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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. Mallalieu	John D. Rigg.
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield	H. W. Warren	John D. Rigg.
20	" 7, '88	Wilm'ton—Union	C. D. Foss	John D. Rigg.
21	" 20, '89	Easton	R. S. Foster	John D. Rigg.
22	" 26, '90	Milford	Thos. Bowman	John D. Rigg.
23	" 19, '91	Centreville	C. H. Fowler	John D. Rigg.
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray.
25	" 15, '93	Middletown	S. M. Merrill	A. S. Mowbray.
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury	J. H. Vincent	A. S. Mowbray.
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna	J. F. Hurst	A. S. Mowbray.
28	" 18, '96	Dover	H. W. Warren	A. S. Mowbray.
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown	J. M. Walden	A. S. Mowbray.
30	" 23, '98	Lewes	J. P. Newman	A. S. Mowbray.
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge	C. D. Foss	A. S. Mowbray.
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray.
33	" 20, '01	Wilmington—Grace	Daniel A. Goodsell	A. S. Mowbray.
34	" 19, '02	Crisfield	I. W. Joyce	A. S. Mowbray.
35	" 18, '03	Easton	Earl Cranston	A. S. Mowbray.
36	" 16, '04	Dover	J. M. Fitzgerald	A. S. Mowbray.
37	" 15, '05	Wilmington—Grace	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise.
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.
47	March 24, '15	Laurel	R. J. Cook	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 Hulbert, 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—C. T. Wyatt, Robert Watt.
1912. C. A. Hill, R. K. Stephenson, Robert Watt, G. P. Jones. Reserves—E. L. Hoffecker, C. W. Prettyman, G. T. Alderson.

In Memoriam.

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

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EFFECTIVE
1859	John E. Elliott.....	Nov. 8, 1868..	Snow Hill, Md.....	30	10
1836	Thos. J. Quigley.....	Oct. 19, 1870..	Laurel, Del.....	65	44
1850	Daniel Titlow.....	Feb. 7, 1871..	Philadelphia, Pa. . .	48	4
1867	Amos A. Ewing.....	Jan. 19, 1872..	Cecil County, Md... .	30	4
1848	Alfred Cookman.....	Nov. 13, 1872..	Newark, N. J.....	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey..	July 9, 1871..	Royal Oak, Md.....	64	38
1859	James Brandreth.....	Oct. 3, 1872..	Frankford, Del.	34	13
1825	T. J. Thompson.....	Nov. 29, 1874..	Wilmington, Del.	71	49
1828	Robert E. Kemp.....	Mar. 6, 1875..	Greensboro, Md.	73	32
1832	Wesley Kenney.....	June 24, 1875..	Smyrna, Del.....	70	42
1835	Henry Sutton.....	Mar. 23, 1876..	Philadelphia, Pa.	68	23
1871	George A. Campbell.....	Sept. 7, 1876..	Frankford, Del.	30	4
1862	John W. Weston.....	Apr. 23, 1877..	Wilmington, Del.	38	15
1837	John D. Curtis.....	July 25, 1877..	Wilmington, Del.	61	40
1845	David R. Thomas.....	Feb. 13, 1878..	Wilmington, Del.	58	30
1870	Andrew J. Crozier.....	Jan. 21, 1879..	Wilmington, Del.	41	7
1829	Joshua Humphriss.....	Jan. 23, 1879..	Salisbury, Md.....	78	41
1868	Francis M. Chatham.....	May 29, 1878..	Berlin, Md.....	41	8
1857	Edward G. Irwin.....	Mar. 12, 1879..	Wilmington, Del.	50	21
1848	John Hough.....	Mar. 27, 1879..	Near Trenton, N. J. .	58	31
1857	Thomas J. Williams.....	Mar. 29, 1879..	New Castle, Del.....	53	21
1870	Wm. I. Bain.....	May 13, 1880..	Pocomoke City, Md. .	36	10
1832	Wm. Urrie.....	Nov. 13, 1880..	Smyrna, Del.....	67	43
1860	Thomas F. Flummer.....	Feb. 2, 1881..	Wilmington, Del.	44	8
1833	Elijah Miller.....	Apr. 15, 1881..	Sudlersville, Md.	71	49
1836	John W. Pierson.....	May 6, 1881..	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1880	Francis R. Quigley.....	Aug. 19, 1881..	Hopewell, Md.....	27	2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman.....	Feb. 27, 1882..	Newark, Md.....	36	9
1865	Benj. W. Chase.....	Dec. 11, 1882..	Seaford, Del.....	48	17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack.....	June 24, 1883..	Cambridge, Md.....	67	46
1834	I. T. Cooper.....	Apr. 12, 1884..	Camden, Del.....	78	26
1829	Henry Colclazer.....	Dec. 18, 1884..	Philadelphia, Pa.	75	55
1833	John L. Taft.....	May 30, 1884..	Norristown, Pa.....	72	41
1869	John Shilling.....	July 22, 1884..	Wilmington, Del.	52	15
1842	Arthur W. Milby.....	June 13, 1886..	Harrington, Del.	71	44
1840	Elon J. Way.....	July 5, 1886..	Baltimore, Md.....	75	26
1839	Valentine Gray.....	Jan. 21, 1887..	Gap, Pa.....	72	42
1881	Isaiah D. Johnson.....	Mar. 4, 1887..	Bridgeville, Del.	33	6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil.....	Mar. 9, 1887..	Church Hill, Md.....	55	28
1854	Jos. Dare.....	Oct. 22, 1887..	Newark, Del.....	56	32
1886	Frank M. Morgan.....	Feb. 11, 1889..	Philadelphia, Pa.	34	3
1849	William Merrill.....	Oct. 23, 1889..	Upper Fairm't, Md. .	75	28
1873	Isaac N. Foreman.....	June 12, 1890..	Lincoln, Del.....	47	17
1841	John Allen.....	Dec. 13, 1890..	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	72	33
1855	Samuel T. Gardner.....	Jan. 3, 1891..	Pivot Bridge, Md....	60	33
1889	Samuel J. Baker.....	Sept. 22, 1891..	Laurel, Del.....	33	2
1870	Thos. O. Ayres.....	Oct. 4, 1891..	Delaware City, Del. .	53	21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer.....	Jan. 10, 1892..	Milton, Del.....	45	19
1840	Vaughan Smith.....	Nov. 21, 1891..	Wilmington, Del.	79	43
1845	Charles Hill.....	June 22, 1892..	Salisbury, Md.....	70	47
1833	James L. Houston.....	Sept. 18, 1892..	Trappe, Md.....	82	32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin.....	Oct. 17, 1892..	Bel Air, Md.....	52	24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher.....	Dec. 12, 1893..	Bridgeville, Del.	62	17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg.....	Jan. 24, 1893..	Wyoming, Del.....	68	36
1847	Joseph Robinson.....	Feb. 18, 1893..	Perryman's, Md.....	68	45
1835	George 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, 1897..	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	38
1868	Jonathan S. Willis.....	Nov. 24, 1903..	Milford, Del.....	74	48
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.....	48	14
1853	J. B. Merritt.....	July 8, 1904..	Fairlee, Md.....	78	32
1872	G. W. Wilcox.....	Dec. 15, 1904..	Salisbury, Md.....	62	20
1889	James E. Graham.....	July 13, 1905..	Seaford, Del.....	52	16
1853	Robert W. Todd.....	Jan. 18, 1906..	Baltimore, Md.....	75	52
1858	S. T. Morris.....	Apr. 18, 1909..	Roselle Park, N. J.....	73	48
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. 5, 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	42
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow.....	Feb. 3, 1909..	Dover, Del.....	81	42
1869	E. H. Miller.....	Jan. 22, 1911..	Sharptown, Md.....	66	48
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. 16, 1913..	Millington, Md.....	83	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
1395	G. W. Burke.....	Apr. 30, 1914..	Smyrna, Del.....	78	42
1872	R. H. Adams.....	Sept. 11, 1914..	Philadelphia, Pa.....	71	42
1869	T. B. Hunter.....	Nov. 12, 1914..	Monrovia, Cal.....	77	42
1876	E. C. Maenichol.....	Oct. 18, 1914..	Philadelphia, Pa.....	60	38
1880	J. R. Cannon.....	Feb. 8, 1915..	Chance, Md.....	56	34

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1858 William W. Redman
 1862 George S. Conaway
 1864 Thomas E. Martindale
 1865 James Carroll
 1866 James Esgate
 1868 Cornelius W. Prettyman
 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
 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 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
 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
 1885 George W. Bowman
 1885 Daniel H. Willis
 1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield
 1886 George E. Wood
 1886 Asbury Burke
 1886 William W. Sharp
 1886 William R. Mowbray
 1886 Henry S. Dulany
 1886 William G. Koons
 1886 Clinton T. Wyatt
 1886 James T. Prouse
 1886 Benjamin F. Jester
 1886 William P. Taylor
 1887 Stephen M. Morgan
 1887 Ralph T. Coursey
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 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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 1889 George W. Stallings
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Easton—S. S. Superintendent, A. E. Sudler; A. G. Cox.

Salisbury—S. S. Superintendent, L. A. Bennett; L. E. P. Dennis.

Wilmington—S. S. Superintendent, H. R. Isaacs, R. I. Flinn.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY SECRETARIES.

Dover District—J. W. Jones.

Easton District—Leonard White.

Salisbury District—W. E. Greenfield.

Wilmington District—G. W. Dawson.

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.

President, W. G. Koons; Secretary, Mrs. M. R. Lincoln.

1916—W. A. Moore, C. A. Hill, Mrs. Ella M. Fisher.

1917—E. L. Hoffecker, H. R. Isaacs, Mrs. C. W. Weldin.

1918—W. G. Koons, I. E. Perry, Mrs. M. R. Lincoln.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON METHODIST BROTHERHOOD.

H. A. G. Westerfield, C. T. Wyatt, J. W. Easley, W. L. S. Murray.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.

1916—V. S. Collins, W. L. White, H. P. Cannon.

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

1918—T. R. VanDyke, I. E. Perry, W. T. Records.

TRUSTEES OF THE WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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

Term expires—1916: T. E. Martindale, R. T. Coursey, W. H. Briggs; 1917: V. S. Collins, C. W. Prettyman, J. M. Kelso; 1918: W. L. S. Murray, J. W. Easley, C. T. Wyatt.

TRIFIERS OF APPEALS.

T. A. H. O'Brien, T. E. Terry, C. W. Prettyman, J. P. Otis, F. F. Carpenter.

TRUSTEES WILMINGTON CONFERENCE ACADEMY.

Ministerial—1916—Robert Watt, W. L. S. Murray, G. E. Reed, W. A. Wise. 1917—T. E. Martindale, G. T. Alderson, T. A. H. O'Brien, V. S. Collins, Alfred Smith. 1918—C. W. Prettyman, R. K. Stephenson, E. L. Hoffecker, C. T. Wyatt. 1919—C. A. Hill, W. L. White, G. P. Jones, W. E. Gunby.

Lay—1914—Stephen S. Andrews, Arley B. Magee, George W. Todd, George E. Magee. 1916—George A. Cox, George M. Jones, John S. Mullin, Joseph Mallalieu. 1918—George W. Tebo, Joseph Smithers, Henry P. Cannon, William Saulsbury. 1920—Harry Mayer, William H. Jackson, William P. Jackson, Frank L. Grier, Edward G. Budd.

CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

President—W. G. Harris; Secretary and Treasurer—Milton McCann; Jr. League Supt.—Miss Carrie Dempsey.

Vice-Presidents—The Presidents of the District Leagues.

MANAGERS OF WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

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.

President, W. L. S. Murray; Vice-President, T. A. H. O'Brien; Secretary, V. S. Collins; Treasurer, Harry Mayer.

Term expires 1918—Ministers, C. W. Prettyman, G. C. Williams, T. A. H. O'Brien; Lay, J. H. Kimble, J. T. Taylor, W. O. Hoffecker.

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. Hoffecker, M. B. Burris, H. C. Downward, T. B. Ridgeway.

COMMISSION ON CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT.

Ministerial—V. S. Collins, W. L. S. Murray, C. W. Prettyman, L. E. Barrett, W. R. Mowbray, T. E. Martindale, W. O. Hurst, Z. H. Webster, District Superintendents ex-officio.

Lay—Caleb E. Burchenal, Melville Gambrill, W. O. Hoffecker, Chas. H. Jefferson, H. P. Cannon, A. W. Sisk, W. J. Downing, L. E. P. Dennis, T. N. Rawlins, Wm. H. Cole, Jr., Orlando Harrison, W. P. Jackson, John G. Townsend.

President, T. E. Martindale; Vice-President, Melville Gambrill; Secretary, Caleb E. Burchenal; Corresponding Secretary, W. G. Koons; Treasurer, R. M. Cooper. Treasurer of Gambrill Proposition, T. R. Ingram.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Dickinson College—W. P. Taylor, J. M. Kelso, E. W. Jones.

Drew Seminary—Robert Watt, G. A. Cooke.

Conference Academy—F. J. Cochran, W. O. Hoffecker.

Princess Anne Academy—D. J. Givan, J. B. Tawes.

Goucher College—V. S. Collins, J. W. Easley, F. C. MacSorley.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Public Worship—G. C. Williams, G. P. Jones, C. W. Moore, Omar Jones, F. N. Faulkner.

Ministerial Qualifications—1916—J. P. Outten, J. W. Colona, H. T. Quigg. 1917—W. L. White, G. T. Alderson, T. R. VanDyke. 1918—S. N. Pilchard, L. E. Barrett, E. H. Dashiell.

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, T. E. Martindale, F. N. Faulkner, V. E. Hills, G. W. Hastings.

Education—V. S. Collins, J. W. Easley, E. W. Jones, C. T. Wyatt.

Periodicals—E. W. Jones, G. R. Neese, C. W. Moore, C. N. Jones.

Bible—L. P. Corkran, E. C. Sunfield, R. P. Nichols, Howard Davis.

Auditing Committee—F. F. Carpenter, F. X. Moore, Hugh B. Kelso, J. J. Bunting.

Epworth League—W. G. Harris, Milton McCann, J. R. Bicking, Leolan Jackson, T. R. VanDyke, H. B. Kelso, E. H. Collins, E. W. McDowell.

Sunday Schools—F. C. MacSorley, Ivanhoe Willis, I. S. Whittaker, G. W. Stallings.

Sabbath Observance—W. H. Briggs, A. P. Prettyman, J. D. Reese, M. E. Wheatley.

Temperance and Prohibition—Warren Burr, W. E. Matthews, J. P. Otis, E. C. Prettyman, Cyrus P. Keen.

Freedman's Aid—Geo. W. Bounds, J. A. Leach, J. C. McCoy, Harry Taylor.

Woman's Foreign Miss. Society—J. H. Gray, J. H. Gardner, W. E. Habbart, C. W. Strickland.

Woman's Home Miss. Society—Z. H. Webster, Edwin Gardner, Geo. F. Newton, J. P. Outten.

Missionary Statistics—D. J. Moore, Asbury Burke, W. P. Taylor, W. H. Revelle.

Memoirs—T. E. Terry, Chairman; V. S. Collins, L. E. Barrett, G. W. Townsend, T. R. VanDyke, W. A. Wise, J. H. Gardner, W. E. Gunby, G. W. Bounds, C. T. Wyatt, E. H. Marshall.

Philadelphia Hospital—W. R. Mowbray, W. W. Sharp, W. E. Greenfield, W. W. Chaires.

Thanks—L. E. Barrett, Leolan Jackson, H. T. Quigg, Tilghman Smith.

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 examiners 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.

W. O. Hurst—Salisbury District.

T. F. Beauchamp—Wilmington District.

At this mid-year examination, (Wednesday, October 6, 1915), examination will be held on the following books:—

Admission—

The Worker and His Bible—M. D. Nutter.

Life of John Wesley—W. O. Bennett.

First Year—

Jesus and the Gospels—J. L. Sparklin.

English Style in Public Discourse—V. E. Hills.

Second Year—

How We Think—E. H. Dashiell.

The Light of the World—Z. H. Webster.

Third Year—

The Fact of Conversion—W. O. Hurst.

Sacerdotalism in the Nineteenth Century—J. T. Richardson.

Fourth Year—

Principles of Literary Criticism—O. E. Jones.

Social Engineer—G. C. Williams.

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 LettersO. 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. ApologeticsJ. T. Richardson
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 PolityE. W. Jones
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 TheologyZ. 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 Educa-
tion 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.

Harrington, Del.

V. P. NORTHRUP.

Registrar.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

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

II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

1. The Secretary shall keep a fair and correct record of all the proceedings of the Conference, to be read at the opening of each session, subject to correction by 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 documents ordered upon record by the Conference, and all documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal.

III. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

1. Each member of the Conference will be expected and required to be present at the opening of each session to participate in the devotional exercises, unless unavoidably detained; and no member may absent himself, without leave, from the seat of the Conference.
2. When a member would speak on any question, he shall arise in his place and respectfully address the President; refrain from all personalities and discourteous language. And no member shall speak more than once on the same question until every 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 have 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—on 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).

