representative, Board of Conference Claimants of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. William J. Thompson of Drew Theological Seminary, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

LETTERS OF SYMPATHY—On motion of E. L. Hoffecker the Secretary was requested to prepare and forward letters of sympathy from the Conference to Brothers E. C. Macnichol and S. M. Morgan.

ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN—W. G. Koons presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved that we endorse the plans of the Board of Conference Claimants, as approved by representatives of many of the Spring Conferences, for devoting the year 1915, throughout Methodism, to a general, intensive campaign to raise investment funds for Conference Claimants, in an effort to fully reach the goal set by the General Conference of 1912, viz.: the raising of five million dollars for the annual Conference Endowment Funds and the Connectional Permanent Fund, during this quadrennium.

While thus providing for the future needs of the Retired ministers, widows, and orphans, we urge that the largest, practicable apportionment be made to the several charges for the present support of those who are now Claimants. We declare it to be our goal, to be reached as soon as possible, that these apportionments, together with the funds from other sources, shall meet the needs of our Claimants in full.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Announcements were then made.

ORDER OF DAY—The order of the day was called. After devotional services conducted by T. E. Terry, Dr. Thomas E. Martindale preached the Semi-Centennial Sermon, announcing as his text the sixth verse of the 126th Psalm, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (See Reports.)

ADJOURNMENT—After prayer by Bishop Cranston, the doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, Dr. Martindale pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop Cranston conducting the devotions. The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

CONF. CLAIMANT FUND—S. N. Pilchard announced an additional gift of \$1000. to the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund by Mrs. Wm.

A. Clash of Cambridge, Md., which was received with a rising vote of thanks, Mrs. Clash being presented to the Conference. On motion of Robert Watt, the Superintendent of Dover District and the pastor of Cambridge Church were made a committee to prepare a suitable minute for Conference record. Dr. Geo. E. Reed presented and read the following resolutions which were adopted with a rising vote:

Whereas, Announcement has been made to the Conference of the generous gift of Mrs. William A. Clash, an honored member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Cambridge, Maryland, of one thousand dollars, the same to form a part of the Endowment Fund of the Wilmington Conference; and

Whereas, This gift is in addition to the one thousand dollars recently contributed by the some elect lady for a similar purpose; therefore

Resolved, That the Conference herewith extends to Mrs. Clash its heartfelt thanks for her munificent remembrance of this most worthy cause.

Resolved, second, That the Conference herewith makes request of the Conference Board of Stewards to establish a memorial fund to be known as "The Mrs. William A. Clash Memorial Endowment Fund" in loving memory of Eben E. Payne, Martin C. Payne, and William A. Clash, the same to form a part of the General Endowment Fund of this Conference.

QUESTION 14—The Fourteenth Question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. R. K. Stephenson, Robert Watt, G. P. Jones and E. L. Hoffecker, District Superintendents were called, their characters passed and they read reports of their Districts. The Effective Elders of each of the four Districts were called and their characters passed.

EXTRA SESSION—On motion of W. A. Wise it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock in regular session.

INTRODUCTION—Dr. Wilbur F. Sheridan, General Secretary of the Epworth League, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

DISTRICT REPORTS—W. A. Wise made a statement respecting the reports of the District Superintendents, and asked for instructions concerning the editing and publication of the same. V. S. Collins moved that the District Superintendents be requested to edit their reports so that the four shall not occupy more than 25 pages of the printed minutes, and if they require more the Conference should pay the additional cost of printing. A motion by Alfred Smith to confine the number of pages to 20 was lost. A motion by G. E. Reed that the Secretary be requested to submit the reports to the District Superintendents to be edited by them

and that the edition be confined to 24 pages was lost. A motion to postpone further discussion of the matter until this afternoon's session was lost. After considerable discussion, the original motion prevailed.

EXCUSED—T. A. H. O'Brien was excused from this afternoon's and tomorrow's sessions.

DEFERRED—On motion of V. S. Collins the order of the day fixed for tomorrow morning was deferred until Monday morning after the reading of the Journal.

TIME—Time was extended.

LAYMEN'S COMMITTEE—W. O. Hoffecker, H. P. Cannon, T. B. Ridgeway and R. C. Peters, a committee from the Wilmington Conference Layman's Association, were introduced and the first named extended greetings from the Laymen's Association, to which Bishop Cranston made fitting response.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—On motion of V. S. Collins this afternoon's session was made Executive. J. H. Geoghegan, E. C. Prettyman and W. E. Greenfield were appointed doorkeepers.

ADJOURNMENT—Announcements were made, doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, T. E. Martindale pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING—Conference convened at three o'clock with W. L. S. Murray in the chair and C. W. Moore conducting the devotions.

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

COURTESY—On motion of E. L. Hoffecker, members of other Annual Conferences now present were permitted to remain in the Executive Session.

BISHOP CRANSTON—At 3:15 o'clock Bishop Cranston took the chair.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS—On motion of W. G. Koons the Conference Treasurer was directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Endowment Fund all monies reported under Annual Conference Investments, also the \$1000. given this morning by Mrs. Wm. A. Clash and intended by her to be applied on the Gambrill proposition.

QUESTION 36—The Thirty-sixth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. Laurel, Delaware, was put in nomination and after due representation, the invitation was unanimously accepted.

QUESTION 24—The Twenty-fourth Question, "Who are the Retired Ministers?" was taken up. J. A. Arters, G. W. Bowman, G. W. Burke, James Carroll, W. P. Compton, G. S. Conaway, James Esgate, W. M. Green, T. H. Harding, T. S. Holt, T. B. Hunter, J. W. Poole, J. T. Prouse, P. H. Rawlins, Robert Roe, W. E. Tomkinson, W. W. Redman, F. O. B. Wallin, O. S. Walton, D. H. Willis, were called and their relation continued. Upon the call of the name of J. M. Collins, W. G. Koons presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

In view of the notice of location given to J. M. Collins at our last session we take the following action, 1st, that we continue him in the Retired relation.

2nd, That we give him this formal notice not to further abuse his privilege as a Conference Claimant, by giving orders beforehand against his possible claimant funds allowance at a Conference session and further we admonish him against contracting debts and sending the bills to the Board of Stewards.

On motion of G. E. Reed the Board of Stewards was instructed hereafter not to honor orders drawn upon the Claimant Funds.

QUESTION 25—The Twenty-fifth Question, "Who are the Triers of Appeals?" was taken up and Bishop Cranston announced the list as follows: T. A. H. O'Brien, T. E. Terry, R. T. Coursey, J. P. Otis, F. F. Carpenter.

QUESTION 1—The First Question, "Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirement of the Discipline?" was taken up and answered. It is, under the laws of Delaware.

QUESTIONS 2, 3, AND 4—Questions Two, Three and Four were taken up and answered in the negative.

QUESTION 5—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. Recommendations in due form were announced of Frank White, Claude N. Benson and Marion W. Marine and they were presented to the Conference and permitted to retire. The Registrar and Committee reported, the District Superintendents represented and, after due consideration of each case, they were Admitted on Trial.

STEWARDS' ENDOWMENT—T. R. Ingram, Treasurer of the Permanent Commission on Stewards' Endowment presented and read a partial report of the amount raised during the year on the Gambrill proposition which, on motion, was received, the complete report when made to be printed in the Journal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—On motion of V. S. Collins it was agreed that when we adjourn it be to meet tomorrow morning in Executive Session.

CLAIMANT FUNDS—On motion of H. G. Budd a balance of \$46.00 due the Board of Stewards on last year's account was ordered paid to Hamlin Miller, a minor son of Rev. E. H. Miller and a student in the Wilmington Conference Academy.

LOCATION—On motion of G. P. Jones, Joseph M. S. Van Blunk was granted a Certificate of Location at his own request.

EXCUSED—T. E. Martindale was excused from tomorrow's session for the purpose of attending the funeral of Henry S. Thompson.

ADJOURNMENT—On motion Conference adjourned, Bishop Cranston pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, D. H. Willis conducting the devotions. At 9 o'clock Bishop Cranston assumed the chair.

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

QUESTION 5—The Fifth Question was resumed. The application of Essel P. Thomas was announced and he was introduced. The Registrar and Committee reported, the District Superintendent represented and he was Admitted on Trial.

QUESTION 8—The Eighth Question, "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Ivanhoe Willis, Olie H. Connelly, George E. Sterling, George F. Newton, George S. Allen and Oren B. Rice were called. The Registrar reported and the District Superintendents represented. Subsequently they were called to the bar of the Conference. The usual disciplinary questions were propounded and explained by Bishop Cranston, and, on motion, they were Admitted into Full Membership, Elected to Deacon's Orders and advanced to Studies of Third Year.

QUESTION 11—The Eleventh Question, "What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. William M. McCann, Harry E. Reed, Thomas J. Sard and Melvin E. Wheatley were called and their characters passed. The Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented and, on motion, they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and Elected to Elder's Orders. John C. B. Hopkins was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendent represented and, on motion, he was continued in Studies of Fourth Year. Joseph A. Buckson was called, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendent represented and on motion the recommendation

in his case as framed by the Board of Examiners was accepted, he being conditioned and continued in Studies of Fourth Year.

QUESTION 10—The Tenth Question, "What members are in Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. Blair S. Latshaw, David J. Moore and Harry C. Shipley were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented and they were advanced to Studies of Fourth Year, David J. Moore and Harry C. Shipley each being conditioned on one study.

EDIT JOURNAL—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson, the Secretary was authorized to edit the minutes, and that edition was made the Official Journal.

QUESTION 6—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Herman O. Klug, James A. Leach, Raymond L. Mowbray, Zach W. Wells, Disston W. Jacobs, Ettore Di-Stefano and Charles W. Spry were called. The Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented and Herman O. Klug, James A. Leach, Zach W. Wells were Continued on Trial in Studies of Second Year. Disston W. Jacobs was Continued on Trial and advanced to Studies of Fourth Year. Raymond L. Mowbray, Ettore Di-Stefano and Charles W. Spry were Continued on Trial in Studies of First Year.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS—Questions 7, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 were asked and answered in the negative.

QUESTION 15—The Fifteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?" was taken up. W. D. Parry to the New Jersey, and L. R. Janney to the Philadelphia.

QUESTION 17—The Seventeenth Question, "Who have been Located at their own Request?" was taken up. Joseph M. S. VanBlunk.

INTRODUCTION—Rev. Frank L. Hart, D. D., Assistant Secretary, National Mutual Church Insurance Company, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

QUESTION 23—The Twenty-third Question was resumed and on motion of E. L. Hoffecker, the relation of Adam Stengle was continued.

CLARK FUND—W. R. Mowbray presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Whereas, We have received notice that under the terms of the will of Mrs. Eliza P. Clark, deceased, who was for years a devoted member of the Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church of Milford, Delaware, we receive, in addition to the sum of \$1500.00 which she gave to Conference Claimant

Fund this year, the further sum of \$5000.00 for the same cause, making a total of \$6500.00 for this cause—

Resolved, That we hereby express our profound appreciation of this munificent gift, and in order that we may fittingly commemorate the princely liberality of this donor, be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Conference Stewards be requested to establish a Memorial Fund to be known as the Eliza P. Clark Memorial Endowment Fund, which shall be part of the Conference Claimant Funds of this Conference.

CONFERENCE ACADEMY—On motion of V. S. Collins, H. G. Budd, Principal of the Wilmington Conference Academy, made a verbal report of the work of that institution during the past year.

CHAIR—W. G. Koons was called to the chair.

SCHOLARSHIPS—Robert Watt presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, Mrs. Wm. J. Thompson and Miss Ellen McLean, daughters of the late John S. McLean of New York, have established two scholarships in the Wesleyan University, and

Whereas, The benefits of these scholarships are to be given preferably to graduates of the Wilmington Conference Academy, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Wilmington Annual Conference authorize the Rev. H. G. Budd to convey to Mrs. Thompson and Miss McLean our grateful appreciations.

ACADEMY TRUSTEES—On motion of V. S. Collins, W. L. S. Murray, T. E. Terry and T. F. Beauchamp were made a committee to present nominations for vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy. G. L. Hardesty tendered his resignation as Trustee of the Academy and explained his reason for so doing. On motion of V. S. Collins the resignation was laid on the table.

CHAIR—Bishop Cranston resumed the chair.

APPORTIONMENTS—On motion of V. S. Collins, the District Superintendents were authorized to apportion for the Wilmington Conference Academy, for the ensuing year, the same amount as last year.

AMENDMENT TO CHARTER—W. G. Koons presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

The Board of Stewards request that you authorize them to secure an amendment to the charter under which they act so as to change the limitation of holdings by the Board from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The same to be secured at same time with the amendment ordered last year authorizing the holding of Annuity Funds.

CITY MISSIONARY REPORT—E. C. Sunfield, Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, read a report of the work done during the year which was received and ordered filed.

TIME—The time was extended.

ANNUITY PLAN—W. G. Koons made a statement respecting the annuity plan proposed by the Board of Stewards which, on motion, was accepted.

RECONSIDERATION—G. A. Cooke moved the reconsideration of Conference action respecting the amendment to the Constitution of the Church, and on motion of G. T. Alderson further consideration of the subject was deferred until Monday after the merger question shall have been settled.

FUTURE SESSIONS—On motion it was agreed that when we adjourn it be to meet this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and on Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

RESOLUTIONS—E. H. Dashiell presented and read a resolution on Romanism, which, on motion, was submitted to a committee of three consisting of E. H. Dashiell, C. A. Hill and G. T. Alderson for further consideration and reference back to Conference.

CONF. TRUSTEES—J. W. Easley presented the names of V. S. Collins, C. W. Prettyman and J. M. Kelso as Conference Trustees to serve a term of three years, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

EXAMINERS—Bishop Cranston appointed Z. H. Webster and O. E. Jones members of the Board of Examiners, in the place of V. S. Collins and J. W. Colona, resigned.

CORRECTIONS—On motion of Robert Watt, the Conference Treasurer was authorized to make corrections in all cases of monies wrongly reported where the intent of pastor was clearly apparent.

ADJOURNMENT—Announcements were made and, on motion, Conference adjourned, Bishop Cranston pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING—Conference convened at 2:15 o'clock with Bishop Cranston in the chair, T. E. Terry and L. W. Layfield conducting devotions.

FINANCIAL PLAN—Dr. Ward Platt, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was introduced and ad-

dressed the Conference on the subject "A Call to a Great Advance." Dr. J. E. Crowther, Assistant General Secretary of the General Conference Commission on Finance was introduced and spoke on the subject of "Some Limitations." Dr. John B. Trimble, General Secretary of the General Conference Commission on Finance was introduced and addressed the Conference on the subject of "The Plan, What it is, What it Does?"

RESOLUTION—Robert Watt offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, The General Conference of 1912 gave to the Denomination an Effective System of Finance, and a Commission to co-operate with the Board in establishing the new Financial plan in all our Churches and

Whereas, The New Plan wherever introduced and operated in all its essentials in our own and other Conferences is proving very effective in meeting the needs of all local Church Finance, therefore Resolved,

First, That we express our heartfelt appreciation for the progress already made and pledge our loyal co-operation for the introduction and operation at the earliest possible period, of the New Financial Plan in all the churches of our Conference.

Second, To this end we recommend that during this year preferably in the month of May, there be conducted, in the interest of this New Movement, a Conference campaign by holding an Institute in each of our Districts and such follow-up work in the Districts as may be necessary to carry the message and method of the New Financial Plan to the whole Conference constituency.

Third, That the proposed campaign be not interpreted as taking the place wherever possible, of aggressive follow-up work, immediately after the adjournment of this Conference and the introduction of the New Plan early in this Conference year.

Fourth, That on charges where the benevolences are not included in the budget provided for at the first of the year, an educational Campaign be conducted immediately preceding or following the proposed District Institutes and the Every-Member-Canvass made for said benevolencies.

Fifth, That samples of Efficiency Supplies be secured by all the charges and a large use made of charts, surveys, and literature in an educational campaign.

Sixth, That the Conference Commission on Finance be asked to take general direction and supervision of the Campaign, and that we hereby through the President of our Conference Commission, request the General Conference Commission to render all assistance possible.

ADJOURNMENT—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Memorial session. On motion Conference adjourned, Dr. J. B. Trimble pronouncing the benediction.

SEVENTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Memorial.

OPENING—Conference convened at 2:30 o'clock in Memorial session with W. L. S. Murray in the chair and L. E. Barrett conducting the devotions.

MEMOIRS—The following memoirs were presented and read:—William M. Warner, James W. Talley, Isaac G. Fosnocht, Mrs. John B. Quigg, Mrs. John D. Kemp. After appropriate remarks by several brethren, on motion, they were approved and, together with those of Henry S. Thompson, Mrs. John D. Rigg, Mrs. William L. P. Bowen and Mrs. Edward Davis, yet to be submitted, were ordered printed in the Minutes.

ADJOURNMENT—After the Ordination of Deacons and Elders, Conference adjourned, Bishop Cranston pronouncing the benediction.

EIGHTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8 o'clock with Bishop Cranston in the chair. W. L. S. Murray and Alfred Smith conducted the devotions.

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

RESOLUTION—V. S. Collins presented the following resolution which was adopted with rising vote:

Resolved, That this Conference place on record its very high appreciation of the faithful services of our able, efficient, patient, accurate and obliging Secretary, W. A. Wise, whom we regard as in the very forefront of all Annual Conference Secretaries to be found in Methodism.

MERGER—The order of the day was called and V. S. Collins presented the proposition to merge the Philadelphia and Wilmington Conferences. G. T. Alderson moved to postpone further consideration for one year and print in the minutes. A motion by H. T. Quigg to lay on the table the motion to defer, was lost. After debate, the motion to postpone and print prevailed.

"Your committee appointed to consider the paper offered by E. L. Hoffecker, relative to lifting the boundary line between the Wilmington and Philadelphia Conferences beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and have unanimously agreed upon the following recommendations:

1. That the paper be adopted as the sentiment of this Methodist Preachers' Association.

2. That this Wilmington Methodist Preachers' Association recommend to the Wilmington Annual Conference two resolutions, as follows:

1. That the time has come when the Wilmington Annual Conference should be restored to the Philadelphia Annual Conference.

2. That the Wilmington Annual Conference appoint a committee of five, consisting of one District Superintendent, two ministers and two laymen, to visit the Philadelphia Annual Conference at its next session and to request of them that they appoint from their Conference a like committee that these two committees may jointly present to the General Conference at its session in 1916 a memorial for an enabling act, by which the boundary line between the two Conferences may be lifted, so that the session of 1917 shall see the former relations restored.

3. That this Preachers' Association appoint a committee of three to bring these resolutions to the Wilmington Annual Conference at its next session, and to urge their adoption."

EVENING SESSION—A motion by J. W. Easley that a session of Conference be held this evening was, on motion of T. E. Martindale, laid on the table.

RECONSIDERATION—The order of the day was called and G. A. Cooke addressed the Conference. A motion by Robert Watt to lay on the table was lost. On motion of G. T. Alderson the Rules were suspended and Brother Cooke's time was extended ten minutes. After extended discussion the motion to reconsider prevailed. G. A. Cooke moved to amend by striking out all of Section 4. This motion was lost by a count vote of 28 to 43. V. S. Collins moved to amend the original paper by inserting in Section 3 the words "which shall be printed in the Journal of the General Conference" after the word "Conference," and to amend Section 4, so the whole amendment shall read, "When any legislation is enacted by the General Conference which is thought to be unconstitutional by a majority of the General Superintendents, or by one-third of the members of the General Conference (as provided in section 3), the General Superintendents shall present to the Conference which passed such legislation, or to any succeeding General Conference, their objections thereto, with their reasons in writing which shall be published in the Journal of the General Conference. If the General Conference shall by two-thirds vote reaffirm its action on such legislation, it shall then take the course prescribed for the altering or amending the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church." A motion by J. W. Prettyman to postpone and print in minutes was lost. R. H. Adams moved the previous question which was ordered, the main question was put, the amendments to Sections 3 and 4 were accepted and the original paper was adopted by a count vote of 84 to 2.

TRUSTEES OF ACADEMY—T. E. Terry presented nominations for Conference Academy Trustees: C. W. Prettyman, R. K. Stephenson, E. L.

Hoffecker, C. T. Wyatt, W. R. Mowbray, W. E. Gunby, H. T. Quigg, G. C. Williams. The ballot was ordered. H. E. Reed, T. C. Smoot, W. W. Sharp, T. F. Beauchamp were appointed tellers, the vote was taken and the Tellers retired.

CHAIR—T. E. Terry was called to the chair.

REPORTS—Reports were presented from the following Boards and Committees: Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Methodist Brotherhood, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Epworth League, Methodist Hospital, Education, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Conference Education Society, Freedman's Aid, Bible, Sabbath Observance, Periodicals, Conference Trustees, Sunday Schools, Temperance, and they were adopted. On motion of Alfred Smith, the latter committee was requested to insert in their report a suitable reference to the "North American" of Philadelphia.

TELLERS' REPORT—The tellers returned and the report was announced as follows: Whole number of votes cast 102; C. W. Prettyman received 83, C. T. Wyatt 80, R. K. Stephenson 77, E. L. Hoffecker 63, and they were declared elected.

ROMANISM—E. H. Dashiell presented and read the report of the special committee to whom had been referred the resolutions on Romanism, which was adopted, as follows:

Whereas, Roman Catholicism has been a disturbing political influence in every nation where it has predominated; and

Whereas, It is fundamentally antagonistic to freedom of conscience, press, and speech—principles of our Constitution which cannot be surrendered without sacrificing the government; and

Whereas, Romanism, with increasing numbers, is constantly increasing its political activities in this nation, avowedly bent upon making America Catholic; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, unqualifiedly condemns all such political activities upon the part of the Roman hierarchy, and as unqualifiedly commend all patriotic journals, that are giving the people the facts concerning this peril to American life and liberty.

INTRODUCTION—Dr. John Krantz representing the Methodist Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

AUDITING COMMITTEE—G. W. Bounds presented a partial report of the Auditing Committee, which was adopted and, on motion, the committee was granted permission to audit the Conference Treasurer's accounts during the week and make their report to the Secretary of the Conference for publication in the minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson it was agreed that when we adjourn it be to meet this afternoon at one o'clock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE—E. H. Dashiell presented and read a report of the special committee on Sunday School Literature and it was adopted; the name of W. L. White was substituted for that of S. M. Morgan as a member of the committee, and the committee was continued.

ORDINATION CERTIFICATE—Bishop Cranston presented the following certificate of ordination:

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to Certify, that on the Fifth day of April Nineteen Hundred and Fourteen, I ordained Ivanhoe Willis, Olie H. Connelly, George F. Newton, George E. Sterling, George S. Allen and Oren B. Rice as **Deacons**; and, assisted by several Elders, I ordained William M. McCann, Harry E. Reed, Thomas J. Sard and Melvin E. Wheatley as **Elders** in the Church of Christ, they having been duly elected to the above orders respectfully by the Wilmington Annual Conference.

EARL CRANSTON,
Presiding Bishop.

Done at Berlin, Maryland.

ADJOURNMENT—The doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by T. R. VanDyke.

NINTH SESSION—MONDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING—Conference convened at 1 o'clock with W. L. S. Murray in the chair and J. P. Otis conducting the devotions.

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

GREETINGS—The Secretary read return greetings from the Baltimore and Delaware Conferences of our Church, and also from the Maryland Methodist Protestant Conference.

GAMBRILL COMMISSION—W. G. Koons presented and read a report from the Commission on the Gambrill proposition which was adopted. (See Reports.)

CHAIR—Bishop Cranston assumed the chair.

CONF. DEACONESS REPORT—The report of the Conference Deaconess Board was read and approved, the nominations of the Board being confirmed.

TREASURER BONDED—On motion of J. W. Easley it was directed that the Treasurer of the Conference Claimant funds be bonded to the full amount held at any time, the cost of bonding to be paid out of the income from invested funds.

BOARD OF STEWARDS—W. G. Koons presented and read the report of the Board of Stewards which was adopted; the following nominations for trustees of claimant funds being confirmed. For Mrs. Annie D. Chat-ham, Robert Watt. For Mrs. Sarah V. Creamer, Mrs. Jennie R. Fields. For Frances W. Bloxton, Robert Watt. On motion of Robert Watt, the reading of the detailed distribution of Claimant funds was dispensed with, the report to be printed in the Minutes. On motion of V. S. Collins, it was ordered that, during the raising of the Melville Gambrill proposition in the several charges, the one per cent. usually apportioned for Steward's Endowment fund be suspended. On motion of E. L. Hoffecker, the report of the Stewards was reconsidered, and, on motion, the item of one per cent. was stricken out and the report was re-adopted as amended.

OFFICIAL ASKINGS—G. P. Jones announced the following Official askings from the Home Missions and Church Extension Board: Authorization \$700, English speaking people \$250, Italian Missions in Wilmington, Del., \$2000, Polish Missions in Wilmington, Del., \$1000, and they were approved.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS—G. P. Jones made the usual requests of the Bishop respecting special appointments and permission to be left without appointment to attend our schools. (See list of Appointments.)

CONFERENCE BOARDS—Nominations were made for the following Boards and Committees,—Conference Board of Church Location, Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Conference Board of Foreign Missions, Committee on Conference Boundaries, District Missionary Secretaries, and they were confirmed. (See list.)

ANNUITY FUNDS—On motion of W. G. Koons, the Stewards were authorized to take from the collections the sum of \$5577 and place the same in the Annuity Fund.

STATISTICAL REPORT—H. A. G. Westerfield made his report as Statistical Secretary, which was received and ordered printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT—J. W. Colona presented and read his report as Conference Treasurer, which was adopted.

THANKS—L. E. Barrett presented and read the report of the Committee on Thanks, which was adopted with rising vote.

ADJOURNMENT—On motion of Robert Watt, it was agreed that after the reading of the Journal and hearing the Appointments, that Conference stand adjourned without date.

COLLECTION—A collection was ordered for Minute expenses, Registrar, Post-mistress and Sexton, W. L. S. Murray being named to direct the same.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS—On motion of V. S. Collins, the name of T. R. VanDyke was substituted for that of E. C. Macnichol on the Bureau of Sessions, and L. E. Barrett, W. L. White and H. P. Cannon were re-elected for a term of three years.

SPECIAL APPEAL—On motion of Robert Watt, E. L. Hoffecker was authorized to send out an appeal during the year for the financial assistance of one of the brethren.

FINANCE COMMISSION—The Secretary announced the Commission on Finance and the organization as follows:—President W. G. Koons, Secretary, E. H. Dashiell. (See list.)

ADJOURNMENT—The Appointments were read and Conference adjourned, Bishop Cranston pronouncing the benediction.

EARL CRANSTON, President.

W. A. WISE, Secretary.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

It is with a profound sense of obligation to the great Head of the Church that I undertake to present this summary of the work done in that part of the Lord's Vineyard which has been put under my supervision.

It is an inestimable privilege to be a fellow-worker, not only with good men, but also with God. We have many times gone forth weeping bearing precious seed, but we now come rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us.

There has been but one change in the personnel of the working force of Dover District during the year, R. L. Mowbray appointed to Canterbury at the last Conference session, was excused during the year to attend one of our schools, and his place has been acceptably supplied by Rev. Chas. H. Atkins, one of our Local Preachers.

There has been but one death in the parsonage circles of our District during the year. The gifted son of Doctor and Mrs. Alfred Smith, a young man of rare popularity, met with injuries resulting from accident which ended in his death Aug. 4th, 1913. A large circle of friends share in the cloud of grief produced by this untimely death.

It seems entirely fitting that at this time some mention should be made of prominent and devoted lay members who have, since our last session, passed to their heavenly reward.

James B. Anderson, an honored Class Leader and Official of our Church in Frederica, for more than 40 years, died July 28th, 1913, in his 90th year. He was a saintly man on whose family altar the fires of devotion has not gone out for 61 years.

Richard Carter, of Denton, Maryland, died Sept. —, 1913. In his death our Church loses an honored, gifted, and useful member. Beside his official relations in the local Church, he served as District Steward.

In the death of Mrs. Eliza P. Clark, our Church at Milford has lost a modest saint of great consecration and generosity. Beside numerous other gifts while she lived, she donated in May last, \$1500. to the Conference Claimant Fund of this Conference, and left in her will the following bequests:—To the Methodist Hospital of Philadelphia, \$5000., and \$5000. to each of the following:—The Avenue Church, Milford, Bd. of Foreign Missions, Bd. of Home Missions and Church Extension, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Missionary Society, and the Local Board of Conference Claimants, and a \$1000. to the Ladies' Aid Society of Milford, and numerous smaller bequests.

Mrs. Amanda Philips, one of the elect ladies of our Church in Lewes, who passed away a few weeks ago, left a bequest of \$500. to the church of that town. The thoughtfulness of these departed saints help us to lift many burdens, and pleases the Heavenly Father.

General, and careful oversight of our property interests has been

observed throughout the District. No building operation of large magnitude has marked this year's work, but needed improvements have been made in Church property in the following Charges:

In my last report I referred to the conditions at Rehoboth. The resolutions passed by the Conference at its last session, bore fruit. The Trustees of Scott Chapel, an independent Methodist Church, whose building was burned in the fire of Feb. 22, last year, agreed to deed to our Church, located on the edge of the town, their lot on Balto. Ave. and give us their insurance money, if we would move our Church to said lot, and use the money to enlarge our building. To this the people and ministers readily agreed. In addition to the above, two lots, adjoining the new location, were purchased, the parsonage at the end of the town sold, and a new, convenient and up-to-date home is ready for the pastor after Conference. We found on examining the deed for the several lots on which Epworth Church stood, that they contained a reverting clause, and before moving said church, we obtained a fee simple deed, and these lots, together with all other property we hold in the town, contains the Oisciplinary clause. The wisdom of this move has already been proven. We now have one Methodist Church, instead of two, we are in the center of the town, instead of on the outskirts, where summer visitors do not care to travel because of the long walk through the heat. We have three very desirable lots that will give us a good church, and Church home. The contract has already been signed for a new auditorium to be erected at once, when we will have large accommodations for our people all the year around. The Pastor has had a good revival, and 34 souls have been saved.