1888	Alderson, G. T.	E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1912	Allen, G. S.	D	Nassau, Del.	1
1888	Anderson, J. F.	E	Cherry Hill, Md.	1
1870	Arters, J. A.	R	Middletown, Del.	7
1876	Barrett, L. E.	E	Chestertown, Md.	7
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E	Onancock, Va.	1
1892	Beauchamp, T. F.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1894	Beauchamp, J. H.	E	Perryville, Md.	4
1897	Bennett, W. O.	E	Cape Charles, Va.	2
1914	Benson, N. C.	P	Queenstown, Md.	2
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E	Centreville, Md.	3
1890	Bounds, G. W.	E	Dagsboro, Del.	3
1885	Bowman, G. W.	R	5621 Catherine St., Phila., Pa.	8
1890	Brewington, J. A.	E	Roxana, Del.	1
1907	Briggs, W. H.	E	Preston, Md.	2
1915	Broadway, L. M.	P	Wilmington, Del.	1
1904	Buckson, J. A.	E	Whitesville, Del.	1
1894	Budd, H. G.	E	Dover, Del.	5
1909	Bunting, J. J.	E	Seaford, Del.	1
1886	Burke, Asbury	E	North East, Md.	2
1888	Burr, Warren	E	Townsend, Del.	3
1888	Carpenter, F. F.	E	Wilmington, Del.	4
1865	Carroll, James	R	Milford, Del.	16
1888	Chaires, W. W.	E	Kenton, Del.	2
1881	Cochran, F. J.	E	Newark, Md.	1
1876	Collins, J. M.	R	Wilmington, Del.	10
1883	Collins, V. S.	E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1895	Collins, E. H.	E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1902	Colona, J. W.	E	Georgetown, Del.	5
1891	Cooke, G. A.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1888	Compton, W. P.	R	6725 Lansdowne Ave., Phila., Pa.	8
1862	Conaway, G. S.	R	Smyrna, Del.	9
1912	Connelly, O. H.	D	Colora, Md.	1
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E	Wilmington, Del.	7
1881	Corkran, L. P.	E	Sudlersville, Md.	4
1887	Coursey, R. T.	E	Baltimore, Md.	2
1894	Dashiell, E. H.	E	Crisfield, Md.	4
1900	Davis, Howard	E	Bridgeville, Del.	2
1884	Dawson, W. F.	E	Hillsboro, Md.	2
1899	Dawson, G. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1884	Derrickson, E. H.	E	Oxford, Md.	2
1912	Di-Stefano, Ettore	D	At School	3
1886	Dulaney, H. S.	E	Salisbury, Md.	4
1885	Easley, J. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1898	Ellis, G. R.	E	Millsboro, Del.	4
1866	Esgate, James	R	Brocton, Mass.	29

1900	Faulkner, F. N.	E	Delmar, Del.	3
1889	Fogle, J. W.	E	Ocean View, Del.	1
1905	Ford, D. J.	E	Seaford, Del.	2
1891	Gardner, Edwin	E	Dover, Del.	1
1902	Gardner, J. H.	E	Lincoln, Del.	2
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.	E	Mt. Lebanon, Del.	1
1895	Givan, D. J.	E	Princess Anne, Md.	2
1884	Given, T. N.	E	Quantico, Md.	1
1903	Goodhand, A. W.	E	Fairmount, Md.	1
1905	Gray, J. H.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1888	Gray, J. W.	E	Boothwyn, Pa.	2
1873	Greene, W. M.	R	2226 N. 20th St., Phila., Pa.	11
1900	Greenfield, W. E.	E	Berlin, Md.	2
1903	Gunby, W. E.	E	Dover, Del.	2
1883	Guthrie, W. B.	E	Wye, Md.	2
1883	Hardesty, G. L.	R	Seaford, Del.	2
1903	Habbart, W. E.	E	Ridgely, Md.	3
1871	Harding, T. H.	R	Wilmington, Del.	9
1906	Harris, W. G.	E	Frankford, Del.	4
1900	Hastings, G. W.	E	Deal's Island, Md.	3
1878	Hill, C. A.	E	Crisfield, Md.	3
1889	Hills, V. E.	E	Selbyville, Del.	6
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	E	Wilmington, Del.	6
1897	Holt, T. S.	R	Federalsburg, Md.	6
1900	Hudson, J. A.	E	Pomona, Md.	1
1892	Hurst, W. O.	E	Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1910	Hopkins, J. C. B.	E	Greenwood, Del.	3
1884	Jaggard, Wilmer	E	Marshallton, Del.	1
1907	Jaracs, O. E.	E	Annapessex, Md.	1
1896	Jackson, Leolan	E	Magnolia, Del.	1
1913	Jacobs, D. W.	E	Rehoboth, Del.	1
1886	Jester, B. F.	E	Burrsville, Md.	1
1899	Johnson, J. L.	E	New Castle, Del.	4
1900	Jones, C. N.	E	Hopewell, Md.	3
1905	Jones, E. W.	E	East Newmarket, Md.	4
1891	Jones, G. P.	E	Elkton, Md.	1
1898	Jones, J. W.	E	Frederica, Del.	3
1898	Jones, O. E.	E	Lewes, Del.	1
1903	Jones, C. T.	E	Crumpton, Md.	2
1915	Jones, R. C.	P	Vienna, Md.	1
1907	Keen, C. P.	E	New York, N. Y.	1
1898	Kelso, H. B.	E	Concord, Md.	1
1904	Kelso, J. M.	E	Farmington, Del.	1
1901	Kenney, W. H.	E	Cheswold, Del.	2
1913	Klug, H. O.	P	Ebenezer, Del.	1
1886	Koons, W. G.	E	Rising Sun, Md.	1
1911	Latshaw, B. S.	E	Denville, N. J.	2
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E	Hurlock, Md.	1
1913	Leach, J. A.	D	Galestown, Md.	2
1901	Lewis, R. H.	R	Fishing Creek, Md.	3
1879	Lindale, J. M.	E	Red Lion, Del.	3
1914	Marine, M. W.	P	Hickman, Del.	2
1902	Marshall, E. H.	E	Girdletree, Md.	1
1864	Martindale, T. E.	E	Salisbury, Md.	10
1902	Matthews, W. E.	E	Felton, Del.	1
1902	McCann, Milton	E	Smyrna, Del.	2

1910	McCann, W. M.	E	Marydel, Md.	2
1905	McCoy, J. C.	E	Zion, Md.	1
1889	McDougal, L. I.	E	Richardson Park, Del.	1
1906	McDowell, E. W.	E	Somerset, Md.	1
1909	McFarland, B. L.	E	Wyoming, Del.	2
1884	McFaul, D. F.	E	Hockessin, Del.	2
1873	MacSorley, F. C.	E	Federalburg, Md.	1
1885	Mitchell, J. M.	E	Cecilton, Md.	2
1902	Mitchell, J. H.	E	Salt Lake City, Utah	3
1894	Moore, C. W.	E	Crapo, Md.	1
1898	Moore, F. X.	E	Port Deposit, Md.	1
1911	Moore, D. J.	E	Trappe, Md.	2
1887	Morgan, S. M.	R	Wilmington, Del.	2
1905	Morgan, L. B.	E	Chincoteague, Va.	2
1886	Mowbray, W. R.	E	Milford, Del.	4
1871	Murray, W. L. S.	E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1879	Neese, G. R.	E	Clayton, Del.	3
1912	Newton, G. F.	D	Fruitland, Md.	4
1907	Nichols, R. P.	E	Still Pond, Md.	1
1892	Northrup, V. P.	E	Harrington, Del.	2
1890	Nutter, M. D.	E	Chesapeake City, Md.	2
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E	Rehoboth, Del.	1
1872	Otis, J. P.	E	Sharptown, Md.	2
1893	Outten, J. P.	E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1881	Pilchard, S. N.	E	Cambridge, Md.	3
1870	Poole, J. W.	R	1540 N. 60th St., Phila., Pa.	14
1896	Poole, L. E.	E	Snow Hill, Md.	1
1900	Poole, W. C.	E	Galena, Md.	1
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	E	Rising Sun, Md.	1
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	E	Smyrna, Del.	3
1897	Prettyman, J. W.	E	Rock Hall, Md.	4
1902	Prettyman, E. C.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1915	Prettyman, J. L.	P	Royal Oak, Md.	1
1908	Price, J. T.	E	Blades, Del.	1
1886	Prouse, J. T.	R	Edgemooore, Del.	3
1878	Quigg, H. T.	E	Greensboro, Md.	1
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	R	Seaford, Del.	5
1858	Redman, W. W.	R	Greenwood, Del.	14
1910	Reed, H. E.	E	Smith's Island, Md.	1
1870	Reed, G. E.	E	Harrisburg, Pa.	1
1885	Reese, J. D.	E	Hebron, Md.	2
1907	Revelle, W. H.	E	Mt. Vernon, Md.	1
1911	Rice, O. B.	D	Delaware City, Del.	1
1893	Richardson, J. T.	E	Mt. Pleasant, Del.	3
1884	Roberts, E. P.	E	Newark, Del.	1
1873	Roe, Robert	R	Oxford, Md.	4
1910	Sard, T. J.	E	Tangier, Va.	2
1886	Sharp, W. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1910	Shiple, H. C.	E	Odessa, Del.	2
1879	Smith, Alfred	E	Camden, Del.	3
1896	Smith, G. P.	E	Millington, Md.	2
1907	Smith, Tilghman	E	Bethel, Del.	1
1889	Smoot, T. C.	E	Newport, Del.	1
1906	Sparklin, J. L.	E	Church Hill, Md.	2
1911	Spry, C. W.	P	Ocean City, Md.	1
1889	Stallings, G. W.	E	Bozman, Md.	1

1870	Stengle, Adam	R	Wilmington, Del.	6
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	E	Dover, Del.	6
1912	Sterling, G. E.	D	Marion, Md.	1
1892	Strickland, C. W.	E	Nanticoke, Md.	4
1885	Sunfield, E. C.	E	Parsonburg, Md.	2
1908	Sutton, J. W.	Sy	Salisbury, Md.	1
1894	Taylor, E. B.	E	Stockton, Md.	2
1897	Taylor, Harry	E	Laurel, Del.	1
1886	Taylor, W. P.	E	Georgetown, Del.	2
1876	Terry, T. E.	R	Harrington, Del.	1
1903	Thomas, G. S.	E	Kent Island, Md.	1
1914	Thomas, E. P.	P	Pittsville, Md.	2
1871	Tomkinson, W. E.	R	604 Boas St., Harrisburg, Pa.	16
1876	Townsend, G. W.	R	Ridley Park, Pa.	1
1895	VanDyke, T. R.	R	Wilmington, Del.	2
1871	Wallin, F. O. B.	R	Sweden	16
1879	Walton, O. S.	R	Red Lion, Del.	9
1885	Watt, Robert	E	Smyrna, Del.	6
1887	Webster, Z. H.	E	Milton, Del.	3
1913	Wells, Z. W.	D	Cranbury, N. J.	2
1893	Westerfield, H. A. G.	E	Denton, Md.	5
1901	Wheatley, M. E.	P	St. John's, Md.	2
1893	White, W. L.	E	Easton, Md.	2
1875	White, W. W.	E	Charlestown, Md.	1
908	White, Leonard	E	St. Michaels, Md.	2
1905	Whittaker, I. S.	E	Houston, Del.	6
1882	Williams, C. H.	R	Cambridge, Md.	2
1902	Williams, G. C.	E	Laurel, Del.	5
1892	Williams, W. S. H.	E	Gumboro, Del.	1
1885	Willis, D. H.	R	Cambridge, Md.	3
1912	Willis, Ivanhoe	P	Tilghman's, Md.	3
1897	Wilson, J. H.	E	Bethel Circuit, Md.	1
1906	Wilson, Daniel	E	St. Peter's, Md.	1
1884	Wise, W. A.	E	Wilmington, Del.	4
1886	Wood, G. E.	E	St. Georges, Del.	1
1886	Wyatt, C. T.	E	Middletown, Del.	3
1914	White, Frank	P	Cordova, Md.	1

LOCAL PREACHERS DIRECTORY.

Local Elders.

Atkinson, W. F.	Westover, Md.	Donoho, S. M.	Cambridge, Md.
Barrett, T. S.	Salem, Md.	Stimmil, W. E.	Wilmington, Del.
Brooks, A. G.	Newark, Del.	Strickland, W. G.	Wilmington, Del.
Conoway, W. N.	Henderson, Md.	VanBlunk, J. M. S.	Quantico, Md.
Cross, E. L.	New Castle, Del.	VanNote, G. H.	Elliott's Isl., Md.

Local Deacons.

Faries, William	Smyrna, Del.	McLain, L. T.	Phoebus, Va.
Hamilton, Wm.	Wilmington, Del.	Northrup, C. L.	Hurlock, Md.
Green, Daniel	Newport, Del.	Rodgers, R. W.	Wilmington, Del.
Hardesty, J. W.	Salisbury, Md.	Tindale, W. J.	Laurel, Del.
Kitchen, C. B.	Wilmington, Del.	Wiley, J. H.	Laurel, Del.

Licentiatees.

Adams, R. H.	Wilmington, Del.	Kelley, J. P.	Ellendale, Del.
Atkins, C. H.	Canterbury, Del.	Kirk, C. A.	Elkton, Md.
Atwell, Alexander . .	Hockessin, Del.	Long, R. M.	Delmar, Del.
Ayres, J. F.	Leemont, Va.	Low, W. A.	Selbyville, Del.
Biddle, Isaiah	North East, Md.	Lowe, Lafayette	Laurel, Del.
Brown, A. R.	Canterbury, Del.	McCabe, J. B.	Carlisle, Pa.
Buckson, W. C.	Christiana, Del.	McLaughlin, J. F. . . .	Wilmington, Del.
Bursler, G. F.	Marshallton, Del.	McGuire, W. J.	Houston, Del.
Cantwell, R. D.	Elkton, Md.	Miles, P. J.	Upper Fairmount, Md.
Clark, D. S.	Kenton, Del.	Moore, B. P.	Dover, Del.
Clark, J. F.	Delmar, Del.	Nelson, W. C.	Lawsonia, Md.
Cole, H. M.	Edgemore, Del.	Pardee, Thomas	Georgetown, Del.
Coleman, W. B.	Chestertown, Md.	Perdue, P. C.	Parsonburg, Md.
Cooper, L. T.	Sharptown, Md.	Phoebus, Wilbur	Oriole, Md.
Cornwell, J. J.	Farmington, Del.	Prettyman, D. B. . . .	Taylor's Isl., Md.
Covington, Henry . .	Centreville, Md.	Purnell, James	Millington, Md.
Davis, C. E.	Dover, Del.	Reed, O. B.	Ellendale, Del.
Davis, A. W.	Wilmington, Del.	Robinson, J. O.	Toddville, Md.
Derrickson, J. L. . . .	Pocomoke, Md.	Rutter, C. W.	Stanton, Del.
Dixon, T. S.	Leemont, Va.	Savage, C. R.	Selbyville, Del.
English, T. W.	Mardela, Md.	Seibert, E. T.	Carpenter, Del.
Ellegood, J. A.	Ellendale, Del.	Sharpless, C. D.	Edgemore, Del.
Ennis, H. T.	Lewes, Del.	Shockley, O. M.	Showells, Md.
Fogwell, S. J.	Hayden, Md.	Sullivan, C. C.	Richardson Pk., Del.
Ford, Walter	Smyrna, Del.	Talley, N. L.	Edgemore, Del.
Galloway, W. K.	Wilmington, Del.	Talley, P. R.	Wilmington, Del.
Gibbons, S. O.	St. Georges, Del.	Thawley, R. T.	Dover, Del.
Gore, C. C.	Robbins, Md.	Thornton, J. H.	North East, Md.
Grant, W. S.	Little Creek, Del.	Todd, B. R.	Wingate, Md.
Gray, Franklin	Marshallton, Del.	Todd, N. L.	Toddville, Md.
Graham, J. T.	Deal's Is., Md.	Tomer, Hugh	Wilmington, Del.
Gray, Henry	Marshallton, Del.	Travers, Alonza	Rock Hall, Md.
Hackett, L. K.	Oak Grove, Del.	Truitt, H. E.	Church Creek, Md.
Hanby, S. L.	Boothwyn, Pa.	Warren, H. B.	Middletown, Conn.
Harris, C. C.	Claymont, Del.	Weldin, G. W.	Edgemore, Del.
Harris, W. V.	Powellsville, Md.	White, E. W.	Rosell, Del.
Hicks, R. H.	Queen Annes, Md.	Wilmot, A. A.	Claymont, Del.
Hill, M. M.	Delmar, Del.	Wilson, G. W.	Georgetown, Del.
Horner, W. B.	Bayside, Md.	Wilson, W. D.	Lewes, Del.
Horner, J. E.	Townpoint, Md.	Windsor, L. R.	Rumbley, Md.
Horseman, Samuel . .	Winona, Md.	Wingate, W. H.	Greenbank, Del.
Hudson, J. H.	Vienna, Md.	Winder, E. J.	Seaford, Del.
Hudson, C. H.	Hooper's Isl., Md.	Wise, J. M.	New Castle, Del.
Jones, E. P.	Leipsic, Del.	Wright, W. J.	Choptank, Md.

APPOINTMENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

R. K. Stephenson, District Superintendent (P. O. Dover, Del.)	
Armory and Asbury	Edwin Gardner
Houston, Del.	I. S. Whittaker
P. O. Dover, Del.	Hurlock, Md.
	L. W. Layfield
Beckwith, Md. (Sup.)	E. L. Hubbard
Lakesville, Md. (Sup.)	R. H. Wilson
P. O. Cornersville, Md.	P. O. Golden Hill, Md.
Bethel, Del.	Tilghman Smith
Laurel, Del.	G. C. Williams
Blades and Epworth	J. T. Price
Leipsic, Del.	(Sup.) E. P. Jones
P. O. Blades, Del.	Lewes, Del.
	O. E. Jones
Bridgeville, Del.	Howard Davis
Lincoln, Del.	J. H. Gardner
Cambridge, Md.	S. N. Pilchard
Little Creek, Del.	Alfred Smith
Camden, Del.	(Sup.) W. S. Grant
Canterbury, Del. (Sup.)	A. R. Brown
Magnolia, Del.	Leolan Jackson
P. O. Viola, Del.	Milford, Del.
Church Creek, Md.	W. R. Mowbray
(Sup.) Horace Truitt	Millsboro, Del.
	G. R. Ellis
Crapo, Md.	Milton, Del.
Dover, Del.	Z. H. Webster
	C. W. Moore
East New Market, Md.	E. W. Jones
Mt. Pleasant, Del.	Harry Taylor
Ellendale, Del. (Sup.)	J. P. Kelley
P. O. Laurel, Del.	
Elliott's Island, Md.	(Sup.) George H. Van Note
Nassau, Del.	G. S. Allen
Rehoboth, Del.	D. W. Jacobs
Reliance, Md.	J. A. Leach
	P. O. Oak Grove, Del.
Farmington, Del.	J. M. Kelso
Salem, Md. (Sup.)	T. S. Barrett
Federalsburg, Md.	F. C. MacSorley
Seaford, Del.	J. J. Bunting
Felton, Del.	W. E. Matthews
Seaford Circuit,	D. J. Ford
Frederica, Del.	J. W. Jones
P. O. Seaford, Del.	
Galestown, Md. (Sup.)	Robt. Kirby
Taylor's Island, Md.	(Sup.) D. B. Prettyman
P. O. Seaford, Del. R. D.	
Georgetown, Del.	J. W. Colona
Vienna, Md. (Sup.)	J. H. Hudson
Georgetown Circuit,	W. P. Taylor
Williamsburg, Md.	(Sup.) W. H. Cummings
P. O. Georgetown, Del.	
Greenwood, Del.	J. C. B. Hopkins
Wyoming, Del.	B. L. McFarland
Harrington, Del.	V. P. Northrup
Zoar, Del. (Sup.)	Thomas Pardee
Hickman and Epworth,	M. W. Marine
P. O. Hickman, Del.	
Hoopers Island (Sup.)	C. H. Hudson
P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.	
	H. G. Budd, Principal Wilming-
	ton Conference Academy Member
	Wesley Quar. Conf. P. O. Dover, Del.

EASTON DISTRICT.

Robert Watt, District Superintendent (P. O. Smyrna, Del.)	
Bayside, Md. (Sup.)	W. B. Horner
Cecilton, Md.	J. M. Mitchell
P. O. Sherwood, Md.	Centreville, Md.
	J. R. Bicking
Bozman, Md.	G. W. Stallings
	L. E. Barrett
Burrsville, Md.	B. F. Jester
	Cheswold, Del.
	W. H. Kenney

Church Hill, Md.	J. L. Sparklin	Piney Neck, Md. (Sup.)	Alonzo Travers
Clayton, Del.	G. R. Neese	P. O. Rock Hall, Md.	
Concord, Md.	H. B. Kelso	Pomona, Md.	J. A. Hudson
	P. O. Hobbs, Md.	P. O. Chestertown, Md.	
Cordova, Md.	Frank White	Preston, Md.	W. H. Briggs
Crumpton, Md.	C. T. Jones	Queenstown, Md.	
Denton, Md.	H. A. G. Westerfield		(Sup.) Frank Brisbin
Easton, Md.	W. L. White	Ridgely, Md.	W. E. Habbart
Fairlee, Md.	(Sup.) John White	Rock Hall, Md.	J. W. Prettyman
	P. O. Chestertown, Md.	Royal Oak, Md.	J. L. Prettyman
Galena, Md.	W. C. Poole	St. Michaels, Md.	Leonard White
Golt, Md.	(Sup.) Walter Ford	Salem Circuit, Md.	
	P. O. Sassafras, Md.		(Sup.) Henry Covington
Greensboro, Md.	H. T. Quigg		P. O. Centreville, Md.
Henderson, Md.		Smyrna, Del.	C. W. Prettyman
	(Sup.) W. N. Conoway	Smyrna Circuit, Del.	Milton McCann
Hillsboro, Md.	W. F. Dawson		P. O. Smyrna, Del.
Kent Island, Md.	G. S. Thomas	Still Pond, Md.	R. P. Nichols
	P. O. Stevensville, Md.	Sudlersville, Md.	L. P. Corkran
Kenton, Del.	W. W. Chaires	Tilghman's, Md.	Ivanhoe Willis
Marydel, Md.	W. M. McCann	Townsend, Del.	Warren Burr
Middletown, Del.	C. T. Wyatt	Trappe, Md.	D. J. Moore
Millington, Md.	G. P. Smith	Wye Mills, Md.	W. B. Guthrie
Odessa, Del.	H. C. Shipley		R. T. Coursey, Conference Evangelist,
Oxford, Md.	E. H. Derrickson		P. O. Baltimore, Md. Member
			Harrison St. Quarterly Conference.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

T. A. H. O'Brien, District Superintendent (P. O. Rehoboth, Del.)			
Annessex, Md.	O. E. James	Girdletree, Md.	E. H. Marshall
	P. O. Crisfield, Md.	Gumboro, Del.	W. H. S. Williams
Asbury, Md.	E. H. Dashiell	Hebron, Md.	J. D. Reese
	P. O. Crisfield, Md.	Holland's Island, Md.	
Berlin, Md.	W. E. Greenfield		(Sup.) S. T. Horseman
Bishopville, Md.	N. C. Benson	Mardela Springs, Md.	Ralph C. Jones
Cape Charles, Va.	W. O. Bennett	Marion, Md.	G. E. Sterling
Chincoteague, Va.	L. B. Morgan	Mt. Vernon, Md.	W. H. Revelle
Claremont, Va. (Sup.)	T. J. Graham	Nanticoke, Md.	C. W. Strickland
Crisfield, Md.	C. A. Hill	Newark, Md.	F. J. Cochran
Dagsboro & St. Georges, Del.		Ocean City, Md.	C. W. Spry
P.O.Dagsboro, Del.	G. W. Bounds	Ocean View and Millville, Del.	
Deal's Island, Md.	G. W. Hastings	P. O. Ocean View, Del.	J. W. Fogle
Delmar, Del.	F. N. Faulkner	Onancock, Va.	O. T. Baynard and
Fairmount, Md.	A. W. Goodhand	(Sup.) T. S. Dixon and J. E. F. Ayers	
	and (Sup.) P. J. Miles	Parsonsburg, Md.	E. C. Sunfield
Frankford, Del.	W. G. Harris	Phoebus, Va. (Sup.)	L. T. McLain
Fruitland, Md.	G. F. Newton	Pittsville, Md.	E. P. Thomas

Pocomoke City, Md.	W. O. Hurst	Selbyville, Del.	V. E. Hills
Pocomoke Circuit, Md.		Sharptown, Md.	J. P. Otis
	(Sup.) J. L. Derrickson	Smiths' Island, Md.	H. E. Reed
	P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.		P. O. Ewell, Md.
Princess Anne, Md.	D. J. Givan	Snow Hill, Md.	L. E. Poole
Powellsville, Md.	W. V. Harris	Somerset, Md.	E. W. McDowell
Quantico, Md.	T. N. Given		P. O. Chance, Md.
Roxana, Del.	J. A. Brewington	Stockton, Md.	E. B. Taylor
St. Peter's, Md.	Daniel Wilson	Tangier, Va.	T. J. Sard
	P. O. Oriole, Md.	Westover, Md. (Sup.)	W. F. Atkinson
Salisbury, Md.:		Whitesville, Del.	J. A. Buckson
Asbury	T. E. Martindale		C. P. Keen, assistant superintendent
Grace	H. S. Dulany		of New York Anti-Saloon League, member
	P. O. Fruitland, Md.		Asbury, Salisbury, Quarterly Conference.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

E. L. Hoffecker, District Superintendent (P. O. Wilmington, Del.).			
Bethel Circuit, Md.	J. H. Wilson	New Castle, Del.	J. L. Johnson
	P. O. Pivot, Md.	Newport, Del.	T. C. Smoot
Charlestown, Md.	W. W. White	North East, Md.	Asbury Burke
Cherry Hill, Md.	J. F. Anderson	Perryville, Md.	J. H. Beauchamp
Chesapeake City, Md.	M. D. Nutter	Port Deposit, Md.	F. X. Moore
Chester-Bethel	J. W. Gray	Port Penn, Del.	R. W. Cooke
	P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.	Red Lion, Del.	J. M. Lindale
Christiana, Del.	W. C. Buckson	Rising Sun, Md.	A. P. Prettyman
Claymont, Del.	C. C. Harris	Stanton, Del.	C. W. Rutter
Colora, Md.	O. H. Connelly	St. Georges, Del.	G. E. Wood
Delaware City, Del.	O. B. Rice	St. John's, Md.	M. E. Wheatley
Ebenezer, Del.	H. O. Klug		P. O. Lewisville, Pa.
	P. O. Newark, Del.	Zion, Md.	J. C. McCoy
Elk Mills, Md.	C. D. Sharpless		P. O. North East, Md.
Elk Neck, Md.	J. H. Thornton	Wilmington:	
	P. O. North East, Md.	Asbury	G. W. Dawson
Elkton, Md.	G. P. Jones	Brandywine and Edgemoor,	
Elkton Circuit, Md.	R. D. Cantwell		F. F. Carpenter
Hockessin, Del.	D. F. McFaul		and A. L. White
Hopewell, Md.	C. N. Jones	Brack-Ex	P. R. Talley
Kirkwood, Del.	O. S. Walton	Cookman	J. P. Outten
	P. O. Red Lion, Del.	Eastlake	W. W. Sharp
Marshallton & Cedars, Del.		Epworth	W. L. S. Murray
P. O. Marshallton, Del.	Wilmer Jaggard	Grace	To be supplied
Mt. Lebanon, Del.	J. H. Geoghegan	Harrison Street	G. T. Alderson
	P. O. Rockland, Del.	Hillcrest	T. H. Harding
Mt. Pleasant, Del.	J. T. Richardson	Kingswood	L. M. Broadway
	P. O. Edgemoor, Del.	Madeley	E. H. Collins
Newark, Del.	E. P. Roberts	McCabe	J. W. Easley

Mt. Salem	T. R. VanDyke	Zach Wells, left without appointments to attend one of our schools.
Richardson Park	L. I. McDougale	
St. Paul's	V. S. Collins	George Edward Reed, president of National Society for Broader Education.
Scott	W. A. Wise	
Silverbrook	J. H. Gray	E. C. Prettyman, assistant superintendent of Maryland Anti-Saloon League.
Trinity	R. H. Adams	
Union	W. F. Corkran	W. G. Koons, corresponding secretary Conference Claimants Endowment Fund Commission. P. O. Rising Sun, Md.
Wesley	George A. Cooke	
T. F. Beauchamp, superintendent of Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, member St. Paul's Quarterly Conference.		
Ettore Di Stefano, B. S. Latshaw and		

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.
Ralph C. Jones, Luther M. Broadway, John L. Prettyman.
(b) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
6. Who have been Continued on Trial?
(a) In Studies of First Year.
Ettore Di-Stefano.
(b) In Studies of Second Year.
Herman O. Klug, Marion W. Marine, N. Claude Benson, Charles W. Spry, Essell P. Thomas, Frank White.
(c) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
None.
7. Who have been Discontinued?
Ramond L. Mowbray.
8. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?
(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
James A. Leach, Zach W. Wells.

- (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
Disston W. Jacobs.
9. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?
(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
James A. Leach, Zach W. Wells.
(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
None.
10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?
George S. Allen, Olie H. Connelly, Oren B. Rice, George E. Sterling, George F. Newton, Ivanhoe Willis.
11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?
(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
Joseph A. Buckson, David J. Moore, John C. B. Hopkins, Harry C. Shipley, Disston W. Jacobs, Blair S. Latshaw (ordained by Bishop Henderson at Newark Conference).
(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
None.
12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
(a) As Local Preachers.
B. S. Zampieri (ordained by Bishop Burt at Italian Mission Conference, Baltimore).
(b) Under Missionary Rule.
Ettore Di-Stefano (ordained by Bishop Burt at Italian Mission Conference, Baltimore).
(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 in open Conference.
15. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?
Everett C. Wright, Nebraska.
16. Who have Died?
George W. Burke, Richard H. Adams, Edwin C. Macnichol, Thomas B. Hunter, John R. Cannon.
17. Who have been Located at their own Request?
None.
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?
J. W. Sutton (1).
24. Who are the Retired Ministers?
J. A. Arters, G. W. Bowman, 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, R. H. Lewis, S. M. Morgan, J. W. Poole, J. T. Prouse, P. H. Rawlins, Robert Roe, W. W. Redman, Adam Stengle, W. E. Tomkinson, T. E. Terry, G. W. Townsend, 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, C. W. Prettyman, 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 the Statistician's Report.
29. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?
See the Conference Treasurer's Report.
30. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$48,412.
31. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?
\$23,000.
32. What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?
\$16,700. 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?
\$639.
34. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?
An amount equal to $9\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the estimates for cash support of pastors for current year.
35. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See List of Appointments.
36. Where shall the Next Conference be held?
Union, Wilmington, Del.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—The Forty-Seventh Session of the Wilmington Annual Conference convened in Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, Laurel, Delaware, Wednesday, March twenty-fourth, Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen, at 9 A. M., Bishop Richard J. Cooke of Portland, Oregon, presiding. After the singing of hymn Number 524 and the administration of the Lord's Supper, Bishop Cooke delivered a forceful and instructive address upon the unchanged character of the Holy Communion.

ROLL CALL.—The roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, one hundred and forty-five 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 C. W. Prettyman, H. A. G. Westerfield was re-elected **Statistical Secretary**, naming as his assistants J. H. Geoghegan, W. E. Gunby, A. W. Goodhand, G. S. Thomas, W. M. McCann, H. B. Kelso, J. M. Kelso, J. R. Bicking, I. S. Whittaker, A. R. Brown, T. J. Sard, H. C. Shipley, N. C. Benson, R. P. Nichols. On motion of R. K. Stephenson, J. W. Colona was re-elected **Conference Treasurer**, naming as his assistants, V. E. Hills, T. R. VanDyke, E. W. McDowell, W. G. Harris, J. T. Richardson, W. H. Revelle, W. P. Taylor, C. T. Jones.

BAR OF CONFERENCE.—On motion of G. C. Williams the seventh row of pews from the chancel was fixed as the Bar of the Conference. On motion of W. E. Tomkinson the hours for meeting and adjourning were fixed at 8:30 A. M. and 12 M.; the first half hour for devotions.

RULES OF ORDER.—On motion of V. S. Collins, the rules of order governing the last session were adopted for the government of this session.

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

CONFERENCE ACADEMY.—Dr. John W. Hancher, Assistant Secretary, Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced and addressed the Conference with reference to the condition of the

Wilmington Conference Academy and its proposed endowment campaign. During which address Dr. Hancher stated that: If the Wilmington Conference will take the one public education collection as apportioned by the Commission on Finance, aggregating \$6,117, for the coming year, and will raise \$5000. of that \$6,117., the Board of Education next year in making settlement with your Treasurer will give to you 50% of its 20%.

INTRODUCTION.—Dr. L. T. Widerman of the Maryland Bible Society and Dr. J. O. Spencer of Morgan College were introduced and addressed the Conference.

OFFICIAL VISITORS.—On motion of Dr. George E. Reed, V. S. Collins and the pastors of Crisfield and Salisbury were constituted a committee to represent the Wilmington Conference at the dedication of the new dormitory at Princess Anne Academy.

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.)

CONFERENCE CLAIMANT APPORTIONMENT.—C. A. Hill moved that the Statistician be instructed to follow the figures contained in the individual reports of pastors in tabulating the apportionments for Conference Claimant funds. V. S. Collins offered as an amendment that the Board of Stewards be instructed to apportion for Conference Claimants the amount of nine and one-half per cent. of pastor's cash salary for past year, and that the Statistician be instructed to tabulate the apportionments according to these figures. After discussion, a motion by J. W. Easley to lay both the amendment and the original motion on the table prevailed. W. F. Corkran moved that the Board of Stewards be directed to make the apportionment for Conference Claimant funds on the basis of nine and one-half per cent. of pastor's salary received during the current year. A motion by Robert Watt to lay this on the table was lost by a count vote of thirty to forty-two. Geo. E. Reed offered as an amendment that the apportionment be made on the basis of nine and one-half per cent. of salary received during the year preceding the apportionment, which amendment, on motion of T. E. Terry, was laid on the table. After considerable debate the original motion was adopted.

QUESTION 1.—The First Question, "Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements 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.

ORDER OF DAY.—On motion of T. E. Martindale the consideration of the proposed endowment fund for Conference Claimants was made the order of the day for Friday morning immediately after the reading of the Journal.

MORNING DEVOTIONS.—Dr. T. E. Martindale was appointed to conduct the devotions tomorrow morning.

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

SECOND SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock with T. E. Martindale conducting the devotions. At nine o'clock Bishop Cooke assumed the chair.

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

CONFERENCE CLAIMANT APPORTIONMENT.—On motion of Robert Watt, W. G. Koons, W. F. Corkran and V. S. Collins were made a committee to consider the basis of local Conference Claimant apportionment, the report of the committee to be made as early as possible.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was taken up. R. K. Stephenson and Robert Watt, Superintendents of Dover and Easton Districts, were called, their characters passed and they read reports of their work. The above mentioned districts were subsequently called, the characters of Pastors passed and they reported concerning the collections and the number of conversions and accessions during the year.

APPORTIONMENT BASIS.—V. S. Collins presented the following report of the committee on Conference Claimant apportionment which was adopted. Resolved, that the Board of Conference Stewards be authorized to apportion for Conference Claimants the sum of nine and one-half per cent. of salary estimated for the Pastor for the current Conference year, and that the Statistician be instructed to adjust the reports in accordance therewith.

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

DRAFTS.—Bishop Cooke presented drafts on the Book Concern for \$3151. and on the Chartered Fund for \$30., and they were ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. John Krantz, representative of the New York Book Concern, Dr. Franklin Hamilton, Chancellor of the American University at Washington, D. C.; Dr. Charles M. Boswell, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; Rev. Samuel B. Goff, Jr., Evangelist of the Philadelphia Conference, and Dr. G. W. Wray of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Virginia Conference, were introduced, and the first three named addressed the Conference.

METHODIST REVIEW.—J. M. Kelso was appointed to canvass the Conference for subscribers to the Methodist Review.

SYMPATHY.—On motion of Robert Watt, the Secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy and good cheer to Warren Burr.

DEVOTIONS.—Alfred Smith was appointed to conduct the devotions tomorrow morning.

CLOSING.—Announcements were made, the doxology sung, and Conference adjourned, Dr. G. E. Reed pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, with Alfred Smith conducting the devotions. At nine o'clock Bishop Cooke took the chair.

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

GREETINGS.—On motion of Robert Watt the Secretary was instructed to send letters of greeting and sympathy to R. T. Coursey and J. L. Johnson.

MANAGERS OF CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.—V. S. Collins presented nominations for Managers of the Wilmington Conference Education Society, Ministerial—C. W. Prettyman, G. C. Williams, T. A. H. O'Brien; Lay—J. H. Kimble, J. T. Taylor, W. O. Hoffecker, and they were elected for a full term of three years.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.—G. P. Jones named the following additions to the Temperance Committee: O. T. Baynard, T. R. VanDyke, E. H. Dashiell, W. E. Gunby, G. L. Hardesty, and they were approved.

ORDER OF DAY.—The order of the day was called, T. E. Martindale presented and read the following resolutions:

Dr. T. E. Martindale presented the following recommendations from a special meeting of the District Superintendents, the members of the Board of Stewards, Permanent Commission on Endowment, Commission on Finance, Conference Trustees and others, both of the ministry and laity—

1 Resolved, that we recommend to the Wilmington Annual Conference that we ask for \$200,000 additional to our invested funds for Conference Claimants, and that we pledge ourselves to use every endeavor to raise this amount as our part of the Campaign of 1915.

2 Resolved, that we recommend that Friday or Saturday morning at ten o'clock in the annual session of 1915 the order of the day shall be the launching of this Campaign, and that in like manner the cause shall be brought to the attention of the Laymen's Association.

3 That we recommend that the Conference Board of Stewards be instructed to apportion to the various charges a sum sufficient to meet the full Disciplinary claim due Conference Claimants in the Wilmington Annual Conference.

4 Resolved, that we recommend to the Annual Conference that one of our number be appointed to give his entire time to the accomplishment of this work; that he receive a support not less than he was receiving at time of appointment; and that such support be met on a proportionate basis by the members of the Conference.

Prior to their adoption, Dr. J. B. Hingeley, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants, was introduced and announced a draft of \$250. in favor of this Conference from the Board of Conference Claimants, after which he addressed the Conference in explanation of the pending resolutions. On motion of V. S. Collins it was agreed to consider the resolutions item by item. Resolution One was read. After some discussion, on motion of E. L. Hoffecker, further consideration was deferred to a joint session of the ministerial and lay bodies, ordered for this afternoon at three o'clock. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that we have heard with pleasure and profit the illuminating and inspiring address of Dr. J. B. Hingeley on the subject of the claim of the retired minister, which contributed so much to the successful launching of our campaign for Conference Claimants. We thank God for the wisdom of the General Conference in setting apart this man to stir the heart of our great Church upon this important theme. We pray God that he may be spared to successfully prosecute this campaign to place beyond want and penury every faithful aged minister of our worldwide Methodism.

QUESTION 8.—The Eighth Question, "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Herman O. Klug, James A. Leach, Zach W. Wells were called, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented and Herman O. Klug was Continued on Trial in Studies of Second Year; James A. Leach and Zach W. Wells were advanced to Studies of Third Year and recommended to Deacon's Orders. After the usual address to the class by Bishop Cooke, James A. Leach, Z. W. Wells and Disston W. Jacobs were called to the bar of the Conference and the usual disciplinary questions were propounded.

CHAIR.—Dr. Geo. E. Reed was called to the chair.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. E. L. Hoffecker, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, was called, his character passed and he read his report. A part of the pastors of the District were then called, their characters passed and they made reports concerning the collections, conversions and accessions.

CHAIR.—Bishop Cooke resumed the chair.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. Clarence True Wilson, Secretary of the Church Temperance Society, was introduced.

ORDER OF DAY.—On motion of T. E. Martindale a consideration of the interests of the Wilmington Conference Academy was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

ADJOURNMENT.—Notices were given, the doxology sung, and Conference adjourned, J. B. Mann of the Central Pennsylvania Conference pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened at three o'clock with Bishop Cooke in the chair and conducting the devotions.