Wesley and White's churches, on Burrsville Charge, have been repaired and painted, and present attractive appearance, at a cost of \$1000. Woodside on Canterbury Charge has given the church a coat of paint. Bloomery and Chestnut Grove on Concord Charge have spent \$500. in placing their churches in keeping with their home. The churches of Crapo, spent \$400. in giving more comfort and better service to their people. Felton has purchased a new organ at the cost of \$150. Greenwood and St. John's on Greenwood Charge are spending \$750. for needed improvements to church and parsonage, while Preston and Choptank on Preston Charge, have improved their property at a cost of \$700.

On the other hand we have given very special and diligent attention to the clearing up of debts everywhere. Certain instances of this kind are so heroic and successful, as to deserve detail mention.

Our Church at Cambridge, Maryland, costing \$65,000., at the beginning of the year had a debt of \$39,205. During the last 12 months there has been paid \$12,855.00, \$5,500. of which was from the sale of the old church site, \$328. for improvements, \$2500. on a splendid pipe organ just installed this year, leaving a balance of \$28,850 indebtedness. The pastor readily took hold where his predecessor left off, and was ably supported in the work of financing the enterprise by his Official Board.

W. P. Taylor, who is winding up his 4th year at Lincoln City, found a church debt of \$2700. on a \$6500. church, with a membership and constituency of moderate means. The pastor, the most prolific schemer, and invincible plodder, soon launched plans to capture the debt. He did the most unheard-of things to make money. He became financial manager, and at each Quarterly Conference made detailed statements of the progress of the work. At the 4th Quarterly Conference of this year he reported the entire debt paid, and presented the report of the Auditing Committee, that every bill was paid, and a voucher appeared for every dollar collected and expended.

The pastor of Hooper's Island found a debt of \$1400. against Mr. Zion Church and the mortgage in the hands of a man who had no sympathy with the churches, and especially protestant churches, and threatened to foreclose if not paid at once. By aid of our Home Mission and Church Extension Society with a gift of \$350. and a loan of \$500. the balance was raised. The pastor, like Paul, was a man with a trade, so he painted the church inside and out, placed a fine felt paper on the walls and otherwise put it in good shape, and on the day of reopening informed the people that the bill was fully paid, and asked for a subscription on the \$500. debt, and they paid in fifteen months that which they had been given five years to liquidate.

The pastor at Blades has paid off the remaining debt of \$328. on the new parsonage. Georgetown has paid \$602. on their parsonage debt, Leipsic \$150. on same. Lewes has paid \$2,195. on new church debt and interest, leaving \$3,938. which they hope to liquidate this coming year.

Wyoming has paid \$627. this year on Church debt, leaving a balance of \$2,400. which includes \$529. in pledges.

From best sources we can obtain we glean the following:—Dover District has 125 churches, valued at \$477,500., insured at \$270,600; 43 parsonages, valued at \$101,600., insured at \$64,575. The total value of Church property, \$579,100. 114 of the 125 churches are insured, and all the parsonages, the churches at 57% of their assessed value, and parsonages, 63½%.

Special attention has been given by the pastors and officials to the recording of all deeds both in church records and pastor's records at the parsonages.

In most instances, there has been an all-the-year search for benevolences. Conditions differ, men differ, times differ, the method that will work in one field, will not in another. Some pastors have the monies in hand by Christmas, others feel justified to put it off until the last of the year. No one system is adapted to all charges. If however we can early make a plan, adapted to the Charge we serve, make an early presentation, and as far as possible get contribution or subscription from each person, we have gone a long ways to solve the problem.

Our pastors are embarrassed in many instances by officials who ex-

ercise an advisory supervision over the contributions of others, by telling them we are not able to give so much, and such persons are not disposed to encourage a liberality that will advance the contribution of the Charge beyond the amount of last year. Some of them go further, and advise the people that we are paying too much to the benevolences, and consequently if there are any accidental or unfavorable local conditions, it becomes impossible to meet apportionments. This is so along the oyster belt this year. The pastors have thought and prayed, walked and rode, planned and plead, worn out their soles, resorted to teas, suppers, festivals and the like to get monies that they were asked to bring to Conference. If they come up short, it is after a hard struggle, encountering many criticisms of the causes and apportionments, and sometimes those who make them, and after a self-sacrificing and surprising liberality from the pastor's already overtaxed purse.

The apportionment to Dover District by the Commission on special Endowment Fund for Conference Claimants was \$4,975. and the same was duly apportioned in the same ratio to the charges.

The pastors have been wrestling with the problem. Where the laymen have been sympathetic, it has not been a hard task to make partial payment, some even suggesting that a yearly contribution of this size ought not to be a hardship. But where the laymen have not sympathized or encouraged the provision, the pastor has had troubles of his own. Nevertheless the Treasurer of the Fund, Mr. Thos. N. Ingram, reports that there has been paid from Dover District \$1635. up to date, while quite a number will likely bring up a payment at this session.

The Charges on Dover District, generally, are considerate of the pastor's comfort. There has been a healthy advance in the support during the year.

Magnolia has advanced from \$750. to \$1000., Milford and Georgetown from \$1200. to \$1400., Hooper's Island from \$450. to \$550., while Beckwith's, Crapo, Camden, Houston, Seaford, have each advanced \$100. and Preston, Nassau, Epworth and Hickman, and Williamsville have each added \$50. to pastor's salary, making an advance of \$1500. for the District.

At the 4th Quarterly Conference of this year Cambridge agreed to pay \$1400. next year to pastoral support, other charges are recognizing the need of advance and contemplate doing so this next year.

The battle against RUM still goes on, the contest is hard and hot, and even some christians hedge when urged to declare by their action, their loyalty to the cause. With all that is said to the contrary, there is less liquor brought into the Peninsula, less drunkenness and disorder in our towns, and fewer criminals in our jails than for many years. Our Maryland territory is in the toils at present time, with a good prospect of the enactment of a law that will protect Delaware and that part of Maryland covered by our Conference.

It may be said to the credit of our courts, in Delaware, the Attorney

General and his assistants, that they have shown no favor to the violator of the law, and declare so long as it is the law, persons must respect it, or take the consequence.

We are pleased to bring to you a good word about our Academy at Dover. The enrollment is 160, 17 in advance of last year. The boy's department has been practically full the entire year, while the girls have the average attendance. The discipline of the school is first class. I live within half a block of school, and pass it often, visit it, and have not seen anything out of the way, nor better behaved young people. It is true they are not angels, they are very human, for they come from our parsonages, and homes of our officials, but they compare well and reflect credit. The instructors are of high order, and the fact that the Principal has difficulty in keeping them, when other schools learn of their worth, evidences the character and grade. There is a marked religious tone in the lives and service of the student body, and the equipment for best work, is better than ever before. Doctor Budd is more and more commanding the respect and winning the admiration of the town and patronizing territory, that is bringing to our school a substantial prosperity that it has never before known, with every department paying its own way.

There have been several campmeetings on the District this year. Some have resulted in a few conversions, and fewer can be located after the camp is over. One pastor in his Quarterly report summarized the camp products as follows: We held a campmeeting, but had no conversions, Sunday schools were closed five weeks, church interests paralyzed, and the financial profits \$97.75.

Hence the country church problem is up for solution. The automobile, the summer resorts, the all-summer campmeetings, distract our people, demoralize our Sunday schools, and other services, and there remains but little time, or chance, to get in the work we are asked to do, to hold and support our churches. It is a sad day when we are compelled to discontinue the services of a church that has been a power in a community, and is still needed, but is not supported by either attendance or finances sufficient to make it possible for a minister to live by his labors.

The nearest approach to a solution on this District is at Galestown Circuit, where there is one Local Preacher, and a number of exhorters, and a schedule is arranged for a year which gives every church service, every Sunday, in charge of the pastor or one of these brethren. After the Sunday school is over an exhortation is given and a class meeting is held. As a result, class meetings are more largely attended. Special attention, recently, has been given, in inquiring into the attendance on class meeting, and I find it to be between one-fourth and one-third of the membership.

Cambridge and Georgetown among the large towns lead in the number of classes and average of attendance. This means of grace may still be a great power in our church, and where observed, and in measure as it is attended, tells on the spirituality of the people.

The work of the Epworth League has received a measure of attention. A very successful convention was held in Wesley Church, Dover, in the fall. It did much for the church at Dover, and the League at large. Telling addresses were made by Doctors C. M. Boswell of Phila., and Harry Mitchell of Balto.

We have in most of the large towns a Senior and a Junior Chapter, and where the pastor or some qualified person is giving special attention to the Juniors, they are doing fine work. They are not only enlisting the sympathies of the young people, but are fitting them for active and intelligent work in them church, and are cultivating a spiritual tone in their lives. —Cambridge, Denton, Georgetown and Lewes, are leading in League work. —The District Officers are compelled by circumstances to confine their labors largely to supervision and Convention work.

It is to be hoped that we may have a large attendance at the International Convention at Buffalo in the coming summer and catch new inspiration for League work.

The pastors and people have sought to care for, and advance the Lord's work on the District in every possible way during the entire year. The property interests have been carefully scrutinized and guarded, the benevolences have had our dreams, and waking energies, and nothing has given us more concern and worry, unless it be our anxiety to win souls to Christ.

Revivals warm churches, heal differences, increase spirituality, inspire larger liberality, and save sinners.

Revivals have been held in all of the Charges, and practically in all of the churches. Some have been far reaching, many souls saved and church quickened. We sometimes overlook the fact that is not often tabulated, the increased attendance on Sunday school and church services by adults. This has been marked in many instances, notably at Milford, where the accessions numbered 25, not a large class, yet so marked has been the improved attendance on the services that on a recent visit to the Charge I saw 125 adults in the pastor's Sunday school class, and that was not an average attendance, and this is only one of the evidences of increased interest.

The Charges reporting 50 or more conversions this year are, Cambridge, Elliott's Island, Greenwood, Farmington, Lakesville, Vienna, Wyoming, and Zoar, while Armory, Blades, Beckwith's, Ellendale, Felton, Epworth and Hickman, Rehoboth, Seaford and Seaford Circuit, report 25 or more. So far as I have been able to learn there have been 1132 conversions, and 1033 accessions. I have sought diligently to learn what has become of the other 100, and find they have joined other churches in the town or neighborhood of their homes, in large part, while a few are unaccounted for.

It will be interesting for the Conference to know of the five young men received on trial at our last session, four of whom were assigned to

work on Dover District, that one was excused to attend one of our schools, and the other three have given full proof of their ministry, they have proven to be evangelists indeed, two of them have conducted most gracious revivals, and I want to add that they have hard fields to cultivate.

We are glad to chronicle the fact that there has been increased interest in our church literature. Our people have been guilty of great neglect along this line, but are now waking up and becoming interested readers of our church papers which cannot help but make more intelligent and liberal christians.

I cannot conclude this summary of the work of Dover District for the past year without recording my appreciation of the multitude of courtesies and kindnesses which I have received at the hands of my brethren, both of the ministry and laity.

The richest measure of loyalty to the Church has been expressed in the fullest co-operation with the one who has represented the Church as its executive officer in the field.

The hardships of the work have been more than compensated by the kindly help, and the fraternal spirit, with which the worker has been greeted.

With profound gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for life, health and strength, for a task, and a place to work, a disposition to do his errands and abundant blessings to support in the pathway of duty, I respectfully submit this my fourth annual report.

R. K. STEPHENSON.

EASTON DISTRICT.

The year now closing on Easton District has been the most eventful of the present incumbency. The year opened auspiciously. There was but one ripple on the appointment sea, and that subsided as speedily as it arose. The loyalty of the average Methodist church usually wins. It was not dissatisfaction, therefore, with the appointing power, that led to four changes in pastoral relations within three months of the adjournment of Conference. The transfer of the Rev. Wm. Davidson Parry from Smyrna opened one of the choicest appointments in the Conference. To meet this emergency the Rev. C. W. Prettyman was unanimously chosen by the officials of Asbury. There was no doubt in my mind as to the wisdom of this choice. Dr. Prettyman has shown himself a workman "that needeth not to be ashamed." He is one of the most painstaking and diligent pastors it has been my lot to know. He not only preaches the Gospel, he lives it among his people. His ministry in this important church has been attended with marked success. Brother Richard Bicking was selected by the Centreville officials to succeed Dr. Prettyman. Their judgment has been abundantly vindicated in the outcome. Centreville has been pervaded by a spirit of revival, conversions in the usual services

of the church have been frequent. The church is alive. It is not to be wondered at, there is a LIVE man in the pulpit. The surest recipe for the killing of a church is an indolent minister. No church ever died when there was a man in the pulpit on fire of the Holy Spirit, walking in the fear of God, not of men. The opening at Wye Mills caused by the transfer of the Rev. L. R. Janney to the Philadelphia Conference, has been filled by the Rev. W. W. White. This charge is not an easy one, and brother White is to be commended for his faithfulness under difficult conditions. Piney Neck has been cared for by the Rev. Robt. Kirby, one of our young-er local ministers.

In the early summer the rev. Isaac Fosnocht, pastor at Millington, was prostrated by a serious illness from which he never fully recovered. He lingered for a few brief months hopeful of ultimate restoration, when in a moment he slipped from the arms of his devoted wife into the arms of Him whose Gospel he had so long and ably proclaimed. If one had been charged with the task of selecting one of our ministers, who was by reason of declining vigor likely to answer the roll call of the skies, that one would not have been Isaac G. Fosnocht. Exuberant, cheerful, overflowing with vitality, we were justified in predicting for him length of days. But it was not to be. "The strong rod is broken." He was a good soldier of Jesus Christ, a faithful minister of the good pleasure of the Lord.

The grim harvester has been busy also among the ranks of those who had sought retirement from the active work. While we were exchanging felicitations over a year auspiciously begun, the veteran of the retired ranks, Rev. Wm. M. Warner, found his longed for release. After his active ministry ceased brother Warner made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Mallalieu of Millington. Brother Warner was a gentleman of the old school, yet intensely modern. The mellow light of his Indian summer in no sense lessened his keen interest in the work of the church. Among the questions he always asked upon the occasion of my official visits were, "how fares the work? And the brethren, are they all well?" Sweet spirited, gentle, pure, genuine, a devoted minister of the Cross was Wm. M. Marnar. To know him was a benediction. Fortunate the church and pastor when such as he lingers in their midst.

Two widows of former members of the Conference have exchanged the sorrows of earth for the joys of heaven. In early summer while the air was redolent with the fragrance of the flowers she loved so well, Mrs. John D. Kemp, widow of the Rev. John D. Kemp, who made her home in Chestertown, "was not, for God took her." Her going away was a shock to all. Only a few weeks before the sudden messenger came I was an honored guest in her delightful home. She was as vivacious and witty as a young girl, and no one would have dreamed that the shadows were already gathering. Last fall before the autumn tints had faded Mrs. Edward Davis, the widow of the Rev. Edward Davis, for many years a member of the Wilmington Conference, went to join her sainted husband.

There has been unusual activity in the direction of the material interests of the district. At Tilghmans Island a new and modern church replaces the old one-room structure, long an eye-sore to the people. The Rev. Ivanhoe Willis never better demonstrated his ability as a leader of forlorn hopes than in the present instance. This man simply refused to become disheartened, and all now rejoice with him in the possession of a church edifice of which Methodism can be justly proud, and one that will meet the needs of coming generations. As a tribute of love to the memory of their sainted mother, the Robert Brothers, Peninsula Methodists, though now residing in Baltimore, gave a beautiful pipe organ for the new church. The total cost of the enterprise, \$7000, would have been materially increased but for the service rendered by the pastor.

After manifold and almost insurmountable barriers, Rev. F. X. Moore, pastor at Still Pond, has the joy of seeing the new church at Betterton under way, and the foundations of what will be a church commensurate with the needs of this rapidly developing summer resort, have been already laid. The entire cost of the project is in hand in cash and reliable subscriptions.

Chestertown has witnessed a modern miracle in the removal of the pipe organ from the rear to the front of the church. This statement may excite a smile, but those conversant with the history back of this particular matter will understand what is meant. It called for tact of a high order to effect this change without causing bitterness of spirit. Dr. Barrett met the issue and the good work was done without any unpleasant after effects. To make reasonably sure of Dr. Barretts' return the trustees installed a modern heating plant in the parsonage, and the District Superintendent bears appreciative testimony in this particular for he has been the beneficiary of this improvement when the comfort derived was greatly appreciated. The total cost of these improvements, \$1270, is paid in full.

The parsonage at Middletown has been rebuilt at a cost of about \$3900. Middletown has now one of the most commodious, convenient and well furnished parsonages in the Conference. Dr. Wyatt and his wife though suffering much inconvenience, occupied the house during the remodeling process, thus effecting a substantial saving to the committee in charge. The doubtful wisdom of a second pastorate is not evidenced in this case, for Dr. Wyatt is surpassing his former record as pastor of old Bethesda. It will be of interest to the entire Conference to know that this extensive enterprise was inaugurated and carried to a successful termination by what the Middletown friends insist on terming "the Ladies Mite Society," in this as in most cases, "a mighty society" for the good of the church as well as the comfort of the pastors.

At Townsend Rev. Warren Burr has just completed one of the most convenient and attractive parsonages to be found anywhere. It is a model home for the pastor, and the low cost of \$3150 will be explained by the fact that brother Burr, himself a practical builder, superintended the work, doing much of the finer portions of it with his own hands.

Through the generosity of our Church Extension Board, and the unflagging energies of the pastor, Rev. Wm. M. McCann, Oxford has at last secured a parsonage. One of the crying needs of Oxford for all these years has been a home for the pastor. Brother McCann's ministry has been marked also by the most notable revival that has visited Oxford for years, reaching a class of persons that the church hitherto had failed to touch.

Last year the Rev. V. P. Northrup, D. D., pastor of St. Michaels, succeeded in paying an old and troublesome debt. This year the audience room has been made very much more attractive by new quarters for the choir and organ, and stained glass windows, and a fund is in hand for further improvements in the near future, and the church in better financial condition than for many years. The cost of these additions is \$1450.

Additional improvements are as follows: Sherwood and Witman, \$380, Still Pond \$1000, Cecilton \$150, Sudlersville \$200, Fairlee \$222, Greensboro \$150, Pomona, Millington, \$50 each, Trappe \$226, Rock Hall \$150, Salem Circuit \$475, Wye Mills \$100, Clayton \$725, Crumpton and Queenstown \$75 each, Bozman \$75, Church Hill \$150, Galena \$150, Golt \$60, Ridgely \$150, Townsend \$2132, Middletown \$1200, Ridgely \$400, Cecilton \$240, Cordova \$200, Henderson \$222, Clayton \$150, Golt \$125, Fairlee \$40, Salem Circuit \$222, Odessa \$50, Greensboro \$68. The total of improvements and debts will exceed \$26,000.

There is no cause that should make a stronger appeal to the heart of the church than the proper care of her retired ministers, their widows and orphans. Our own Conference is endeavoring to supplement the law of the church by increasing its endowment fund, and we owe much to Mr. Melville Gambrill in inspiring the churches to build up a permanent endowment fund, thus falling in line with other Conferences in this good cause. So far as my knowledge extends but one charge on the district failed to accept the endowment apportionment, practically every charge on the district is represented this year, and there will be no falling off in the amount for immediate distribution. Mr. Joseph Downey of Rock Hall, gives \$100 to the fund, and this does not count on the apportionment for this charge. From present indications Easton District will raise its full apportionment.

There are always in the course of a Conference year some cases that call for special mention. Rev. Oren B. Rice has made a great record at Pomona. A glorious revival, apportionments exceeded, the whole charge enthusiastic over their pastor, practical proof of which is furnished by the fact that the pastor's salary has been raised to make reasonably sure of his return. Too often the sort of appreciation accorded is the type that expresses itself in resolutions, no so the wise folks at Pomona. Rev. T. N. Given at Fairlee exceeds in ALL respects the record of any of his predecessors, among whom were some of the brightest young men in the Conference. Genuine revivals in all the churches, and apportionments met

in full is the good news from Fairlee. There are some adjectives that are overworked by the average District Superintendent, and for the want of a better one I am compelled to employ one of the type named, when I say that the pastorate of Rev. G. R. Neese at Clayton has been phenomenal, just that, and no less. I have not in the ten years of experience in this office seen a more providential appointment. A perfectly harmonious official board, a revival that stirred the town, the membership of a normally large Sabbath School doubled, a men class of over 100, a renewed and beautified auditorium, the long time mortgage on the pastor's home cremated, the addition of a new room to the main church in prospect—these are a few of the many good things that have gladdened Clayton this year. As a testimonial of their love for the pastor, and for the church, the Baraca class presented him with a purse of a \$100, and recarpeted the audience room with a handsome velvet brussels. Let me say further, for it ought to touch the heart of every Methodist preacher who hears it, that this good pastor and wife have raised a family of nine on comparatively small salaries, educated them, and every child is an honor to their parents, and one of his sons though but a youth in years occupies one of the largest and most responsible positions in a great manufacturing concern in the city of Wilmington. So much is said often in criticism of minister's children, that it is a real pleasure to bear this word of testimony. The work of Rev. Wm. E. Habbart, at Ridgely, has been marked by blessings from the presence of the Lord. Ninety souls saved, a quickened and invigorated church, a Junior League of over 100 members demonstrate the wisdom of the return of brother Habbart after an absence of but two years. If there is a happier man in the Conference than Rev. Warren Burr over the victories that have crowned his ardent toil at Townsend I would like to see his face. Townsend bids fair to become one of the strongest churches on the district. No man on the district has greater reasons for gratitude than Rev. John W. Prettyman of Rock Hall. After the wonderful revival of last year he comes reporting another ingathering and the charge in the best condition it has ever been. None have struggled against harder odds and with a better showing, than Rev. Harry Taylor of Crumpton, and I gladly bear witness to this fact.

Rev. E. H. Derrickson is closing five years of what has proven a very happy and useful pastorate at Church Hill, not least among which has been an advance in the benevolent offerings of 82%. And his fifth year has distanced any preceding year.

The Rev. J. A. Brewington at Bozman and Neavitt has shown what a Methodist preacher can effect when he embodies in his working creed the principle of the "final perseverance of the saints." By a good natured application of this same principle brother Brewington has trebled the membership of the Sabbath schools. When a charge graduates from the money borrowing habit to prevent a deficit, to the position where it pays as it goes, and closes the year with a goodly balance, one is justified in suspecting a

better financial system is in vogue, and that there is sturdy, wise leadership in the pulpit. This double blessing Easton has enjoyed this year in the person of J. W. Wheatley, the treasurer, and brother W. E. Gunby, the pastor. The work of brother Gunby at Easton has put this charge in a position to become one of the outstanding charges in the Conference. In the report of his work for the year the Rev. T. C. Smoot of Kent Island had no word to say about a belated winter or a procrastinating flock, he simply said, "all apportionments met in full, and one-third of the Gambrill fund in bank." A man less alert and diligent would have sent a very different account.

That "the laborer is worthy of his hire" is an apostolic utterance that none will question, yet it does not as it might receive recognition on the part of those who hold the purse strings. Mere commercialism make but slight appeal to those who are called of God to minister in holy things, but ministers are men, they must answer the sharp and insistent demands that grow out of this fact. It must ALWAYS be a cause of reproach to the church, when her ministers are compelled to suffer needless worry over the simple fact of a decent support. There are some things that need to be said again and again relative to this very matter. It is a cheering sign that our Laymen's Association has taken the question under advisement and are facing the situation as it is. What are the facts? These. We have churches where the salary is \$1000, \$1200, and \$1400, that in Conferences well to the north of us would be paying at least a third more. That is, churches of equal standing, in the Newark and the two New York Conferences, and even in the New Jersey Conference, where the support of the minister is \$1400, \$1600, \$1800, and in some instances \$2000. With families to educate, with a multitude of demands to meet, with ability equal if not greater than the men to whom reference is made, how long can we hope to retain the services of these men at so great a disadvantage to themselves? The question is not hard to answer. The writer has had abundant opportunity to observe the facts, and can furnish specific proof, if needed, of the correctness of the statements here made. Indeed these things are admitted, and admitted with pardonable pride, but they have not as yet received just recognition. Let us hope that this recognition may come in the near future. If it does not, I am not a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but it will be safe to predict that the Wilmington Conference will suffer severe loss in prestige and in influence.

Six charges have advanced salary. They are Townsend, Trappe and Golt, \$100 each, and Tilghmans, Millington and Pomona \$50 each, and Pomona gives notice of another advance for the ensuing year.

There may be individual single human factors that have larger value in the development of the Kingdom than religious literature but it is doubtful. Certain is it that we cannot have an intelligent and adequate grasp of our Denominational character and activities apart from our Denominational press. It is a fact no less astonishing than humiliating that

so small a percentage of our Officials take ANY kind of a church paper. All sorts of papers and magazines are to be found on their library tables, but there is a woeful lack of the church paper. We have conducted a definite campaign on the district this year with the avowed object of overcoming this weakness in our church life. That we have not failed of some measure of success will be seen by a glance at the facts. Our motto for the coming year is "a Church Paper in Each Home" and there is no good reason why this ideal may not be reached. To argue that this result makes for the success of the Pastor in the building of the Kingdom would be time worse than wasted.

What of the spiritual conditions? One of the most cheering signs of the times is the awakening that has come to us in relation to things spiritual. There was held recently in the city of Brotherly Love a notable celebration commemorative of the Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. And in connection with that celebration one of the most significant utterances of the century came not from the lips of a minister of the Gospel, but from the lips of one of the great captains of industry, Mr. Alba Johnson of Vermont. Hear him, for he spoke with the authority of a prophet. "In America we have had so much material prosperity, we have indulged ourselves so much in luxury, that we have almost lost the vision of the Pilgrim Fathers. And I say this in full recognition of the magnificent beneficence of generous philanthropists, and the noble work that has been done to uplift the sinful and the unfortunate. But as a nation we need a spiritual awakening. I speak that which is in the minds of many thoughtful men, when I say, that the GREATEST need of America to-day, and the ONE antidote against a dangerous socialism, is a great revival of religion that shall turn the minds of men away from the consideration of the minor evils, to a contemplation of their relations with Almighty God." And those who were present in Dover in January and heard Bishop Cranston read an extract from the address of the new editor of a great Western daily upon the occasion of his entrance upon his high task, were profoundly impressed that the "arm of the Lord was being made bare" among the people. And in addition to all this one of the really great dailies of Philadelphia has for weeks been conducting a revival symposium in which noted men both of the ministry and laity have been speaking of the awakening that is already upon us. Surely God is moving among the people and "there is a sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees," the waves of salvation are coming our way. And there is no Denomination better equipped either as to its history or its spiritual furnishing to share in the achievement of this mighty movement than our own Denomination. May we hear the warning of the Revalator when he cries, "see to that none take thy crown."

In the midst of these dispensations of the favor of the Lord Easton district has not been passed by. Pentecostal blessings have fallen upon us in abundant measure. The most notable was at Greensboro, Rev. A. P. Prettyman, pastor. The revival really had its beginning among the older

members of the Sabbath school, when an entire class of young men presented themselves at the altar. From that night the power fell upon the people like manna from the skies, and the revival was on, and did not abate in interest or power until 150 souls were brought into the kingdom. It was my happy privilege to be with the pastor on the last Sabbath of the revival. It was a day never to be forgotten, whole families were brought into the fold, and one of immediate results was a class of 40 young men added to the Sabbath school. Ridgely has felt the blessed uplift of what in the opinion of competent judges is the most remarkable revival in the history of the church, a meeting that witnessed the conversion of 90 souls, the majority of whom were young men. There was an absence of excitement, people acted with unusual deliberation, and the membership of the church had a mind to work. Rev. T. C. Smoot comes bearing sheaves to the number of 63, Rev. W. B. Horner 62, Rev. G. R. Neese 47, Rev. Warren Burr 58, Rev. O. B. Rice 48, Rev. J. W. Prettyman 45, Rev. T. N. Given 37, Rev. F. X. Moore 42, Rev. W. N. Conoway 36, Rev. V. P. Northrup 32, Rev. J. R. Bicking 28, Rev. E. H. Derrickson 22, Rev. D. J. Moore 36, Rev. C. T. Wyatt 25, Rev. Ivanhoe Willis 15, Rev. W. W. Chaires 15, Rev. J. A. Brewington 14, Rev. C. T. Jones 12, Rev. C. W. Prettyman 20, Rev. Leonard White 30. There have been conversions in nearly every charge on the district, the aggregate will reach over 1000. To God be all the glory, and for His Spirit poured out upon us we render unfeigned thanks.

The close intimacy that obtains between the Superintendent and the ministers affords abundant opportunity to observe what manner of men they are to whom the church has committed eternal interests. No man can associate with these sons and daughters of the church and not be impressed with the heroic spirit they manifest. The heroic age has not vanished. More than one Methodist parsonage will furnish full proof of this. And while an annual report gives scant room for moralizing yet I am free to say that the secret of this heroism is born of love for the King and His Kingdom. And as it has been given me of God and the church to be a participant of the joys and sorrows, the victories and defeats of these my brethren in the Kingdom and Patience of Jesus Christ, I have been profoundly grateful that to us as His Ambassadors there have been committed treasures beyond price. We have been sent to preach Jesus Christ the Savior, the All Sufficient Savior, the sympathetic friend.