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

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.—The Laymen's Association entered and were seated within the bar of the Conference. Hon. Thomas N. Rawlins, President of the Association, was presented to Bishop Cooke and subsequently introduced to the Conference. On motion of Robert Watt the laymen were accorded the privileges of the floor in the discussions of the afternoon session. The Hon. Caleb E. Burchenal and Mr. Melville Gambrell were introduced and addressed the Conference. The following resolutions, unanimously adopted by the Laymen's Association, were presented and read by Mr. Burchenal:

WHEREAS, the annuity rate established by the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the Wilmington Conference and payable to a retired minister of said Conference is \$13.50 for each year of active service of said retired minister; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church has been able to pay only \$8.00 per year of the above \$13.50 for each year of active service; and

WHEREAS, the income of 5% on an endowment of \$200,000.00 is needed in addition to the other moneys received by the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in order to meet the disciplinary rights of the retired ministers and the claims of the necessitous cases; be it, therefore,

RESOLVED, by the Wilmington Conference Laymen's Association in annual meeting assembled at Laurel, Delaware, that this Association does hereby heartily indorse and support the movement to raise an endowment fund of \$200,000.00 in order that the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church may do its full disciplinary duty to its retired ministers and their dependents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Wilmington Conference Laymen's Association recommend to the Wilmington Annual Conference that immediate steps be taken to raise said sum of \$200,000.00, and to that end this Association pledges its loyal and earnest support.

Approved

(Signed)

R. M. COOPER,

CALEB E. BURCHENAL,

A. W. SISK,

WM. J. DOWNING,

Resolution Committee.

After appropriate remarks by Bishop Cooke, on motion of V. S. Collins, the ministerial body expressed their appreciation of the resolutions passed by the Laymen's Association. The Secretary of the Conference then read the resolutions that had been presented at the morning session, and the discussion was resumed. Resolution one was read and adopted. Resolution two was read. V. S. Collins offered as a substitute that a committee of nine be appointed to cooperate with a like committee from the Laymen's Association in carrying out the provisions of the campaign, and the substitute was adopted. Resolution three was read and, on motion, was stricken out. Resolution four was read and, on motion, it was amended by striking out the words, "on a proportionate basis" and inserting the words, "by applying the one per cent. fund paid," so that the entire sentence should read, "And that such support be met by applying the one per cent. fund paid by the members of the Conference." The resolutions as amended, were then adopted by rising vote. On motion of V. S. Collins the District Superintendents and Board of Stewards were made a committee to present nominations of nine ministerial members to constitute the special committee called for by resolution two.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—On motion an Executive session was ordered for tomorrow immediately after the reading of the Journal.

DEVOTIONS.—L. E. Barrett was appointed to conduct devotions tomorrow morning.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made, doxology sung and Conference adjourned, T. A. H. O'Brien pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock with L. E. Barrett conducting devotions. At nine o'clock Bishop Cooke assumed the chair.

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

CONFERENCE CLAIMANT COMMISSION.—On motion of V. S. Collins the committee ordered for the purpose of cooperating with a like committee from the Laymen's Association to inaugurate the Conference Claimant Endowment Campaign, was increased from nine to ten members and made the Wilmington Conference Committee on Conference Claimants with power to act, and on motion of E. L. Hoffecker, it was ordered, that the new commission on Conference Claimant Endowment be requested to prepare a statement of the relation of the 1915 Jubilee Campaign, and the Commission appointed to carry on this Campaign, to the Commission on the Gambrill proposition and the unpaid subscriptions in the churches toward that proposition.

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

WHEREAS, the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church allows an Annual Conference to sit at least one full week, and

WHEREAS, for some years past this Conference has been rushed through in such haste that the business of the Conference has been slighted and the Secretary, the Statistician and Conference Treasurer have been compelled to work at great disadvantage, and have been obliged to make only partial reports to the Conference because of lack of time, therefore

RESOLVED, that we request the Presiding Bishop to allow us sufficient time for the conduct of the business of the Conference as shall be necessary for orderly consideration of all the great interests involved in the business of our Conference.

ORDER OF DAY.—On motion of Robert Watt the orders of the day were reversed, and H. G. Budd, Principal of the Wilmington Conference Academy, was introduced and addressed the Conference. V. S. Collins presented the report of the Wilmington Conference Education Society,

which was ordered divided for consideration, the first part was read and adopted. The second part was then read, and after full discussion the recommendations contained therein were adopted and on motion the paper was adopted as a whole. (See Reports.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—The Conference then entered upon an Executive session. G. W. Dawson, J. A. Buckson, J. W. Jones were appointed doorkeepers. W. E. Tomkinson moved that ministerial members of other conferences of our own Church be permitted to remain. V. S. Collins offered as an amendment that ministers of other churches as well be invited to remain. The amendment prevailed.

QUESTION 5.—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was then taken up. Recommendations in proper form for Admission on Trial of Ralph C. Jones, Luther M. Broadway and John L. Prettyman were read, the Registrar and committee reported, the District Superintendents represented and on motion they were Received on Trial and placed in Studies of the First Year.

QUESTION 8.—The Eighth Question was resumed. James A. Leach, Zach W. Wells, Disston W. Jacobs were called and on motion they were Admitted into Full Membership.

ORDERS.—A request from Bishop Burt for the election of Ettore Di-Stefano to Deacon's Orders under the Missionary Rule, and B. S. Zampieri to Local Deacon's Orders was announced, and on motion of E. L. Hoffecker the request was granted and they were elected, the Secretary being instructed to telegraph the action of the Conference, recommending their ordination by Bishop Burt at the Italian Mission Conference now in session at Baltimore.

QUESTION 10.—The Tenth Question, "What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. Ivanhoe Willis, Olie H. Connelly, George E. Sterling, George F. Newton, George S. Allen, Oren B. Rice, were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented and they were advanced to Studies of Fourth Year.

QUESTION 11.—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Joseph A. Buckson, David J. Moore, John C. B. Hopkins, Harry C. Shipley, Disston W. Jacobs and Blair S. Latshaw were called and their characters passed, the Registrar reported, District Superintendents represented and on motion they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and Elected to Elder's Orders. In the case of Blair S. Latshaw, Conference recommended that he be ordained by Bishop Henderson at the Newark Conference, now in session.

QUESTIONS 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 AND 22.—Questions Seventeen, Eighteen, Nineteen, Twenty, Twenty-one and Twenty-two were taken up and answered in the negative.

QUESTION 23.—The Twenty-third Question, "Who are the Supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?" was taken up. The names of R. H. Lewis and Adam Stengle were called, their characters passed and on motion of the District Superintendents their relation was changed from Supernumerary to Retired at their own request. J. H. Wilson was called, his character passed and on motion of the District Superintendent his relation was changed from Supernumerary to **Effective**.

CHANGE OF RELATION.—On motion of their District Superintendents the relation of J. W. Sutton was changed from **Effective** to Supernumerary and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards; that of S. M. Morgan was changed from Retired to **Effective**, and those of T. E. Terry and G. W. Townsend were changed from **Effective** to Retired at their own request. On motion, T. E. Martindale, C. W. Prettyman and W. L. S. Murray were made a committee to prepare a suitable minute regarding the retirement of brothers Terry and Townsend.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—On motion of Robert Watt it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet this afternoon at three o'clock.

EXTENSION OF TIME.—Time was extended.

O. E. JAMES.—W. R. Mowbray offered as a report from the Committee on Conference Relations in the case of O. E. James referred to them by the Cabinet, that for want of sufficient evidence the Committee considered it advisable to present the matter to the Conference for consideration. After considerable explanation and discussion of the case, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that in view of all the statements made concerning this case that notice be given to brother O. E. James that at the next session of the Conference his location will be asked for unless in the meantime he shall have developed such efficiency as a minister as shall justify his continuance in the effective ranks.

INTRODUCTION.—Dr. Daniel W. Howell, Corresponding Secretary, General Deaconess Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced to the Conference.

GREETING.—On motion of G. W. Dawson the Secretary was instructed to send a letter of greeting and sympathy to brother R. H. Lewis.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, V. S. Collins pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened at three o'clock with Bishop Cooke in the chair and George A. Cooke conducting the devotions.

QUESTION 6.—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Charles W. Spry, Frank White, Marion W. Marine, Essell P. Thomas, N. Claude Benson, were called. The Registrar reported, the District Superintendents recommended and they were Continued on Trial and advanced to the Studies of the Second Year. On motion of R. K. Stephenson, Raymond L. Mowbray was discontinued at his own request.

QUESTION 24.—The Twenty-fourth Question, "Who are the Retired Ministers?" was taken up. J. A. Arters, G. W. Bowman, 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, 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, were called and their relation continued.

QUESTION 26.—The Twenty-sixth Question, "What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?" was taken up. T. E. Martindale presented the report of the Conference Board and it was adopted. (See Reports.)

QUESTION 25.—The Twenty-fifth Question, "Who are the Triers of Appeal?" was taken up. Bishop Cooke, nominated the following: T. A. H. O'Brien, T. E. Terry, C. W. Prettyman, J. P. Otis, F. F. Carpenter and they were confirmed.

METHODIST.—Dr. Charles M. Levister was introduced and addressed the Conference requesting the appointment of a commission consisting of four, one from each District, in behalf of the Methodist. After brief discussion of the matter the following paper was presented by V. S. Collins:

We have listened with interest to the address of Dr. Levister concerning the appointment of a commission to cooperate in the management of the Methodist. In view of our past experience with Conference papers we decline to appoint the commission as requested.

Pending adoption, on motion of E. L. Hoffecker further, consideration was deferred until Monday.

QUESTION 6.—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Ettore Di-Stefano was called and on motion he was Continued on Trial in Studies of First Year.

ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.—G. P. Jones presented the report of the special committee appointed to nominate ministerial members of the Commission on Conference Claimant Endowment, and they were elected as follows: (See List.)

CONFERENCE ACADEMY TRUSTEES.—The District Superintendents named the following Committee to present nominations for vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy. O. E. Jones, C. W. Prettyman, G. C. Williams, G. W. Dawson.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.—G. A. Cooke presented resolutions proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On motion of V. S. Collins action thereon was deferred, and their further consideration was made the order of the day for Monday morning following the reading of the Journal.

INTRODUCTION.—J. H. Straughn, Pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church in Laurel, and Dr. J. H. Morgan, of Dickinson College, were introduced, the latter briefly addressing the Conference.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock in memorial session and for ordination services.

RETURN GREETINGS.—Robert Watt read a letter from Mrs. Warren Burr in acknowledgment of the greetings sent by the Conference to brother Burr.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Bishop Cooke pronouncing the benediction.

SEVENTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 2 o'clock with T. E. Terry in the chair. After the singing of Hymn No. 582, prayer was offered by W. L. S. Murray. Suitable memoirs were presented and read of the following: R. H. Adams, E. C. Macnichol, T. B. Hunter, J. R. Cannon, G. W. Burke, also of Mrs. Lizzie M. Lecates, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Dawson, Mrs. Edith Willis, Mrs. Laura V. Talbot, Mrs. Hester F. N. Stallings and on motion of W. L. S. Murray they were adopted.

ORDINATION.—James A. Leach and Zach W. Wells were called, the usual Disciplinary Questions were asked and answered and they were ordained as Deacons. Joseph A. Buckson, David J. Moore, John C. B. Hopkins, Harry C. Shipley, and Disston W. Jacobs were called, the Disciplinary Questions were propounded and they were ordained as Elders.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to Certify, that on the Twenty-eighth day of March, Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen, I ordained James A. Leach and Zach W. Wells as **Deacons**; and, assisted by several Elders, I ordained Joseph A. Buckson, David J. Moore, John C. B. Hopkins, Harry C. Shipley and Disston W. Jacobs as **Elders** in the Church of Christ, they having been duly elected to the above orders respectively by the Wilmington Annual Conference.

Done at Laurel, Delaware. R. J. COOKE,
Presiding Bishop.

ADJOURNMENT.—Hymn No. 222 was sung, announcements were made and Conference adjourned, W. F. Corkran pronouncing the benediction.

SEVENTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, C. W. Prettyman conducting the devotions. At nine o'clock Bishop Cooke assumed the chair.

JOURNAL.—The Journals of Saturday and that of Sunday afternoon were read and approved.

QUESTION 15.—The Fifteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?" was taken up. Everett C. Wright, Nebraska Conference.

DISTRICT REPORT.—On motion of Robert Watt it was agreed to defer the order of the day until after the reading of the Salisbury District report.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. The name of G. P. Jones, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, was called, his Character passed and he read a report of his work, at the conclusion of which Dr. T. E. Martindale in a most felicitious speech presented to Brother Jones a purse of gold as a testimonial from the members of Salisbury District for his untiring, faithful and efficient services on the District during the past six years. Brother Jones made a brief response which was supplemented with fitting remarks by Bishop Cooke.

ORDER OF DAY.—On motion, the order of the day was taken up, and after speaking to the question, S. M. Morgan moved the adoption of the resolution as read. V. S. Collins offered the following substitute:

That we amend the "Wilmington Conference Proposition" as adopted by the Conference of 1914, and recorded in the Minutes of 1914, pages 30, 31 and 42, by adopting the preambles of the Cook resolutions, by striking out all that portion that relates to Section 3, paragraph 42 of the Book of Discipline commencing with "The Presiding officer", and substituting therefor the preamble and resolution offered by brother Cooke.

A motion by W. W. Chaires to lay the substitute on the table was lost. On motion of H. G. Budd, G. A. Cooke's time for debate was extended. T. E. Terry moved as a substitute for all before the house that we reaffirm the action of one year ago (See page 42 of 1914 Journal.) A motion to lay this substitute on the table was lost. Conference agreed that the ten minutes allowed for debate included time consumed in reading papers. On motion of G. T. Alderson, S. M. Morgan was given an additional ten minutes. J. P. Outten moved the previous question which was ordered. G. A. Cooke moved the reference of the proposed constitutional amendment to a committee of three to be appointed by the Chair, this committee to report this afternoon. The motion prevailed and Bishop Cooke named the following: T. E. Martindale, C. A. Hill, L. E. Barrett.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.—V. S. Collins presented the following nominations for Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: W. L. S. Murray, J. W. Easley, C. T. Wyatt, and they were elected for a full term of three years, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

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

INTOXICATING LIQUORS.—E. H. Dashiell presented and read the following resolution, which was adopted.

WHEREAS, the States do not possess the power necessary to control the traffic in intoxicating liquors, while the nation already exercises ample powers to control the manufacture, sale, importation, exportation, promotion, and inter-state carriage of such liquors, and

WHEREAS, the issue is a clear-cut case of right against wrong, one in which attempted neutrality gives consent to the existing vicious federal policy, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the President of the United States is earnestly and respectfully urged to lend his vigorous aid to the submission of a constitutional amendment which will give the states the right to prohibit the liquor traffic in the nation.

MEMORIAL FUNDS.—R. K. Stephenson presented and read the following resolution, which was adopted.

RESOLVED, that we instruct the Secretary of the Conference to publish in suitable form and place in our annual minutes a list of Memorial Funds given to our Conference for Conference Claimant Endowment.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.—Elwood W. Jones was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Board of Examiners, occasioned by the resignation of S. N. Pilchard.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.—T. R. VanDyke, I. Elmer Perry and W. T. Records were appointed members of the Bureau of Sessions for a full term of three years.

ADJOURNMENT.—Notices were given, the doxology sung and Conference adjourned, Bishop Cooke pronouncing the benediction.

EIGHTH SESSION—MONDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened at two o'clock with Bishop Cooke in the chair, W. F. Corkran conducting the devotions.

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

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.—C. A. Hill presented and read the report of the Committee to whom was referred the proposed constitutional amendment which was adopted by a count vote of 101 to none, and the Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of this action to the secretaries of all other Annual Conferences for their action.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Whereas, the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church makes no provision for its own protection against hasty or designed overthrow, which may be accomplished by a majority vote of any General Conference, and Whereas, the General Superintendents of the Church are the best qualified, both by their experience in the administration of the discipline, and by their responsibility to the church, to pass judgment on matters that involve constitutional law, and

Whereas, there is a widespread conviction among serious thinkers of the church, that the General Conference should not be the sole judge of the constitutionality of its own acts, therefore,

Resolved, That the Wilmington Annual Conference recommends to the several Annual and Lay-Electoral Conferences, the passage of the following amendment to the constitution of the Church.

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 General Superintendents, to be taken as follows:

The presiding officer or any General Superintendent may raise the question of constitutionality in regard to any legislation proposed or enacted by the General Conference. When objection has thus been formally entered, the General Superintendents shall take the matter under consideration. If in the judgment of a majority of the General Superintendents the rule or law is unconstitutional, they shall give their opinion in writing with their reasons within three days after the notice of objection.

Any member of the General Conference may raise the question of constitutionality, and if he be sustained by one-third of the delegates present and voting, the General Superintendents shall be required to submit their opinion in writing to the General Conference.

When an opinion of the General Superintendents has been given it may be challenged, but it shall require a two-thirds vote 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 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 a 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."

MINUTE.—T. E. Martindale presented and read the following minutes upon the retirement of T. E. Terry and G. W. Townsend and they were adopted.

At this session of the Conference, our beloved Brother Rev. Thomas E. Terry has requested to be transferred from active service to the roll of retired veterans. We therefore wish to record our sincere appreciation of his forty busy years of loyal, unstinted and able ministry in the itinerant ranks. We know him as a vigilant, and fearless advocate of all righteous

reforms, as a persuasive and forceful winner of souls, and as a humble and loving follower of the Nazarine Teacher. We are sad to have him pass from the battle's front; but we beg to assure him of our continued brotherly regard and we will pray that while he muses in the evening glow, the King may comfort him and rest him in the Everlasting Arms.

Inasmuch as our dear Brother Rev. George W. Townsend, after a service of thirty-nine years, retires at this session of the Conference to the honored ranks of the veterans, we therefore desire in this formal and yet brotherly way to express our appreciation of his rugged and steady devotion to the arduous task of the Gospel pastorate among us. In this territory he has many seals to his ministry, and a host of those who in gratitude rise up and call him blessed. In these he has already found his "joy and crown of rejoicing." If it must needs be that our brother shall cease to bear the burden and heat of the day, our love shall follow him into his retreat, and our prayers shall invoke upon him God's continuing smile and the realization of the promise that "at evening time it shall be light."

QUESTION 36.—The Thirty-sixth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. W. F. Corkran placed Union Church, Wilmington, in nomination and after representation the invitation was unanimously accepted.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. The pastors of Salisbury District and the remaining portion of Wilmington District were called, their Characters passed and they reported concerning collections, conversions and accessions.

TREASURER'S REPORT.—J. W. Colona as Conference Treasurer and H. A. G. Westerfield as Statistical Secretary presented and read their reports and they were adopted.

STATISTICAL COLUMN.—On motion the Secretary was instructed to prepare for the minutes of 1916 an additional column in our tables of Other Benevolences for the reporting of money collected for Anti-Saloon League.