What a faith is ours. What a privilege to proclaim it to men and women of like passions with ourselves. What an inspiration to know that "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above what we can ask or think". Brothers, I give you hearty congratulations for surely "the secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him."

ROBERT WATT.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

We welcome you to this little "city" by the sea, where a kind and gracious Providence has permitted us to assemble in unbroken ranks without the sad memory of the subtle hand of death having entered any parsonage home, with one exception. George Emmett, the two year old son of the Rev. and Mrs. George E. Wood, died Friday, June 27th, at Hebron, Md. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. D. F. McFaul and the writer.

We beg to submit a few items that are more perfectly tabulated in the unchangeable record of time and will look us in the face at the dawn of eternity.

The District Epworth League held its Annual Convention in Asbury Church, Salisbury, in November. Reports revealed that some special features of that work had been given special prominence, with the result that there are more young people pursuing systematic Bible and Mission study than ever before. The Convention was interesting and stimulating.

At the last session of this Conference, twelve ministers, tried and true, with an average of more than seven years of service on the District, were lifted and distributed in various parts of the "upper regions". The twelve who succeeded them were not altogether unacquainted with the peculiar demands of the work of this section, and therefore, will submit excellent reports to this Conference.

District lines overlap the boundaries of three states, viz.: Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. The Delaware portion includes the southern part of old Sussex, always abounding in faith and good works for the church. There are 10 circuits, 2 stations; altogether, 25 preaching places. The adjustment of men and churches has been so beautifully harmonious this year, that each pastor has received a unanimous invitation to return,—one exception noted, and he, closing a three year pastorate, expressed a desire for another field of labor.

Selbyville continues in the lime-light of progressive business methods in finance and deep spiritual activities, culminating this year in a gracious revival. The pastor reports benevolences in advance of last year, \$500 paid on church debt, and 82 conversions and reclamations.

The readjustment of circuit lines, affecting Frankford, Millville and Ocean View, has been a source of satisfaction to all related thereto. It has required skill and executive ability to preserve peace and harmony.

Frankford has two out-lying churches, Houston and Omar. The pastor reports \$244 on benevolences, improvements on church and parsonage, \$1000, all of which has been paid, and 82 conversions.

Dagsboro and St. Georges are unitedly happy under the pastorate of G. W. Bounds. A commodious parsonage, with modern improvements, has been erected at Dagsboro at a cost of \$3800. The pastor has shown himself to be a skilled workman and a careful shepherd of souls. He

reports \$455 for all benevolences, \$500 paid for improvements, \$150 paid on debts and 90 conversions.

Ocean View and Millville is another new combination under the pastoral care of E. W. McDowell, with the parsonage home at Ocean View. A new barn has been built and paid for, \$100 paid on an old debt, collections in fine shape, and the presence of the Lord in saving 65 souls is the crowning work of the year.

Whitesville charge, for many years in a state of transition, takes another new departure. A majority of the members at Jones' church decided among themselves that the centre of population was at Lowes X Roads, about two miles distant, and as the moving of the church could not be agreed upon unanimously, they further decided, without asking official advice, to build a church at the latter place. The society has been recognized and accepted as a part of Whitesville circuit, and the dedication of the church, costing about \$5000, will probably take place in June.

Gumboro reported all claims met in full at the fourth Quarterly Conference, and unanimously expressed a desire for the return of the pastor. Roxana paid in full; a harmonious people; the spirit of revival always present in the services. It is to be regretted that the pastor, J. H. Wilson, feels under the necessity to ask the Conference for a year's respite from toil, being thus advised by his physicians. He is a faithful minister and we extend him the brotherly hand of sympathy.

Millsboro commends itself to the Conference for congratulations. For some years past the spirit of benevolence and liberality have been at a minimum. Last year the pastor more than doubled the benevolent collections of the previous year. This year he comes with \$63 in advance of last year; paid \$185 on improvements, and 14 accessions to the churches.

Laurel is aggressive and up to the standard of efficiency. Old fashioned class-meetings are successfully maintained; the finances are conducted after the manner of banks; bills met every month in advance; and \$2000 have been paid on the church debt.

Delmar, possesses a loyal church constituency. Improvements on parsonage and the purchase of and paying for a lot adjoining the present church site at a total cost of about \$1000, would indicate foresight for greater things in days to come.

Mt. Pleasant charge is composed of three churches, distinctively rural, situate in an area bound by three sides, each less than 10 miles in length, forming a triangle with bisecting lines at Laurel, Delmar and Sharptown. This circuit is a concrete example of the rural church problem, of which we have many, and how to maintain this class of work, is a matter of grave concern.

J. W. Gray closes the third year of a successful pastorate at Bethel, and the twenty-second year of active work on this District. With the exception of six years, this includes his entire ministry. For length of time of pastoral service on any one District, he stands at the head.

In our Virginia work we have two islands in character not unlike Deal's and Smith's on the Maryland side, all of which are a positive scare to some pastors and their wives until they go there. Then all preconceived and unfavorable notions disappear, and contentment reigns supreme.

Chincoteague may be small in numbers, but always large in benevolence. Total collections, \$342; \$97 in advance of last year, and by far the best in the history of the church. For all causes no church will show a better record on a per capita basis.

Tangier occupies a unique position in location, representation and liberality. It furnishes the largest average attendance of Sunday or week-day worshippers assembling in any church of the Conference.

Onancock charge consists of 5 churches, 2 of which are under the care of an efficient supply, T. S. Dixon. The preacher in charge has given 3 years of service with gratifying results. Paid on debts this year, \$500; improvements, \$50; conversions, 20.

Cape Charles enjoys continued prosperity along all lines. Five years ago this church was assisted by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and paid \$750 salary. One year later the present pastor was assigned there, salary \$800 and no outside help. At that time there was a debt of about \$1500. Since then the salary has normally increased to \$1000 and membership in church and school in corresponding proportion.

Claremont and Phoebus remain with continued unfavorable environments for speedy development. It is not easy to supply these points from this Conference. I am inclined to request this Conference to appoint a Commission to act jointly with a similar Commission from the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, to give these churches a more advantageous position.

Our Maryland work lies within the boundaries of the three lower Eastern Shore counties and consists of thirty-three appointments. The prosperity of these churches in a general way has been affected by untoward weather conditions. The "oyster culture" question has been a vital problem with the tide-water sections from early autumn until now, and certainly not the least to be considered is the fact of a general state election, which, in spirit, was not altogether conducive to revival work. Many good things might be said of all the charges of this section. Each pastor has labored faithfully and is worthy of our commendation, but I will refer only to those churches where work done or contemplated is of special interest.

Early in the Conference year W. S. H. Williams was secured to take charge of Salisbury Circuit. His appointment was providentially helpful. He reports sixty conversions and an advance in benevolent collections.

In November, Zach Webster Wells was released from Holland's Island to attend Drew Seminary, and Charles W. Spry was secured to take his place.

Asbury, Crisfield, takes first place on the District this year in ministerial support, paying pastor \$1500.00. The benevolences exceed any-

thing ever reported in the history of the church; sum total \$830. The possibilities of this large congregation are yet undetermined. To visit the large Sunday School under the management of Brother W. E. Ward, is to receive both pleasure and profit.

Immanuel, Crisfield, where we were so generously received and hospitably entertained last year, has had a year of almost unprecedented peace and prosperity. Pastor's allowance has been increased \$100; benevolences in advance of any former year, and if there is one discordant note anywhere, the writer has not been able to discern it.

Deal's Island, Girdletree, Fruitland, Hebron, Pocomoke City, St. Peter's, Parsonsburg and Nanticoke are enjoying the efficient work of their respective pastors, each closing his first year. With the possibilities of having another opportunity of reporting for them, I defer to a later period the pleasure of speaking of their good works.

I should not fail however, to mention the burning of Wenona church at the lower part of Deal's Island, on Sunday night, March 1st. There was a small insurance of \$700., probably about one-fifth of its value. With this amount secured, if they build at all, great sacrifice will be required on the part of that small society.

It is due to say that Pocomoke City is witnessing great strides in ridding its beautiful property of debt. Largely through the personal efforts of the pastor \$1100 have been raised and applied this year. He reports twenty-two per cent. increase in the benevolences, paid on improvements \$150. and five conversions.

The first and best thing to be mentioned for Snow Hill is the great revival,—the greatest in a generation for that church. For more than a year the pastor was diligent in laying the foundation, after which he summoned to his aid the Rev. and Mrs. Bridgers, who proved to be a great success. Their evangelistic work was not superficial, after the manner of some, but the sub-soiling was deep and widened in area for many miles around. About one hundred souls professed saving faith, sixty-four of whom gave their names to our church. To conserve the results of this work of grace, the pastor has organized a Brotherhood with sixty-one charter members, and placed the entire membership of the church into active departmental work.

Fairmount has had a remarkably good year. The agitation of "the oyster question" has been especially acute at this point, and required the hand and head of a diplomat to keep it out of the church. The year closes with \$259. paid on improvements; \$200. paid, and \$1100. subscribed on old debts against the church. The benevolences have been advanced 20%, and there have been twenty-six conversions.

Whatever the needs of the District may be, we cannot eliminate the "saw and hammer". In the early part of the year, the pastor at Mount Vernon, addressed himself to the temporal care of the two churches of the charge. A new and improved lighting system, new carpets and interior

decorations transformed the appearance of Asbury. Cost, \$500.; all paid. A new alcove for the organ, a new steam heating plant, an acetylene plant, interior decorations of steel, new carpets and painting, all at the total cost of \$2200. are the additions that go to make worship inviting at John Wesley church.

Methodism at Mardela Springs is numerically and financially weak. For years they have been handicapped with a mortgage on the parsonage. Added to this burden the church building was in sad need of repair. The congregation was unable to meet the distressing dilemma. The Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension heard our appeal and extended liberal sympathy. The mortgage has been reduced from \$900. to \$300., and improvements to the extent of \$625. were placed on the church. These happy results were consummated under the directing hand of J. W. Hardesty, a faithful supply with a good business head and a zealous Christian heart.

Pocomoke Circuit, for four years in charge of Horace E. Truitt, shows a marked advancement, in that salary has been increased \$100.00; churches improved to the amount of \$1519., all paid; and the membership of the churches nearly doubled in that period of time.

Quindocqua, an old time land mark of Methodism, and in recent years a part of Marion Charge, has been razed and the substantial timbers thereof, preserved and identified with the new Quindocqua erected on the same spot and almost ready for dedication. The approximate cost of this church will be about \$3500.00.

Our Salisbury churches continue to sustain themselves with uniform and vigorous activity. Asbury, strong and resourceful, increases in benevolences and membership, and this year has been one of the best in her long and useful history. Grace Chapel occupies a strategic point in East Salisbury. It is a station and stands alone as the only organized church in that very inviting area. Brother Dulany is in charge of that young society and that is one reason for its rapid development.

Sharptown, for three years under the pastoral care of R. H. Adams, possesses a devout, loyal and liberal hearted people. The reports are in fine form and the society well organized.

Princess Anne has fully demonstrated ability to stand as a station. A new financial plan, supported by a vigorous and well organized brotherhood, has proved itself worthy of consideration by other churches, in that all claims have been met in full each week.

And now we cast our eyes about us to behold the beautiful edifice in which you are assembled, and which makes it possible to extend to you hospitality without reservation. To say that it is a glorious achievement, is a conservative statement, when you know the story of the enterprise from the beginning. The 22nd day of June last found a crowded house. Of the many ex-pastors invited, Bros. Budd and Beauchamp responded and rendered valuable assistance. Bishop Berry was in command

and after a most helpful sermon, the net for dollars was flung afar by the good Bishop, who was commissioned to manage the financial side of securing \$9000.00 needed to meet the demands of the hour. It was a prodigious undertaking. That is why we succeeded. It requires no effort to do an easy thing. View it with a critic's eye if you must and note its imperfections, but your eye is not keen enough to discern imperfections in the spirit and generosity of this Methodist host and their friends, who got beneath the burden of the day. The total cost, including furniture, organ, piano, heating plant, windows and pavement, is \$22,000.00. This splendid edifice is a monumental tribute to the prodigious zeal and vigorous perseverance of the pastor and his loyal people.

It may be permitted me to venture a few suggestions in behalf of our Methodism. Very many of our ministers are underpaid. They are inadequately provided for when active service ceases. Not all churches appreciate the capital investment in a minister's education, yet demand educated ministers, to whom in many instances they pay less than is received by union labor. While we do not enter the holy ministry for bread, we have a right by every divine and human precept to obtain a comfortable living. While no less stress should be laid upon the necessity for advances in our great benevolent enterprises, nevertheless, with such advancement there should be a proportionate increase in the support of the minister upon whom is laid the obligation for promoting the advance. I believe my brethren of the District are willing to attest how faithfully I have tried to place this responsibility upon the heart of the church. Even for this year, not the best in financial results, unless indications prove futile, there will be \$1625 advance in pastoral support. Moreover our ministers should be paid more promptly. To keep back a pastor's salary two or three months, or to pay him in dribblets, is to borrow his money without interest, which, to say the least is not fair. The pastor could do far better work if the church would spare him the unnecessary worry concerning his salary. I plead for a more liberal support for him "who stands between the living and the dead", and whose grandest work cannot be revealed until the books are opened and the judgment pronounced.

Then the greatest business in the world is that of soul winning, and that is the business of the minister. The question of method is largely a matter of conditions. An unaffected personal concern for the individual spiritual interests of his people, backed by a holy life, will be found by the pastor far more effective than his eloquence, which so often is regarded merely as entertainment.

I am glad to record as my humble judgment, that each of my co-laborers has tried to do his best.

May the gracious Lord accept our service for the year that is past, and equip us all for larger and better service in the year that is to come.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. P. JONES.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

This has been a great year in the District. Pastors have achieved success, but not without labor. A more diligent body of men, as a whole, it would be hard to find, all deserved to succeed, but "God giveth the increase". Results which will permanently benefit the church have been secured. On May 15th last the Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, 307 West St., Wilmington, was dedicated by Bishop Berry, assisted by other ministers. This Home is a memorial to her parents, presented by Mrs. Wm. M. Field.

The Women's Home Missionary Society is carrying on a remarkable work in this home, having more than 100 children enrolled in classes. They are being taught those things which will make them good Christians and good citizens. Sister Margaret A. Sweet and other Deaconesses carry on this Christlike work.

June 15th, 1913, the Rev. Doctor Frederic W. Wright assisted by other ministers dedicated the Italian Church on West St. near Third in Wilmington. This building was formerly a dwelling and has been adapted to the needs of the congregation by removing partitions to make an audience room to accommodate the people.

Madeley Church in South Wilmington has been thoroughly repaired and improved, making it really a beautiful church within. The improvements consist of metal ceilings and side walls, decorations, new carpets, new heating plant, and pulpit platform. The pastor, Rev. E. H. Collins, was the wise leader in the enterprise, to him is due the success of the work. It cost more than \$2000, all of which has been paid.

The corner stone of the new McCabe Memorial Church was laid July 20th by the Rev. F. C. McSorley, the pastor, assisted by other brethren. The new edifice is constructed of Cockeyville marble, which has life and beauty. The church was dedicated Jan. 11th, 1914, by Bishop Earl Cranston, assisted by the Rev. Doctor M. D. Bovard, the District Superintendent and the pastor. The building cost with the furnishings \$25,079.25. About \$7000 had been paid before the day of dedication, \$8600 were raised in cash and good subscriptions at the dedication. The people are full of courage and hope. The Sunday School and congregation are growing and McCabe gives promise of being a strong church in the near future.

Samuel H. Baynard has presented to the trustees of McCabe Church a house, for a pastor's home, valued at \$5000 subject to a mortgage of \$3000. We take this occasion to publicly thank Mr. Baynard for his generous gift. We appreciate his kindness and trust a loving providence will bless him.

Our beautiful gothic church at Summit Bridge, Del., was struck by lightning and burned July 24th, 1913. The next day the trustees, the pastor and District Superintendent met together, and steps were taken to rebuild immediately. The amount realized from insurance was about

\$2100. A competent architect was employed. We now have a beautiful new church replacing the old one, with such facilities as are needed in our times. The new edifice was dedicated Jan. 18th. Dr. W. L. S. Murray preached in the morning and the District Superintendent in the evening. The Rev. E. H. Collins was present during the day and rendered valuable services. The amount needed to put us over was \$1800. When the services ended in the evening, it was found that we had \$2035.15, most of it in cash, and in time subscriptions to be paid in thirty days. The Rev. Asbury Burke has been the leading spirit in the enterprise and to him is due in a large degree its success.

Hillcrest, on the Darby trolley line, is a popular suburb of Wilmington. Rev. T. H. Harding is the pastor of our people. On Aug. 3, 1913, the cornerstone was laid for a new church. The District Superintendent, the pastor, Dr. V. S. Collins and Rev. F. C. McSorley took part in the services. The new stone church is ready for dedication. It is the most attractive church building in appearance in the vicinity of the city. It has rooms for the different departments of church activity, and the marvel of it all is there is only a debt of \$2200, and the dedication is yet to come. The total cost is \$8000. The people rose up and did the work themselves, working at times till eleven o'clock at night, using lanterns and electric lights. They have won the respect and admiration of the community by their heroism and sacrifice to secure a house in which to worship God.

The corner stone for the new Trinity Church in Wilmington was laid on Dec. 7th, 1913, Dr. George Edward Reed, Rev. E. C. Sunfield, Rev. R. High Adams and the District Superintendent taking part in the services. The new church will replace the old corrugated iron building which has served its day. The property when completed and furnished will have a value approximately of \$10,000. The pastor and his loyal and enthusiastic people hope to have the new building ready for dedication in the near future. They have financed the enterprise successfully to date and believe they will be able to manage so as to have no burdensome debt.

Chester-Bethel rejoices in a beautiful home for the pastor. The new parsonage with furnishings cost about \$3000, all of which is paid. The pastor and people are happy over the result.

Night always follows the day. Life is made up of light and shadows. On March 1st last one of the most destructive wind storms swept over Brandywine Hundred. It unroofed the Chester-Bethel Church and caved in the rear wall and made havoc of the interior of the building. It will probably cost \$3000 to repair the church and put all things in order again.

Mt. Pleasant Church and parsonage were damaged several hundreds of dollars, also Claymont was injured to some extent, but happily no lives were lost.

Grace Church in our chief city, is an imposing edifice, an ornament to the city and the pride of our denomination. One of the trustees, Francis W. Heisler, a brother who devotes more of his time caring for the house

of God than any layman whom we have known, took upon himself the pleasing task of changing the windows. Memorials now adorn the audience room, making it a thing of beauty and a joy to visitor and worshipper. The improvements cost about \$5000. The good work done by our brother deserves honorable mention. Solomon said, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

In June, Mrs. Quigg, the relict of the late J. B. Quigg, an honored member of this Conference, passed to her heavenly home. She was ripe in years and experience. The fragrance of a useful life remains with us.

In October, the wife of the Rev. T. S. Barrett, pastor of Elk Neck charge, who had been for many years a patient sufferer, but sustained by divine grace, passed to her reward. She was buried in the cemetery at Mardela Springs, the District Superintendent assisted by other ministers, conducted the funeral services. Our brother and his children mourn her loss, but hope to meet her again where there is no parting.

The Rev. J. W. Talley, after a brave fight of years, passed to his reward in August last. He was a good man and loved by all his acquaintances. A suitable memoir will be presented.

We have had some changes in the pastorate. Early in the year Dr. E. C. Macnichol, a brother beloved, who joined the Conference in 1876, pastor of Rising Sun, Md., became ill and was compelled to rest, and in October was released from the burdens of his charge and at present is living in Philadelphia, and the Rev. Geo. W. Townsend was appointed to supply the work for the remainder of the year. Absolute rest is necessary for our dear brother and we hope in the providence of God to have him stand again in the ranks of effective ministers. We are lonesome without him.

June 25th last Bishop Berry took the Rev. J. R. Bicking to supply a vacancy in the pulpit in Centreville, Md., making a vacancy in Eastlake Church. Rev. H. T. Ennis was appointed, who served until September 1st and then went to Lewes, Del. to be principal of the High School. Rev. Daniel J. Ford of Sherry Hill, Md. was transferred to Eastlake and the Rev. Geo. E. Wood was appointed pastor of Cherry Hill. These changes have been with the consent and approval of the officials of the churches. The pastors are happy and the work prospers.

The Rev. Stephen M. Morgan, who has spent twenty-seven years in the active ministry and nine of them as pastor of Mt. Salem Church, will ask to be placed upon the retired list on account of continued disability due to an X-ray burn some years ago. He hopes after a year's rest devoted to providing conditions for cure he may be permanently restored. Dr. Morgan has been a strong man among us. His influence due to his personality, has been wide and serviceable to the moral and religious forces at work in our territory. We pray for his speedy recovery.

Brack Ex Park is on the Peoples Trolley line between Elsmere and Brandywine Springs, and adjoins Roselle Park. It is a suburban residen-

tial neighborhood which is rapidly building up. Two years ago we had a church census taken in Roselle Park and found a considerable number of people who were Methodists. Last summer we directed Rev. J. H. Thornton to open a Sunday School. Upon the first Sunday forty-four were present. A. K. Taylor, the owner and promoter of Brack Ex Park, upon request, kindly gave us two desirable lots upon which to erect a church, and we hope soon to have a building in which to gather the people.

The Sunday Schools of the District were never as large and as well instructed. The churches have a mind to the work. Men's Bible Classes are a feature which is very impressive, and mean much for the future. Some of our Sunday Schools have grown beyond the accommodations provided by the church buildings. This is especially true of Brandywine, Epworth, Scott, Silverbrook and Trinity Schools. To relieve the congestion, Epworth will enlarge her Sunday School room by building an addition. Most of the cash needed to meet the expense is in hand.

At Scott the class rooms have been enlarged. They now accommodate about one hundred scholars each. The beginners and primary grades are provided for by these improvements. Indications point to other changes in the near future to make room for the growing school. Prosperity has its burdens and responsibilities.

Silverbrook proposes a new stone building at a cost of \$10,000. Already about \$3048.50 in cash have been gathered the past year. The future looks bright for these growing schools.

The new Trinity Church will provide for that growing school.

The Epworth League in some places prospers as never before, and is a source of strength. Our Annual Convention which met in Brandywine Church, Wilmington, Del., was above the average of such gatherings in helpfulness and sustained interest till its close.

New pipe organs have been installed in the church at Newark, Del., and Harrison St. Church in Wilmington. They are fine instruments and add much to the dignity of worship. Best of all, they have been practically paid for.

Richardson Park Church was burdened with a debt of \$2600. Early in the year the pastor took hold of the matter energetically. He was assisted by members of his congregation and the whole amount was raised, and on Dec. 7th last, the mortgage was burned amid the jubilation of the people, and the church was dedicated to the worship of God on March 29th, 1914 by the District Superintendent assisted by the Pastor, B. S. Latshaw and the Rev. Doctor George Edward Reed of Grace Church, who preached the dedicatory sermon.

This has been a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Revivals sweeping and powerful have been general in this District. Some of these meetings have been the greatest ever known in the respective neighborhoods, and some of the greatest for fifty years. Real soul stirring and soul saving meetings of the genuine Methodist type. Men and women

have shouted aloud the praises of God for salvation from sin. The result has been a quickened church, revived prayer and class meetings and a general improvement of conditions.

The following churches have witnessed the greatest displays of saving grace:—Chester-Bethel, Madeley, Edgemoor, Brandywine, Trinity, Harrison St., Kingswood, Scott, Epworth, Wesley, New Castle, Elkton, Grace, Newark, Hopewell, Rising Sun, Perryville, Zion, Union, Asbury, St. Paul's, Mt. Salem, Elsmere, Port Hermon and Port Penn. The meeting at Newark, Del. was the greatest ever known in that church, more than one hundred souls were converted, and seventy have joined the church by letter. The membership is larger than ever before in the history of the church, and Methodism is regnant in the town. We praise God for his saving mercy towards us. The pastor, though abundant in labors, rejoices that the Lord has visited his people.

The grace of God which bringeth Salvation came to Elkton. More than three score souls were converted. The meetings were attended by vast crowds of people, conviction deep and pungent prevailed, and the town was stirred as rarely before in the history of the church. The Berge Sisters sang, and the pastor preached the word, men and women sought God and were saved, new life and power have come to the church.

Other pastoral charges have been visited by the Holy Spirit, but the number saved has not been so great.

The salaries of some of our pastors are deplorably small and should be increased without delay, for the honor of the church is at stake.

Our Conference raises annually nearly \$15,000 for Home Missions and Church Extension. We are to receive this year for use within our bounds \$1250 for Home Missions, and \$500 for Church Extension. We need, and ought to receive, a much larger per cent. of our contributions,—from three to five thousand dollars could be wisely used to supplement the all too meagre support of some of our brethren. The team that pulls the load must be fed. It is no economy for the church to underpay her servants. Our pastors need better pay, and the church must see to it that they get it. For the Scripture saith, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn, and the laborer is worthy of his reward." We pity those who seem to think that poverty is virtue to be forced upon the servant of God, and that ministers of the Gospel need to be kept poor that the Devil may not get them. We plead for a living support for our preachers, and if this offends any man's sense of propriety, let him make the most of it. This is both a business and a moral proposition which the church must face, sooner the better for all concerned. Is it any wonder that some of our pastors are in debt when they are asked to live on starvation wages? On pay much less than the average skilled mechanic in the industrial trades? We feel strongly on the subject and speak plainly, that our words may excite comment and lead to action in many places. The following churches have increased their salaries:—Brandywine \$100, Eastlake \$100, Newark \$100, Trinity \$125, Zion \$100, Perryville \$100.

There have been paid on debts and for improvements the following amounts:—Elk Neck \$83, New Castle \$625, Charlestown \$100, Ebenezer \$605, Claymont \$60, Cookman \$560, parsonage debt, Epworth \$1000 in hand for Sunday School room improvement, Zion \$100 for improvements, Newark \$1500, Cherry Hill \$575, Asbury \$430, Christiana \$25, Delaware City \$250, Stanton \$75, Perryville \$400, Scott \$750, Brandywine \$2000, Rising Sun \$125, Elkton \$590, Wesley \$350, Harrison St. \$250, Chester-Bethel \$665, Port Deposit \$660, North East \$1344, Eastlake \$15, Union \$1100, St. Pauls \$2880. The ladies aid society of Cedars have in hand \$100 to pay on the mortgage on the church, which reduces their indebtedness to \$500.

Every branch of business has a trade paper to furnish information, without which information, business could not be carried on successfully in our day. A Methodist periodical is a necessity in every Methodist family. For how can our people get the information they need concerning the movements of their church without taking one or more of our papers. It is gratifying to be able to report an increase in the number of subscribers to our periodicals, and we dare to express the hope that at least every official member may become a subscriber to one of them.

A word in conclusion, my health has been good through the year and all engagements have been met. We are grateful to the brethren, laymen and ministers for every courtesy shown us, and to God his abundant mercies.

E. L. HOFFECKER.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON OF DR. T. E. MARTINDALE.

Mr. President and Brethren of the Conference—

I deeply appreciate this privilege which your considerate courtesy has extended to me. I stand here this morning like one in a dream. The twilight glow of these fifty toiling years lies about me. The long way by which the Lord has led me stretches dim and hallowed behind me. My soul bows herself in hushed awe and speechless gratitude in the presence of the faithful Guardian of my life. Personal reminiscence might perhaps be fitting today, but the hour seems scarcely to permit it. Moreover, sermon structures should be made of more divine and holy material. It is not the man who has garnished these remembered years, but the grace and gravity of his errand. Let me, therefore, at this time, the rather utter my personal confession of faith as to the Christian ministry, its sphere, its action and its fruition. Looking backward from this Mount of Vision, it does not now seem to me to have been a burden or a drudgery so much as an Itinerant's Romance. And it is all expressed in brief in this lofty line of the old 126th Psalm: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing

precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

There are voices of the Spring in these musical words. They celebrate Israel's return from captivity. Her bondage had been to her like a winter, with its drifts of snow and wail of bleak winds, but when she turned again homeward, toward her Fatherland that was her springtime, her budding and beautiful April. Her song ripples down the highways, her mouth is filled with laughter, and her hands with strength. Her heart is eager again for duty and at the call of her Lord she hastens forth to scatter the good seed of a better era. Nature has her inviting seasons and inspiring opportunities. The softening air, the swelling buds, the lengthening days knock at the door and announce that all things are now ready. The sower must not tarry. His hour has come and the autumn crop will depend on him. Is it not also true that the Christian minister has his springtime? The pierced hand knocks at his door and bids him go forth to the planting of the Master's acres. The day will be long, but it will hasten, and he must scatter the white seed through all its hours and slacken not, until evening's cool shadows shall creep over the field. So runs the tenor of this familiar text. It is God's summons to his Gospel tenants. Let us ponder this spiritual agriculture to which we, as His servants, have been called.

The soil which we are to till, what is it? It is the land of the soul, the field of the heart, the acreage of the character. Surely the boldest navigator never discovered a more fascinating continent than this. But is this simile just and correct, or only a fancy? Jesus was a profound philosopher who knew the hidden resemblances of things, and he constantly likened man to soil. He pictured its varied qualities and conditions with such aptness of homely description that his Disciples readily recognized each type, in the groups standing beside them, and we are able to do the same. We see all around us today the virgin acres of childhood, waiting to be seeded to crops of living virtue; the stiffer and ranker land of young manhood, set already perhaps in alien and worthless growths; the stony glebe of obdurate character, unfriendly to God and to truth; the wayside soil trampled hard as adamant by the passing feet of a thousand sins; and here at last the genial, open, friendly soil of willing lives, with all welcome for the kindly seed and the summer shower. The soil has also its mysteries; no man has explained them. It seems like nothing but dull, dead dust under our careless feet, and yet secret powers and subtle energies dwell in it. Pulses of vitality are slumbering there, and tides of nursing, stimulating force are silently waiting to be aroused. Here are mysteries that shall break out in their season and change the face of the earth. Here are latent gardens and harvests and orchards and vineyards; here are leaves for the starving, fruits for the thirsty and flowers for the King's table; and here is verdure ready to enrobe the world. Such are the possibilities of the common soil, and it is the same with the human soul. Who

knows what lies there within it? The still music in the harp, the beauty that has not yet opened its petals. The soul, even in its degradation and captivity, what is it but a winged creature of the upper sky, tied to the clay of the earth—a fallen Colossus—a being made but a little lower than the angels. This is the mystic soil that thinks, and loves, and hates, and chooses; that vibrates with tremors of other worlds. What susceptibilities are there in these human fields? Here are sleeping majesties and dormant Divinities. There are Pauls hid in these Sauls; Kings in these galley slaves, and seers in these blaspheming Bunyans. The famous pictures of the heart have been slashed and mutilated by some savage hand but they are to be restored. And this is the priceless, potential soil which the minister is called to till, to stir and quicken into glorious harvests. O! to loose this captive, to release this angel and to waken this giant! To set growing the fruits of the Spirit, to cover each ugly scar of sin with the foliage of the faith, and to crown the slopes of redeemed character with the waving grain of holiness. That is work fit for arch-angels and that is the Immanuel's land which we are called to cultivate.

Now, what kind of seed is to go into this soil? There is but one answer. It is the Gospel of Jesus Christ; "the seed is the Word". I know some men are saying that this Gospel is too primitive and provincial, that it is not equal to the intensities and complexities of the present century.—"Give us law, science, sanitation and the new socialism; these be our Gods." But did not our Father know how to equip his own Gospel, and shall these modernists instruct Him? Brothers, everything needful is already implicit in this perfect seed. He crowded His entire materia medica into this one remedy. Here is the ultimate law, the law of love; here is the highest science, the science of sacrifice; here is the health of His countenance and the ozone of Mt. Hermon; and here is the mystic hand-clasp of blood-cleansed man. It is all here. The lost crown of the King of Poland, missing since the 18th century, has been found at last; and we, Kings also, shall find our lost crowns, everyone of them, in this rich Gospel. O! the almightiness of this Divine seed. "It is the power of God unto salvation and unto the uttermost." It has in it the ground swell of everlasting truth. Jesus is in it; indeed, He himself is the Gospel; all his life pulses beat through it. This is the seed that dies and rises again, that bears about in its body the marks of the Lord Jesus. What! This Gospel not sufficient! There is an undiscovered remainder in it as there is in electricity and in radium. Who knows what dynamic wonders hide in it to break forth in some new emergency of the world's life. We have heard only its opening notes as yet, and felt only the fore-hints of its triumph. I grant you that a seed seems trivial and powerless held in the palm of the hand. I grant also that the Gospel unused seems to be quiet and helpless enough lodged in the granary of the Book; but wait, wait the crisis and the ripe hour. When some third day shall dawn, the Gospel will stir in its sleep, lay aside its grave clothes, roll back stones, let out the Easter

Christ, fill the morning with Resurrection thrills, bring men together and strike the new hour in the turret of time. No wonder this Psalmist called it "Precious Seed". Crowd all supreme values and condense all transcendent excellencies into that one word. Let it flash with all gems, smile with all perfections and grow ruddy with the blood of all sacrifice till it outranks the wealth of all the worlds; and then, and only then will it at all describe the Gospel of the Christ. Let us, therefore, have done with painted artificial seed, pitiful substitutes and shallow themes. I have lived long enough to see the waste and folly of them all. What we need is not to discount this Gospel but to understand it, to live with it, to lore in it, and to sink into the heart of it until we strike its hidden wires and currents. The mother of Helen Keller used to lean over her baby's cradle where the little life was all so dark and silent, and say, "O! Helen! Helen! I love you, but I would work my life away if you could only understand." And our Father, God, bends over us in our dimness and groping, and is saying, "My Son! My Son! I love you; but what more can I do that you may understand this Gospel of mine and lay it warm and remedial against the chill, sick heart of this world?" Back to the Gospel, Brothers; nothing else will feed this starving race.

But there must also be sowers of this miracle seed. Soil and wheat of themselves cannot make a crop. There must be a hand to scatter and a foot to step down the furrows. Somehow the seed must get into the ground. This divine conjunction must take place. But who shall plant it there? The Christian minister. "How shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall he preach except he be sent?" "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings." It is just a deft touch or two of the artist's brush and, lo, the sower stands before us—"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed". It is early dawn. Out of the cottage, still in the morning haze, steps the toiler with the seed bag on his shoulder, and hastens with brisk stride toward the waiting field. And that is the pastor's portrait. We are God's ambassadors to the spirit soil. The day-break calls us, the arid barrenness of human hearts calls us, the throne calls us, the omnic "Go!" "Go!" leaps like a trumpet blast from the lips of the Lord of the Harvest. It is the imperative of human responsibility. Into our poor hands he has put the golden grain and the springtime chance. What will we do with them and how shall we administer them? Let this man teach us. Look at him. He is no loiterer, dropping a careless random seed. No. He means it; a mighty purpose masters him; every fibre of his being is geared to that strong right hand that broadcasts the seed. Now such a purpose as that must live and burn like a furnace in the minister's soul. "The vows of God are on me and I may not stop to play with shadows." Look again. This man is going, and going forth. Here is the minister in motion. Swift, intense, advancing ever closer and closer to the plot and the problem. Jesus went forth. Heaven was too far away from the field and he left

the life elysian and came here and stretched himself on the dead body of the race to warm it. Paul wandered every whither—a tireless itinerant. The Pentecostal Church broke out of its upper room and “sowed beside all waters.” So must we go forth and break out. Wherever the field is, under the blue sky, there the Commission sends us. Look once again. This man is weeping. It is a strange, pathetic sight, and yet I hear the drip and fall of tears everywhere throughout this Bible. David is crying over wayward Absalom, and Jeremiah over backsliding Israel. Paul leaves tear-stains on every doorstep he crosses in Ephesus. Jesus bemoans in-different Jerusalem with the crying of a mourner; Omnipotence in tears. “What does it all mean?” It means the anxiety of love; it means that men are sick and lost, and on the edge of the precipice, and careless; and love is brokenhearted over them. O! the ministry must be a Holy Fraternity of Weepers. Rev. John Welch was often found prostrate on the ground in the night, weeping. Chided by his wife, he said, “I have the souls of three thousand to answer for and I know not how it is with many of them.” We want no cold, insensate Gospel to take to men, and no cold and stony men to take it, but a Gospel in tears. The seed steeped in the salty mist of our eyes. “Let the priests weep between the porch and the altar.” The seed and the soil must have rain, or perhaps the perils of souls have become so doubtful that the church is no longer, alas! troubled about them.

But what now of the possible sheaves? Will anything really come of all this sowing and weeping? We want to know. We have tried our best; we have scattered seed here and there, and often in heartache and loneliness. Will it ever avail? I ask the farmer about his sowing. “Will it bring anything?” My question surprises him. “Certainly it will” he answers. “Sowing and reaping: why, the Universe is built on that. It is no accident—it is law. It has in it the world sweep of cause and effect, sound and echo, prophecy and fulfillment. Brothers, hear it. What you do for God and souls will come back to you. It is not luck or chance or dreaming, it is law. It is God and He will see to it. Here is the edict of fruition. “He, the sower, shall doubtless come back again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” Study these contrasts. We go forth in the morning, leaving home behind. We tread the deep, uneven furrows, the heat beats on us, but we shall return. Evening always brings the farmer home. “I shall go back to my Father’s house when my day’s work is done, as the dove to the ark. God has pledged me that and nothing can hinder it. We have been crying over men astray. Shall we weep on forever? No. The tide will turn. We shall come back with joy. I see them marching home, the long procession of the early sowers and the weeping Apostles. No more bleak days or misty eyes or faltering steps now. All that is gone. Faces shining, doxologies blossoming on every lip, and tears swallowed up in ecstasy. And now the blessed climax and revelation sings its refrain to us. We shall be stepping homeward with our sheaves of

souls. How many, I do not know. More than we dream, perhaps. One night a minister of another denomination, sitting beside me in the pulpit, said, “My wife asks to be especially remembered to you.” “I do not have the pleasure of her acquaintance”, I replied. “She was converted under your ministry”, he said. With a sob and a shout in my voice, I said, “Here is a sheaf that I did not know I had.” God will have surprises for his pastors. Is there any doubt about this? Any fiction? God has built a great word into this pledge for the timid and fearful, “He shall WITHOUT DOUBT, in the keeping of an infinite certainty, come again.” God makes our sowing safe. No blight, no mildew, no rust can rob us. O! I know the winter was long, the sleet fell on the helpless furrows, the pitiless snow shrouded and buried it and the feet of the storm trampled it. “My seed is dead, it cannot live through all this.” Yes, but the spring will tell, the spring will tell as it is doing out in the fields today. Nothing can hinder it. God on high is mightier than storm or winter’s shroud. “Thou canst not toil in vain.” After fifty years of service, this is my deliberate confession of faith as to the Christian ministry.

Therefore, All Hail! Ye Gospel Sowers! The veterans salute you from their evening tasks! Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields. The opportune days are calling you! Swiftly, O! Swiftly scatter the living, fragrant seed! Tomorrow, the golden sheaves and the harvest eternal!

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Auditing.

We have examined the account of Rev. Geo. L. Hardesty in connection with the funds of Frances Bloxton and find it correct.

Rev. T. E. Terry has paid out the following amounts as Treasurer of the Conference Board of Domestic Missions: To Dr. R. Watt for Easton District, \$316; To Dr. R. K. Stephenson for Dover District, \$335; To Dr. Geo. P. Jones for Salisbury District, \$337; To Dr. E. L. Hoffecker for Wilmington District, \$336.

Report of R. K. Stephenson for Dover District:—Balance on hand last report, \$34; Recd. from T. E. Terry, Treas. Dom. Missions, \$335; Recd. from W. J. Downing, Home Missions, \$70—Total \$439. Paid out—Armory, \$100; Blades and Epworth, \$50; Williamsburg, \$50; Hooper’s Island, \$25; Lakesville, \$25; Epworth and Hickman, \$50; Rehoboth, \$25; Church Creek, \$50; Elliott’s Is., \$25; Williamsville, \$25; Salem, \$14—Total \$439.

Dr. R. Watt, Supt. of Easton District, received of Rev. T. E. Terry, Treas. of the Conference Domestic Missionary Society, \$316.00. He has paid out the following amounts: To Bayside, \$30; Fairlee, \$25; Golt, \$15;

Millington, \$40; Oxford, \$40; Piney Neck, \$25; Pomona, \$25; Queenstown, \$45; Royal Oak, \$15; Wye Mills, \$60—Total \$320. Overpaid \$4.00.

Dr. Watt received of Home Miss. and Ch. Extension, \$72.; disbursed to Royal Oak, \$32; Oxford, \$40—Total \$72.

For Annie D. Chatham fund Dr. Watt received \$200; paid out \$208.

Rev. G. P. Jones, District Superintendent of Salisbury District, received from T. E. Terry, Treas. Domestic Missionary Society, balance in hand 1911 and 1912, \$19; Conference, 1913, \$383; received from W. J. Downing, Treas. Board Home Missions and Ch. Extension Society, \$108—Total \$510. Apportioned and disbursed: Pittsville, \$50; Quantico, \$60; Holland's Is., \$51; Pocomoke Circuit, \$25; Claremont, \$50; Salisbury Circuit, \$114; Marion, \$28; Mardela Springs, \$108—Total \$486. Bal. in hand \$24. Received from W. J. Downing, Treas. Bd. of Home Mis. and Ch. Extension Society—Special allowance for Mardela Springs church and parsonage, \$537. Paid out for debts and improvements, \$500—Bal. in hand, \$37.

Rev. E. L. Hoffecker, District Superintendent of Wilmington District, received from Dr. T. E. Terry, Treas. of the Domestic Missionary Society, April, 1913, \$336. Paid Pastor: Stanton, \$40; Hockessin, \$50; Delaware City, \$50; Claymont, \$40; Trinity, \$25; Christiana, \$25; Cedars, \$35; Elsmere, \$25; Port Penn, \$25; Hillcrest, \$23.64—Total paid, \$338.64. Overpaid, \$2.64.

The accounts of the conference Treasurer, Rev. H. G. Budd, were carefully audited. We found he had a balance in hand at the beginning of the Conference last year of \$21.21. The deposits for the year amount to \$52,199.54, making a total of \$52,210.75. Paid out as per vouchers, cancelled checks, and per order of Conference, to Hamlin Miller, \$52,210.75.

W. F. DAWSON.

Bible.

Every year we are more and more convinced of the need of the Bible in our individual and national life, and that the word of God is the only foundation on which a nation, church, or individual can build with the hope of success.

The Bible has encountered the scorn of Lucian and his philosophy, the heartless skepticism of Hume, the sneers of Voltaire and Paine and assaults of the whole Roman church, but still continues the most widely read and most potent character maker in the world.

This book cannot be destroyed. However, we should see to it that every American has a copy of the precious Word. It has been the most precious treasure to the poor, the councilor and confidence of the great middle classes, spiritually speaking, and the altar of supreme revelation and authority at which the scholar and sage have bowed. It is not only the foundation of the religious faith of millions, but their practical guide.

Our great church has ever been in the cause of right against wrong and light against darkness. We should see to it that no individual is denied of the true light of this book. It is necessary that our church increase their activity for the increased circulation of the Bible.

Last year fifteen charges reported no collection taken for the Bible Society. We hope that every charge will report apportionment taken in full for the Bible Society.

Methodist Brotherhood.

It is a recognized fact that there has been a lamentable dearth of available men for the execution of the larger plans of the Church, and while we do not disparage the invaluable service rendered by our elect women, to whose tireless efforts so much of our success is to be attributed, yet we believe that the establishment of the Kingdom in the earth is a task of such magnitude as to necessitate the development and utilization of the man-power resident in every community. Therefore

RESOLVED, That we welcome the Methodist Brotherhood as an effective agency to enlist all of our men, whether church members or not, who stand for the best things, and are willing to ally themselves with men of like purpose in their endeavors to apply the teachings of Christ to the moral, social, political, and industrial problems of our day.

RESOLVED, That we note with satisfaction the rapid growth of the Brotherhood, which now numbers 1500 chapters, and the appreciative testimonies touching the impulse given to personal evangelism, social service and Christian stewardship by this organization.

RESOLVED, That we recommend that a Brotherhood be organized in every charge, believing that thereby every activity of the Church will be greatly quickened.

RESOLVED, That we record our appreciation of the splendid service rendered the Brotherhood by the late Dr. Fayette L. Thompson, who after three years of indefatigable labor was suddenly called from labor to reward.

RESOLVED, That we welcome his successor, Dr. Wm. S. Bovard, whose address made a profound impression upon all who heard him and under whose leadership we believe the Methodist Brotherhood promises large things for the Kingdom.

Conference Deaconess Board.

Our Board had but one meeting during the year, March 11th, 1914. At that time we inquired into the conditions of the property, made and received transfers, renewed licenses, and received report of the years work from "The Local Board" of management for the Home.

The Board reports to the Conference for its endorsement the renewal of the licenses of Mrs. Margaret Sweet, Miss Emma E. Kelley, Miss Char-

lotte M. Arnold, Miss Lula B. Morse, and Mrs. Minnie E. Cole; the transfer of Miss Ruby Davis to the St. Louis Conference, and the transfer of Mrs. Minnie E. Cole from the New York East Conference to ours.

In addition to the above, our full Deaconess force includes Miss Lula B. Morse, absent on sick leave, Miss Aimee A. Simpson, probationer, Miss Ruth Benson, a student expecting to go in training this fall, and Miss Mary Duchon, a Kindergarten worker in the home.

We glean from the report of the Local Board the following items:

Early in the year the Deaconess family moved into the new Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, 307 West Street, Wilmington, the home so graciously given by Mrs. William M. Field. May the 15th the Home was dedicated with becoming ceremony by Bishop Joseph F. Berry.

During the summer, at the request of Kingswood church, the work carried on there by our Deaconesses was discontinued, and the Home made the headquarters for the work. "The Anna Overdeer Kindergarten", equipped by Mr. and Mrs. Willis Overdeer, was opened in September with all the children who could be accommodated. Miss Mary Duchon a graduate Kindergartener from our Washington Training School has been in charge, assisted by Miss Ruth Benson, a student in the home. Sewing classes with 50 members are carried on. The boys classes number 26 and are trained in basketry. All are organized into a Junior Epworth League and in Bible Study Classes.

Mrs. Minnie Cole, who was transferred to us during the year, has done most excellent work in the Colored Settlement. Miss Emma Kelley has made a fine record as Preceptress at the Conference Academy. Miss Charlotte Arnold has done very efficient parish work at Grace, and Miss Aimee A. Simpson at Asbury.

From the Home there has gone out a constant ministry to the sick and the needy, in fact our Home is fast becoming a center of help for the needy classes of the city. More than 100 children, week by week, come into the home to be taught and influenced for a better life.

Valuable supplies have been sent in from many of the churches of the Conference for the support of the work.

The following items of work done are given:—Calls made 4466; papers and tracts distributed 447; persons given material relief 233; number brought into Sunday School 46; aggregate taught in Sunday School 1771; aggregate taught in Junior League 1840; aggregate taught in other classes 11868.

In the furnishing of the new home the following gifts were received: Scott W. H. M. S. \$106 to furnish a room in memory of Mrs. Mary E. McKaig; Harrison Street \$97 in memory of Mrs. Annie Frick; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Overdeer \$100 in memory of their daughter Anna; Chief of Police Black and his wife a table \$40; and Union W. H. M. S. window shades \$18.30.

The Treasurer received from all sources \$2837.95, Disbursements \$2737.45, leaving balance on hand March 1, 1914 \$100.50.

Education.

The church does not yet fully comprehend the rapidly enlarging scope of the work actually done by the Board of Education under the legislation of the last two General Conferences. The Children's Day Loan Fund, the administration of which was formerly the chief concern of this Board, is of increasing value and was never more worthy of our contributions. It continues to aid more than 2,000 students a year. But important as it is, it at present stands as only one of a number of equally valuable activities.

The assistance rendered our institutions through the literature of the board, notably "The Christian Student," through the advice and co-operation of men of wide educational experience, through its teachers' bureau, and through its efforts in co-operation with the Commission on Evangelism to promote the moral and religious care of Methodist young people in all institutions of learning, entitles the Board of Education to the increasing consideration of our people and ought to indicate to us the need of raising the collection for this Board in full.

Our local institutions are needy. The plan of unifying the Public Educational Collection and directing 80% to the local institutions and 20% to the Board of Education should be made effective. It ought to be taken for granted that we should aim to have no deficit in the part of that collection provided for our Conference institutions. In view of the large amount of work now carried on by the Board of Education, the 20% allowed by the Commission on Finance, which if raised without deficit in all the charges would only amount to \$135,000 for the year, would seem to be a very meager sum for that Board. In view of all the facts, the urgent request that we try to raise that collection in full the coming year seems reasonable.

Our specified institutions merit the closest attention particularly from the viewpoint of patronage.

The Wilmington Conference Academy, we rejoice to know, is in a state of renewed prosperity under the steady, wise, leadership of its head, Rev. H. G. Budd. We pledge to the Academy our heartiest support both in the matter of financial support, by raising, till further plans mature, our apportionments, also by personal patronage, which is a duty and privilege, and by directing young people to this school of great merit and high efficiency.

We commend Dickinson College to our young men and Goucher College to our young women seeking the best advantages for higher education. The high rank of Goucher, among colleges for the education of women, should be and is doubtless, a source of self congratulation that is necessarily void of conceit or vanity.

Drew Theological Seminary's splendid initial work under the presidency of Dr. E. S. Tipple is an inspiration to that school's large and excellent constituency and that yet larger host who believe in the most

thorough equipment of the men who are to be the leaders of our Methodism. We pledge our heartiest support to the leader of this school of the prophets.

The committee nominated as Conference Visitors—to Dickinson College, Revs. V. P. Northrup, H. G. Budd. To Drew Theo. Seminary, Revs. G. T. Alderson, T. C. Smoot. To Boston School of Theology, Rev. W. E. Tomkinson.

Epworth League.

The Epworth League is the Church in action along a given line. It defines the attitude of the Church toward the young people. It presents a definite plan for the development of the young people. Individual consecration and organized endeavor furnish the keynote of the propaganda. The members should be encouraged to reach the highest point of spirituality and efficiency.

The Epworth League in this Conference is thoroughly organized from the Local Chapters to the Conference Board. This system of organization recognizes the value of the standards proposed by the general organization. The Conference Board would emphasize the value of certain lines of action in harmony with these standards, and therefore makes the following recommendations to the Chapters in the Conference:

1. Give due consideration to the definite courses of study proposed by the Central Office.
2. Enlarge the subscription list of the Epworth Herald. It is a valuable educator for the Epworthian.
3. Send delegates to the nearest Institute.
4. Send delegates to the Convention in Buffalo.
5. Observe the Silver Anniversary by using the prepared program.
6. See that the annual dues to Local, District, and Central Office are regularly paid.
7. Do not neglect the Junior League. Use definite systems of instruction.
8. Incorporate reports to District and Conference Leagues.
9. Recognize your responsibility and make the work go.

Conference Education.

The Managers of your Conference Education Society beg leave to report that during the year they have aided 16 students in three of our educational institutions, as follows:

At Drew Seminary, 5 students, to amount of \$487.50; at Dickinson College, 4 students, to amount of \$187.50; at Wilmington Conference Academy, 7 students, to amount of \$237.50—Total, 16 students, \$912.50.

Your Managers have been embarrassed during the year by lack of funds. Applications from worthy students needing aid we were compelled to refuse because there was no cash in bank to honor drafts; and in case of those at the Academy where aid was attempted the amount was cut from a loan of \$50 per annum to \$25, for the same reason.

We recommend that the District Superintendents be instructed to apportion \$1000 to the appointments of the Conference to enable the Managers to aid all worthy applicants for our ministry that come properly recommended. Last year the Conference raised only \$448 for this worthy cause.

We would nominate as official visitors the following: To Wilmington Conference Academy, Geo. C. Williams, W. O. Hoffecker. To Princess Anne Academy, W. O. Hurst and J. B. Tawes.

Permanent Commission on Gambrill Proposition.

According to your order of last year, in appointing the permanent commission on Conference Claimant Endowment, Gambrill Proposition, the Secretary of said Commission is required to report to the Conference each year the charges which make no report. If the Conference will allow, I will not call the long list, but rather report to you that five charges have paid full apportionment, eighty-three charges have paid in part, and one hundred and three charges have paid nothing. Some of these charges have promised to raise in full next year.

According to the figures of the Conference Treasurer \$4712 were reported under the item of Annual Conference Investments. This includes both the sums raised for Stewards Endowment, and those raised to meet the special apportionments made for Gambrill proposition. Adding to this the \$1000 contributed by Mrs. Wm. A. Clash, we have a grand total of \$5712.

If any pastor has need of more circular letters or cards for taking the collection, he can secure the same by addressing the secretary of the commission.

We urge the pastors to give this matter the consideration it deserves. The pastor can in almost every case, if he has tact. The people are ready and willing to give this cause the support it deserves.

We appeal in the name of our Conference Claimants to the generosity of our laymen to remember this good cause.

The commission at its first meeting organized by electing Dr. Geo. E. Reed, President, T. R. Ingram, Treasurer, and W. G. Koons, Secretary.

The Commissioned apportioned the \$20,000 as follows: Dover District, \$4975; Easton, \$4260; Salisbury, \$5775; Wilmington, \$5775. They put the responsibility of apportioning these amounts to the charges, and raising the same on the District Superintendents, and the members of the Commission from their respective Districts.

GAMBRILL FUND.

Report of T. R. Ingram, Treasurer.

Receipts.

Received from Dover District	\$3232.10
Received from Easton District	896.00
Received from Salisbury District	572.50
Received from Wilmington District	1051.70
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Received from interest on bank balances	29.45
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Total receipts	\$5781.75
Expenses of comission for stationery, mailing etc.	102.27
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Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$5679.48

T. R. INGRAM, Treasurer.

Lewes, Delaware, April 17, 1914.

Freedman's Aid.

The Freedman's Aid Society is an indispensable part of the machinery of our Church. To this Society is committed the mental, moral and industrial training of our young colored people. From its 23 schools come the ministers, teachers, physicians and nurses, to minister to and uplift the more than ten millions of this race. To successfully accomplish this work, the Society must have the cooperation and support of all our people.

The cheerfulness with which the colored people accepted, and the self-sacrifice and determination with which they proceeded to raise their apportionment of the Carnegie Fund, challenges our admiration and our help.

Methodist Hospital.

The Methodist Episcopal Hospital in the city of Philadelphia, just closed its 22d year of successful work. The work of the Hospital has largely increased over that of the previous year. Because of the absence of facts the committee is unable to report the exact figures. The Hospital has for its object the ministering to those unable to provide medical and surgical aid for themselves. About 70% of the work done during the year has been absolutely free. No person in our territory who is deserving will be turned away from this institution. In consideration of this fact

we urge upon all our preachers and people to give all possible aid to this most worthy cause.

This should especially commend itself to every minister for they may receive the best medical and surgical attention to be secured in this country free of all charge if necessary.

This is a Methodist Hospital and while it ministers gladly to the need of all races and creeds, it gives special consideration to our own people. This fact should make every one of us zealous friends of this "House of Mercy." Therefore, we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to assist and advance the interests of this most important work and invite Dr. J. D. Martin to represent the Hospital to our people.

Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension makes the following report of the Conference year:

Received from the Parent Board of Home Missions, \$1062.50, which was distributed as follows: To Wilmington City Missionary Society, \$812.50, Church Creek, Md., \$40.00, Williamsburg, Md., \$30.00, Oxford, Md., \$40.00, Royal Oak, Md., \$32.00, Mardela, Md., \$108.00—Total \$1062.50.

The Church Extension account of the Conference is as follows: November 1st, 1913, by balance from fiscal year, \$11.15; Authorized for year ending October 31st, 1914, \$448.85—Total, \$500.00.

The Conference is asked to raise by regular collections, \$19,216.

Recommendations—The Board recommends the application of the First Italian M. E. Church of Wilmington, Del. for a donation of \$488.00.

The Conference Board is persuaded more fully than ever before of the extreme need of broad information among our Methodist people, concerning the wideness and urgency of the Home Missionary and Church Extension problem.

In conjunction with similar agencies in other Denominations, we have undertaken the herculean task of capturing America for Christ. This means men and money and prayers, the wisdom of the wisest and the consecration of the bravest souls among us.

This means to solve the spiritual enigma of the cities, to prosecute Foreign Missions in this Homeland, to drop the vitalizing deposit of the Gospel into this melting pot of the nations, to rear churches for the churchless, to build new defenses around the imperilled Sabbath; in a word to evangelize the land we love, and make her the fountain head of light and salvation to all the people of the earth.

This is the battle field on which will be fought out the ultimate fate of civilization. Our advantages and responsibilities call upon us, therefore, to pour out our treasure and enthusiasm without stint, that we may settle the issue for the Christ.

We thank the Conference for its good record, and confidently look to see it move forward in the coming years.

The Officers of the Board are: Thos. E. Martindale, President; Jos. W. Coley, Secretary; W. J. Downing, Treasurer.

Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the great agencies for bringing this world to Christ. We can scarcely realize the greatness of the task this Society is performing. It includes every modern movement for the betterment of humanity—temperance, better housing for the poor, reform of child labor, care for the Indians, uplift of the colored people, the Christianizing of foreign nationalities. All of these and many more are embraced in the term "Home Missions." Many pastors serving charges of inadequate support are receiving aid from this Society. The work of our own Conference shows increased and intelligent interest. During the past year Mrs. Jennie Riddle Field purchased a property at 307 West St., Wilmington, Del., at a cost of \$5500, and donated the same to the Society for Deaconess work. The Society spent \$1500 in furnishing this home, which makes a complete equipment for the much needed work. It is called the "Riddle Memorial Home". Our Conference raised this last year for the Society \$5485.30, an increase of \$1079.26 over the previous year. The National organization, according to the 32nd annual report, ending July, 1913, paid out over \$376,000 for the Kingdom of Christ. Dr. Ward Platt said in his address: "Do not forget to stand by the Woman's Home Missionary Society. We cannot get along without it."

Your Committee recommends this Society to the consideration of the pastors and churches.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary with its history of forty-four years of splendid service, supplementing the work of the Parent Board, entering fields men cannot, is worthy of the continued and enlarged support of the church. This is not only due them in recognition of the great sum of \$911,337 gathered for their work in 1912-'13, and \$14,029,456 since their organization, but even more for the administrative wisdom, the admirable system of finance and supervision, the happy union of business sagacity and spiritual enthusiasm. We would encourage our sisters wherever auxiliaries exist within the bounds of our Conference to rally and increase their forces, and would urge our Pastors to open the way for new organizations. In our Conference lay membership approximates 24,000 of the female sex, and for their own and the world's good many more of them should be enlisted in this wonderful organization.