STEWARD ENDOWMENT.—T. R. Ingram presented his report as Treasurer of the permanent Commission on Steward Endowment which was adopted. T. E. Martindale presented the following recommendations from the Conference Claimant Commission: First, that the 1% of the salary of pastor ordered to meet the support of the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Claimant Commission be paid to Richard M. Cooper, Cheswold, Delaware, on or before June 1st; Second, that the name of John G. Townsend be added to the Commission, and the recommendations were adopted.

COLLECTION.—A collection was ordered to meet the expenses of the minutes for our Conference hosts, also for the Registrar and Statistical Secretary, which when taken amounted to \$62.09.

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

REFERENCES.—The Secretary read a communication from the Montana Conference and from the Commission on Methodist Federation and they were referred to the District Superintendents for report one year hence.

CONFERENCE ACADEMY TRUSTEES.—C. W. Prettyman presented nominations for Wilmington Conference Academy Trustees. T. F. Beauchamp, W. W. Sharp, J. W. Prettyman, L. W. Layfield, were appointed tellers. The vote was taken and Conference agreed that the new man receiving the highest number of votes should be the successor of R. H. Adams.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANT COMMISSION.—T. N. Rawlins announced the officers of the Conference Claimant Commission and presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Gambrell proposition be allowed to remain just as it is, and continue without interference.

CHANGE OF RELATION.—On motion of E. L. Hoffecker the relation of S. M. Morgan was changed from Effective to Retired at his own request.

VISITING COMMITTEE.—On motion of Robert Watt the standing committee on Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., was made the visiting committee for that institution.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—W. G. Koons read the report of the Board of Stewards which was adopted, and the distribution of Claimant Funds was presented for publication in the Conference minutes. The following Trustees of Claimant Fund were appointed: Robert Watt for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham, and Frances W. Bloxton. Mrs. Jennie R. Fields for Mrs. Sarah V. Creamer. It was further ordered that the sum of \$7223. be taken from the general fund and placed in the annuity fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Reports were received from the following committees: Auditing, Temperance, Sunday Schools, Freedman's Aid, Epworth League, Periodicals, Bible, Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Education, and Deaconess Board and they were adopted the nominations and recommendations made therein being confirmed.

WIL. CITY MISSIONS.—T. F. Beauchamp presented a report of his work as Corresponding Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary Society.

TELLER'S REPORT.—The tellers returned and reported as follows: C. A. Hill, 89; W. L. White, 74; G. P. Jones, 74; W. E. Gunby, 64; G. T. Alderson, 84; and they were declared elected, the last named becoming successor to R. H. Adams.

METHODIST.—On motion of J. T. Richardson, Conference decided not to accept the proposition made by the Methodist.

ADJOURNMENT.—On motion of C. T. Wyatt it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at 7.30 o'clock this evening. Announcements were made, and Conference adjourned, R. K. Stephenson pronouncing the benediction.

NINTH SESSION—MONDAY EVENING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 7.30 o'clock with Bishop Cooke in the chair and R. K. Stephenson conducting the devotions.

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

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Bishop Cooke was requested to make the following special appointments: E. C. Prettyman, Assistant Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland. C. P. Keen, Assistant Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League in New York. T. F. Beauchamp, Corresponding Secretary of Wilmington City Missionary Society. H. G. Budd, Principal of the Wilmington Conference Academy. G. E. Reed, President of the National Society for Broader Education. W. G. Koons, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Commission on Conference Claimants. Z. W. Wells, B. S. Latshaw and Ettore Di-Stefano, to be left without appointment to attend one of our schools. R. T. Coursey Conference Evangelist.

CONFERENCE BOARDS.—G. P. Jones presented nominations for the following Conference Boards: Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Church Location, District Missionary Secretaries, and they were confirmed. (See list.)

ONE PER CENT. OF SALARY.—V. S. Collins presented and read the following resolution, which was adopted.

RESOLVED, that the District Superintendents be and hereby are instructed to apportion to themselves and to every pastor a sum equivalent to one per cent. of the salary estimated for the pastor and for the Super-

intendent for the current year, for the support of the Corresponding Secretary to the Conference Claimant Commission, and to urge the forwarding of said one per cent. to R. M. Cooper, Cheswold, Del., Treasurer of the Board of Conference Stewards, not later than June 1, 1915.

COLLECTION.—A collection was ordered for the Sexton and Postmistress, which was taken, and amounted to \$71.35, and on motion this was turned over to the pastor of the church for distribution.

CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS.—G. P. Jones announced the Conference recommendations as follows: Home Missions for English work in Wilmington, \$1000; for English work in the Conference, \$250; for Italian Mission in Wilmington, \$600; amount needed for Church Extension, \$1000, and they were confirmed.

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

REPORTS.—Reports of the Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference, Sabbath Observance, and Thanks, were presented and adopted, the last named with a rising vote.

CLOSING.—The Journal was read and approved. The appointments were announced and Conference adjourned, Bishop Cooke pronouncing the benediction.

W. A. WISE,

Secretary.

RICHARD J. COOKE,

President.

**LIST OF MEMORIAL FUNDS FOR CONFERENCE
CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT.**

The Mrs. William A. Clash Memorial

This Fund was given by Mrs. Wm. A. Clash of Cambridge, Md., in memory of Eben E. Payne, Martin C. Payne and Wm. A. Clash. At present the Fund is \$2000.

The Eliza P. Clark Memorial

This Memorial was ordered by the action of Conference in 1914 in recognition of Mrs. Clark's gift of \$7100. for the Endowment Fund.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

At the end of another year of privilege, blessing and responsibility, I desire to render a report of the victories of the preachers and people of the respective Charges of Dover District. The year has been marked by the usual difficulties and successes that attend our work.

There has been no call to any of our pastors to lay down the work and take up the crown. Neither has there been any serious sickness, for which we register our profound gratitude. Brother and sister Price were called to lay away their only son, after an illness of only a few days. The stroke came so suddenly that only those right at hand could render any assistance. Bros. Pilchard and Westerfield, neighboring pastors, conducted the funeral services, and administered comfort to the stricken ones. Mrs. Estelle Willis, wife of the late Rev. Jonathan Willis, passed away Aug. 4, 1914 after a lingering illness of many weeks. Brother Gardner her pastor, speaks of her as a choice spirit, and a devout christian; he conducted the funeral services, and laid her to rest beside her husband in Barrett's Chapel Cemetery. Mrs. Laura V. Talbot, wife of Rev. W. F. Talbot departed this life Jan. 31st, 1915, in her 80th year, and was buried in the Methodist cemetery at Dover Del., Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. Bro. W. E. Gunby conducted the funeral services and will read the memoir. It seems eminently fitting that I should mention the loss of one of our most devoted laymen, Brother Chas. P. Tunnell, who passed to his heavenly home in February last. He was a most faithful and pious man; at the time of his death, and for many years prior, he was the Sunday school Superintendent and class leader. It may be appropriately said of him, "Well done good and faithful servant."

During the year there have been two churches built, one at Rehoboth and one at Farmington. At Rehoboth we have a fine property located in the center of the town, occupying three lots on Baltimore Ave., between first street and the serf. The church is modern, with large audience room, comfortable and light, a lecture room that can be opened to the auditorium when occasions demand, also a basement fitted for social purposes. It is heated with a splendid steam plant. The parsonage is new and quite comfortably equipped with all modern conveniences for pastor and family. The value of the entire property, church and parsonage, is about \$12,000, all of which is paid, or covered in reliable subscription, except \$500. The church was dedicated Aug. 9th, 1914, at which time the pastor was assisted by a number of his brethren.

The new church at Farmington, which is nearly finished, is built of concrete blocks, and takes the place of a frame structure that was burned in the fire of May 2nd, when a large part of the town was fired by sparks from a passing railroad engine. The Officials of the Delaware Rail Road generously donated \$2300 to help replace the building destroyed. Brother James the pastor has been very industrious trying to have the new church ready for

occupancy before the end of the year, but the delays incident to church building have made it necessary to postpone it until after Conference.

Harrington decided that it was now time to build a new parsonage, and in a more suitable location. They disposed of the old home and set about to build a new one. This has been done during the year and is now occupied by the pastor and wife. The building is an attractive and convenient home furnished with electric lights and all other modern conveniences. Brother Northrup is proud of his domicile.

Federalsburg has installed a new pipe organ costing \$1650. This has been the dream of this splendid people who know good music, and make good music, vocal and instrumental, and the pastor Brother Terry is justly proud to have this enterprise carried to completion and every dollar paid.

Spedden's on Beckwith's Charge has been repaired and improved at a cost of \$875, and the parsonage at \$150.

St. Thomas' on Zoar Circuit has improved its property with new windows and thorough renovation at the cost of \$500 while the other churches of the circuit were saving a hundred souls.

Wesley church Dover has installed electric lights and other improvements at a cost of \$515.

Leipsic burned a bond March 14 of \$450 clearing the debt against their parsonage.

Millwood on Houston work has done a wise thing in building a hall at a cost of \$600 for lectures and other social entertainments. Hickman and Epworth have each purchased an organ, and expended \$500 on improvements.

Lincoln City has enlarged its parsonage with additional rooms, new roof and large porch, expending \$950 most of which is already paid.

Denton has renewed its heat plant at a cost of \$250.

Cambridge has paid \$2,766.00 on church debt, leaving a balance of \$27,800 on church debt.

Other improvements have been made during the year all of which indicated progress on the work.

Dover District has had an unusual fatality among the churches this year. Three have burned down, Farmington on May 2nd, 1914, as above referred to, valued at \$3000 and insured at \$1200. St. Paul's church on Hurlock Charge, on Feb. 22nd, valued at \$1000, and insured for \$800. On Saturday, March 13th Raymond's Church on Leipsic charge, a brick structure, built in 1787, caught fire from some burning brush near by, and was totally destroyed. It was valued at \$2500 and not a cent of insurance.

If there have been any matters to which I have given special attention, at all Quarterly Conferences, it has been title to, and insurance of, church property. Yet there were some Boards of Trustees, like this, that would not be persuaded to insure. However the number has been reduced to the minimum, for out of 125 churches and 43 parsonages, all are insured except eight churches and they are nearly all weak societies that practice a false and dangerous economy.

The charges on Dover District are generally considerate of the pastor and family, but in these days of increased expense in living, it requires a man to be a good financier to make ends meet. The demands on the pastor's purse has so largely increased, without a corresponding increase in income, that every year he moves he asks for promotion, that means more money. As soon as the matter is put up to the laymen, they say, the pastor is forever after money, he is too commercial. Brethren it is a slander against the men who give up business prospects, where they make a living and something for a rainy day, and go preach the gospel, build churches and parsonages, collect the money for same, that no one can or will do, and then when they ask for enough to meet their economic demands, they are told they are too commercial.

Why are there not more preachers from the parsonage homes? How few enter the ministry! Are they less competent? These boys go out into the commercial world, and before they are 30 years of age they are receiving from two to three times as much as their father ever enjoyed. Why? Not better brains, or more brains, not closer attention or harder work. Simply because no where is there likely so meager an average pay for value received as in the ministry. Why then do they not go to larger fields, you ask? Because God calls them to this, and calls the laymen to furnish support.

We are glad to report that quite a number of the churches are recognizing the justice of these demands and are increasing the salary paid by their church. It would be a source of much joy to the District Superintendents, and relieve them of great embarrassment, if they could nominate every married man who has served the church five years, or every fully ordained man, to a charge paying a minimum salary of one thousand dollars. The charges advancing salary this year are, Cambridge, \$200. Blades \$150. Preston, Wyoming, Lincoln, and Concord, \$100 each. Vienna \$25. We are glad to note in this connection that the salaries in the main have been paid more promptly this year than formerly, and we believe this is largely due to a better systematic financiering.

Our Conference Academy has been doing good all-around work this year. Doctor Budd, our Principal, has given attention to every detail, in his most pains-taking and methodical way. The Faculty has been carefully selected and is proving the wisdom of choice of instructors. The student body, tho not as large as last year, has maintained the high standard. The work in the class room has been honest and marked. The department has been exceptional, not one case needed to be disciplined. The athletic work, indoors and out, has given our students a prominent place among the schools of like, and more advanced grade. The spiritual interests have not been neglected. Evangelistic services were held for a week, under the direction of a member of the Commission on Evangelism of our church, who sought to know the religious experience of each student, and offer any help to a better life. It ought to be a matter of great concern to parents when they send their children from home, to know that their religious environments are most helpful. Our school places

emphasis on attendance upon chapel and church services on Sunday. The school is deserving of a more liberal patronage from the ministers and laymen of our territory, we need to have a larger denominational pride and loyalty. We can give our students the best, at the least cost, send them out well equipped for higher education, or as well prepared as other schools for business or trade. Every pastor should be a recruiting officer for the school. We have 18 students for the ministry, they are young men of piety and sense, and from indications will make their mark as preachers. The new pastors of Wesley and Armory churches have given every attention and encouragement to the school that lay in their power. These brethren are deservedly popular with their people and the student body.

The cause of temperance in the Delaware part of the Dover District has had a jolt, indeed a hard fight, and apparently lost out, but this is only apparent. The Hazel bill having been judged by our highest courts to be unconstitutional, was repealed.

Many pernicious liquor bills were introduced in both Houses of the Legislature. The temperance forces led by the Anti-saloon League, and backed by the W. C. T. U. were on the ground, and tried in every honorable way to prevent larger liberty in this liquor license, and to pass the Hill bill, a measure to that in operation on the Eastern shore of Maryland, and which is reported as quite effective. This bill was intended to enable the proper officers to enforce the local prohibition in Kent and Sussex counties. The measure was urged before the Committee by the Deputy Attorney Generals for these counties, also large delegations appeared before the House in session, made their plea, laid before them petitions signed by 7000 citizens who could not attend the hearing. Of the sixteen bills to regulate, or liberate, the liquor business, introduced in the legislature, eleven of them were pro-liquor, only one of this sixteen passed both branches, and became a law, that was the repeal of the Hazel law.

It was quite apparent that the liquor business was strongly represented in the lobby, brought their sample, and dispensed it with out any special care to secrecy. However they found themselves up against a strong temperance sentiment, both in the House and Senate, they witnessed the visits of large delegations from Kent and Sussex who had blood in their eye, and fought in the open. The Presiding Officers of both branches of the Assembly, the chairmen of the temperance committee in both houses, and the committee in large part, were in sympathy with temperance legislation and rendered us valuable aid. No matter what those say who were not on the ground, I unhesitatingly say, as one frequently there, and in the confidence of the temperance leaders, that had it not been for the united and special work of the temperance forces, led by the representatives of the Anti-Saloon League, not only would a number of these pernicious measures have been enacted into law, but resubmission would have been ordered in Kent and Sussex. The temperance forces are to be congratulated on their work, and need now to get in line for Legislature that will give us State wide prohibition two years hence.

The Flying Squadron, visiting the state capitols and many prominent cities of the nation, visited Dover Feb. 8-10. The personel was made up of the best and most consecrated talent of the land. They had a clear vision, and a strong faith, they enthused the great crowds that filled the Opera House every afternoon and evening. Men independent of party, creed or habits, hung on their words, felt their power of conviction and pledged themselves to the absolute overthrow of the liquor traffic.

It has been the effort this year to see that our Sunday Schools were furnished with our own literature, and we are glad to report that throughout the District the Schools use only our literature. Men's Bible classes have been organized. We are glad that our pastors are securing more largely the reading of our own church papers, the better informing themselves and their people.

We have several chapters of the Methodist Brotherhood, a most needed organization in our church, it being the only distinctively men's society among us. We have sought to husband our gains from the recent revivals and utilize them for church work. I had the pleasure of assisting the pastor of Rehoboth in organizing a chapter recently that is giving promise of a better chance to direct the social life of the community and inspire the spiritual for larger development.

The Epworth League of the District, while doing good work organizing more chapters, senior and junior, is not the enthusiastic body of young people it was designed to be. In some charges it is helpful to the pastor, but in most instances it depends too largely on him for life. We are emphasizing the junior work, indoctrinating and training our children for membership and best service in the church. Our District Convention was held in Bridgeville in the fall. A fine program was arranged by the President, H. A. G. Westerfield, included an address by Bishop Berry, and one by Doctor Lichliter of Baltimore. Both addresses greatly pleased the audiences that crowded the church. Brother Howard Davis, the pastor of the entertaining church was elected the new President.

We have encountered the usual, and unusual, difficulties in raising benevolences. The plan of sending the apportionments from the Home Office to the Dist. Supts. with the request to make such changes as to them seem wise, and then to have urgent appeals sent over their heads to the pastors, with instructions how and when to report, has not worked a success, nor has it been appreciated by the men to whom the collection of the monies have been assigned. There has been much sympathy on the District with the plan of the Commission on Finance. Its provision to protect the churches from promiscuous solicitations, is appreciated. The churches that have made up their budget at the first of the year, including every thing, find it the most satisfactory way to raise the finances; they say, the money comes easier, tho some one has to work it. As far as reports have come to me, and I am sure I speak advisedly, our benevolences on the District are quite encouraging, especially considering the times.

I wish to call the Conference to a matter that has had my special attention, the matter of Church membership, as shown by the Records. I find in many charges, when the new pastor comes, he reports that his predecessor has neglected the Church Record, and it takes him and the Committee of Church Records a year to make it satisfactory. The new pastor has received a class from probation, a number by letter, and has less than are reported in the Minutes at last Conference. It looks as if some pastors are either neglectful, or are willing to swell the roster. It is not advisable to cut and slash the record of membership, the Discipline provides for the disposition of same, neither is it fair to carry as members of the militant church, those who have long since joined the church triumphant. Notwithstanding all of this we will show an increase in full membership, and if we will show the same zeal in caring for these new converts, we ought to make a long stride this year. I have urged on circuits, that each church have a separate record book of membership, and that a copy of the deed and incorporation of said church be placed in said book of record.

The favorite theme today is revival, real revival. The spirit of the Lord has been with us. In some charges the pastors have done most faithful work, have prayed, planned, and led the workers, but the answer did not come. This has seemed the harder when some, with possibly no greater effort, and surely no larger plans or desire, have had a gracious revival. Why, that one thing we covet, more than any thing else does not come, we cannot tell, and if we thought we knew we would hesitate to say. But there have been gracious revivals, sweeping many a long-over-due soul into the kingdom of God. These revivals have become the absorbing topic of the town, on street and in places of business, and it has brought into the church some splendid men and women, of all ages. While all, the charges report conversions, some have been especially favored.

Long years has Bridgeville waited for just such a work of grace as recently witnessed. The pastor worked, prayed and prophesied for a great revival, it came and 255 professed conversion.

Cambridge, another of our towns that longed, looked and prayed for an outpouring of salvation, was rewarded with 145 conversions, and every body happy. Galestown under the leadership of one of our young men, reported 141 conversions.

Rehoboth with a population of 250 reports 110 saved in the recent service. Zoar reports 91, Georgetown Circuit 90, Milton 70, Hoopers Island 66, Georgetown 65, Preston and Beckwith's 60 each, and others reporting from 50 on down the line, the number of conversions on the District as reported to me is 2108.

I have urged the liberal use of the Probationer's Manuel authorized by the last General Conference, and believe it would be profitable for the library table of all our people.