Periodicals.

The press is a great power in the moulding of ethical and spiritual ideals, and should work hand in hand with the pulpit and schools. The mind cannot be too well informed, for only in this way can we reach our highest efficiency. Our people need information as well as inspiration. To be informed is to be enthused. "The Christian Advocate" is endeavoring to meet every need of our Methodism. We recommend that our pastors seek to place it in all the homes of our people.

We commend "The Methodist" and "The Methodist Times" as effective mediums for the exchange of Conference news and urge that one or the other be taken by members of our Church.

Sunday Schools.

One of our Bishops recently said:—: "The record of the Board of Sunday Schools for the past six years is the most remarkable achievement in the Methodist Episcopal Church since I have known anything about it."

Our Sunday Schools reported last year the conversion of more than 178,000 scholars, a very substantial increase over the previous year. But in view of the fact that there are now more than 2,200,000 scholars in our Sunday Schools who are not members of the Church, about one-half of whom are beyond eight years of age, we are constrained to say that the fields are white to the harvest, and that our Sunday Schools should report annually many more additions to the Church membership. And as it is not easy to secure positive and aggressive training in morals and religion in connection with the public schools, we would urge an aggressive Sunday School policy which shall save the growing generations of American citizens and of our foreign-born population from worldliness and utter ruin.

Since 1908 more than 950,000 Sunday School scholars have been led to Christ, and fully that many have come into the membership of the Church. But had our increase in Church membership through the Sunday School not been so large, our Church membership would have decreased annually. This is a startling fact, and as ours is now the largest single Sunday School constituency in the world its significance needs to be burned into the thought and life of every Methodist Church everywhere.

In view of the importance as well as the successes of this part of our Church life, we are in hearty sympathy with our Church law which requires that every church as well as every Sunday School make an annual offering to the Board of Sunday Schools.

We recommend that great attention be given to the selection and training of Sunday School teachers, to the organization of Adult Bible Classes and the use of Graded Lessons, to Missionary instruction within the Sunday Schools, and that the spirit of evangelism be kept at the front all the time.

Sunday School Literature.

Your Committee on Sunday School Literature, appointed at the session of 1913, begs to report that, in pursuance of its instructions from this body, a plan had been outlined by which we expected to bring at least a majority of the Conferences of Methodism into united action against the abuses being made of our Sunday School publications. This plan had been put into actual operation when Dr. McFarland's death was announced, which of course rendered improper and unnecessary further action of that sort for the present.

The duty of supplying Dr. McFarland's place devolves upon the Book Committee; and, therefore, your Committee unanimously recommend to the Conference the passage of the following resolutions:

Whereas, in the providence of God, it becomes the duty of the Book Committee, in the interim of General Conference, to appoint an Editor of Sunday School literature; and

Whereas, for several years past, the Church has been disturbed and distressed by the un-Methodistic propaganda of destructive criticism; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we respectfully request the Book Committee not to place any man in this most responsible position whose record does not show him to be sound in the faith—a man who both knows and loves the doctrines of our Church. And be it further

Resolved, that we assure the Book Committee that our earnestness, and the strength of our convictions relative to the sacred interests and proprieties involved, cannot be over-stated. And be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this report be sent by the Secretary of our Conference to each member of the Book Committee.

Your Committee also recommends either its own continuance, or the appointment of another, with power to act during the interim of Annual Conference; and with the additional instruction to present to this Conference at its 1915 session a report concerning the reception of this appeal, and the publications being sent out by the Methodist Book Concern.

Sabbath Observance.

Be it known that we honor the great command given by God to Moses, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy", and believe in keeping sacred all that is employed in holy Sabbath observance, remembering that Jesus said "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath", that we deplore the using of Sunday trains and automobiles for social and unholy purposes on the Sabbath day; that we deplore and condemn the custom that prevails in some of our towns on the Sabbath day where ice cream, soda water, cigars, and other luxuries are dispensed in violation of both the laws of God and man.

We deplore there being on sale over our fair land on the Sabbath day, the Sunday newspapers, where thousands of men stay home from the house of God on this sacred day and read the Sunday papers.

We call upon our pastors to protest against all these things, and to help by both preaching and practice to restore that Sabbath observance that once prevailed on this territory.

Board of Stewards.

The increasing interest of the preachers and people of our Conference in the proper support of the Conference Claimant is a matter for congratulation. Many of our charges have done well in bringing up to this Conference their apportionments for the Endowment Fund on the "Gambrill Proposition." We are hoping that when the full report is in the hands of the Treasurer that we shall have, including \$1000 from Mr. Gambrill, an addition of \$6712 to our Endowment Funds. The Connectional Fund increases this year \$100. The collections from churches after rapid increase during the last several years shows only an increase of \$271 this year.

Most of our churches are now on the honor roll of those who pay the Conference Claimant in full. We advise every pastor to take as great interest in seeing that this claim is fully met as any other on the list.

In accord with your instructions we have prepared the "Plan for Annuity Funds", which you have already adopted, and which will be published in connection with this report. We have also had prepared a proper legal form of bequest for general circulation among our people. We trust our ministers will be industrious in placing these where they will secure funds both by annuity and by will.

Receipts from all sources: Book Concern Dividend, \$2486; Chartered Fund, \$30; Investments, \$915; Connectional Fund, \$250; Collections from Churches, after the Treasurer had deducted 5% for Connectional Fund, \$11,888—total, \$15,569.

Annuity Fund: Book Concern Dividend, \$2486; Chartered Fund, \$30; Interest on Investments, \$915; Amount from collections by vote of the Conference, \$5577—total, \$9008.

Special Fund: Dividend from Connectional Fund, \$250; remainder of collections after taking \$5577 for Annuity Fund, \$6311—total, \$6561.

Distribution of Annuity Funds: 23 Retired Ministers, 672 years of service at \$8 per year, \$5376; 43 widows, 904 years at \$4 per year \$3616; 1 orphan child, 10 years at \$1.60 per year, \$16—total, \$9008.

Distribution of Special Fund; 18 Retired Ministers, \$1952; 2 supernumeraries, \$760; 38 widows, \$3795; 1 child, \$34; Expense of Board, \$7.55; Balance on hand, \$12.45—total, \$6561.

The amount of the 5% of collections to be sent by the Treasurer of the Conference to the Board of Conference Claimants is \$625.

Collections by Districts: Dover, \$2849, decrease, \$32; Easton, \$2582, increase, \$168; Salisbury, \$3777, increase, \$284; Wilmington, \$3305, decrease, \$149—total, \$12,513, increase, \$271.

Stewards Endowment: Dover, \$176; Easton, \$83; Salisbury, \$120; Wilmington, \$98—total, \$477.

Apportionments to Districts for next year on basis of 9 1/2 % of pastor's cash support: Dover, \$3700; Easton, \$3075; Salisbury, \$4275; Wilmington, \$4125—total, \$15,175.

Annual Conference Investments—The Treasurer of the Conference reports \$4732 for annual Conference Investments. This figure includes the amounts reported from the charges for the Stewards Endowment, \$477, as reported above, and the amounts reported for Gambrill Proposition. Adding to this the \$1000 from Mrs. Wm. A. Clash and the \$1000 expected from Mr. Melville Gambrill, we will have \$6732 as an addition to our invested fund.

The Treasurer of the Board of Stewards reports as follows concerning investments: Amount already invested, \$15,780; in hand not invested, \$172; Collections in 1913, \$652; Mrs. W. A. Clash donation, \$1000; Borrowed of current fund, \$26—total \$17,630.

The above amounts added gives us a total of invested funds, \$24,362.

ANNUITY AGREEMENT.

BOARD OF STEWARDS OF THE WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. No.....

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, made this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and BETWEEN

The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a Corporation of the State of Delaware, party of the first part, AND of County of and State of Party of the second part.

WHEREAS, the said has donated to and paid into the treasury of the said The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the sum of Dollars.

NOW THESE PRESENTS WITNESSETH that the said The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in consideration of the said sum of Dollars, hereinbefore mentioned, hereby agrees to pay unto the said during natural life an annuity of per cent on the said sum of Dollars in annual payments of Dollars each, said payments to cease and terminate upon the death of the

said and the said sum donated as aforesaid by the said is to be held and considered as an executed gift to the said The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and to belong to and become a part of the funds of said Corporation from the date of these presents without any account or liability whatsoever therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church hath caused the hand of its President to be hereunto set and the common and corporate seal of the said Corporation to be hereunto affixed, duly attested by its Secretary the day and year aforesaid, and the said party of the second part has hereunto also set his hand and seal.

Attest: The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. (SEAL) Secretary. By: President. Witness as to party of Second Part. Party of Second Part.

We have also adopted the following table of rates of percentage regulated by the age of annuitant at time of executing agreement:

- At ages from 50 to 60 inclusive, 5%.
At ages from 61 to 70 inclusive, 5 1/2 %.
At ages from 71 to 75 inclusive, 6%.
At ages from 76 to 80 inclusive, 6 1/2 %.
Over 80, 7%.

We have authorized and empowered the President and Secretary of the Board of Stewards to sign and execute the Annuity agreements in the name of the Board, thus enabling the agreements to be properly signed between Conference sessions.

We highly recommend to our people the Annuity Plan. Persons who desire to leave some or all of their possessions to Endowment for Conference Claimants, but need the income during their lifetime, will find the Annuity plan best for the following reasons:—

FIRST,—It makes certain that the money will not be diverted by any legal proceedings from the object for which it was designed. Wills are often broken and bequests diverted.

SECOND,—Being placed in this Fund as a gift the money is not legally subject to tax, and consequently the income is net.

THIRD,—The income to the Annuitant is absolutely sure and without worry, continuing to the last day of life.

FOURTH,—No time is lost by necessity of reinvestment, and the funds are absolutely safe.

FIFTH,—Upon the death of the Annuitant the money becomes at once and perpetually available for the help of the worthy claimants.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

Legal Form of Bequest to the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

I give and bequeath unto the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a Corporation of the State of Delaware, the sum of Dollars, the said money to become a part of the Endowment Fund for the use of the Conference Claimants of The Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the same to be held by the said Corporation and invested, and the interest arising therefrom to be applied, year by year, to the needs of the above mentioned Conference Claimants, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Conference Trustees.

The Trustees have handled with fidelity and care the several funds committed to their trust. The facts concerning the various funds will appear from the report of the Treasurer, attached hereto.

The two principal "Funds" in the hands of the Trustees are invested in first mortgage bonds of the Dupont Building, Wilmington, which at that time consisted of simply a bank and office building. Since the investment was made the managers of that corporation have added a palatial hotel and a theatre to the plant. Desiring to shun the very appearance of evil, as the Dupont Hotel has license to sell intoxicating liquors, the Investment Committee will proceed to change the investment at the earliest opportunity to do so.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

General Fund, Cash Account—1913—Mar. 27, Balance on hand, \$186.89; Apr. 22, Interest on Investments, \$75.00; Apr. 30, Interest on account, \$4.00; Dec. 2, Interest on investment, \$75.00; Dec. 31, interest on account, \$4.30;—1914—Mar. 7, Interest on account, \$2.81; Mar. 31, From H. D. Boyer, Agt., \$17.47—Total, \$365.47.

1914—Apr. 4, Paid order No. 18, \$1.13; Apr. 4, Paid order No. 19, \$95.00; Apr. 4, Paid order No. 20, \$1.12; Apr. 4, Paid order No. 21, \$50.00; Apr. 4, Paid order No. 22, \$20—Apr. 4, 1914, Balance on hand, \$198.22—Total \$365.47.

Apr. 4, 1914, Balance on hand, \$198.22.

Theodore C. Carey Fund—1913—Mar. 27, Balance on hand, \$0.84; June 2, Interest on Investment, \$50.00; Dec. 2, Interest on Investment, \$50.00—Total \$100.84.

1914—Apr. 4, ½ Box rent, \$1.13; Apr. 4, Check sent Treasurer Goshen M. E. Church, \$95.00—Balance on hand, \$4.71—Total, \$100.84. Apr. 4, 1914, Balance on hand, \$4.71.

M. Fannie Thomas Fund—1913—Mar. 27, Balance on hand, \$2.41; June 2, Int. on investment, \$25.00; Dec. 2, Int. on investment, \$25.00—Total, \$52.41.

1914—Apr. 4, Expense, (½ Box rent), \$1.12; Apr. 4, Check sent Treasurer Beckwith Church, \$50.00; Apr. 4, Balance on hand, \$1.29—Total, \$52.41.

Apr. 4, 1914, Balance on hand, \$1.29.

Mary J. Clifton Fund—1913—Mar. 27, Balance on hand, \$3.55; Mar. 31, 1914, Rec'd from H. D. Boyer, Agent, \$17.47—Total, \$21.02.

1914—Apr. 4, Paid Treasurer of St. Paul's Ch. Clayton, \$20.00; Apr. 4, Balance on hand, \$1.02—Total, \$21.02.

Apr. 4, 1914, Balance on hand, \$1.02.

Temperance.

The Wilmington Annual Conference refuses to equivocate on the liquor issue. With all Christian forces we rejoice in the mighty victories being won against the liquor traffic. Ten entire states are under state-wide prohibition, and a total of more than 70 per cent. of the area under the Stars and Stripes is "dry". The Webb-Kenyon Inter-State Liquor Shipment Bill, the 92,342 votes majority for prohibition in West Virginia, and the fight on this fall in eight other states, including the Old Dominion of Virginia, inspire us to bring all the moral and religious influence of this Conference into activity to secure state-wide prohibition in Maryland and Delaware as the next logical effort in these two states.

The outstanding temperance event for the past Conference year was the presentation to Congress of the resolutions for the submission to the states for their ratification of an amendment to the constitution of the United States prohibiting the manufacture, sale, importation, exportation and transportation of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. The ratification of 36 sovereign states will be required to make this a part of the organic law of the nation. The liquor stronghold in many of the states already has been broken and today there are 36 states which can be selected which, in the aggregate, have less saloons than New York City. We call upon every Church, Epworth League and Sunday School in the Wilmington Conference to adopt resolutions vigorously urging the judiciary committees in the national Congress to report favorably the Hobson-Sheppard resolutions.

We record our profound appreciation of the progress of the movement under the leadership of William H. Anderson, former State Superintendent of Maryland, and we extend our cordial greetings and the promise of our hearty and loyal cooperation and support to Rev. T. M. Hare, his successor, who comes to us with the prestige of the tremendous victory in West Virginia. We rejoice in the splendid work accomplished in Delaware during the last year and pledge to the Delaware organization the endorsement and support of this Conference.

It is with profound gratification that we note the passage by the Maryland legislature of 1914 of the various county local option, anti-shipping and law-enforcement bills, and we pledge our co-operation and support to the League in any local fights which shall come out of the passage of these measures.

Your committee recommended that in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the Anti-Saloon League this Conference elect Rev. Thomas E. Terry, D. D., and Hon. James E. Ellegood to represent it on the Board of Directors of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland, and Rev. Frank F. Carpenter and Hon. Thomas N. Rawlins on the Delaware Board.

We commend the splendid efforts of our own Church Temperance Society and pledge Secretary Wilson our hearty co-operation in its splendid work of education and agitation.

We call upon the Post Office Department of our Government to exclude from the mails liquor advertising just as lottery tickets and lottery solicitations have been barred as contrary to the public welfare. The use of the mails by brewers and distillers and wholesale liquor dealers is an insult to citizens in "dry" territory when employed to promote the consumption of alcoholic beverages, and is not a right but is an outrage upon the rights of fifty million citizens living in "dry" territory.

We commend the Philadelphia "North American" in its fearless advocacy of the cause of the Church against the liquor traffic.

We pledge our efforts without reserve to the warfare against the liquor traffic. We will take no backward step. We will not hesitate. We will not equivocate, but, as militant Christian leaders, we will press the fight until the last stain of the liquor traffic shall be eliminated from our civilization.

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Thanks.

Our thanks are due—

1—To our Heavenly Father for His presence, and the inspiration of His Holy Spirit, imparting to the Conference the delightful atmosphere of brotherly love and kindness, which has characterized our sessions.

2—For the Presidency of our beloved senior Bishop Earl Cranston. His administration has been efficient, wise, brotherly and kind. His Scripture expositions and sermon on the Sabbath breathed the spirit of true de-

votion, uplifting and illuminating, enabling us to realize more and more that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is indeed the power of God unto all who believe. We have grown in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ under his leadership.

3—To the Trustees and membership of Stevenson M. E. Church, for the use of this beautiful edifice, which has been our ecclesiastical home during the week.

4—To the Pastor, Bro. Van Dyke, who has been excelled by none as a Conference host. His service has been thoughtful, constant and cheerful. The splendid arrangements for our comfort and convenience by this Pastor and his efficient helpers merit and receive our unfeigned thanks. In this connection, we feel we would be remiss in our duty if we failed to mention the unremitting attention and skill of our young Postmistress, Miss Alice Cropper, in managing and distributing the mails—we hope this feature will be duplicated in future sessions of our Conference.

5—The Choir of the church, aided by Miss Annie Dryden and Mrs. Miriam Davidson, have added greatly to the interest and entertainment of the Conference, by their inspiring and inspiring songs.

6—The Trustees, Pastor and members of the Presbyterian Church, for the use of their Church for Committee meetings, and for other courtesies extended.

7—To the families of the town, who opened their hearts and homes for our entertainment, and we carry away with us most delightful memories of Berlin hospitality and social amenities, which amply sustain the reputation of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

8—To our hard-working and efficient Secretaries and Treasurer and their capable assistants, who have rendered splendid service.

9—To the gentlemen of the press who have carefully and faithfully published our transactions to the world.

10—To the Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia, who, every day during Conference, generously supplied the members and visitors free of charge with 200 copies of their newspaper, "The Public Ledger," thus keeping us posted in the news of the world.

11—To every and all others who contributed, in any manner, to the success, comfort and convenience of the Conference.

MEMOIRS



Rev. Isaac Geiger Fosnocht.

Rev. Isaac Geiger Fosnocht was born Sept. 27th, 1848, one mile from Joanna Heights Campground, Berks Co., Pa. His parents were staunch Methodists; the family altar occupied a prominent place in the home. One day, while father was engaged in prayer, the little boy, Isaac, 13 years old, was converted. He joined St. Paul's Church, on Geigertown Circuit. Shortly afterwards the family removed to Springfield, where Isaac attended the public school and academy, graduating as valedictorian of his class. While only 18 years of age he was licensed to preach by the Springfield Quarterly Conference, assisting the pastor in his work. In 1867 he traveled for nine months under the P. E., as junior preacher, under Rev. J. E. Bryan, on Millington Circuit. In 1868 he joined the Phila. Conference; in the following spring the Conference was divided, the Wilmington Conference was formed, and Bro. Fosnocht found himself within the bounds of the new Conference. Good fortune really smiled upon this young brother. He was not only favored in being a member of the Wilmington Confer-

ence, but he was exceedingly fortunate in the selection of a life partner. Jan. 26th, 1875, he was united in marriage to Miss Bessie J. Burke, of Baltimore, who has proved to be a helpmeet indeed. In all the toils, turmoils, and vicissitudes of the itinerancy, she was by his side, encouraging, counseling, admonishing, helping, sympathizing, weeping, rejoicing. He leaned upon her, trusted and confided in her—he was satisfied and happy with her. Their homelife was beautiful. As P. E. and confidant of Bro. Fosnocht, it was the good pleasure of the writer to be a welcome guest in their home. Three children blessed this union of hearts and hands. Two of them were early touched by the frost of death, and were borne by waiting angels to the Paradise of God, to bloom in their young immortality. One son, Eddie B., is now a teacher of modern language in the New Haven, Conn., High School. Bro. Fosnocht enjoyed excellent health, seldom being out of his pulpit on account of illness. He served the Church faithfully for 45 years in the following Charges: Sudlersville, Denton, Kent, Queenstown, Barrett's Chapel, and Milford Neck, Crisfield, Quantico, Snow Hill, Church Hill, Hillsboro, Onancock, Pocomoke, City, Galena, Chesapeake City, Camden, Farmington, Princess Anne, Magnolia, Mt. Lebanon, St. John's, Clayton, Millington. At the latter place, where he began his ministry, he also closed it. His health failed in the middle of the year. Thinking that a few months rest would restore him to his usual vigor, he removed to Smyrna, but the restoration did not take place. He steadily declined, until on the morning of Dec. 3d, an angel touched him, and he slept. All through his serious illness, he was sustained and comforted by the strengthening influence and power of the Gospel, with which he had so often consoled others. With strong faith and uncomplaining spirit he met the approach of the enemy, and falling back into the arms of his dear companion, the wife of his heart and life, he swept into the heavens. Bro. Fosnocht has a charming personality. A rich vein of humor made him a pleasing companion. He was a revivalist, as is attested by the numerous revivals which attended his ministry—over 1100 souls converted. He was a sweet singer, having a rich tenor voice.

Funeral services were held in Asbury Church, Smyrna, Del., in charge of Rev. Dr. Watt, D. S., and Rev. Dr. Prettyman, pastor, and only surviving class-mate of our ascended brother. Fifteen ministers were present and a large congregation. The following brethren participated in the service: C. W. Prettyman, L. I. McDougle, C. T. Wyatt, V. S. Collins, W. L. White, W. A. Wise, Robt. Watt, F. G. Hill, of the P. E. Church, J. M. L. Eckard, of the Presbyterian Church, H. G. Budd, G. S. Conaway. The body was taken to Baltimore, and laid away in Greenmount Cemetery.

Farewell, my brother, until the dawn of the heavenly morning breaks upon eternity's shore, and the sunrise of glory ushers in the everlasting day.

LOUIS E. BARRETT.

Rev. James Walter Talley.

James Walter Talley, born near Wilmington, Del., August 22, 1871; departed this life, from the same house in which he was born, August 9, 1913, thus lacking thirteen days of being at his death forty-two years old.

He was converted when a boy, at old Chester-Bethel, and in early life heard the divine call to the Christian ministry. After leaving the public schools, he attended the Conference Academy at Dover, Del., and for a time was a student at Drew Theological Seminary, at Madison, N. J.

In the spring of 1892, he was licensed to preach and took work under the district superintendent, and thus for five years he worked in the Wilmington Conference as a supply. In 1897 he sought admission into the Conference and continued in the active work for seven years, holding the following appointments: 1897, Zoar; 1898-01, Talbot; '02, Rock Hall; '03, editor of "Peninsula Methodist"; '04-05, Farmington. In the spring of 1906, on account of serious throat trouble, he took a supernumerary relation and continued in the same until session of Conference 1911, when he was appointed assistant pastor of Mt. Pleasant, which relation he continued to hold at the time of his death.

On the advice of his physician he rented a small truck farm and lived as much as possible out-of-doors. For a time his health seemed to improve; but later developed into phthisis. Some six months previous to his demise, he had several hemorrhages of the lungs, after which his already weakened body rapidly yielded to the ravages of death.

Brother Talley was of a Methodist stock of good and long standing in the church. He was studious, of an analytical mind and industrious along all lines of church work. He continued in active work in the local church, so long as he was able to attend. Especially was he active in the Sunday School, superintending the same until the beginning of the new year, and conducting in his home a "teacher's Bible Training" class after he was unable to leave his home. He was a logical teacher, rather than an orator. His ministry was happy in many conversions. He invariably left his successor a charge strengthened financially and spiritually.

The "Comforter," with which he had comforted others, was his comfort in his hour of suffering and of need. In every way conscious of the rapid approach of the monster death, he hand in hand with his Savior went triumphantly over the flood, through faith in the power of God to give victory over death. We, his friends, were made to feel as Paul must have felt when he cried out: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

Beside father, mother and two sisters, Brother Talley leaves to mourn his departure a wife, a son and daughter just entering young manhood and womanhood, and a second daughter, a little girl of 12 years.

Interment was in the Newark Union Cemetery. Beside the pastor, Rev. J. T. Richardson, Rev. Edwin Gardner, Rev. E. W. McDowell, and

Rev. L. P. Karholsen, the latter of Philadelphia, assisted at the funeral service, which was held at the late home of the deceased.

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

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

J. T. RICHARDSON.

Rev. William M. Warner.

Rev. Wm. M. Warner was born in Caroline County, Md., May 1st, 1830, and died in Millington, Queen Anne Co., April 15th, 1913. He was the son of John and Sarah Massey Warner. He was largely self educated, and was a diligent student, especially of the English Bible. He was converted at old Red Lion Campmeeting Aug. 24th, 1848; the following Sabbath he united with St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., under the pastorate of Rev. Jos. Castle, D. D. He said: "The evidence of my conversion was so clear and satisfactory that I never doubted it." He was clerking at this time in the drygoods store of Kennard Co., Wilmington, where he remained till 1850, when he accepted a position in the store of Rev. Joel Clements at Beaver Dams, Md. In 1851 he was appointed class leader, and in the same year received license to exhort.

He was licensed to preach by the Church Hill Quarterly Conference in 1852, Rev. J. T. Quigley, P. E., and Rev. Daniel Lambdon, pastor.

He said, "In 1851 as a layman sitting in the pew listening to the Word preached, I was distinctly called of the Holy Ghost to the work and office of a Minister in the Church I loved. The call was so clear I could not be mistaken, so imperative that I dare not refuse. I was appointed assistant to the Rev. Geo. W. Lybrand, pastor of Smyrna Circuit. In the spring of 1851, I preached my first sermon in old Union Church from 1st Cor. 2:2, 'For I am determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.'

March 23rd, 1853, I was admitted on trial in the Phila. Conference which met in Harrisburg, Bishop Morris, presiding, Rev. Pennell Coombe, Secretary. At the Conference held in Lancaster two years later I was admitted into full membership and ordained Deacon by Bishop Waugh. Having finished the prescribed course of study for Elders orders, I was

ordained an Elder by Bishop Scott in 1857 in Asbury Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

I always accepted uncomplainingly my allotment and tried to be loyal and true. I rejoice to be able to say that I never had a barren year in all my ministry, and at times the fruitage was such as to gladden my heart. In all this I looked on, and gave praise and glory to God alone.

Nor was my ministry confined to Spiritual results alone; under God I was permitted to superintend the building for Him of 10 churches, costing from \$2000 to \$8000 each. I also built a parsonage in Wyoming, Del.

As was natural I took great interest in Campmeetings, holding them always in the interest of revival work. It was my happy privilege to witness the conversion of hundreds of souls in the tented grove, many of whom have run the Christian race, and many others are still happy on the way. I shall be glad to join those who have gone before, and will welcome those who come after."

Brother Warner served the following appointments in the order named. 1852 Smyrna Circuit; 1853 Frederica Ct.; 1854 Millington; 1855 Heading Church, Phila.; 1856 Camden, Del.; 1857-8 Denton; 1859-60 Millsboro; '61-62 Greensboro; '63-64 Sudlersville; '65-66 Harrington, Del.; '67-68 Supernumerary; '69-70 Felton; '71-73 Lewes, Del.; '74 Brandywine, Wil.; '75-77 Millington (the second time); '78-80 Trappe, Md.; '81-82 Galena, Md.; '83 Stockton, Md.; '84-86 Wyoming, Del.; '87-88 Marydel; '89-90 Appoquinimink Ct.; 1891 Leipsic, Del.; '92-94 Ingleside; '95-96 Sy.; he went on the retired list in 1900.

He was married Jan. 15th, 1856 by Rev. Andrew Manship to Miss Mary Emily Hopkins, who shared a long Itinerant life with him, and was a help-mate indeed.

Brother Warner made his home for the last 14 years with his only daughter, Mrs. Joseph Mallalieu at Millington, Md., who tenderly cared for him and made his last years comfortable and happy.

His was a kindly spirit, always finding something good to say of every body; and was always ready to help in every good cause. He believed and preached the old doctrines of Methodism, which he loved and practiced.

"Servant of God well done!

Thy glorious warfare's past;

Thy battle's fought, the race is won

And thou art crowned at last."

The funeral service was held in Millington Methodist Episcopal Church in charge of Rev. I. G. Fosnacht, pastor. Brief addresses were made by Rev. Robert Watt, D. D., District Superintendent, Rev. H. S. Thompson, and the writer. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Millington, Md., to await the resurrection morn.

C. W. PRETTYMAN.

Rev. Henry Scott Thompson.

The Rev. Henry Scott Thompson was born in Newark, New Jersey, August the 26th, 1835. His parents were Rev. Thomas Jefferson Thompson and Elizabeth Maynard Thompson. His father was one of the best known ministers in the old Philadelphia Conference, a man of marked ability, and at one time seriously considered as a member of the Episcopal College, but with characteristic modesty he stepped aside that the Rev. Levi Scott might be chosen. The subject of this memoir was converted under his father's ministry in old Union Church, Philadelphia, when a lad of fifteen. He was licensed to preach by the same Quarterly Conference.

In the year 1861 he was united in holy wedlock to Miss Annie E. Creighton, of Cambridge, Maryland. She bore him one son, the Rev. Henry C. Thompson, of West Summit, New Jersey. Four short years of wedded life was theirs, and in 1865 the itinerant was left with his youthful son in the midst of a sorrow born of the loss of wife and mother. In 1867 brother Thompson reentered the bonds of holy wedlock, taking unto himself as wife Miss Mary A. Culbreth, of Smyrna, Delaware. Four children came to gladden that parsonage home, Elizabeth C. and Thomas J., both of whom died in infancy, and Mrs. Lewis M. Price, of Smyrna, Delaware, and George C. Thompson, of Baltimore, Md., who with his widow, survive him.

At an early age, very shortly after his conversion, brother Thompson felt a distinct call to enter the ministry. For a time he held the call in abeyance. During that period of waiting he was associated with the Rev. James M. Buckley, formerly Editor of the New York Christian Advocate, in commercial life, and both were members of the Sabbath School class of the late Rev. Dr. Andrew Longacre. During his Philadelphia residence he was associated with the Hon. John Wanamaker, in the founding of the Young Men's Christian Association. When at length his call to the ministry became resistless he entered Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., where he prepared for Concord Theological Seminary, Concord, New Hampshire, a school which afterwards became the Boston School of Theology. After a thorough preparation he was admitted to the Philadelphia Conference in the spring of 1858. He very soon became acquainted with the great men of that mighty Conference, and was highly regarded by them. When the division of the Conference occurred in 1868, brother Thompson remained in the newly formed Conference, the Wilmington, where with two exceptions, viz., the New Hampshire, and New England Southern Conferences, he spent practically all of his effective ministry. His membership in the Wilmington Conference is the page of an open book. Modest, retiring, and diffident, he never thrust either himself or his claims upon the attention of the Conference, yet when he spoke he was listened to with universal respect and attention. During his membership in the Conference he occupied some of its chief pulpits, notably Easton, Elkton and Cambridge. In these appointments he made full proof of his

ministry. Able and eloquent in the pulpit; diligent and faithful in the pastorate; a comforter in sorrow, a friend in need; the ideal Christian gentleman always whether in pulpit or home or civic affairs, he was a minister and citizen esteemed for his worth and work, loved, respected and revered by all.

"Never was minister more beloved by his people. Always giving himself without stint in counsel, advice, comfort and guidance. Living in unbroken fellowship with his Lord he was always serene in spirit, strong in faith, steadfast in duty." Thus speaks his dear daughter, Mrs. Lewis M. Price, as a slight tribute of love to her father revered and enthroned.

One incident that occurred toward the close of his ministry merits more than a passing word. In 1906, at the session of the Conference held in Pocomoke City, brother Thompson asked for the retired relation, which request the Conference reluctantly granted. Two years later a serious crisis was reached in one of the leading churches of the Conference, and the District Superintendent, Dr. R. K. Stephenson, appointed brother Thompson pastor. It is the uniform testimony of those concerned that this retired veteran displayed such rare tact, and forbearing spirit that an important church was saved from virtual wreck. His last appointment was at Millington, Md., where he served with marked acceptability. In 1913, feeling unequal to the burdens of the pastorate, he again asked for and was given the retired relation. On motion of his District Superintendent, a committee of which Dr. Louis E. Barrett was chairman, was raised to make suitable mention of the long and honorable services of this honored servant of the church. The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote and are an expression on the part of the Conference of the high esteem in which it held him as "a man of high Christian character, and as a minister whose motto had been 'this one thing I do.'"

For two Sabbaths before he heard the heavenly summons he occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church in Smyrna. On Sabbath March 29th he preached for the pastor of that church, who was ill. He never proclaimed the Word with greater clearness or unction. All unconscious to himself he stood with his feet almost upon the threshold of the Father's home on high,—how fitting that his last message should be of the Triumphant entry of the King, His Lord, into the city of David. On Monday, March 30th while a guest in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lewis M. Price, he was seized with a sudden and grave illness from which he hoped soon to recover and answer the roll call at Conference; but while the Secretary was calling the name, Henry Scott Thompson's ear heard another voice, "well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." The summons did not find him unprepared, his whole life had been a preparation. With no word to the loved who ministered to his weary body, with but an upward glance, he accompanied the Heavenly Messenger into the Life Eternal.

And after all, was not his going away ideal? With him there was no long gathering of the ever lengthening shadows that betoken the day's decline. No anxious days nor weary nights of hopeless pain. But from the outskirts of the "far flung battle line" this good soldier of Jesus Christ heard the call, "come up higher." He ceased at once to work and live. We can hear him exclaim in the beautiful words of Alfred Tennyson,

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me;
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.
I know I'll see my Pilot face to face,
When I have crossed the bar."

Final services were held in the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, Smyrna, Delaware, in charge of the Rev. Dr. C. W. Prettyman, pastor. The address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Martindale, a long time friend of the departed veteran and his family. His earthly remains were laid to rest in beautiful Glenwood Cemetery, Smyrna.

"Servant of God well done,
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle fought, the victory won,
And thou art crowned at last."

ROBERT WATT.

Mrs. Sallie L. Bowen.

Mrs. Sallie L. Bowen, widow of the Rev. W. L. P. Bowen, was born Jan. 4th, 1837, and translated Dec. 21st, 1913, in her 78th year. She was born of Kendall Massey and Julia Jones, who were representatives of two of the most prominent families of Worcester Co., Md. She was married to William L. P. Bowen of Newark, Md., Sept. 27th, 1860, with whom she lived in most happy fellowship until the time of his death some two years ago. Sister Bowen was a devout Christian from childhood and had the most reverent regard for all Sacred things. When her husband was called in the early seventies to become an itinerant minister, she cheerfully consented to a roving life, believing it to be the will of God. She was a real helpmeet in the ministry of the gospel both by her untiring devotion to her husband and who oftentimes needed her counsels and in her devotion to the interests of the work committed to their charge. She was a model housekeeper and an ideal cook and many a weary Presiding Elder has found in her hospitable home the comfort he could find nowhere else in his journeyings to and fro. The writer looks back with a feeling of homesickness to those happy hours spent in the very heart of this charming itinerant home. Sister Bowen's love for God and his Church found a most

happy expression in a bequest of \$3000.00 to the Church at Newark, Md., her home church. The income from \$1000. of this is to go direct to the pastor's salary. The income from another \$1000. is to be applied to the upkeep of the parsonage and that from the last \$1000. for the upkeep of the Church. The making of these bequests seemed to be a source of peculiar pleasure to her in her last days as though the heavens shined into her soul a little brighter for these deeds of love.

The end came peacefully as a little child falling to sleep in its mother's arms.

W. F. CORKRAN.

Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Spry Davis.

Martha Elizabeth Spry Davis, the widow of the late Rev. Edward Davis of this Conference, passed from the earthly to her heavenly home Nov. 7, 1913. She was the daughter of Rev. William and Adeline Spry. She was born Dec. 15th, 1844. Her father died when she was but three years old. Her early life was spent at the home of her step-grandfather, Joseph Smith, near Dudley's Chapel, on Sudlerville Charge. She became a Christian early in life and attended Sunday School and church at Dudley. After she was grown she lived with her mother in Crumpton. On the death of her mother, she made her home with a cousin, Mrs. Wright Spry, in Kent Co., Md. Here she made her home till she married Bro. Davis Dec. 27, 1882. During all her married life she was a great help to her husband in all his church work, teaching in the Sunday School and leading the singing in his several churches and in revival meetings.

She was peculiarly fitted for the varied duties of a Methodist preacher's wife, and in the many charges of which her husband was pastor her kindly ministrations in the homes of the members as well as her public participation in the church life greatly endeared her to the parishioners. Always cheerful, hopeful and full of inspiration. After her husband's death, she made her home with Mrs. Katherine Merrick, the widow of Charles Merrick, near Ingleside, Queen Anne Co., Md., who was a distant cousin. Before he died he requested of the family that if she were left a widow and homeless that she be invited to make her home with them. This they did, and with both open hearts and hands she was welcomed into this elegant and hospitable home. And they counted it a joy to minister to her every need. Four years prior to her death, she partially lost her speech from a light stroke of paralysis, also she suffered with rheumatism. The daughter in this home, Miss Katherine, had sole care of her and no faithful daughter could have been more concerned for the welfare of an invalid mother than this noble young lady was in the welfare of this patient in her charge. Because of her affliction she could no longer sing as in other days, but would have this accomplished young lady to play and sing her favorite hymns, while tears would roll down her cheeks, because

she no longer could join in the songs. Having lost, by death, so many dear friends of her youth, she was greatly depressed, and prayed that she might go and join the goodly company that had passed to the other shore. She was patient, uncomplaining and very grateful for all that was done for her. She has gone where the loosened tongue can join in the song of Moses and the Lamb, and where the inhabitants will never say I am sick.

The funeral service was held at the home Nov. 9th, 1913, in charge of the pastor of Sudlersville Church, assisted by Rev. J. P. Stump of the M. E. Church South, Ingleside. The following morning the body was taken to Bridgeville, Del., and laid to rest, to await the resurrection of the just.

L. P. CORKRAN.

Mrs. M. Jennie Kemp.

Mrs. M. Jennie Kemp, widow of the late Rev. John D. Kemp, of the Wilmington Conference, died at her home in Chestertown, Md., Saturday, July 26th, 1913. This elect lady was born in Denton, Caroline Co., Md., Sept. 22d, 1842. Her parents were Charles and Eliza Nicholson. The father was a class leader in the M. E. Church. Mrs. Kemp was converted in girlhood, and united with the M. E. Church, showing forth the virtue and beauties of a young life devoted to Christ. On Oct. 28th, 1862, she was united in marriage to a young lawyer in Denton, Mr. J. D. Kemp. In 1872, Mr. Kemp laid aside the turmoils of the law, and began the toils of the Methodist itinerancy. He joined the Wilmington Conference, and for 32 years, until his death in 1903, his noble wife shared in his itinerant labors. The parsonage, under sister Kemp's care, was not only a haven of rest, but the abode of good cheer and warm hospitality, imparting to the guest not only a sense of wisdom, but a genial home feeling. The intense Christian zeal and earnestness of her husband, attended with her quiet, unassuming, sincere Christian character and bearing, made the pastorate a blessing and comfort wherever the itinerant tent was pitched. She was not ambitious to be in the front ranks as a leader, but as a sunbeam enters the rosebud to develop and beautify, so sister Kemp modestly and quietly went about her constructive work as a preacher's wife and helper. She conquered by winning—all who were fortunate enough to be counted among her personal friends can bear testimony to her winning qualities. In her itinerant travels she made strong, faithful friends, who remained such to the end. After the death of brother Kemp she and her daughter, Miss Maude, moved to Chestertown, so that she might be near her other daughter, Mrs. T. S. Bordley. Her devotion to her children and grand-children were beautiful characteristics. It was the good fortune of the writer to be the pastor of this family for over four years, and to hold delightful communion and fellowship with them. Woodlawn Campmeeting had a peculiar fascination for sister Kemp. She had lived, as a preacher's wife among those earnest, warm-hearted people, and it was a great pleasure

to make her annual visit to this time-honored campground, where she had a cottage. She and her daughter, Miss Maud, were making preparation to go to this Feast of Tabernacles, when the messenger of death came and ordered her to pitch her tent on the eternal camping-ground of Heaven.

The funeral took place July 29th, in charge of her pastor. Her body was laid away to sleep in the beautiful Chester Cemetery, to await the touch of the Resurrection Angel, when, clothed in a glorious immortality, it will arise to meet her Lord in the air.

LOUIS E. BARRETT.

Mrs. Jane Holland Quigg.

Facile indeed, must be the pen that can worthily write the story of this rare and radiant life. It was strong, true and queenly beyond description.

Mrs. Quigg was born at Cedar Grove, near Snow Hill, Md., March 31st, 1835. Her parents were Samuel Porter, and Mary Porter Townsend. They were rugged and conscientious in character; simple and heroic in faith, with almost puritan devotion to duty; and they trained her life into the same resolute ideals and consecrations. These distinguished her career, and shed a clear light on her years of unusual and ardent service in the Kingdom of Jesus.

She was married to Rev. John B. Quigg March 8th, 1854, and for forty-two years she walked by his side, keeping faithful step with him in all the toils and triumphs of his earnest and eventful ministry. She studied his problems with him, caught sight of the visions that quickened him, and buttressed his purpose with her serene and confident co-operation.

Her daughter, Miss Grace, writes this tender tribute to her—"She was a constant inspiration to father. Her supreme faith, clear vision and keen judgment; her love and compassion for the afflicted and sinful, and her ready acceptance of the burdens of life, were a wonderful uplift to her husband and children."

After Bro. Quigg's retirement from the active work in 1896, she became a member of Grace Church, Wilmington, and at once threw her zeal and activities into every good cause. The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, the Woman's Christian Association, the Florence Crittenden Home, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and other philanthropic societies were helped to efficiency by her generosity, energy and magnetism of spirit. Nothing was alien to her great heart, which promised the betterment of society.

She deeply loved the church, was intelligently loyal to its creed and polity, and intensely jealous of its honor. A blow at its fair name kindled her indignation, and deepened her devotion to its interests. She was a valiant defender of the faith. Home lover also she was; and the weary

Itinerant found grateful shelter and refreshment under her roof. It is no wonder that her children call her blessed, and that her guests hold her in fragrant memory.

She wrought well; and suffered with sublime Christian fortitude—ever keeping track of current events and church progress, through the stress and bitterness of pain. At last, she fell asleep on June 16th, 1913, at her home in Wilmington, Del.

Funeral services were held in Grace Church, by her pastor, Rev. Dr. George E. Reed, and the writer. She was laid to rest beside her husband in the old church yard at Snow Hill, in the evenings hush, and in the mellow radiance of the moonlight.

"God's saints are shining lights;"
And these all night,
Like candles, shed
Their beams, and light
Us unto bed."

THOS. E. MARTINDALE.

Mrs. John D. Rigg.

Mrs. John D. Rigg exchanged the weeds of widowhood, for the welcome of heaven Aug. 27th, 1913, at the home of her brother-in-law, Jesse J. Morgan, Esq., 622 W. 6th St., Chester, Pa. Her remains were tenderly and lovingly laid to rest Aug. 29th by the side of her husband, the Rev. John D. Rigg, in Chester Rural Cemetery. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Price Collins, born Sept. 22nd, 1839; her parents were James and Elizabeth Collins, devoted and leading Methodists in Chester Co., Pa. She was married to the Rev. John D. Rigg, Mar. 29th, 1869, and shared the joys, the burdens and trials of his whole ministry except the first two years. She was an helpmeet indeed in all his toils and cares. She helped him to rise to positions of prominence and power, encouraging when toils depressed, rejoicing when victories were won. They celebrated their silver wedding in the year of 1894 at their home 618 W. 6th St., Chester, Pa., which was a time of happy greetings and of great joy; but afflictions had already begun to manifest themselves. In the years which followed, Mrs. Rigg was able to stand by the side of her devoted husband and help him in suffering and weakness, until the end came. Then for almost ten years she walked alone—yet not alone, for Christ verified his promise to her, "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end." Thus the itinerant's wife lived and died, conscious of the companionship of the Christ who gave her the hope "which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast and which entereth into that within the veil."

W. L. S. MURRAY.

LAYMAN'S ASSOCIATION.**MORNING SESSION.**

OPENING—The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Layman's Association was held at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Berlin, Maryland, April 3, 1914. The meeting was called to order by the President, Thomas N. Rawlins. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. James M. Wise. An hour of great enthusiasm was spent during which nearly every delegate present testified to the saving power of Christ.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS—President Rawlins in an address outlined the problems confronting the Methodist Episcopal Church on this peninsula. He explained the Cooke Amendment, giving its main features and he explained how the amendment will preserve the Constitution of the Church from radical change. He spoke of the proposed merger of the Wilmington Conference with the Philadelphia Conference. During his remarks he opposed the merger on account of breaking old ties, removal of seat of control to a distance from the peninsula, thus losing the influence of annual conferences and the present representative lay association. Also he spoke of the temperance situation, especially in Delaware, urging continued opposition and vigilance on the part of the laymen until the liquor question is eliminated from politics by abolishing the liquor business. Upon motion, the sentiments expressed in the address of our president were approved and accepted as the sentiment and policy of the Layman's Association.

ROLL CALL—The roll was called by the Secretary, to which forty-nine delegates responded. On motion, members from churches not having delegates present were ordered enrolled as accredited representatives.

STANDING COMMITTEES—The President announced the appointment of the following Committees: Fraternal Greetings—Bros. W. O. Hofecker, H. P. Cannon, R. C. Peters, T. B. Ridgaway. Resolutions—Bros. R. M. Cooper, L. M. Broadway, E. S. S. Turner, George E. Magee. Nominations—Bros. W. J. Downing, W. B. Genn, I. J. Morgan, Joseph Mallaieu. Finance—Bros. P. S. Shockley, Henry Vinsinger, John R. Price, W. H. Clark.

INTRODUCTION—Bro. Thos. R. Fort, Jr., was introduced and gave an outline of the work done by the Layman's Association in the Philadelphia Conference and spoke of the cordial relations existing in the Philadelphia Conference of the Ministers and the Layman's Association.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—Bro. W. J. Downing, chairman of Committee on Ministerial Support, reported that no minister had asked for as-

sistance in instituting a financial system, so he takes as proof that every minister is satisfied with the system in operation in his church. On motion, the Committee on Ministerial Support was continued.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION—Rev. T. R. Van Dyke read a telegram from W. W. Davis, Secretary of the Society for Sabbath Observance, asking the laymen to take action regarding a bill legalizing the sale of tobacos on Sunday, now pending in the Maryland Legislature. The matter was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

MISSIONS—Rev. A. L. Gray, Missionary to India, was introduced and spoke of the work of the Methodist Episcopal missionaries in India. He said that in 1912 there were 30,000 converts, in 1913 more than 40,000 converts, but that the work is badly handicapped by the lack of workers and of funds, that the country is most responsive and could bring rich results in a short time if the workers could be kept on the ground.

MINISTERIAL CO-OPERATION—The lack of co-operation in the Laymen's Association activities on the part of some ministers was made the subject of remarks by Bros. J. R. Price and C. A. Short.

ADJOURNMENT—After presentation of resolutions and bills, the Association adjourned to meet in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

OPENING—The meeting was called to order by President Rawlins. The devotional exercises were led by Rev. A. L. Gray.

ADDRESS—Brother Thos. R. Fort, Jr., of the First Methodist Church, Germantown, gave an address on "The Church, The Duty and Responsibility of the Laity Thereto." He gave a brief history of the Church, especially emphasizing the work done by the laymen. He outlined the work being done by the Church to-day, and the financial support for the work in its several phases, also what the Church should do for the laity in the way of developing loyalty and thus inspire the laity to greater earnestness in the activities of the home church. He then laid stress upon the reaction these forces would have on the Church universal. At the conclusion of his most instructive and interesting talk the Association gave Bro. Fort a rising vote of thanks.

EPWORTH LEAGUE—Dr. W. F. Sheridan was introduced and made a plea for a wider and more consistent use of the Epworth League. He pointed out the great value of the League service as a training for the young people of the church in expression of personal Christian experience.

MISSIONS—Rev. A. L. Gray continued his remarks of the morning concerning the missions in India. He gave some interesting details of the work, including the methods of reaching the masses, the visible results of the efforts and the self-supporting character of the societies established. The demand for funds is that advanced work may be done and the Word be carried to new fields.

DISCUSSION—A discussion of "The Elements of Church Growth" was now held. Secretary C. A. Short led in the discussion. "Growth," said he, "whether spiritual or national is due to life. The minister who is hungry for souls will not become absorbed in social reforms or moral uplift movements, good and essential though these movements are, but will make his prime object the salvation of souls. That minister's Church will grow and he will find his people energetic in doing the will of their Master. For effective growth the laymen must be up and doing. The Sunday School scholar must be brought up in the church. The leaders of to-day in the bounds of the Wilmington Conference were nearly all saved in childhood. These converts must be instructed systematically in the history of Methodism, in the discipline and doctrines of the Church, through home training, church training and reading of the literature of the Church." He was followed in the discussion by Bros. J. P. Kelly, W. O. Hoffecker and John R. Price.

ENDOWMENT—Dr. George E. Reed was introduced and gave a report of the past year's work for Ministerial Endowment. The \$4000 had been raised and Bro. Gambrill had donated his \$1000. He asked the work be pushed forward so that the \$25,000 be secured in the 5 years limit.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS—The Committee on Fraternal Greetings reported that the Committee had been most cordially received by the Ministerial Conference, and that Bishop Cranston had responded to their greetings with a brief address filled with encouragement and helpful suggestions.

FINANCE—The Finance Committee reported that they had examined the Treasurer's accounts and found a balance to March 31, 1914 of \$14.34 and outstanding bills for \$5.00, which were recommended to be paid. The report of the Committee was accepted by motion and a collection of \$16.25 taken.

NOMINATIONS—The Nominating Committee reported the following: For President—Thos. N. Rawlins. Vice Presidents—W. O. Hoffecker, Easton District; John R. Price, Dover District; Robley D. Jones, Salisbury District; T. B. Ridgway, Wilmington District. Secretary, C. A. Short, Newark, Del. Treasurer, Irving Culver, Delmar. On motion, the nominees were elected officers of this Association for the ensuing year.

RESOLUTIONS—The Committee on Resolutions reported favorably the following resolutions:

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Resolved, That the advisability of holding district meetings of the Layman's Association be referred to the Committee on Ministerial Support with instructions to report to the next regular meeting of the Association concerning the need for them, methods for calling, representation from the several charges, selection of meeting places, etc.

Discussed and adopted.

II

Be it Resolved, That we endorse and recommend the points touched upon in the annual address of our President relative to temperance legislation and urge the laymen of the State of Delaware to act wisely in the selection of candidates for the Legislature to the end that we may secure further legislation against saloons and to prevent any reaction towards the present laws, viz.: the repeal of the Hazel bill or a bill for resubmission.

And further we recommend state-wide prohibition for the whole State of Delaware and also for the whole State of Maryland.

Carried unanimously.

III

Resolved, That we endorse what our President said concerning the merger of the Philadelphia and the Wilmington Conference and that we declare ourselves unalterably opposed to such a movement.

Discussed and passed 31 to 2.

IV

Resolved, That we recommend to the Committee on Ministerial Support a careful consideration of the financial plans of the Commission on Finance, and request that Committee to include any part of the duplex system of Church finance, or the whole plan, in their efforts to better the financial support of the churches and the church activities in our Conference territory.

Carried.

COMMISSION ON FINANCE—The President appointed the following laymen on the joint Conference Commission of Finance: Dover District, Henry P. Cannon, John H. Phillips; Easton District, W. O. Hoffecker, Mar-

tin M. Burris; Salisbury District, W. J. Downing, John G. Townsend; Wilmington District, T. B. Ridgaway, H. C. Downward.

PROTEST—On motion, the Laymen's Association recorded its protest to the Sunday Sale of Tobaccos Bill now pending before the Maryland Legislature, and Bros. R. D. Jones, W. J. Downing, and S. F. Whittington were made a Committee to draft a telegram to representatives of the Maryland Counties included within this Conference territory acquainting them of the action of the Association.

CLOSING—The minutes of the meeting were read and approved, after which the Association adjourned sine die.

Signed, T. N. RAWLINS, President.

Attest: C. A. SHORT, Secretary.

Officers of Lay Electoral Conference.

- 1872—President, John F. Williamson; Secretaries, Dr. W. T. Collins, I. T. Matthews.
- 1876—Pres., R. J. Jump; Secretaries, I. T. Matthews, J. H. Bell.
- 1880—Pres., John F. Williamson; Secy's, P. F. Causey, Dr. R. J. Price.
- 1884—Pres., Henry F. Pickles; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, Henry S. Dulaney.
- 1888—Pres., H. C. Dodson; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, W. H. Dashiell.
- 1892—Pres., I. T. Matthews; Sec'y, Joseph Smithers.
- 1896—Pres., H. F. Pickles; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. W. Coley.
- 1900—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. S. Collins.
- 1904—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, Wesley Webb.
- 1908—Pres., W. O. Hoffecker; Secy's, C. A. Short, A. R. Spaid.
- 1912—Pres., R. D. Jones; Secy's, C. A. Short, H. R. Moore.

Lay Delegates to the General Conference.

- 1872—Delegates, Daniel M. Bates, Walter H. Thompson.
Alternate, John F. Williamson, Thomas Mallalieu.
- 1876—Delegates, John F. Williamson, Thomas Mallalieu.
Alternate, W. J. Jones, Dr. Geo. C. Tyler.
- 1880—Delegates, I. T. Matthews, T. B. Coursey.
Alternate, J. F. Dawson, P. F. Causey.
- 1884—Delegates, F. A. Ellis, Alfred G. Cox.
Alternate, Dr. A. E. Sudler, Jos. Pyle.
- 1888—Delegates, H. P. Cannon, L. S. Melson.
Alternate, Joseph Pyle, Dr. A. E. Sudler.
- 1892—Delegates, Dr. A. E. Sudler, Joseph Pyle.
Alternate, I. T. Parker, J. W. Melson.
- 1896—Delegates, Dr. W. L. Gooding, W. H. Jackson.
Alternate, T. J. Truxton, G. F. Jones.
- 1900—Delegates, Chas. B. Lore, G. E. Hukill, Jos. E. Holland, Geo. A. Cox.
Alternate, S. H. Baynard, G. C. Moore, J. W. Fletcher, L. E. P. Dennis.
- 1904—Delegates, C. B. Lore, H. P. Cannon, R. M. Cooper, J. E. Ellegood.
Alternate, A. W. Sisk, Geo. C. Moore, L. S. Melson.
- 1908—Delegates, J. P. Holland, I. T. Parker, W. O. Hoffecker, R. D. Jones.
Alternate, John G. Townsend, Jr., Joseph W. Coley, J. C. Mullikin.
- 1912—Delegates, C. H. Jefferson, J. G. Townsend, Jr., J. W. Coley, Wm. Saulisbury.
Alternate, Mrs. Wm. M. Field, A. W. Sisk, W. T. Records.