In closing this my fifth report of the work on Dover District, I desire to say, I have followed my usual plan of reporting the WORK rather than the MEN. It is not because of a lack of appreciation of these faithful men of God,

or their work, for they are as deserving as if I called them all by name and told of their splendid work and sacrifice, it is not because they are not the equal of those working in other fields, in devotion and success, but the pastors of Dover District are modest men, and accept the compliment by the process of indirection, for the splendid work, means the same kind of workmen. The work of the year is done and we, the pastors of Dover District bring you the report of our labors.

It has not all been smooth sailing, we have been where the work has been hard and discouraging, possibly we have been misunderstood, our limitations may have embarrassed us and others, but the Great Head of the Church has been with us, and that accounts for any success that may have marked our labors.

I thank by brethren of the ministry on the District, and the family in the Parsonage, and through them, the people of their charges, for their kindness in word and act. They helped me where they least thought, and doubtless have forgotten. I thank my Heavenly Father for health, a place to work, and the privilege to preach the Gospel and see sinners brought into the Kingdom. To Him be all the glory.

Respectfully submitted,

R. K. STEPHENSON.

EASTON DISTRICT.

Again the reapers come to lay their sheaves at the Master's feet. The sowing was attended by difficulty and toil, but toil made pleasure by Him "Whose we are and Whom we serve." There is little of the spectacular in the work of the average Itinerant, but there is large margin for a genuine Christian heroism. The partial recital of these deeds of valor may consume a little time, and cover a few pages in the minutes, but it is a recital worth while.

One parsonage home has been invaded by death. After years of almost constant invalidism, the wife of the Rev. W. F. Dawson, pastor at Hillsboro, found release from hopeless pain. She closed her tired eyes in the Methodist Hospital whither she had gone in the hope of restoration. But it was not to be. The frail body worn down by years of suffering was unequal to the struggle, and surrounded by her loved ones, she "fell asleep in Jesus."

Another of our honored vetrans has entered into longed for rest. For several years the Rev. Geo. W. Burke was laid aside by an incurable malady, making his home in Smyrna, Delaware. Scarcely had the members of our Itinerant force scattered to their various fields of labor ere this waiting "soldier of the Cross" was mustered out. He died in the full triumphs of the faith.

The Epworth League, and its allied agency the Sabbath School, are taking on new life. The District Epworth League convention held in Centreville last October was pronounced by competent critics to be the best in a score of years. From its inception to its close its proceedings were characterized by deep

spirituality. The program, including the addresses of Our Resident Bishop, and Chancellor Franklin Hamilton, were of a high order. The devotion of the District Cabinet, and the activity of the local chapters is most encouraging.

Surely it bodes well for the Cause that more and more the church is recognizing the Junior League and the Sabbath School as fruitful fields for evangelism, and we are placing renewed emphasis on the place of the child in the Kingdom. The spiritual results will more than justify our largest expectations.

In the matter of building and improvements, and the putting away of troublesome debts, the district makes a creditable record. April 24th witnessed the dedication of the new church at Tilghmans, Maryland. The preachers for the occasion were Bishop Thomas B. Neeley, and the District Superintendent. So generous was the response to the financial appeal that but a small balance remains unpaid. The church is modern, commodious and beautiful, its total cost was \$9000.

An unavoidable delay in the dedication of the new church at Betterton made impossible the presence of Bishop Berry and the writer. But the Bishop's substitute, the now sainted Dr. J. Morgan Read, was equal to the emergency, and the good people of Betterton rallied so effectively to the call for funds that more than the amount needed was secured. Dr. Louis E. Barret, a former pastor, inspired the afternoon congregation with a strong and timely message. It would be difficult to overemphasize the relation sustained to this enterprise by the pastor, Rev. F. X. Moore, and the Ladies Aid Society. Delays and discouragements almost numberless confronted this sturdy preacher, and his loyal band of helpers, but they resolved to win, and win they did. Once started the project aroused interest, and on the day of dedication the officials gave liberally, but it is to be seriously doubted whether the Betterton Methodists would be worshipping in their attractive and beautiful house of worship but for the persistency of this energetic pastor and these loyal women. The church is the most striking public building in the town, and cost \$9,500. In addition to this victory brother Moore reports for the Benevolent offerings this year over \$1200, one half of which is a donation from friends outside the charge, but the remaining \$600 puts the charge far beyond anything in its previous history.

I have never known a more providential appointment than that of the Rev. E. H. Derrickson as pastor of Oxford. Methodism in this historic town has received a new impulse from the influence of this tireless servant of the church. Among some of the tangible results are \$1400 raised for debts and improvements, and a sweeping revival of religion, and the offerings to the Benevolences more than double.

The parsonage at Ridgely has been made comfortable for the Rev. Wm. E. Habbart and family by the installation of a modern heating plant, the cost of which, \$275, was provided for the day the workmen finished.

The audience room of the Sudlersville church, Rev. L. P. Corkran, pastor, has been brightened by the addition of a new carpet, and a thorough renovation and redecoration, at an outlay of \$425.

Church Hill, Rev. J. L. Sparklin pastor, reports \$300 expended in the church and parsonage property.

Winchester church on Queenstown charge has been made more attractive by the addition of stained glass windows costing \$250. The pastor, Rev. N. C. Benson, has maintained a cheerful spirit in the midst of crippling conditions.

Under the tactful management of Rev. W. F. Dawson Hillsboro charge has put away an ancient and troublesome debt, and a modern home for the minister is already in sight.

Rev. W. W. Chaires of Kenton, reports \$430 paid on debts and improvements.

The debt on the Middletown parsonage has been still further reduced by the payment of \$1730. St. Michaels \$500 and \$400 on a new pipe organ.

No man on the district faced such discouraging odds as the Rev. Milton McCann confronted, when he was appointed pastor of Smyrna Circuit. Brother McCann has been janitor at one church, and builder at another, and the enlarged and beautified chapel at Spruance City is a tribute to this many sided pastor. Historic Seversons that was ready to close its doors has taken on new life, and closes the year with all obligations met and a neat balance in the treasury. And best of all I have not heard from the lips of either brother McCann or his wife one word of complaint.

If particular mention is not made of the work on some of the charges, it is because at least one third of the brethren have made no report.

A summary of other debts paid and improvements made follows: Kent Island \$330, Cheswold \$200, Smyrna Circuit \$230, Marydel \$225, Henderson \$221, Cordova \$135, Centerville, Bozman, Rock Hall and Piney Neck \$100 each, Odessa \$271, Golt \$200, Cecilton \$115, Trappe and Pomona \$50 each, a total for the year of over \$26,000.

The New Financial Plan has been adopted by nearly two thirds of the charges on Easton District. This plan, if faithfully carried out embodies the solution of every material problem that concerns the welfare of the church. Tilghmans Island and Clayton adopted the Plan for this year, and the outcome was simply wonderful. In the case of Tilghmans the old grist of suppers, pie socials, festivals, rainbow teas and the like have disappeared, and the offerings voluntarily given have met all obligations, and on time. At Clayton for the first time in many years there was no deficit, and hence no embarrassing public collection, and the Benevolences share in the improved financial condition. What has been done in these cases can be done anywhere. The key man in the problem is the pastor. It rests largely with him whether the effort shall be made. There may be exceptions to this rule but they are rare.

Eight charges have advanced the salary of their pastors during the year. Rock Hall and Golt \$100 each; Oxford, Cheswold, Wye Mills, Pomona, and Royal Oak \$50 each; Church Hill \$25.

We have a long way to go as a conference before we reach the average of the Denomination in pastoral support. It is our pardonable boast, sustained by outside testimony, that we have developed a type of preachers second to none, yet our average salary is far below what it should be. This

can only be remedied by improved methods of finance, and a just recognition of the obligation the church owes its ministers. Economy here is purblind and costly.

The subjoined facts gleaned from the report of Hon. T. N. Rawlins to the Laymen's Association in 1910, makes interesting and stimulating reading. The facts are these: The average salary of the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America is \$863. The average salary of the ministry in the Wilmington conference is \$777. Number of charges in the Wilmington conference paying less than \$500, 30; number paying between \$500 and \$1000, 104; number paying \$1000 and over, 49. Then comes a startling statement when we are told that the total deficiency in pastoral support from 1869 and including 1909 reaches the vast sum of \$108,238. The worst thing about it is that those who could least afford the loss were the men who had to suffer it. If this amount were now available for our Endowment fund the success of that movement would be assured. It augurs well, however, that our laymen are so deeply concerned in securing a better support for their ministers. We have come upon a new day.

That Easton district shares in the benefits that flow from a more adequate support for the ministers will appear in the subjoined summary. Total salaries and house rent in 1910 was \$34,900, in 1915 \$38,760, or an increase of \$3,860. It is perfectly safe to predict that with improved methods this showing can be vastly bettered.

I regret that we cannot make a more favorable showing relative to the Steward's endowment fund. Viewed from whatever standpoint the presentation of this subject by the pastors involves embarrassment, for it is impossible to divest the mind of the thought that this particular affair sustains to them a vitally personal relation. We have all felt for years that the Wilmington conference should emulate the wise plans of other conferences and commit the development of this fund to one of our number who can give all his time to it. He can come to his task with the knowledge that his brethren have themselves provided for his support, thus enabling him to present the plea freed from all embarrassment. I do not know of a single conference that has built up a fund worth while that has not adopted this plan.

With rare exceptions the great Benevolent interests have received faithful attention. A few of the brethren still procrastinate and leave this matter to the last. When this is done two things are sure to happen. First, the results are far from satisfactory, and second, the people feel that they are being unduly taxed with financial burdens. With the New Financial Plan the people will share more fully the responsibility with the minister of gathering as well as giving. May the good time soon come.

The following charges excel last year's record: Centerville, Clayton, Greensboro, Hillsboro, Kent Island, Kenton, Oxford, Piney Neck, Pomona, Trappe, Ridgely, Townsend, Still Pond, Smyrna Circuit, Odessa, Tilghmans, Fairlee, Odessa, Easton and St. Michaels.

What of the war against the saloon? So far as Delaware is concerned the answer is far from cheering. Not for a quarter of a century was a worse

species of liquor legislation attempted than at the session just ended. This never to be forgotten legislature flouted the will of the voters of the dry counties, and sought to unloose on them the floodgates of hell in the form of unlimited shipments of booze. That these tools of king booze were not more successful is due to the presence in both branches of the legislature good men and true whose vigilance thwarted the base designs of the servile followers of the saloon. And to the Anti Saloon and other friends of morality and good order much credit is due for the prevention of legislation that would have made us a hissing and a byword all over the country.

"I am neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet," yet I venture the prediction that punishment swift and sure will overtake this conscience seared, whiskey soaked, booze dominated cabal. Meanwhile a little coterie of Delaware politicians, stupid, arrogant, impudent, think their puny efforts can stay the mighty tide of an awakened public conscience that is destined to sweep this unholy thing into its dishonored grave. Ordinary wit would teach them that the men or party that pin their faith to king booze are headed for the political scrap heap. And the first installment of this merited punishment may be paid in the coming municipal election in Wilmington. May God help all good men and true to hasten the day, when creatures such as these shall be relegated to an ignominious oblivion.

All things considered the year just closed has been exceptional in the hardships it brought to the district force. What with the excessive rainfalls during the winter, the stupidity of road engineers, so called, many of the churches were closed for weeks. In some sections epidemics gripped the community making church services impossible. But worst of all was the money depression. This may have been a psychological condition in Washington, but to the men along the water courses where a dull market and phenomenally low prices demoralized business, it was a mighty serious condition. Yet in spite of it all the hope is indulged that the record of last year will be maintained, perhaps excelled. If there is a falling off in some quarters, there is an increase in others. The trumpet must not sound a call for a retreat. Our leader cries "forward", we must obey that command even though it means added self denial and sacrifice. The church must be true to Him. He expects it, His expectations must not be disappointed.

I am profoundly convinced that an annual conference would do well to devote a portion of its business hours to a practical study of evangelistic methods. Why not have the men whom God has favored with striking revivals describe the plans, and methods, and character of the meetings that have brought such glorious results? Many an inexperienced pastor has lost out either by letting go too soon, or by not understanding how best to marshal his forces. A questionnaire in connection with such a school of methods would be a boon to most of us. Then, too, such a departure would greatly relieve the tedium of a conference session, and impart a distinctly spiritual tone to its proceedings.

The spirit of a genuine evangelism has pervaded the District during the entire year. There was scarcely a month when some watchful winner of souls

was not prosecuting his chosen calling. I have never seen more singular devotion to the one supreme mission of the minister than that which has characterized the labors of my brethren the past year. When the "watchmen on the walls of Zion" are so absorbed in their chief business as to subordinate everything to the one great purpose of getting men and women into saving touch with Jesus Christ, something is bound to happen, and that something lifts the church and makes for the spread of the Kingdom.

At some points on the District the scenes of the former days were reenacted. God's children were freed from the blight of a deadly formalism, and the Spirit unhindered did His office work.

Tilghmans was the first to respond to the call of her spiritual leader Rev. Ivanhoe Willis, and "come up to the help of the Lord." There was comparatively little excitement. The meetings were characterized by a deep seriousness. There were 160 conversions.

Next came Marydel, Rev. Wm. M. McCann, pastor. Brother McCann like brother Willis was his own evangelist, and for twelve weeks preached and sang and visited until the whole circuit was ablaze with revival fire, and 142 souls came into the new life in Christ Jesus. This charge has received a new impulse that promises large things for the coming year. And not a whit behind the chiefest comes Rev. J. W. Prettyman of Rock Hall, with 125 sheaves for the spiritual garner. When we recall the sweeping revival that visited this charge two years ago, the present ingathering is the more remarkable. Brother Prettyman was assisted by the Rev. E. T. Lidell. At Oxford a union service between the M. P. and our own church stirred the entire town. The two pastors, brothers Brown and Derrickson, worked harmoniously together, and over one hundred conversions crowned their united labors. At Middletown, where for two years Dr. C. T. Wyatt has agonized for a revival, a mighty work of grace resulting in 134 conversions, shook both church and community with marvelous power. Among those saved were some of the hardest drinkers in the town. No wonder one of the hotel keepers complained that business was very quiet. The pastor had the assistance of Minnie Shay, the singing evangelist. Miss Shay belongs to the type of evangelist that supplements, not supplants the pastor. Mt. Michaels under the enthusiastic and capable leadership of the Rev. Leonard White won a great spiritual victory, that has added to the church 130 souls. One of the after effects of this work of grace is a Methodist Brotherhood with 87 charter members. The weather conditions during the meeting were unspeakable, but the meeting swept on regardless of hindering causes. Asbury, Smyrna has been visited by the greatest spiritual awakening in its history. At first the meeting did not give promise of very large things, but soon the "cloud no larger than a man's hand" covered all the sky, and floods of glory fell upon the waiting multitudes. Formality vanished, and many who had never been personal workers became a tremendous power for good not only during the services but among their companions during the day. It was the mightiest display of spiritual power I have ever witnessed. There were nights when the spacious altar and the front pews were thronged with seeking souls. The conversions numbered 300. The pastor, Dr. C. W. Prettyman was ably assisted by the Rev. S. B. Goff, Jr., a Philadelphia Conference

evangelist. I commend brother Goff to any pastor who is looking for a man who holds on and never lets go until victory is assured. I feel constrained to say, however, that the diligent and faithful planning of the pastor, as well as his sane and wise direction of the meetings in connection with brother Goff, had much to do with the outcome. It would seem almost needless to add that a new life has come to this great church, not only in itself, but in its relation to the community. Double Creek, on Crumpton charge has been literally made over by the gracious revival that visited this Gideon band last fall. Though the pastor, Rev. C. Turner Jones, had a divided mind because of illness in his family, he gave himself without stint, going night and day. He was assisted during part of the meeting by a consecrated local minister, Rev. Walter Ford of Smyrna. Brother Jones reports 103 conversions, and the church tide at the flood. Cheering news comes from Odessa, where Rev. H. C. Shipley has labored with unceasing diligence, and has had the joy of seeing 40 conversions, and 37 accessions. Rev. J. Thomas Price, a brother pastor, rendered valuable assistance. The heart of Rev. W. H. Kenney pastor at Cheswold is made glad with the conversion of 40 souls.

Additional conversions as reported by the pastors are as follows: Smyrna Circuit 84, Church Hill 16, Greensboro 30, Townsend 41, Kent Island 32, Sudlersville 14, Bozman 42, Piney Neck 14, Pomona 30, Kenton 28, Golt —, Galena 20, Salem Circuit 40, Easton 34, Clayton 50.

The total number of conversions is over 1700, high water mark for the District. There has never been anything like it in the history of Easton District. Well may we exclaim "what hath God wrought." A new responsibility has been laid upon the church in these spiritual victories. May God make us equal to our trust.

It was given me to participate in many of the meetings, and my own soul was fed with new manna as I witnessed these gracious displays of Divine power. Thank God the old Gospel has lost none of its vitality, it is still as it ever was the "power of God unto salvation."

A word personal will be permitted before this brief review ends. The past year has been the busiest of my ministerial life. Fully two thirds of the year was spent in the field, and a large share of the remaining days given to the work of the District. It is an invariable rule with me to answer letters promptly. This is due my brethren who are spending their strength that the work of God committed to their hands may prosper. If the counsel and advice of the District Superintendent are worth anything, his brethren have a right to expect such aid when it is needed. Though a busy, toilsome year, it has been the happiest of my life. And all through the year, amidst its anxieties and its burdened, its victories and delights, there have been sweet peace and blessed content. In addition to the continued confidence and esteem of my collaborators, Ministerial and Lay, there has been a luxurious sense of the favor and presence of God. And as I have gone on my appointed way there has rung in my soul like a strain of music, this wonderful word: "Thou wilt keep in perfect peace, him whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee."

ROBERT WATT.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

For the fourth time during my incumbency as District Superintendent, I am privileged to welcome you within our gates. Salisbury, Crisfield, Berlin, respectively, extended an old-fashioned greeting, peculiar to Methodists and the "Eastern Shore." Now, this hospitable town of commodious homes and generous hearts, offers the "Laurel" wreath of welcome to every minister and layman coming hither and cordially receives them. We, again present for your inspection and comfort, our newest and best of churches, which, in architectural design, workmanship and technique, is not surpassed by any and will bear the closest scrutiny.

We come this time to our annual roll-call with more vacancies than usual in our ranks. We miss the voice and presence of brother J. R. Cannon, who, on Monday evening, Feb. 8, answered the summons from on high. For nearly six months prior to his departure, he endured with patience his affliction and finally fell on sleep at the parsonage home, Chance, Md. No more loyal or devoted people can be found, than his parishoners of both churches. While the pulpit was necessarily vacant, Rock Creek church continued to pay the usual weekly quota. Dames Quarter did the best possible to make full report. Whatever deficiency may exist cannot be charged to unwillingness on their part. A deficiency in benevolences may be expected under conditions as cited above.

On May 26, the beloved wife of our brother G. W. Stallings, passed to her eternal reward after many months of suffering. She was a faithful help-meet, a loving mother, and a devoted Christian. (See memoirs.)

The transfer of E. C. Wright to Cozad, Neb., the latter part of October, left a vacancy at Bethel charge. Not being able to secure a man from the ranks, the official brethren would not be satisfied with any other, and were content with their own local talent. It is not surprising that the work in general has suffered, in the absence of a regular pastor. Brother Wright was paid in full for the fractional part of the year.