Date of Claim. Service.		Distribution of Conference Funds.		CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.		Estimate of Q. C.	Ann. Claim	Ann. Paid	Special Fund.	Amount Paid
RETIREMENT MINISTERS										
1910	40	Arters, J. A., Middletown, Del.					528	3320		320
1906	17	Bowman, G. W., 5621 Catharine St., Philadelphia, Pa.					224	136		136
1907	42	Burke, G. W., Smyrna, Del.	500	554	336	149	485			485
1899	34	Carroll, James, Milford, Del.	400	449	272	68	340			340
1905	27	Collins, J. M., 222 W. 14th St., Wilmington, Del.	350	356	216	84	300			300
1913	20	Compton, W. P., 6725 Landsdowne Ave., Phila., Pa.	600	264	160	290	450			450
1906	46	Conaway, G. S., Smyrna, Del.	500	607	368	117	485			485
1871	5	Esgate, James, 206 Spring St., Brockton, Mass.	600	66	40	245	285			285
1904	25	Greene, W. M., 2226 N. 20th St., Phila., Pa.	600	330	200	100	300			300
1914	31	Hardesty, G. L., Seaford, Del.		409	248	77	325			325
1906	35	Harding, T. H., 1011 W. 7th St., Wilmington, Del.		462	280	65	345			345
1909	39	Hunter, T. B., 137 N. Magnolia Ave., Monrovia, Cala.		515	312		312			312
1914	38	Macnichol, E. C., 2543 N. 9th St., Phila., Pa.		502	304	196	500			500
1914	27	Morgan, S. M., 901 Delaware Ave., Wilmington, Del.		356	216		216			216
1889	20	Poole, J. W., 1540 N. 60th St., Phila., Pa.	300	264	160	100	260			260
1913	26	Prouse, J. T., Edgemoor, Del.	350	343	208	112	220			220
1891	30	Redman, W. W., Greenwood, Del.	350	396	240	85	325			325
1912	38	Roe, Robert, Oxford, Md.	450	502	304	9	310			310
1897	24	Tomkinson, W. E., 604 Boaz St., Harrisburg, Pa.	600	317	192	83	275			275
1901	28	Wallin, E. O. B., Majorsgaten 5, Stockholm, Sweden.	250	380	224		224			224
1906	21	Walton, O. S., Red Lion, Del.	300	277	168	17	185			185
1913	28	Willis, D. H., Cambridge, Md.	400	380	224	86	310			310
1914	31	Williams, C. H., Cambridge, Md.		409	248	72	320			320
SUPERNUMERARIES										
		Lewis, R. H., Fishing Creek, Md.				425	425			425
		Wilson, J. H., Laurel, Del.				335	335			335
WIDOWS										
1903	21	Avery, Lydia, 250 W. 82nd St., New York	150	139	84	31	115			115
1881	8	Bain, Sarah B., 709 6th Ave., Juniata, Pa.	300	53	32	158	190			190
1909	40	Bolton, Mary J., 1711 West St., Wilmington, Del.	300	264	160		160			160
1903	9	Bovie, Selma C., 1140 44th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	125	59	36	89	125			125
1879	10	Brandreth, Rebecca M., 344 Shedaker St., Phila., Pa.	250	66	40	135	175			175
1895	4	Brindle, Ellen M., Greensboro, Md.	250	26	16	144	160			160
1898	28	Browne, Clintonia, 10th & Wash. Sts., Wilmington, Del.	250	191	116	129	245			245
1896	33	Bryan, Annie V., 332 Reeder St., Easton, Pa.	350	218	132	33	165			165
1909	31	Chandler, Mollie E., Crumpton, Md.	300	205	124	126	250			250
1870	8	Chatham, Annie D., Smyrna, Del., R. Watt, Trustee.	200	53	32	168	200			200
1892	17	Creamer, Sarah V., Wil., Del., Mrs. Jennie Fields, Trus.	100	112	68	32	100			100
1905	25	Creed, Fannie, Centreville, Md.	300	165	100	100	200			200
1872	1	Ewing, Emma D., 800 Haddon Ave., Collingswood, N.J.	150	7	4	76	80			80
1891	17	Foreman, Mary A., 614 W. 20th St., Wilmington, Del.	200	112	68	107	175			175
1914	40	Fosnocht, Bessie, Smyrna, Del.	300	264	160	40	200			200
1891	20	Gardner, Louisa, Smyrna, Del.	300	132	80	105	185			185
1906	16	Graham, Annie M., Clayton, Del.	300	106	64	66	130			130
1893	25	Gregg, Annie G., Kenton, Del.		165	100		100			100
1908	26	Grise, Mary E., Berlin, Md.	200	172	104	76	180			180
1904	43	Haynes, Mrs. T. H., Smyrna, Del.	300	284	172	28	200			200
1900	32	Hynson, Mary A., Salisbury, Md.	250	211	128	137	265			265
1879	16	Irwin, Annie H., 911 Farragut Terrace, Phila., Pa.	350	106	64	126	190			190
1896	4	Lecates, Lizzie M., 2923 E. Balto. St., Baltimore, Md.	400	26	16	219	235			235
1893	13	Melvin, Frances M., 419 E. 31st St., Baltimore, Md.	350	86	52	118	170			170
1914	38	Morris, Henrietta, Manasquan, N. J.	250	251	152		152			152
1909	35	Nelson, Evelyn J., 922 Lombard St., Wilmington, Del.	300	231	140	35	175			175
1887	21	O'Neil, Mary A., 230 N. Carey St., Baltimore, Md.	300	139	84	76	160			160
1882	6	Prettyman, Emma, Salisbury, Md.	200	40	24	161	185			185
1893	14	Robinson, M. R., Perryman, Md.	200	92	56	89	145			145
1904	35	Shepherd, Mary E., Frankford, Del.	400	231	140	40	180			180
1884	15	Shilling, Emma L., "The Marian", Wilmington, Del.	250	99	60	140	200			200
1905	12	Sidell, Sarah D., 3706 Locust St., Phila., Pa.	250	79	48	147	195			195
1901	12	Swain, Martha H., Dover, Del.	325	79	48	212	260			260
1903	27	Sypherd, Josephine, 225 Stenton Pl., Atlantic City, N. J.		244	148		148			148
1914	24	Talbot, Laura V., Dover, Del.		158	96		96			96
1914	9	Talley, Elva, Edgemoor, Del.	250	59	36	94	130			130
1878	10	Thomas, Mary S., 604 Broome St., Wilmington, Del.		67	40	60	100			100
1914	40	Thompson, Mrs. H. S., Smyrna, Del.	230	264	160	50	210			210
1906	30	Todd, Alice C., Wenonah, N. J.	200	198	120	80	200			200
1878	12	Weston, Laura E., 731 N. 41st St., Phila., Pa.	100	79	48	102	150			150
1913	40	White, Elnora, Millington, Md.	300	264	160	75	235			235
1905	18	Wilcox, Emma L., Salisbury, Md.	200	119	72	58	130			130
1900	8	Williams, Martha S., Northeast, Md.	250	53	32	133	165			165
ORPHANS										
1913	10	Bloxtton, Frances W., Cecilton, Md.	100	26	16	34	50			50

TREASURER'S REPORT.
RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAME OF DISTRICTS	Disciplinary Benevolences										Other Benevolences					Other Items								
	Board of Foreign Missions	Board of H. M. & Church Extension	Missions	Fredman's Aid Society	Education	Bd. of S. S.	Conf. Claimants	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Society	American Bible Society	City Missionary & Church Extension Society	Central Office Expenses	Methodist Brotherhood	Dues	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Conference Academy	Domestic Missions	Philadelphia Hospital	Anti-Saloon League	Bishop's Residence	Total Benevolences	Support of Conference	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	General Conference Expenses	Grand Total
Dover	1715	88	2019	200	88	84	240	76	124	132	218	38	6	11	1204	521	308	455	889	13718	2849	508	160	17280
Easton	918	67	1325	101	75	34	141	479	61	74	457	62	8	11	9684	479	346	261	349	11046	2582	502	29	14162
Salisbury	1163	30	2822	279	132	41	256	39	268	157	580	68	16	16	10787	565	588	540	463	12719	3777	701	19	17847
Wilmington	1132	132	2671	283	125	65	221	23	108	132	1265	59	8	16	16211	460	541	860	406	17778	8906	747	107	21887
Total	4988	917	9567	868	418	174	638	105	4732	312	3106	2074	606	505	48637	2061	1883	1616	1577	55293	12519	2458	446	70676
Totals for 1913	13472	14831	10034	292	764	448	802	101	656	245	3043	196	24	42408	2118	1870	1407	527	48831	12284	1854	114	63073	
Increase	680			170	30	6	136	409				26	9	5228		12	209	1050		6480	229	699	332	7603
Decrease																								

NOTE—The following report was received too late for proper tabulation by the Conference Treasurer. Taylor's Island: For Foreign Missions, \$10; Home Missions, \$10; Episcopal Fund, \$5; Conference Claimants, \$5; Domestic Missions, \$8. Total, \$38.

STATISTICAL
DOVER DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership					Epw'th League		Church Property							General Conference Expenses				
	Probationers		Full Members			Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses, Fuel, Light, etc.	Appropriated for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance Due	
	Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preachers														Deaths
1 Arm'y & Asy	19	27	126	9	8	1	25	2	\$ 4200	1	\$2500	\$ 65		\$150	8	4	4		
2 Beckwith	25	25	140			32	65	45	6000	1	2000	50		160	10	22	6		
3 Blad's & Epw.	48	65	127	1		1	52	2	3200	1	1500	7	328	100	8	22	6		
4 Bridgeville			252	1		2	45	40	6000	1	2500	45		270	12	4	8		
5 Burrsville Ct.	9	9	218				40		5000	1	1500	1025	188	106		3			
6 Cambridge	57	65	352	1		3	50	50	68000	1	4000	2735	10118	28850	550				
7 Cam'n & Leb	9	9	229			5			9000	1	1500	50		215					
8 Canterbury	8	8	184	33	1	6			6900			198		108					
9 Church Cr'k.		1	73				12		6000	1	1500			102	7	3	4		
10 Concord Ct.	19	5	306	12		7	80		10500	1	2000	480		150	10	3	7		
11 Crapo	6	2	425	5	2	3	100		11000	1	1200	313	104	250	15	3	9		
12 Deaton	2	16	224	23	1	7	61	82	10000	2	9000	345		484	16	3	8		
13 Dover	1	1	225			4	40		32000	1	8000	710		450	760	6			
14 E. N. Market	13	18	293	24		2	250	61	9000	1	3000	100	270	435	250	14	4		
15 Ellendale	38	24	254			2	6	36	4700	1	600	20		150			10		
16 Elliott's Isl.	77	78	55			1	40		2500	1	400	47		55					
17 Epw & Hick'n	38	38	95			1	40		3000			35		70	3	1	2		
18 Farmington	39	39	135			1	3		7000	1	1200			55	8	1	7		
19 Federalsburg	5	5	233	4		4	40		8000	1	3000	50		314	14				
20 Felton	33	33	400	15		8	50		10000	1	1500	100		250					
21 Frederica	20	20	254			4	61		10000	1	1500			215					
22 Galestown	4		225			1	6		4600	1	1500			150	10		10		
23 Georgetown	9	9	460			1	6	100	15000	1	8500	75	350	4013	373	16	4		
24 Georget'n Ct.	12	20	290	15		4			7000	1	1600	150		115	10	2	8		
25 Greenwood	148	148	254			1	100	85	9600	1	2500	550	45	175					
26 Harrington	1	25	367			3	75	20	8500	1	2500			300					
27 Hooper's Isl.	41		40			1	2		5000		154	588		133	6	1			
28 Houston	61	61	166			1	4		6800	1	1500			112					
29 Hurlock	13	13	175	2		1	56	37	9800	1	1800	340	320	125	210	12	3		
30 Lakesville	42	20	120			1	4		7700	1	900	75	5	21	80		9		
31 Leipsic	22	20	81	11					7080	1	1600	25	150	150	98	7	7		
32 Lewes	10	14	302	8	1	4	56	82	25000	1	3500	25	2100	3930	450	16	5		
33 Lincoln	18	61	340	11		3	60		12500	1	1200	37	434	40	200	10	2		
34 Little Creek	7	6	100			5	43		4600		180			90	8	2	6		
35 Mag & Br Ch	22	22	300			1	30		8500	1	2000	150		100					
36 Milford	32	27	352	69		16	100	52	15000	1	5000	775		800	550	16	16		
37 Milton	3	5	185	5		6			12000	1	2500			243	12	13			
38 Nassau	5	10	308			5			6000	1	1000	283		39	92				
39 Preston	2	16	156	6	1	2	80		10000	1	2000	632		220					
40 Rehoboth	29	38	226	18	1	4		70	4500	1	2200	2220	1100	1100	150	8	1		
41 Salem									3500	1	800			45					
42 Seaford	41	41	386			1	4		12000	1	2500	194		414					
43 Seaford Ct.	13	14	348			1	98		6600	1	2500			162	10	3	7		
44 Vienna	55		121			7	12	8	8000	1	1200	41		75	7	3	5		
45 Williams'brg	5	1	125			1			5000	1	1500	200		100	6	2	4		
46 Williams'vle	2	2	39						900					17	1				
47 Wyoming	52	60	248			4	35		12500	1	2400		626	240	150				
48 Zoar	51	51	255			1	3		6800					135	490	3	7		
Total	1166	1172	10599	276	24	166	1727	482	125	464400	43	101100	12491	16886	43377	9596	285	160	161

STATISTICAL
DOVER DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Sunday Schools													
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enroll't in all Depts. Incl. Cradle Roll, Home Dept. Off's, Teach's, Sc. Is	Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance of all Grades	Members in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Officers and Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers	Scholars Incl. Home Dept. Ch. Mem's or Prob'ers	Members Sunday Sch. converted during Conf. Year	Church	Collec's for Bd. of S. S.	10% of Sunday Sch. Miss. Offering	Sunday School Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
1 Armory and Asbury	2	28	220	153	101	9	30	27	95	14			2	56
2 Beckwith and Spedden	2	32	260	213	125		15	32	135	20			6	68
3 Blades and Epworth	2	39	283	244	120			25	81	34			3	65
4 Bridgeville	1	23	231	190	125			18	23	85			5	135
5 Burrsville Circuit	4	60	370	300	180			10	60				4	40
6 Cambridge	1	45	585	455	230	60		25	45				5	115
7 Camden and Lebanon	2	29	233	196	122			8	29				4	
8 Canterbury	3	35	288	223	133			30	34				2	
9 Church Creek	1	10	67	57	45			10					1	36
10 Concord	4	52	360	308	200			52	180	11			5	75
11 Crapo	4	50	450	400	200			48	200				5	60
12 Denton	1	26	393	302	195	30		35	26	165	4	2	17	252
13 Dover	1	22	197	140	120	24		11	22				2	147
14 East New Market	3	56	523	415	250			50	58	275	12		4	200
15 Ellendale	4	46	350	256	185	20		28	46	220	28		2	42
16 Elliott's Island	1	11	150	139				11	109	42			2	146
17 Epworth and Hickman	2	30	259	206	125	9		20	25	100	30		2	30
18 Farmington	4	40	250	210	150			35		34			2	56
19 Federalsburg	1	34	265	206	124	25		34	190	2			6	145
20 Felton	3	50	399	325	250	18		6	50	75	25	9		125
21 Frederica	1	36	418	372	128	10		34	227	20			24	170
22 Galestown	4	50	350	300	150					4				
23 Georgetown	1	28	420	333	170	45		14	28	125	12		5	275
24 Georgetown Circuit	4	65	3.5	250	200			60	65	200	6		5	80
25 Greenwood	4	69	600	500	300			31	69	400	125		6	150
26 Harrington	1	30	363	275	125	28		30	30				7	70
27 Hooper's Island	3	11	141	130	83			11	30	30			2	35
28 Houston	3	37	241	204	130			37		44			4	85
29 Hurlock	3	32	235	194	110			32		5			7	110
30 Lakesville	4	39	180	141	96			9	32	60			2	39
31 Leipsic	2	23	188	97	50	10		8	23	40			2	48
32 Lewes	1	33	452	316	160	63		40	33	125	10	6		190
33 Lincoln	3	41	404	300	250	13		50	40	260	14		2	100
34 Little Creek	2	12	175	138	90			25	10				4	50
35 Magnolia and Barrett's Chapel	3	54	386	300	150			32	54		18		4	50
36 Milford	1	22	591	526	325	27		16	22	270	16		30	306
37 Milton	1	20	220	190	105			10	20	85			7	117
38 Nassau	3	43	418	326	178	16		33	43	175	4		4	74
39 Preston	3	33	284	246	175			5	26	110	4		3	90
40 Rehoboth and Ebenezer	2	41	275	184	130	24		26	37	170	25		4	110
41 Salem	2	14	69	55	35			14	8		8		2	
42 Seaford	1	55	601	449	186	60		37	55	228	36		16	185
43 Seaford Circuit	4	66	550	440	278			44	66	150	5		8	200
44 Vienna	4	34	220	186				33	160	55			2	
45 Williamsburg	4	34	234	200	115			30	100	7				50
46 Williamsville	1	16	119	82	63			21	15	30	4		1	16
47 Wyoming	5	32	296	237	175	10		17	30	125	47		2	102
48 Zoar	4	40	380	320	200			20	40	150	20			56
Total	118	1730	15268	12223	7141	501	814	1628	5178	883	34	37	263	4623

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAME OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Total Claim, Total Paid, Rental Value, Deficiency, Claim, Paid, Support District Supt., Support Bishops, Support Conf. Cl'mnts, Total Paid for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency), Baptisms (Adults Baptized, Children Baptized, instruction, as Probaters).

TREASURER'S DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences (Missions: Board of Foreign Missions, Board of H. M. & Church Extens'n, Board of Education, Bd. of Education, Bd. of S. S., Conf. Education, Sunday Schools, Bd Conf. Claimants, Annual Conference Investments, Church Temperance Society, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Cash, Supplies, Woman's Home Miss. Soc., American Bible Society, City Missionary & Church Extension Society, Central Office Expenses E.L., Methodist Brotherhood), Other Benevolences (Conference Academy, Domestic Missions, Philadelphia Hospital).

STATISTICAL
EASTON DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership					Epw'th League		Church Property						General Conf'ce Expen's				
	Probationers		Full Members			Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses, Sexton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Appropriated for the Quadrennium		
	Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preachers											Deaths	Quadrannium Paid this Year	Balance Due
1 Bayside.....	4	20	184	18	1	48	20	2	\$ 5500	1	\$ 1000	\$ 880	385	115	29	4	4	
2 Bozman.....	17	23	149	3	3	85	98	2	7500	1	1000	35	180	180	180	3	3	
3 Cecilton.....	20	26	269	25	1	5	70	2	10000	1	2000	150	276	225	225	5	5	
4 Centerville.....	3	3	249	15	1	3	50	1	9000	1	3800	.....	480	480	.....	5	5
5 Chestertown.....	2	10	281	3	3	50	50	1	20000	1	4000	1270	500	500	5	5	5	
6 Cheswold.....	22	15	160	10	1	2	35	2	8000	1	2600	150	148	148	.....	.....	.....
7 Church Hill.....	42	42	201	10	3	22	67	3	9000	1	1500	25	285	285	.....	.....	.....
8 Clayton.....	25	25	147	5	2	15	20	1	3500	1	1800	762	157	157	.....	.....	.....
9 Cordova.....	1	5	150	25	1	.....	.....	3	6000	1	1200	.....	200	75	50	.....	.....
10 Crumpton.....	1	9	270	.....	2	60	25	1	5000	1	1000	75	150	150	12	1	9
11 Easton.....	31	18	154	2	2	41	.....	1	20000	1	4000	1200	200	825	21	3	11
12 Fairlee.....	62	62	186	.....	3	24	64	1	7000	1	2000	223	40	175	.....	.....	.....
13 Galena.....	62	62	73	.....	9	40	50	1	7000	1	1200	140	185	185	.....	.....	.....
14 Golt.....	87	86	217	15	1	.....	54	3	4000	1	1200	158	68	225	.....	.....	.....
15 Greensboro.....	36	36	100	1	2	.....	.....	3	3500	1	1500	.....	224	580	50	.....	.....
16 Henderson.....	10	10	140	1	3	.....	.....	2	8700	1	1500	800	100	100	6	2	4
17 Hillsboro.....	46	11	257	18	5	60	.....	3	7500	1	2500	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18 Kent Island.....	13	13	220	2	2	74	.....	3	5000	1	1800	480	.....	175	.....	.....	.....
19 Kenton.....	18	18	352	.....	4	39	22	4	7500	1	1800	162	.....	225	12	3	6
20 Marydel.....	25	31	294	19	2	45	.....	1	18000	1	6000	1661	2217	450	.....	.....	.....
21 Middletown.....	.....	.....	141	10	1	.....	.....	1	7000	1	2000	42	.....	185	.....	.....	.....
22 Odessa.....	.....	.....	200	26	3	50	25	1	7000	1	2000	.....	50	245	.....	.....	.....
23 Piney Neck.....	33	33	87	.....	4	50	90	1	3000	1	2000	850	1500	150	.....	.....	.....
24 Pomona.....	48	11	151	.....	1	16	12	1	2000	1	1200	10	.....	54	.....	.....	.....
25 Queenstown.....	21	18	170	.....	3	50	.....	3	3500	1	2500	150	.....	185	.....	.....	.....
26 Ridgely.....	63	63	170	.....	3	40	110	1	10000	1	2500	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	.....
27 Rock Hall.....	23	8	357	.....	3	60	.....	1	10000	1	2000	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	.....
28 Royal Oak.....	4	5	108	.....	1	38	29	3	6000	1	2000	90	376	378	125	.....	.....
29 St. Michael.....	24	23	361	9	5	92	81	1	24000	1	2500	1450	210	305	4	2	.....
30 Salem Ct.....	1	1	116	7	3	.....	.....	3	4500	1	.....	473	.....	118	.....	.....	.....
31 Smyrna.....	20	35	396	32	5	40	.....	1	20000	1	3500	75	.....	108	.....	.....	.....
32 Smyrna Ct.....	8	69	285	15	2	60	28	3	6000	1	2000	40	.....	82	15	3	.....
33 Still Pond.....	33	49	261	35	1	140	36	2	14000	1	2000	1000	.....	225	.....	.....	.....
34 Sudlersville.....	47	48	180	.....	3	30	.....	3	10500	1	3009	200	.....	200	.....	.....	.....
35 Tilghman Is.....	4	.....	100	.....	4	35	55	2	9000	1	1500	400	100	3000	140	.....	.....
36 Townsend.....	40	40	208	4	3	44	79	3	21500	1	3500	2417	798	220	.....	.....	.....
37 Trappe.....	12	3	204	6	3	25	25	2	3700	1	1800	226	.....	100	.....	.....	.....
38 Wye.....	.....	.....	74	.....	3	20	.....	1	2000	1	1800	112	.....	66	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	849	899	7676	303	117	1438	1226	79	853100	37	82500	19044	1976	9773	8501	80	29	42

STATISTICAL
EASTON DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGES	Sunday School's													
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enroll't in all Depts. Inc. Cradle, Roll, Home Dept. Offi's, Teach'rs, Schls.	Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance of all Grades	Members in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Officers and Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers	Scholars incl. Home Dept. Ch. Mem's or Probationers	Members Sunday Sch. converted during Conf. Year	Church	Collec's for Bd. of S. S.		
1 Bayside.....	2	31	221	145	85	45	28	28	40	.....	1	37	
2 Bozman & Neavitt.....	2	21	388	289	106	50	23	23	80	10	5	65		
3 Cecilton.....	1	33	301	256	145	.....	12	32	125	16	2	90	
4 Centerville.....	1	28	250	200	140	.....	22	28	105	15	.....	10
5 Chestertown.....	1	31	271	240	150	.....	.....	30	90	.....	25	367
6 Cheswold.....	2	30	306	254	190	10	12	30	150	3	3	80		
7 Church Hill.....	3	33	265	207	135	.....	25	30	125	20	.....	3
8 Clayton.....	1	26	365	329	150	.....	10	26	.....	47	2	6
9 Cordova.....	3	20	170	140	110	.....	10	20	75	20	2	194	
10 Crumpton.....	3	45	195	150	100	.....	.....	35	50	1	.....	5
11 Easton.....	1	28	358	320	165	.....	10	28	80	15	5	100	
12 Fairlee.....	2	22	213	155	97	.....	36	21	53	26	1	2	
13 Galena.....	1	10	86	76	60	.....	10	37	2	.....	4	28
14 Golt.....	3	35	225	125	100	50	15	25	40	20	1	25		
15 Greensboro.....	1	31	322	271	120	.....	20	27	143	60	3	104	
16 Henderson.....	3	30	260	230	150	.....	13	.....	36	.....	.....	50
17 Hillsboro.....	2	22	172	150	100	.....	22	50	.....	2	2	50
18 Kent Island.....	3	46	445	343	220	.....	56	45	89	33	2	4	
19 Kenton.....	3	34	262	196	95	11	21	34	9	13	.....	75	
20 Marydel.....	4	88	511	392	220	19	12	58	297	14	2	120		
21 Middletown.....	1	24	280	167	110	64	25	23	88	23	3	7		
22 Millington.....	1	20	143	100	50	.....	23	18	35	.....	2	50
23 Odessa.....	1	19	177	110	60	25	23	17	30	1	.....	50	
24 Oxford.....	1	19	135	116	75	.....	19	65	23	1	.....	65
25 Piney Neck.....	2	20	220	200	100	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	4	50
26 Pomona.....	2	30	168	138	70	.....	30	80	12	2	.....	69
27 Queenstown.....	3	45	360	275	150	.....	40	45	125	26	1	40	
28 Ridgely.....	1	18	218	200	120	.....	18	125	60	.....	2	75
29 Rock Hall.....	1	30	680	475	325	125	50	30	300	15	.....	100	
30 Royal Oak.....	3	20	182	150	90	12	20	80	4	.....	1	60	
31 St. Michael.....	1	39	270	231	178	.....	39	180	24	.....	2	110
32 Salem Circuit.....	3	60	228	168	120	.....	60	51	5	.....	2	50
33 Smyrna.....	2	42	393	316	170	20	15	42	270	20	2	27		
34 Smyrna Circuit.....	3	34	258	200	130	.....	24	34	.....	7	.....	39
35 Still Pond & Betterton.....	2	34	282	248	150	.....	34	148	28	.....	12	250
36 Sudlersville.....	3	33	193	160	100	.....	31	90	35	.....	2	75
37 Tilghman's Island.....	2	18	183	140	90	.....	25	15	50	4	2	40	
38 Townsend.....	2	33	347	219	125	54	41	33	83	40	2	103		
39 Trappe.....	2	36	343	156	100	12	23	36	142	5	.....	2	
40 Wye.....	1	9	70	61	40	9	25	1	90		
Total.....	80	1227	10716	8298	4991	613	578	1138	3602	683	34	32	109	3465

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EASTON DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Baptisms				
		Support of Pastor				Support District Supt.		Support Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'mnts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children under instruction as Probaters
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Deficiency	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid					
1 Bayside.....	John White.....	685	685	75	28	28	10	5	54	33	701	26	3	3	.....
2 Bozman.....	J. A. Brewington.....	900	900	100	42	42	15	14	76	28	990	49	19	19	.....
3 Cecilton.....	G. L. Hardesty.....	950	950	150	60	60	15	15	76	76	1101	10	15	15	.....
4 Centerville.....	J. R. Bicking.....	1200	1200	200	70	70	21	21	95	95	1386	10	6	15	.....
5 Chestertown.....	L. E. Barrett.....	1450	1450	250	84	84	25	15	114	114	1663	10	10	10	.....
6 Cheswold.....	W. F. Dawson.....	900	900	150	47	47	14	14	70	70	1031	1	30	30	.....
7 Church Hill.....	E. H. Derrickson.....	910	910	145	45	45	15	15	73	50	1020	23	13	25	.....
8 Clayton.....	G. R. Neese.....	825	825	125	40	40	12	12	65	65	942	2	7	20	.....
9 Cordova.....	Leonard White.....	900	900	100	48	48	15	15	76	76	1033	6	5	7	.....
10 Crumpton.....	Harry Taylor.....	900	900	100	48	48	10	8	76	40	996	38	1	10	.....
11 Easton.....	W. E. Gunby.....	1509	1500	300	85	85	25	25	114	114	1724	1	3	25	.....
12 Fairlee.....	T. N. Given.....	725	728	125	36	36	10	10	54	54	828	1	9	9	.....
13 Galena.....	C. W. Moore.....	900	900	100	44	44	15	15	76	75	1034	1	18	18	.....
14 Golt.....	W. B. Horner.....	666	660	60	24	24	7	7	57	16	707	41	2	10	.....
15 Greensboro.....	A. P. Prettyman.....	1075	1075	175	58	58	18	18	85	85	1236	2	5	5	.....
16 Henderson.....	W. N. Conaway.....	600	581	100	28	28	8	5	47	30	594	89	5	5	.....
17 Hillsboro.....	R. T. Coursey.....	1150	1150	150	58	58	17	17	95	50	1275	45	4	4	.....
18 Kent Island.....	T. C. Smoot.....	1050	1050	150	58	58	16	16	85	85	1209	2	26	4	.....
19 Kenton.....	G. P. Smith.....	800	800	100	45	45	12	12	65	65	922	2	5	5	.....
20 Maryland.....	W. W. Chaires.....	1065	1065	125	48	48	12	12	88	70	1195	18	27	27	.....
21 Middletown.....	C. T. Wyatt.....	1400	1400	200	85	85	25	25	114	114	1624	6	6	6	.....
22 Millington.....	C. N. Benson.....	750	750	150	40	40	10	10	57	57	857	17	17	17	.....
23 Odessa.....	J. L. Sparklin.....	800	800	100	42	42	12	10	66	66	918	2	.....	.....	.....
24 Oxford.....	W. M. McCann.....	782	782	132	36	36	10	5	62	10	838	57	14	14	.....
25 Piney Neck.....	R. L. Kirby.....	500	500	100	16	16	5	5	38	10	525	34	1	20	.....
26 Pomona.....	O. B. Rice.....	700	750	100	37	37	10	10	59	59	856	2	10	6	.....
27 Queenstown.....	D. J. Moore.....	714	714	114	36	36	13	5	59	37	792	27	15	15	.....
28 Ridgely.....	W. F. Habbart.....	1400	1400	200	84	84	25	12	114	70	1566	57	10	10	.....
29 Rock Hall.....	J. W. Prettyman.....	1050	1050	150	58	58	9	9	85	40	1157	45	3	15	50	
30 Royal Oak.....	Frank White.....	625	625	100	24	24	8	8	47	47	704	1	4	4	.....
31 St. Michaels.....	V. P. Northrup.....	1150	1150	150	70	70	15	15	95	95	1330	3	8	22	.....
32 Salem Circuit.....	H. Covington.....	800	800	.....	24	24	6	4	28	25	353	5	28	28	.....
33 Smyrna.....	C. W. Prettyman.....	1650	1650	250	104	104	25	25	150	150	1929	1	9	25	.....
34 Smyrna Circuit.....	L. I. McDougale.....	950	950	150	48	48	15	12	76	80	1090	3	5	19	11	
35 Still Pond.....	F. X. Moore.....	1200	1200	200	70	70	20	20	95	95	1385	3	12	15	.....
36 Sudlersville.....	L. P. Corkran.....	1050	1050	150	58	58	18	10	85	60	1178	33	10	15	.....
37 Tilghman's Is.....	Isanahoe Willis.....	900	900	100	48	48	10	10	76	76	1034	1	7	7	.....
38 Townsend.....	Warren Burr.....	1200	1200	200	68	68	20	20	95	95	1383	1	24	24	.....
39 Trappe.....	C. T. Jones.....	900	900	150	46	46	10	10	70	65	1021	5	8	8	.....
40 Wye.....	W. W. White.....	600	600	100	24	24	8	6	47	40	670	9	6	6	.....
Total.....		37716	37700	5566	69	2020	2008	563	502	8059	2582	42792	623	28	477	241

TREASURER'S

EASTON DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGE	Disciplinary Benevolences															Other Benevolences																
	Missions					Education			B'd. of S. S.			Conf. Claimants			Woman's Foreign Missionary Society		Woman's Home Miss. Soc.		American Bible Society		City Missionary & Church Extension Society		Central Office Exp. E. L.		Methodist Brotherhood		Conference Academy		Domestic Missions		Philadelphia Hospital	
	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Sch.	Church	Spec. Gifts	Sund'y Sch	Free'dmen's Aid Society	Pub. Educa'n	Children's Fund	Conf. Education	Church	Sunday Schools	B'd Conf. Claimants	Annual Conference Investments	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Cash	Supplies	American Bible Society	City Missionary & Church Extension Society	Central Office Exp. E. L.	Methodist Brotherhood	Conference Academy	Domestic Missions	Philadelphia Hospital							
1 Bayside.....	16	6	12	25	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	1	1	7	8	1	1	8	5	1	1			
2 Bozman.....	16	30	24	20	20	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	16	16	12	16	12	8	8	5	5		
3 Cecilton.....	39	25	66	49	60	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	9	9	9	16	16	12	16	12	8	8	5	5		
4 Centerville.....	30	.....	75	60	75	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	45	45	45	25	25	15	15	15	15	10	10	10	10
5 Chestertown.....	78	.....	235	.....	240	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	198	198	198	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
6 Cheswold.....	20	.....	85	25	45	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
7 Church Hill.....	20	.....	40	25	45	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	14	14	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
8 Clayton.....	20	.....	37	25	27	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	19	19	19	16	16	10	10	10	10	5	5	5	5
9 Cordova.....	10	.....	30	45	30	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	26	26	26	14	14	10	10	10	10	3	3	3	3
10 Crumpton.....	10	.....	30	15	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	11	15	15	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
11 Easton.....	50	20	120	50	185	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	60	60	60	20	20	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
12 Fairlee.....	30	.....	10	30	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	24	24	24	10	10	9	9	9	9	4	4	4	4
13 Galena.....	23	.....	37	22	38	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	23	23	23	12	12	9	9	9	9	4	4	4	4
14 Golt.....	10	.....	10	15	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	5	5	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
15 Greensboro.....	75	90	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	24	24	24	10	10	10	10	10	19	19	19	19	19	19
16 Henderson.....	.....	.....	25	.....	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	8	8	4	4	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
17 Hillsboro.....	25	25	25	25	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
18 Kent Is.....	45	6	20	60	20	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	18	18	15	15	15	15	5	5	5	5	
19 Kenton.....	25	.....	30	25	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	6	8	8	5	5	5	5	8	8	8	8
20 Maryland.....	50	.....	65	.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	12	12	6	6	6	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
21 Middletown.....	75	.....	150	75	150	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	107	107	107	25	25	20	20	20	20	29	29	29	29
22 Millington.....	5	.....	35	5	40	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	30	30	30	12	12	5	5	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
23 Odessa.....	10	.....	40	15	60	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14	14	14	5	5	6	6	6	6	20	20	20	20
24 Oxford.....	.....	.....	15	.....	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	5	5	8	8	8	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
25 Piney Neck.....	.....	.....	18	.....	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
26 Pomona.....	8	.....	32	15	30	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	12	12	10	10	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
27 Queensto'n.....	20	20	5	50	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14	14	14	6	6	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	
28 Ridgely.....	35	30	30	50	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	18	18	18	15	15	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	
29 Rock Hall.....	15	40	15	40																											

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SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership					Church Property							General Conference Expenses						
	Probationers		Full Members			Churches	Estimated Value Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses, Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Appropriated for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance Due				
	Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preachers											Deaths During Year	Senior Members	Junior Members	
1 Annessex	43	20	126	1	3	2	\$ 3500	1	\$ 2500	\$ 90	\$ 200	\$ 50	3	8					
2 Asbury	1	50	561	1	2	2	15000	1	5000	250	650	367	18	6					
3 Berlin	3	7	324	1	2	2	25000	1	8000	10000	10500	800	14	14					
4 Bethel	3	13	342	1	2	2	4500	1	1200	60	126	126	16	4					
5 Bishopville	30	30	352	4	2	2	8000	1	1500	150	175	16	4	12					
6 Cape Charles	21	21	175	1	2	2	6500	1	2500	125	245	12	2	12					
7 Chincoteague	2	10	140	5	2	2	4000	1	1850		101	101	2	2					
8 Claremont	1	29	128	1	2	2	4000	1	3000		101	101	2	2					
9 Crisfield	6	29	504	6	32	60	90000	1	8000	3000	9190	1339	18	18					
10 Dagsboro	60	65	360	10	3	30	9200	2	3800	600	150	3200	400	16					
11 Deal's Island	8	8	228	2	4	40	9000	1	1200	50	210	252	300	12					
12 Delmar	1	1	352	2	2	100	8000	1	2500	1000	400	400	5	5					
13 Fairmount	31	24	295	2	6	45	20000	3	3000	259	800	1500	324	12					
14 Frankford	87	87	279	2	32	33	6000	3	1500	1000	144	160	12	4					
15 Fruitland	29	13	203	5	91	34	4500	1	2500	100	125	9	2	7					
16 Girdletree	5	11	230	1	2	52	6000	1	1800		302	225	117	12					
17 Gumboro	37	34	351	4	30	30	7000	1	1000	116	79	270	96	9					
18 Hebron	4	6	118	1	25	30	2000	1	2000		270	50	3	6					
19 Holland's Is.	12	12	83	1	50		2000	1	700		75	75	18	18					
20 Laurel	10	14	618	8	9	60	58000	1	5000		2500	17000	603	18					
21 Mardela Sp'g	9	10	154	1	3	40	5500	1	1500	624	300	300	50	3					
22 Marion	13	24	213	11	2	4	6000	1	1000	185	170	170	9	6					
23 Millsboro	6	13	285	1	2	2	4000	1	2000	50	50	110	4	4					
24 Mt. Pleasant	2	2	342	2	3		9000	2	2500	2650	325	270	1	1					
25 Mt. Vernon	56	59	347	12	1	60	25	4	11000	1	1500	180	275	4					
26 Nanticoke	25	25	306	10	70	58	2	10000	1	2000	450	100	550	217					
27 Newark	20	20	380	10	1	45	20	5	9500	1	2500	500	100	250					
28 Ocean View	44	41	424	3	1	30	3	9000	1	1500		150	150	3					
29 Onancock	15	15	125	3	4	25	1	7500	1	2500		160	85	3					
30 Parsonsburg	4	10	306	3	45	30	2	2500	1	2000	150	1100	3500	206					
31 Phoebus	10	8	155	2	35		4	4419	1	900	200	400	68	3					
32 Pittsville	17	17	220	19	1	50	1	8000	1	4500		200	12	4					
33 Pocomoke Ct	8	7	128	8	1	3	2	4500	1	1200	125	108	12	3					
34 Powellville	19	29	288	1	3		5	5500	1	1800	100	120	9	3					
35 Princ's Ann	8	7	128	8	1	3	4	8380	1	1500		98	175	5					
36 Roxana	23	18	308	15	6	100	75	1	50000	1	8000	500	510	5					
37 Roxana	31	31	523	15	100	60	1	6000		10	30	300	150	12					
38 Quantico	40	31	179	26	1	21	3	3800	1	359	124	100	8	2					
39 St. Peter's	54	30	300	2	3	36	3	7000	1	1500		150	15	10					
40 S'by-Asbury	40	31	179	26	1	21	3	3800	1	359	124	100	8	2					
41 " -Grace	44	27	155	25	1	30	36	3	7000	1	1500		150	12					
42 Salisbury Ct.	50	30	300	46	1	60	36	3	7000	1	1500		150	12					
43 Selbyville	68	68	280	6	5	60	65	1	80000	1	2500	1000	1100	271					
44 Sharptown	17	14	249	2	1	50	60	2	8000	1	1500	200	125	5					
45 Smith's Isl.	3	10	263	12	4	120	23	4	9500	1	2000	95	99	4					
46 Snow Hill	10	1	450	6	1			1	12000	1	1500	250	665	510					
47 Somerset	6	6	80	1				2	5000	1	1500		600	67					
48 Stockton	2	10	300		4	10000	1	1000	3500		2100	100	100	10					
49 Tangier																			
50 Westover																			
51 Whitesville																			
Total	1012	999	18357	277	23	158	1768	899	117	533419	47	108750	29352	10873	55080	10581	808	150	197

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NAMES OF CHARGES	Sunday Schools													
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enroll't in all Depts. Inc. Cradle Roll, Home Dept. Off'r, Teach'r, Schls.	Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance of all Grades	Members in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Officers and Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers	Scholars incl. Home Dept. Ch. Mem's or Prob'ers	Members Sunday Sch. converted during Conf. Year	Church	Collec's for Bd. of S. S.		Sunday School Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
												Sunday School	10% of Sunday Sch. Miss. Offering	
1 Annessex	15	135	120	90				15	60	15		4	30	
2 Asbury	1	32	426	394	171			32	136			5	180	
3 Berlin	3	30	480	420	220		30	29	256			1	88	
4 Bethel	2	36	360	294	205		30	26				4	100	
5 Bishopville	4	58	560	502	315		27	58	300	30		2	125	
6 Cape Charles	1	18	315	270	192		27	18	178	40			10	
7 Chincoteague	2	29	325	253	181		12	15	80			2	125	
8 Claremont	1	15	247	220	120		23	26	82				14	
9 Crisfield	1	35	717	607	290		12	15	80				2	
10 Dagsboro and St. Georges	2	38	533	475	250		75	33	400	4		2	312	
11 Deal's Island	2	35	285	225	154		20	38	300	80		2	240	
12 Delmar	1	32	626	490	222		25	35		2		8	120	
13 Fairmount	3	43	354	276	113		36	68	31	300	1	5	210	
14 Frankford	3	52	386	311	260		35	43		22			10	
15 Fruitland	3	34	260	211	180		23	52	210	89			6	
16 Girdletree	4	37	276	217	110		9	33	200	16			10	
17 Gumboro	4	40	397	357	202		22	35	111	4		1	85	
18 Hebron	1	13	135	122	65			40					5	
19 Holland's Island	1	14	64	50	50			13	90	4			25	
20 Laurel	1	40	640	520	267		18	62	14	30	10		25	
21 Mardela Springs	3	30	236	206	80		39	350	2	2		5	307	
22 Marion	2	18	133	107	72		8	17	70			1	100	
23 Millsboro	3	42	466	401	153		17	70					3	
24 Mt. Pleasant	3	36	416	380	160		23	42	263	10			7	
25 Mt. Vernon	2	29	229	200	115		36	275	5			1	125	
26 Nanticoke	4	55	320	265	180		28						4	
27 Newark	3	36	254	195	130		15	55	225	55	2		150	
28 Ocean View and Millville	2	50	431	311	196		8	36	127	36			7	
29 Onancock	5	60	570	311	340		70	50	225	41			8	
30 Parsonsburg	3	45	500	425	300		30	60	300	20		5	125	
31 Phoebus	1	12	92	80	65			44	290	35			6	
32 Pittsville	2	20	220	200	100			12	25	2			4	
33 Pocomoke City	1	24	328	274	145			20	130	20			2	
34 Pocomoke Circuit	4	35	200	165	100		30	24	60	5		10	150	
35 Powellville	4	30	300	270	200			35		3			33	
36 Princess Anne	1	20	240	220	100			25	25		1		2	
37 Roxana	2	33	275	172	175		70	33	125	8			100	
38 Quantico	3	30	192	162	110	</								

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SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support of District Supt., Support of Bishops, Support of Conf. Cl'mnts), Baptisms (Total Deficiency, Adults Baptized, Children Baptized, Baptized Children under instruction as Probationers), and Total Paid for Ministerial Support.

TREASURER'S
SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences (Missions, Education, B'd. of S. S., Conf. Claimants, Church Temp. Soc'y, Woman's Home Miss. Soc., American Bible Society, City Missionary & Church Extension Society, Central Office Exp. E. L., Methodist Brotherhood, Conference Academy, Domestic Missions, Philadelphia Hospital), and Totals.

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WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (Enrolled During Year, Now on Roll, Members on Roll, Non-Resident Members, Local Preachers, Deaths, Senior Members, Junior Members, Churches), Epw'th League, Church Property (Estimated Value, Parsonages, Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages, Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages, Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages, Current Expenses, Sex-ton, Fuel, Light, etc., Appportioned for the Quadrennium, Paid this Year, Balance Due), General Conference Expenses.

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools (Officers and Teachers, Total Enroll't in all Depts. incl. Cradle Roll, Home Dept., Off's, Teach's, Sch's., Scholars of all Grades, Average Attendance of all Grades, Members in the Home Department, Children on the Cradle Roll, Officers and Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers, Scholars incl. Home Dept. Ch. Members or Probationers, Members Sunday Sch. converted during Conf. Year), Church (Sunday School, 10% of Sunday Sch. Mission y Offer g, Sunday School Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.).

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR 1914.

		In-crease	De-crease
1. Ministerial Support			
Paid Pastors, including House Rent	\$188,662	\$4234	
Rental value of Parsonages	28,085		77
Paid District Superintendents	9,280	228	
Paid Bishops	2,453	599	
Paid Conference Claimants	12,513	229	
Total	\$212,908	\$5290	
2. Sunday Schools			
Number of Schools	392	2	
Officers and Teachers	6199	213	
Scholars of all grades	49063	1016	
Average attendance	29345	395	
Home Department	1846	244	
Cradle Roll	3561	295	
Members converted	3161	316	
Total Enrollment	60669	1768	
Current Expenses	23404		
3. Baptisms			
Adults baptized	236		72
Children baptized	2415		218
4. Church Membership			
Probationers enrolled during year	4057		29
Probationers now on roll	4069	693	
Full members on roll	41790	1139	
Non-resident members	1398	5	
Local Preachers	96		5
Deaths	575		1
5. Epworth League			
Senior members	6929		325
Junior members	4251	576	
6. Church Property			
Number of Churches	393		
Estimated Value	2342319	69000	
Number of Parsonages	166	2	
Estimated Value	430090	20640	
Paid for Building and Improvements	96936		32758
Paid on Old Indebtedness	40682	8472	
Present Indebtedness	185480	39241	
Current Expenses	53514	5117	

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HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION STATISTICS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Armory and Asbury—T. J. Sard, Pastor.	
Church, \$40; School, \$40	\$80
Beckwith and Speddens—J. A. Buckson, Pastor.	
Beckwith Church, \$42; School, \$28; Speddens Church, \$36; School, \$34. Total	\$140
Blades and Epworth—D. W. Jacobs, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$40
Bridgeville—W. O. Bennett, Pastor.	
Church, \$110; School, \$50	\$160
Burrsville—M. E. Wheatley, Pastor.	
Schools	\$126
Cambridge—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.	
Church, \$54; School, \$246; Epworth League, \$5	\$305
Camden—Alfred Smith, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$100
Canterbury—C. H. Atkins, Pastor.	
Canterbury, \$10; Woodside, \$12; Viola, \$20	\$42
Church Creek—J. A. Leach, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$60
Concord—G. S. Thomas, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$150
Crapo—Leolan Jackson, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$200
Denton—H. A. G. Westerfield, Pastor.	
Church, \$130; School, \$170	\$300
Dover—W. L. White, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$300
East New Market—E. W. Jones, Pastor.	
Trinity, \$35; League, \$5; Baraca Class, \$90; Jr. League, \$5; Cabin Creek, \$30; Secretary, \$35	\$200
Ellendale—Thomas Pardee, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$90
Elliott's Island—H. O. Klug, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$20
Epworth and Hickman—M. W. Marine, Pastor.	
Schools	\$40

Farmington—O. E. James, Pastor.	
Farmington, \$30; Todd's, \$30; Prospect, \$13; Staytonville, \$7.....	\$80
Federalsburg—T. E. Terry, Pastor.	
Church, \$50; School, \$170	\$220
Felton—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.	
Church, \$95; School, \$95	\$190
Frederica—J. W. Jones, Pastor.	
Church, \$75; School, \$216	\$291
Galestown—J. H. Gardner, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$150
Georgetown—J. W. Colona, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$440
Georgetown Circuit—L. B. Morgan, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$140
Greenwood—J. C. B. Hopkins, Pastor.	
Trinity Church, \$70; School, \$17; Greenwood Church, \$25; School, \$34; Chaplin's Church, \$35; School, \$6; St. Johnstown Church, \$7; School, \$6	\$200
Harrington—D. J. Givan, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$250
Hooper's Island—C. H. Hudson, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$30
Houston—I. S. Whittaker, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$80
Hurlock—A. W. Goodhand, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$230
Lakesville—R. H. Wilson, Pastor.	
Churches, \$50; Schools, \$20	\$70
Leipsic—A. R. Brown, Pastor.	
Churches, \$40; Schools, \$20	\$60
Lewes—W. G. Koons, Pastor.	
Church, \$150; School, \$180; Epworth League, \$20	\$350
Lincoln—W. P. Taylor, Pastor.	
Churches, \$68; Lincoln School, \$17; Cedar Neck, \$3; Slaughter, \$2...\$90	
Little Creek—S. W. Grant, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$40
Magnolia—W. E. Matthews, Pastor.	
Magnolia Church, \$30; School, \$71; Barrett's Chapel Church, \$10; School, \$15; Bower's Church, \$2; School, \$2	\$130

Milford—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.	
Church, \$300; School, \$300	\$600
Milton—Z. H. Webster, Pastor.	
Church, \$54; School, \$126	\$180
Nassau—J. M. Kelso, Pastor.	
Churches, \$44; Schools, \$36	\$80
Preston—Wilmer Jaggard, Pastor.	
Churches, \$100; Schools, \$50	\$150
Rehoboth—H. B. Kelso, Pastor.	
Epworth Church, \$41; School, \$33; Ebenezer Church, \$22; School, \$16	\$112
Salem—W. C. Buckson, Pastor.	
Churches, \$40; Schools, \$40	\$80
Seaford—O. E. Jones, Pastor.	
Church, \$230; School, \$190	\$420
Seaford Circuit—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.	
Churches, \$231; Schools, \$89	\$320
Vienna—G. S. Allen, Pastor.	
Churches, \$14; Schools, \$50	\$64
Williamsburg—J. A. Hudson, Pastor.	
Nichols', \$13; Friendship, \$14; Hynson, \$5; Williamsburg, \$12	\$44
Williamsville—J. P. Kelley, Pastor.	
Churches, \$10; Schools, \$19	\$39
Wyoming—H. C. Shipley, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$71
Zoar Circuit—J. L. Derrickson, Pastor.	
Churches, \$38; Schools, \$20	\$58
EASTON DISTRICT.	
Bayside—John White, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$63
Bozman and Neavitt—J. A. Brewington, Pastor.	
Bozman Church, \$13; School, \$32; Bible Class, \$5; Neavitt Church, \$18; School, \$12; Pastor, \$5	\$115
Cecilton—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor. . .	
Cecilton Church, \$50; School, \$125; St. Paul's Church, \$37; School, \$8	\$220
Centreville—J. R. Bicking, Pastor.	
Church, \$90; School, \$150	\$240

Chestertown—L. E. Barrett, Pastor.	
Church and School, \$475; School special, \$25	\$500
Cheswold—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.	
Cheswold Church and School, \$98; Bethel Church and School, \$65	\$163
Church Hill—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$130
Clayton—G. R. Neese, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$54
Cordova—Leonard White, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$85
Crumpton—Harry Taylor, Pastor.	
Crumpton Church and School, \$30; Union, \$40; Double Creek, \$15	\$85
Easton—W. E. Gunby, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$375
Fairlee—T. N. Given, Pastor.	
Churches, \$60; Schools, \$20	\$80
Galena—C. W. Moore, Pastor.	
Churches, \$45; Schools, \$75	\$120
Golt—W. B. Horner, Pastor.	
Churches, \$25; Schools, \$20	\$45
Greensboro—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$165
Henderson—W. N. Conaway, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$40
Hillsboro—R. T. Coursey, Pastor.	
Churches, \$50; Schools, \$50	\$100
Kent Island—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.	
Churches, \$111.50; Stevensville School, \$25; Kingsley, \$10; Trinity, \$5	\$151.50
Kenton—G. P. Smith, Pastor.	
Churches, \$25; Schools, \$60; Epworth League, \$30	\$115
Marydel—W. W. Chaires, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$115
Middletown—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.	
Church, \$150; School, \$300	\$450
Millington—C. N. Benson, Pastor.	
Church, \$10; School, \$75	\$85
Odessa—J. L. Sparklin, Pastor.	
Church, \$25; School, \$100	\$125

Oxford—W. M. McCann, Pastor.	
School	\$30
Piney Neck—Robert Kirby, Pastor.	
Schools	\$36
Pomona—O. B. Rice, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$80
Queenstown—D. J. Moore, Pastor.	
Churches, \$70; Schools, \$10; Special, \$20	\$100
Ridgely—W. E. Habbart, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$145
Rock Hall—J. W. Prettyman, Pastor.	
Church, \$30; School, \$80	\$110
Royal Oak—Frank White, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$45
St. Michaels—V. P. Northrup, Pastor.	
Church, \$5; School, \$175; League, \$20	\$200
Salem Circuit—Henry Covington, Pastor.	
Churches, \$5; Schools, \$20	\$25
Smyrna—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.	
Smyrna Church, \$332; School, \$274; Special, \$23; Smyrna Landing School, \$3	\$632
Smyrna Circuit—L. I. McDougale, Pastor.	
Churches, \$40; Schools, \$30	\$70
Still Pond—F. X. Moore, Pastor.	
Churches, \$40; Schools, \$120	\$160
Sudlersvills—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.	
Churches, \$55; Schools, \$90; League, \$5	\$150
Tilghman's Island—Ivanhoe Willis, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$70
Townsend—Warren Burr, Pastor.	
Church, \$20; Schools, \$140	\$160
Trappe—C. T. Jones, Pastor.	
Trappe Church, \$30; School, \$23; Landing Neck Church, \$17; School, \$5	\$75
Wye—W. W. White, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$76

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Annessex—W. F. Atkinson, Pastor.	
St. Peter's Church, \$10; School, \$25; Rehoboth School, \$15	\$50
Asbury—E. H. Dashiell, Pastor.	
School	\$440
Berlin—T. R. VanDyke, Pastor.	
Berlin, \$155; Synapuxent, \$35	\$190
Bethel—J. W. Gray, Pastor.	
Churches, \$50; Schools, \$20	\$70
Bishopville—B. L. McFarland, Pastor.	
Schools	\$126
Cape Charles—Howard Davis, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$100
Chincoteague—O. T. Baynard, Pastor.	
Christ's Church, \$1; School, \$150; Goodwill School, \$5	\$156
Claremont—W. V. Harris, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$40
Crisfield—C. A. Hill, Pastor.	
Church, \$11; School, \$324; Jr. League, \$5	\$340
Dagsboro & St. George's—G. W. Bounds, Pastor.	
Dagsboro Church, \$50; School, \$75; St. George's Church, \$50; School, \$75	\$250
Deal's Island—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$242
Delmar—F. N. Faulkner, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$275
Fairmount—W. O. Hurst, Pastor.	
Christ School, \$120; Epworth, \$20; Union, \$20	\$160
Frankford—W. G. Harris, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools, \$140; Epworth League, \$10	\$150
Fruitland—J. W. Sutton, Pastor.	
Schools, \$92; Special Gifts, \$20	\$112
Girdletree—H. E. Reed, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$85
Gumboro—E. H. Marshall, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$82
Hebron—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$44

Holland's Island—C. W. Spry, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$30
Laurel—G. C. Williams, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$300
Mardela—J. W. Hardesty, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$35
Marion—Tilghman Smith, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$70
Millsboro—G. R. Ellis, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$128
Mt. Pleasant—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$105
Mt. Vernon—J. J. Bunting, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$116
Nanticoke—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.	
Churches, \$125; Schools, \$45	\$170
Newark—W. H. Revelle, Pastor.	
Churches and School	\$90
Ocean View & Millville—E. W. McDowell, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$150
Onancock—J. W. Fogle, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$130
Parsonburg—M. D. Nutter, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$140
Phoebus—L. T. McLain, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$30
Pittsville—G. E. Sterling, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$30
Pocomoke City—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$125
Pocomoke Circuit—H. E. Truitt, Pastor.	
Churches, \$20; Cokesbury School, \$25; Immanuel, \$12; Williams, \$3 ..	\$60
Powellville—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.	
St. John's Church, \$8; School, \$8; Willards Church, \$2; School, \$5; Friendship Church, \$5; School, \$4; Mt. Pleasant Church, \$3; School, \$3	\$38
Prncess Anne—J. H. Gray, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$100
Roxana—J. H. Wilson, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$126
Quantico—J. M. S. VanBlunk, Pastor.	
Churches, \$10; Schools, \$40	\$50

St. Peter's—G. W. Stallings, Pastor.
 St. Peter's Church, \$13; School, \$110; St. Stephen's Church, \$14;
 School, \$25; Habnab Church, \$5; School, \$11\$178

Salisbury—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.
 Church and School\$710

Salisbury Circuit—W. S. H. Williams, Pastor.
 Riverside, \$16; Siloam, \$23; Bethel, \$11\$50

Grace (Salisbury)—H. S. Dulaney, Pastor.
 Church, \$140; School, \$60\$200

Sharptown—R. H. Adams, Pastor.
 Church and School\$200

Smith's Island—Daniel Wilson, Pastor.
 Churches, \$100; Schools, \$120\$220

Snow Hill—J. W. Easley, Pastor.
 Church, \$156; School, \$200\$356

Somerset—J. R. Cannon, Pastor.
 Rock Creek Church, \$139; School, \$37; Dames Quarter Church, \$5;
 School, \$19\$200

Stockton—Milton McCann, Pastor.
 Stockton, \$82; Franklin City, \$56; Remsons, \$26; Kliij Grange, \$9;
 Sr. Epworth League, \$20; Jr. League, \$3\$196

Tangier—G. A. Cooke, Pastor.
 School\$420

Westover—G. F. Newton, Pastor.
 Churches, \$24; Schools, \$26\$50

Whitesville—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.
 Line School, \$82; Jones Church, \$2; School, \$3; Bethesda Church, \$2;
 School, \$3\$92

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel and Summit—Asbury Burke, Pastor.
 Churches and Schools\$90

Cedars—B. F. Jester, Pastor.
 Church, \$5; School, \$5\$10

Charlestown—E. B. Taylor, Pastor.
 Charlestown Church, \$13; School, \$12; Principio Church, \$15; School,
 \$10\$50

Cherry Hill—G. E. Wood, Pastor.
 Cherry Hill Church, \$23; School, \$52; Big Elk School, \$15; Elk
 Mills School, \$10\$100

Chesapeake City—W. H. Kenney, Pastor.
 Church, \$30; School, \$30\$60

Chester-Bethel—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.
 Church, \$20; School, \$60\$80

Christiana—O. H. Connelly, Pastor.
 Christiana Church, \$4; School, \$31; Salem School, \$25\$60

Claymont—G. B. Lewis, Pastor.
 Church and School\$30

Colora—C. H. Williams, Pastor.
 Church, \$20; School, \$20\$40

Delaware City—J. H. Geoghegan, Pastor.
 Church, \$12; School, \$58\$70

Ebenezer—E. C. Prettyman, Pastor.
 Ebenezer School, \$64; Wesley, \$8; Milford Cross Roads, \$5\$77

Elk Neck—T. S. Barrett, Pastor.
 Hart's Church, \$16; School, \$10; Wesley Church, \$8; School, \$6.....\$40

Elkton—H. T. Quigg, Pastor.
 Church, \$66; School, \$344\$410

Hockessin—J. D. Reese, Pastor.
 School\$70

Hopewell—C. N. Jones, Pastor.
 Churches and Schools\$70

Kirkwood—O. S. Walton, Pastor.
 School\$3

Marshallton—J. C. McCoy, Pastor.
 School\$50

Mt. Lebanon—E. C. Wright, Pastor.
 Church and School\$40

Mt. Pleasant—J. T. Richardson, Pastor.
 Church and School\$160

New Castle—J. L. Johnson, Pastor.
 School\$200

Newark—L. E. Poole, Pastor.
 Church, \$27; School, \$73\$100

Newport—R. P. Nichols, Pastor.
 Church and School\$146

North East—J. P. Otis, Pastor.
 Church, \$34; School, \$95\$129

Perryville—J. H. Beauchamp, Pastor.	
School	\$150
Port Deposit—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.	
Church, \$21; School, \$174; Epworth League, \$5	\$200
Red Lion—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.	
Red Lion Church, \$9; School, \$26; Glasgow Church, \$4; School, \$11 ..	\$50
Rising Sun—G. W. Townsend, Pastor.	
Janes Church, \$95; School, \$75; Sylmar Church, \$10; School, \$10; Special for Bengal, \$20; Inhambane, \$15; Bulgaria, \$4	\$229
St. Georges—J. F. Anderson, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$60
St. John's—J. T. Price, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$100
Stanton—I. J. B. Hill, Pastor.	
Church, \$10; School, \$20	\$30
Town Point—T. S. Barrett, Pastor.	
Port Herman Church, \$5; School, \$5	\$10
Asbury—G. W. Dawson, Pastor.	
Church, \$39; School, \$101	\$140
Brandywine & Edgemoor—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.	
Brandywine Church, \$30; School, \$197; Edgemoor School, \$17	\$244
Cookman—J. P. Outten, Pastor.	
Church, \$14; School, \$86	\$100
Eastlake—D. J. Ford, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$82
Elsmere—J. H. Thornton, Pastor.	
Church	\$10
Epworth—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$155
Grace—G. E. Reed, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$1584
Harrison St.—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.	
Church, \$78; School, \$322	\$400
Hillcrest—T. H. Harding, Pastor.	
School	\$10
Kingswood—L. M. Broadway, Pastor.	
School	\$60
Madeley—E. H. Collins, Pastor.	
Church and School, \$81; Jr. League, \$5	\$86

McCabe—F. C. MacSorley, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$30
Mt. Salem—S. M. Morgan, Pastor.	
Mt. Salem Church, \$34; School, \$200; Riddle's School, \$202	\$436
Richardson Park—B. S. Latshaw, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$50
St. Paul's—V. S. Collins, Pastor.	
Church, \$361; School, \$300; Jr. League, \$9; Christian Endeavor, \$10 ..	\$650
Scott—W. A. Wise, Pastor.	
Church, \$8; School, \$332	\$340
Silverbrook—W. E. Greenfield, Pastor.	
School	\$100
Trinity—R. High Adams, Pastor.	
Church, \$10; School, \$10	\$20
Union—W. F. Corkran, Pastor.	
Church, \$100; School, \$400; Special, \$100	\$600
Wesley—T. F. Beauchamp, Pastor.	
Church, \$4; School, \$98	\$102
Zion—W. H. Briggs, Pastor.	
Churches, \$100; Schools, \$40	\$140

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