The Epworth Leagues of the District assembled in Convention at Frankford, Del., Oct. 19-20. Bishop Berry and Dr. Martindale made us happy with their joyous and heart searching addresses at the evening services. It was the best convention in recent years. Numerous district and county Sunday-school conventions have been held, resulting in a strong stimulus to Bible study.

Annamessex has profited by the services of W. F. Atkinson. In six years the salary has been uniformly advanced; a new parsonage, valued at \$1,200; improved the churches; increased the membership and paid off all claims against the property, including a long-standing debt.

Brother Dashiell has had three especially fruitful years at Asbury, Crisfield, and comes with rejoicing. This church has undetermined possibilities. The largest offering in the history of the church, was received on benevolences, and without undue pressure, but rather the result of systematic methods. The aggregate amounts to more than \$1,100.

The pastor at Berlin, at one time this year, thought he had been sent to a hard field. Everybody knows that it is easier to build churches than to pay for them. The total debt reported to last Conference was \$10,500, but as the year advanced additional claims were presented which, including interest for the Conference year, brought the total indebtedness to \$12,400. Of this amount \$4,269 have been paid with interest to date. Benevolences for all purposes are 40% in advance of last year and \$125 paid on improvements, and 42 persons converted and reclaimed.

Synepuxent church has collected \$500 of the \$1,800 subscribed for a new church. We recommend that this work be annexed to Ocean City, Md., where we believe the time is at hand for organizing our Methodists already there and provide for them a pastor. Berlin will become a station again with salary, \$1,200.

Cape Charles has enjoyed the efficient ministry of brother Bennett. An advance of 25% in the collections; \$300 paid on improvements and debts, and 6 conversions are reported.

Crisfield has had one of the greatest revivals in the history of the two churches, whose united forces made possible such glorious results. Doctor Hill has received 109 persons into church fellowship and all departments of Immanuel church are in splendid condition.

Pastor Bounds lives and moves in an atmosphere of revival. He reports 81 conversions. All the interests of the church have been faithfully looked after.

Delmar churches and environs have witnessed a thrilling pentecost. The town has been spiritually revolutionized. About 165 persons have been added to our church. Great throngs still wait upon "The Word" so ably expounded by brother Faulkner. The large accession of men places Delmar in a strategic position to function the business and social problems of the community.

For brother Hastings it can be said that he went forth with the tears of the sower and the song of the reaper, which have mingled together in the joys of a great revival. Conversions to date, 150; paid on debts, \$138; and provided for the cost, \$2,700 of a beautiful frame church to take the place of one destroyed by fire about a year ago. This church, at Wenona, was dedicated in December.

Daniel Wilson, for four years, has established a high grade at Smith's Island. Revivals in all the churches and benevolences up to the standard. He is a good spiritual pilot and enjoys the work.

Thomas Sard and Tangier have been one in spirit and unity. The entire church has been in a revival atmosphere all the year. 165 accessions to date. A weekly system of collecting finance, inaugurated by the stewards caused the salary to be paid in full the first week in January. I advised continuous collections. They agreed and at the close of the year were somewhat embarrassed to know how to place the surplus. I am a good referee in such cases, therefore advised that \$100 more be given to the pastor, which they did and made the salary \$1,200.

The last report from W. G. Harris indicates a revival in progress and 21

conversions. The Frankford people earnestly desire his return. He is at home in assembling young people for Christian work.

J. W. Sutton, Fruitland, was obliged to submit to an operation for appendicitis. He will ask for a supernumerary relation until his strength is fully restored. He has our deepest sympathy. He is a godly man and wise in counsel. His collections have not suffered. As a wise pastor, he provided for them during the first months of the Conference year.

Harry Reed knows how to adjust himself to conditions at Girdletree, not easy to be the most experienced pastor. Collections advanced, pays \$129 on debts and reports 30 conversions.

Pastors at Hebron, Gumboro, Mardella Springs, Roxana, Newark, Smith's island report collections about equal to last year, and revivals in all of the churches.

The church, in which we are assembled, is known as Centenary. The Official board is composed of the best business men of the town and community. Mr. S. T. Smith, treasurer, can give information relative to making monthly payments in full, and the payment of church debts. This congregation is pleased with church and pastor. His return is enthusiastically solicited.

D. J. Givan, Princess Anne, F. J. Cochran, Whitesville, Tilghman Smith, Marion and E. B. Taylor, Stockton, have been truly operative and not speculative master builders. The pastor succeeded in convincing the Stockton people that they were able to build. Now they are enthusiastic. The old church has been transformed and built in the new structure. When completed and paid for, Stockton Methodists will have done credit to themselves. It should be ready for dedication in the early summer.

D. G. Givan could not have been more faithful in service. Aside from soul-saving, his cherished desire, like unto his predecessors, was to hail the day when ground could be broken for a new church. His dream has been realized. There is now but a remnant of the old building left. None too soon, they begin to build. They start with \$10,000 in hand, made possible by the generous gift of \$5,000 by Mr. Thos. H. Bock, the enthusiastic chairman of the Board of Trustees. Blessed is that community, which possesses such laymen, who know how to make good investments for the Lord!

At Lowes X Roads, Whitesville charge, F. J. Cochran, pastor, a well-planned and attractive frame church has been erected. It was completed for dedication, June 14. Rev. H. S. Dulany and the writer assisted the pastor. The day closed with a spirit of triumph. The trustees did not have to assume a dollar and the first day of July, the entire debt was paid in cash. Total cost about \$6,500.

Almost a duplicate of this was seen at Quindocqua, Marion charge, Tilghman Smith, pastor. Dr. Krants, genial brother of the Book Concern assisted. This building cost about \$5,000. It has been one of the lean years in that part of the District. We closed this day, also, with a shout of praise. All claims were met, and within 30 days, all subscribers, not paying cash, assumed their obligations at the bank, with the exception of the small sum of \$103 which the Trustees gladly assumed. I record these two instances as phenomenal. No

wonder that revivals followed. 54 persons were converted in the new Quidocqua, making in all, 99 for the year on this charge. Mt. Pleasant charge, C. W. Moore, pastor, faithful man sent of God, has been greatly strengthened in the spiritual uplift of all the churches. Paid for improvements, \$329. Conversions, 39.

Brother Sunfield has had a full year of labor at Parsonsburg. Three revivals, two camp-meetings, and preaching three times each Sunday requires a strong body and a strong will. He possesses these qualities with added patience. 54 conversions are reported.

Let it go down in history, that Jan. 1, 1915, witnesses the last dollar paid on the long standing indebtedness against Salem church, Pocomoke City. Necessary improvements had increased the amount of \$4,700. It was a prodigious undertaking, but the pastor, said it could be done and put his discerning mind and skillful hand into the proposition to win. He retained further cooperation of Mr. E. J. Schoolfield, who had always inspired former contributions, and with the aid of his aged mother, the complete annihilation of the debt was made possible.

No reasonable explanation is given for the deficiency in salary at St. Peter's, especially since the pastor presents a good benevolent list to Conference. If adjoining charges had also failed, some reason would apply. Brother Stallings worked like a hero, and no better man ever served them.

Brother Hurst possesses the mind of a master in the training of young people. The Sunday schools and young peoples' societies at Fairmount are in fine condition. He has paid \$677 on a long standing debt; \$193 on improvements and all other claims up to the usual amounts.

J. W. Fogle concludes four years of valued service for the Lord at Onancock. His reports indicate that the charge was never in better shape. Collections advanced; \$300 paid on improvements; \$200 on debts, and about 50 conversions. He has two valued assistants in brothers T. S. Dixon and J. F. Ayers, who faithfully minister to three of the five churches. Total salary, \$250 in advance of last year.

J. J. Bunting rounds out a three year pastorate at Mt. Vernon, in much favor and appreciation by his congregations. Both churches have been beautified; parsonage debt, paid; and the advance of \$150, last year on salary has become permanent and normal.

Nanticoke finds a competent "fisher of men" in C. W. Strickland. He is a skilled artist and painstaking pastor. About \$700 have been paid on improvements and churches are in a spiritual state of activity.

When Geo. E. Sterling arrived at Bishopville, he met with some uninviting conditions for which he was, in no sense, responsible. He was kindly received, however, and has had a good year.

Chincoteague and L. B. Morgan are mutually happy. Salary has been advanced to \$1,000 and 88 conversions are reported.

Brother Ellis brings every appointment of Millsboro charge up to the standard. He possesses a strong personality and is a tireless worker. No charge on the District has advanced more, and no pastor deserves more credit. He is full of brotherly kindness and good works.

Princess Anne

Ocean View and Milville charge has been well served by E. W. McDowell for two years. He reports 12 conversions; no decline in benevolences; \$400 paid on improvements; \$200 on debts.

W. H. Revelle's pastorate at Newark has not been without success, but there are opportunities for making a strong centre for Methodism.

Geo. F. Newton has efficiently served Westover. No pastor has any more discouraging work especially at Mt. Olive church, where a long time debt hangs over the church. It is not lack of ability, but lack of unity that prevents success. This year the energetic and fearless pastor succeeds by reducing the \$600 due to a minimum by the payment of \$341. He has also received 31 persons on probation and reports about 20 nominal church members have been reclaimed.

Our faithful brother J. D. Reese has placed Hebron on a new basis of hope. Revivals at church and camp have strengthened all departments of the church. A new financial plan is greatly needed.

Wango church, Pittsville charge, was destroyed by fire a few days ago. Insurance, \$900. This will enable them to rebuild without embarrassment.

Holland's Island, long time awash on the west by the Chesapeake, is fast passing out of existence. It is a matter of time when the once beautiful Island of fine homes will become a fishery. The deficiency in salary this year is not due to lack of good leadership on the part of the young pastor, Ralph C. Jones.

Snow Hill is all the better for the pains-taking pastorate of Dr. Easley. Sunday school reorganized and graded to the standard; a new financial plan has been introduced and adopted; \$900 paid on the debt; an advance of \$100 on salary are some of the visible results, due largely to his well known executive ability.

Grace church, Salisbury. H. S. Dulany in charge, has had a gracious revival. 155 souls have professed conversion; more than 300 registered in the Sunday school; other societies equally active; salary \$700. This is a good record for a society less than six years old.

W. S. H. Williams, Salisbury circuit, holds together in good form the scattered remnant of Methodists all about the city. He is a godly man; full of good deeds.

Doctor Martindale safely guides the increasing active forces at Asbury. Large congregations wait upon his messages. The Sunday school, L. Atwood Bennett, Esq., superintendent, is in remarkably fine shape. A well organized adult Bible class of men, W. J. Downing, president, is putting new spiritual life into the church and reaches out into the community. As a class, they are learning of Jesus to be "fishers of men." The church membership roll exceeds 600; 124 have been added this year; salary advanced to \$1500; and \$1,877 represent the benevolences, the largest in the history of the church.

Just a word for the faithful men serving as supplies, viz., W. V. Harris, W. F. Atkinson, L. T. McLain, H. E. Truitt, John White, J. L. Derrickson, P. J. Miles and others already mentioned. No matter,—how hard the work, or how meager the support,—these men have toiled early and late. Not a word of complaint have I heard from them. There must be a permanent record on high, bearing the fruits of their labors in the Master's vineyard.

Total number of conversions for the year reported thus far, aggregate 2326.

The administration might be characterized as an epoch of constructive work. In these six years we have built 11 new churches; 3 new parsonages, rebuilt one, and purchased two others. Total estimated value, about \$180,000. The valuation of parsonage and church property having been advanced, 35% and 45% respectively. More than \$200,000 have been paid out for building and improving churches and parsonages, and old indebtedness on same. Six years ago, 17 charges were paying \$1,000 and more, including house; now there are 28. The average salary has been advanced from \$784 to more than \$1,000, which is above the average for the church at large. The increase for ministerial support exceeds \$10,000, or about 20%. This appreciable sum is the result of some well defined plan for each church. Where there is no plan, there is no advance.

We have constantly set before delinquent churches, in pulpit and quarterly conferences, that a deficiency on salary reported at Conference, does not invalidate the obligation. It is presented at each succeeding quarterly conference until it is paid. Emphasis upon better equipped church buildings and parsonages may have, in some degree, militated against the desired advance in the general benevolences of the church. The District is now ready to give attention to that department.

Our probationers' and membership roll is disappointing. We have been religiously engaged in statistical house cleaning, and pruning Church records. Pastors prefer to add, rather than subtract, but we have to be honest as well as aggressive.

The opportunity for serving this District, has given me unbounded joy. My fellowship with the brethren of the ministry and laity, to whom I am debtor for no little kindness shown me, has been delightful. I have given myself wholly to the work without a vacation. Any open date was subject to the first call for help. I now lay aside the scepter of authority and take my place again in the pastorate. If I have the confidence of my brothers and the church at large, I am highly gratified. I came to the District not tied to any man, I leave it the same way. If I have succeeded, I will give you the secret,—Know God and study Man. In the study of man, I boast of success, for these, my co-laborers, are the best of the Conference. The District was never better manned than onw. I owe my success to these men, who far afield or in the "trenches," are doing heroic work. First and last, 88 members of this Conference and 11 supplies, have seen service as my co-laborers for these half dozen years. We, as soldiers under commission, have marched to orders from on high. We have wept and rejoiced together. We have told our heavenly Father all about our problems. I bear witness that He knows how faithfully I have tried to please Him. If my brethren, for whom I bear the kindest feeling, can say, "he did his best, he played the man; his soul was clean; his ways were straight; his feelings not unkind or mean; he loved his fellow men and tried to help them," I shall be satisfied.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE P. JONES.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

A firm will, and energetic action, and sound judgment, will carry one far on toward success in any enterprise. Such qualities show moral superiority over those who are weak in resolution. The men of the Wilmington District have wrought this year with lofty purposes, and have won notable victories.

Building new churches and repairing old ones, building new parsonages and putting old ones in good condition, and holding revival services was the large task which we undertook and accomplished. We have closed one of the best years in the history of Methodism in the District. The time will not permit nor have you the patience to listen while we repeat all the story of our achievements. Only salient facts will be set before you and from them you may obtain a view of the policy pursued and of the work done by pastors and churches.

The beautiful Hillcrest stone church was dedicated May 31st by Bishop T. B. Neely. The edifice cost \$8000. It is a little cathedral in the woods. A more heroic and self-sacrificing people do not exist. The artisans and mechanics of the congregation did the work themselves. They had everything but money, and as the result of their labors, they have a splendid church home with only \$2200 debt which is partly provided for, Rev. Thomas H. Harding, the pastor, and his people are happy.

The new Trinity Church in Wilmington was dedicated by Bishop Neely June 28th. The property is worth \$12,500. The debt of \$5000 is covered by good subscriptions. This is a great achievement for one year by the good people of the congregation. The pastor, Rev. R. High Adams, has been a large factor in the success of the work.

The church and parsonage at Christiana, Del., were repaired and painted at a cost of \$350, all paid. The pastor, Rev. T. S. Barrett, led the movement and without him the work would not have been done.

Mt. Pleasant Church at Colora, Md., has been thoroughly repaired and painted at a cost of \$684, which was subscribed on the day of reopening, Aug. 9th. Rev. F. F. Carpenter preached the sermon and managed the finances. Rev. H. O. Klug, the pastor, was active in promoting the improvements.

On the first day of March last year Chester-Bethel Church was unroofed and otherwise damaged by the fearful wind storm that swept Brandywine Hundred. The people rose up and have put the church in first-class condition. Improvements on the church and parsonage have cost \$2425, and \$754.03 have been paid on old debts. The pastor Rev. J. W. Gray, is a happy man and he has a right to be.

Port Penn has been repaired and painted, all bills have been paid amounting to \$150. The pastor, Rev. Geo. H. Van Note, led the forces and did much of the work with his own hands.

Cayots Church on Bohemia Manor has been repaired and painted at an expense of \$200. The pastor, Rev. J. E. Horner, took charge of the improvements and success crowned his labors. He also did his full share of the work.

Stanton has installed electric light and improved the church inside and outside at an expense of \$222, all paid. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Rutter, was active during the progress of the work.

Epworth Church has been enlarged by an addition to accommodate the growing Sunday School. This improvement cost \$4400, all of which has been provided for in cash and good subscriptions. The pastor Rev. W. L. S. Murray, is happy in the work, and is immensely popular with his people. There is a great future for Epworth Church.

Brandywine Sunday School had outgrown its facilities, enlargement was a necessity and an addition was made to the church. They now have one of the best equipped churches in the city and can take care of the growing school for some time to come. The pastor, Rev. F. F. Carpenter, is wisely leading his people, and the improvements which cost \$1500, have been safely financed.

Harrison Street Church has added a new pipe organ at a cost of \$3000, including changes in the audience room necessary for its installation. It is a handsome and sweet toned instrument. It is worth all its cost and helps materially in the public services. The expense has been met. Rev. G. T. Alderson and his people are justly proud of this improvement in their facilities for worship.

Big Elk Church, Cherry Hill Charge has been improved and painted at an expense of \$210, all paid. Rev. Geo. E. Wood is the pastor and actively promoted the enterprise.

Wesley Church, Ebenezer Charge, has undergone complete renovation and transformation. The improvements make it a very attractive country church. The total cost was \$1100. The pastor, Rev. E. C. Prettyman, led his people, and as a result Wesley Church is the centre of spiritual and social life in the community.

The new church at Brack Ex is nearly ready for dedication. It is a neat brick edifice worth \$5000. Many new homes are being built in the vicinity and it promises to become a strong organization. At our request, A. K. Taylor presented us with four building lots on which the new church stands. It is a valuable gift to our denomination, and for which we thank Mr. Taylor.

A new parsonage has been built at Marshallton, Del. It is a pretty cottage and will make a pleasant home for the pastor. The property is worth \$3000, on which will remain a debt of \$1500. Rev. J. C. McCoy was the trusted leader of his people and has the satisfaction of seeing his efforts crowned with success.

The growth of some of our Sunday Schools is remarkable, and beyond all precedents. Accommodations once much too large for the needs of the schools have been outgrown. This growth creates problems which will have to be solved.

Men's organized Bible Classes are an important part of our Sunday School work. These classes are found in a considerable number of our churches and others will be organized. It is a men's movement that deserves to succeed in all our churches. It is impressive to see hundreds of earnest men in these classes studying the word of God. We are solving the problem of getting men

to church. It is through the organized Bible Class that men are led back into the church after wandering away for many years. We heartily commend the movement and hope many more such classes may be organized.

The Epworth League is doing good work and the Annual Convention held in McCabe Church was all that could be desired. It was spiritual and helpful in all respects, and the delegates returned home full of enthusiasm. The Epworth League Union of Wilmington and vicinity which was organized nearly five years ago has won its way and has vindicated the wisdom of its sponsors. Its meetings are held bi-monthly and the attendance rarely falls below five hundred. The work done is of inestimable value to our young people. Its moonlight sail last summer on one of the Wilson Line steamers to Philadelphia will be long remembered by members of the Union. More than four hundred and fifty persons enjoyed the trip.

We fear that our benevolent collections will show a slight decline from the excellent figures of last year. If so, it will be due to the industrial conditions; factories and mills, shops and ship-yards have been closed or running on short time, and with reduced force. Our pastors have been attentive to every demand made upon them in behalf of the great interests of the Church in her world-wide work.

We have seen a modern pentecost in the district during the last four months. We observed a Day of Prayer Nov. 18th. Bishop J. F. Berry, Rev. T. W. McKinney and Rev. J. G. Wilson delivered addresses. We sat together in heavenly places that day. It was followed by the District Superintendent requesting the Methodist Preachers' Association to appoint a committee to consider the question of a Methodist Revival movement. The committee was raised and presented a plan which provided for dividing the city into two groups of churches for a revival campaign. The program was carried out and large crowds of people attended the meetings and the city soon felt their influence and hundreds of souls have been converted and the revival is still on, and all over the District revivals of unusual power have been held. Permit me to name some conspicuous instances of revival power. At St. John's in Elk Neck, where scores were converted and a new appointment has been added to the charge. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Thornton, was the evangelist.

Principio has witnessed the greatest demonstration of converting power in her history. Early last Autumn the Rev. B. F. Jester began revival meetings. He visited the people from house to house, prayed with them, talked salvation to them, ate with them and stayed all night in their homes. In the pulpit he preached the word and the Holy Ghost convicted the people of sin and seventy converts were made ranging in age from twelve to eighty years. The mighty work of God has been witnessed as in the days of old.

At Zion, Md., more than forty souls were converted. There had not been a revival in the church for a generation. Rev. Wilmer Jaggard preached the word with power and led his people in the fight and won a victory in the name of the Lord.

The revival fires were kindled in Perryville, Md., Feb. 7th, by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Beauchamp. Nothing like it was ever seen in the history of the

town. Sinners of all ages and classes have confessed their sins and have sought pardoning grace. The pastor's pungent preaching under the influence of the Holy Ghost cut sinners to the heart and they cried unto God for mercy and he saved them and gave them peace. More than one-half of the population of the town has been converted.

Successful revivals have been held in the following churches: North East, Md., New Castle, Del., Silverbrook, McCabe, Grace, Mt. Salem, Harrison St., Cookman, St. Paul's, Union, Madeley, Eastlake, Asbury, Epworth, Scott, Kingswood, Trinity, Hillcrest, Elk Mills, Stanton, St. John's, Port Penn, Elkton, Md., Cayots, Md., and Wesley on Ebenezer Charge and at the union meetings in Chesapeake City. More than two thousand persons have been converted at our altars this year. The saints have been edified and the church strengthened. The pastors have been the evangelists honored of God in this great work. We have not lost the art of preaching the word nor the passion for the salvation of souls. In all these churches we witnessed the old time power and men and women prayed until they found God in the pardon of their sins in the good old fashioned way. The meetings in some churches were punctuated with shoutings and hallelujahs, and old and modern Methodism met upon common ground, and demonstrated that they are one in spirit and purpose. Fruitful meetings have been held in many other charges and good has been done and the churches blest.

One year ago the Rev. R. H. Adams, D. D., was appointed pastor of the Church in North East, Md. After a painful illness he passed to his reward Sept. 11th. We buried him in Millington, Md., in the family lot. He sleeps the sleep of the just to awake in the morning of the resurrection. We shall not see his face again nor hear his eloquent voice. The memory of his faith and piety will stimulate us to do our best for the Master.

In Philadelphia October 18th, Rev. E. C. Macnichol, D. D., ceased to live. How we miss him! There was none like him, eloquent, witty, timid, modest, and diffident. We all loved him. He is gone and we are lonesome without our brother. Some day in the bye and bye we shall meet again, till then we labor on awaiting the clear call from the skies.

The Rev. T. B. Hunter on the 12th of November exchanged worlds. Since retiring from the active ministry he had been living in Monrovia, Cal. He was a good man, an Israelite without guile and had hosts of friends in all his charges. Suitable memoirs of these brethren will be presented to the Conference.

The vacancy at North East caused by the death of Brother Adams was filled by transferring Rev. Asbury Burke from Bethel and appointing Rev. J. H. Wilson to be pastor of Bethel. The work in these charges goes on successfully under new leadership.

The salaries of our pastors are not as large as they should be, and in some places the income of the pastor is insufficient. We note, however, a tendency to better things in some charges. This year Kingswood added \$100, St. John's \$100 and Harrison St. \$200 to the pastor's support. There are many

other charges that ought to pay more for the support of their pastors. To pay more would both help them and their pastors. We hope to see the time when pastors will feel no concern about their support, but shall be free to do the work of the ministry.

The following charges have paid on debts and improvements: Zion \$406, St. John's \$25, Mt. Lebanon \$112, Newark \$300, Charlestown \$200, Brandywine \$280, Elk Neck \$100, Scott \$450, Newport \$50, Madeley \$220, Cherry Hill \$40, Cookman \$500, Grace \$800, Port Deposit \$825, Asbury \$617, Eastlake \$100, Kingswood \$650, Hockessin \$165, Elk Mills \$55, Union \$300, Mt. Salem \$100, Claymont \$35.

We are convinced that whenever the Gospel is preached in the power of the Holy Ghost it will save men. Our style of preaching should be changed. The great doctrines which are fundamental should be preached and the people instructed therein. When this is done men will turn to God for salvation and the Holy Spirit will call men to the ministry of Jesus Christ, and false teaching so prevalent in this age will be overthrown.

We embrace this opportunity to serve notice on the Rum Power that, though we may have been repulsed in the recent legislature of Delaware, we shall win the campaign. We propose to wage war until the liquor traffic is destroyed and prohibition is written in the fundamental law of the land. We ask no quarters and shall give none. We are preparing the instruments of death and propose to destroy without mercy the traffics in alcoholic liquors, the Devil and some of the dram drinking Delaware politicians to the contrary notwithstanding. The blue hen has chickens that are not dead cocks in the pit, and they will, by the grace of God, put Delaware in the dry column, and purge the state of the pestiferous evil of liquor sold by the sanction of law.

We thank God for his abundant mercy given to us for the year now closing for the success of our labors, and for the consideration shown us by ministers and laymen.

With sentiments of high regard,

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. HOFFECKER.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Auditing.

Rev. T. E. Terry has paid out the following amounts as Treasurer of the Conference Board of Domestic Missions: To Dr. Robert Watt for Easton District, \$345.00; To Dr. R. K. Stephenson for Dover District, \$308.00; To Dr. George P. Jones for Salisbury District, \$388.00; To Dr. E. L. Hoffecker for Wilmington District, \$341.00. Total \$1382.00.

Report of R. K. Stephenson for Dover District: Received from T. E. Terry, Treas. Dom. Missions, \$308.00. Paid out—Armory, \$100.00; Epworth and Hickman \$50.00; Hooper's Island \$25.00; Lakesville \$25.00; Elliott's Island \$25.00; Salem \$25.00; Williamsburg \$30.00; Burrsville \$10.00; Undistributed \$18.00. Total \$308.00.

Received from W. J. Downing, Home Missionary Society \$70.00. Paid out—Church Creek \$40.00; Williamsburg \$30.00. Total \$70.00.

Report of Robert Watt for Easton District: Received from T. E. Terry \$345.00. Paid out—Wye Mills \$60.00; Oxford \$50.00; Cheswold \$50.00; Queenstown \$45.00; Millington \$30.00; Pomona \$25.00; Fairlee \$25.00; Church Hill \$20.00; Trappe \$20.00; Smyrna Circuit \$20.00; Henderson \$10.00; Chesapeake City \$37.00. Total distributions \$392.00; overpaid \$47.00.

Received from Home Mission and Church Extension Society \$72.00. Paid out, Oxford \$40.00; Royal Oak \$32.00. Total \$72.00.

Received from R. M. Cooper for Mrs. Annie Chatham \$200.00. Paid Wm. M. Walters, Bursar, as per vouchers \$210.00. Overpaid \$10.00.

Received from R. M. Cooper for minor child of Rev. Frances Bloxson \$50.00. Paid as per vouchers to Mr. W. H. Dushane, guardian \$50.

Report of Geo. P. Jones for Salisbury District: Received from T. E. Terry Treas. Domestic Missions \$388. Balance in hand from 1914, \$24.00. Total \$412.00. Paid out—Quantico \$60.00; Pittsville \$50.00; Claremont \$50.00; Hollands Island \$100.00; Salisbury Circuit \$100.00; Westover \$25.00; Powellville \$27.00. Total \$412.00.

Received from W. J. Downing, Treas. Board of Home Missions and Church extension; balance held over from 1914, \$37.00. Paid out to C. S. English, Treas. of Board of Trustees of Mardela Springs Church, as per voucher \$37.00.

Received from W. J. Downing, Treas. Board of Home Missions & Church Extension \$108. Paid out to Mardela Springs as per vouchers, \$108.00.

Report of E. L. Hoffecker, for Wilmington District: Received for J. M. Collins \$31.50. Paid to J. M. Collins, as per voucher, \$31.50.

Received from T. E. Terry, Treas. of Domestic Mission \$341.00. Paid out—Delaware City \$50.00; Chesapeake City \$50.00; Kingswood \$50.00; Hockessin \$30.00; Claymont \$30.00; Town Point \$25.00; Charlestown \$25.00; Elkton Circuit \$25.00; Port Penn \$25.00; Hillcrest \$16.00; Stanton \$15.00. Total \$341.00.

The accounts of the Conference Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Colona, were audited. The deposits for the year amount to \$54,246.78. Paid out as per canceled checks, and per order of Conference, to various Benevolent Boards, \$54,148. Expenses \$9.63. Balance in hand \$89.15.

Bible.

It is very gratifying to note the ever increasing usefulness and progressive efforts of the American Bible Society in giving to the world a more extended knowledge of the Holy Scriptures.

Our new opportunities for spreading the good tidings of Jesus Christ, both in the home land and abroad, bring to us larger responsibilities to this great cause.

The Bible Society sends out an earnest request asking the scholars in our Sunday Schools to contribute the amount of 5 cents each annually, with which to send a testament to enlisted soldiers. Soldiers all over the world are asking for copies of the Bible.

Your Committee recommends that our pastors present this feature of the Bible cause in all our Sunday Schools and offer an opportunity to the children and young people to give thier contribution for this worthy object and thereby increase the sum total of our gifts as a Conference to the American Bible Society.

Conference Deaconess Board.

There have been two meetings of the Board held this year, one special, one regular. At the last we conducted the regular business of the Board consisting of Reports from the Superintendent of Deaconess Home for the year ending Feb. 28th, of the general management of the Institution which we wish there were time and space to give it in full. The Statistical Report is a marvel of industry. Those engaged in the various lines of work have given without grudging, their time, strength and best efforts, to help those who have come under their care. The class work begun in Sept. 1913 closed its first year June 23, 1914. The enrollment and attendance excelled our anticipations. There are classes in kindergarten, sewing, embroidery, and basketry. A Boys Club and Junior League. A Sunday School has been opened with a fair attendance, it being something still new. Through the efforts of Mrs. Sweet a large number of children were taken on a free boat ride, on the Wilson Line, to Philadelphia, to see historical points of interest. The influence of the Home touches weekly 105 families. Three of our former staff of workers are not with us this year, Miss Kelley for good and sufficient reasons gave up Deaconess work, and was given an honorable discharge. Miss Annie Simpson did not return to us after vacation. Miss Benson served her term of trial and entered the Training School in Washington, D. C., in October, a beneficiary of the W. H. M. S. of our Conference.

We have received by transfer during the year Mrs. Minnie Cole, from New York Conference, Mrs. Lorena Finley, New York East.

Two young women are with us as students, preparatory to entering the Training School, Miss Lillie Dickerson of Laurel, Del., and Miss Weber of Fairbank, Tilghmans Island.

The licenses of the following were renewed, being recommended by their Quarterly Conferences: Mrs. Margaret A. Sweet, Superintendent of Home by Grace; Miss Charlotte Arnold, Grace; Miss Lula R. Morse, St. Pauls; Mrs. Minnie E. Cole, Scott; Mrs. Lorena Finley, Dover. The statistics can only be given in part for lack of space. Total number of calls 3831. Number of persons given material relief 398. Garments given 920, articles including bedding, baskets of food, fruit, jelly, coal, 97 items. Money valuation \$105.40. Money given \$13.80. Number taught, aggregate 1766.; aggregate taught in class 2631. Number of meetings conducted or addressed 126. Money spent for entertainment \$5.00. Amount solicited for sewing machine for work in Home \$35.00. Hours spent in nursing 132. Money raised as Field workers \$5.31. A H. M. S. organized with 21 members.

The Superintendent of the Home is a most efficient manager, the Industrial class work, the entertainments for the mothers and children, the outings are all planned and carried forward without any appeal to the management for funds, a marvel to all how it is done. Much has been left from this report which all should know but space forbids. Supplies have been sent from many charges in the Conference to the Home which have been greatly appreciated and wisely used. The work is growing so much that we need more room and more money. We are hoping some of the Lord's Stewards will very soon increase our Endowment Fund that this very important work may be carried on more comfortably.

TREASURERS REPORT.

Balance March 1st, 1914	\$100.50
Receipts to March 1st, 1915	2,372.69
Disbursements to March 1, 1915	2,333.71
Balance March 1st, 1915	38.91

Education.

The vision has come to our Church of the magnitude of the plan by which we are to enter the new era of Christian Education.

There is a perfect cleavage made in our educational ideas and educational system, viz.—Education as an academic influence and privilege. Education from the institutional standpoint. The latter is the newer of the two and is focalized under the Board of Education. The Board of Education itself being a part of it, as a kind of Board of Regents, coordinating and unifying the heterogeneous mass of secondary, Collegiate and University institutions and bringing these to harmony, oneness, in a sense, and solidarity. With consummate skill this is being done under the masterful leadership of the General Secretary and those to whom he is related either advisory boards or those cooperating as individuals.

The needed stimulus is being given to individual plants of the system as is plainly seen in the example of the Wilmington Conference Academy, both

in current expense funds of a possible \$5000 and in the launching of the great endowment plan, which sends a thrill of joy through the entire body of this Conference and stops our mouth with laughter, as we think of her stability, continuity and usefulness. This places the Methodist Episcopal Church in the front line of the forces that make for righteousness in the 20th and succeeding centuries as that work includes Christian Education.

Turning to the Academic, we hastily refer to Goucher and Dickinson College for the white and Morgan College for the colored people. The latter school is meeting its high purpose in preparing ministers and professional leaders for their race and justifies the financial support our Conference has rendered. Dickinson College has continued to hold a relation to our Conference territory of great importance. Her large enrollment for the scholastic year is a source of gratification to our Conference. We commend, to parents who anticipate giving a liberal education to their daughter, Goucher College which sustains such a high standard as to challenge the admiration and brings forth words of commendation from the highest sources of our land. Drew Theological Seminary both by its nearness to our territory and also by its high merit is naturally regarded as having our patronage. Therefore its increase in equipment, enlargement of course work, commensurate increase of Faculty together with added endowment, places this school of the prophets before us with greater attractiveness. We commend her and urge our young men to enter her halls or some other of our Theological Schools for adequate preparation for the ministry.

The Wilmington Conference Academy has again come before us through the representation of the Principal, Rev. H. G. Budd. It is assuring to hear him speak of the status of the school. We deem this institution essential to the integrity of our Conference. It is necessary for through it we can serve our self respect and the respect of other denominations and of all young people whose thoughts turn to education. We hail the day with gladness that promises financial aid by creating an endowment, by which alone safety, stability and growth can be assured to her. We pledge ourselves individually to commend and direct young men and young women to our Academy.

We affirm our belief that a Christian Nation must back up Christian Education and pledge our Conference to the support of all our institutions of learning into the great national scheme of our Board.

Conference Education.

The Managers of your Educational Society beg leave to report that during the past Conference year students have been aided as follows:

At Drew, 2 students, from the Riddle Fund, \$200 each, \$400; At Dickinson College 3 students, from General Fund, \$187.50; At Wilmington Conference Academy, 9 students, General Fund, \$337.50—Total \$925.00.

As will be noted above there was paid out \$525.00 from the General Fund,

while but \$412.00 was the total received from the whole Conference. This shows the need of more liberal support of your Educational Society. It would have been sincerely embarrassed in its work of aiding worthy students this Conference year had it not been for funds received from former loans having been unexpectedly returned.

The Managers would remind the Conference to what a large extent the membership of this Conference is indebted to this Society. Hear this statement of facts, of the men who have labored for God and Methodism within the Wilmington Conference more than 60 were aided by this Society in securing their education. Every year men preparing for the ministry of our church within our own Conference would have to leave school without completing the school or college course were it not for the aid received from our Society. Our aid is limited to our resources, and these are represented solely by the amount contributed by the Churches. So we ask you to be liberal to your own Society and we will be liberal to the society students.

By vote of the Conference to this Society was committed the duties laid upon the Annual Conference Board of Education, as shown in Discipline 1912 paragraph 452, Section 2.

In accordance with those previous the Managers arranged for the visitation of both the Wilmington Conference Academy at Dover, and the Princess Anne Academy. We believe the condition of both of these institutions is excellent, and that the works of both institutions is reflecting credit upon our great Church that stands sponsor for them. The Princess Anne Academy is gaining increasing respect not only among the colored people but among the best white people of the community. Both institutions deserve the most liberal support of our church and of this Conference.

In order that the whole subject of christian education may be most profitably brought to the attention of the Methodists of this territory we offer for your adoption the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That in lieu of the \$3,000 annually apportioned to the charges of the Conference for the benefit of the Wilmington Conference Academy, and the additional apportionments usually made for the Wilmington Conference Education Society and the Public Educational Collection for the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, making three apportionments for Education, that we recommend that the Conference instruct the District Superintendents to make but one apportionment only for Public Education, the amount of \$6,117 as apportioned by the General Conference Commission on Finance; this amount to be divided by the Conference Treasurer as follows:—Twenty per cent (20%) to be forwarded to the Board of Education of our church with headquarters at New York, and eighty per cent (80%) to be divided between the Wilmington Conference Academy and the Wilmington Conference Education Society in the proportion of five parts to the Academy to on part to the Society.

RESOLVED, Because of the urgent need of funds which now presses our Academy that we recommend that the Conference requests the Board of Education, commencing in 1916, to return to us the 20% paid them under this new

arrangement, to enable us to relieve, at least in part, the pressing needs of our Academy.

RESOLVED, That we recommend to the Conference the inauguration of a special campaign for the purpose of raising \$200,000 for the Wilmington Conference Academy; and that the Conference requests the Trustees of the Academy to make out a program in connection with the Board of Education of our Church, so as to make it part and parcel of the General Campaign for Education to be launched by the Board of Education December 1, 1916.

Epworth League.

The Epworth League is a vital factor in the life of the Young people of our Church. A larger spirit of cooperation has resulted in more effective work among the several departments of the organization. Conventions were held by the District Leagues, and reports were presented that showed advance movements along all lines. Bishop Berry added to the interest and pleasure of three of the conventions by his presence and splendid addresses. If the several organizations would coordinate their reports, and cooperate more fully in their plans, the League would become more effective in this Conference territory. The Conference Board of the Epworth League could be made an important factor in the work if it were used as a clearing-house for information among District Leagues. We further recommend:

1. That attention be paid to the organization of the young people into chapters of the Epworth League, that they may have the help of the entire organization in their development as Christians and Christian workers.
2. That attention be given to the courses of study outlined by the Central Office.
3. That Epworth Herald clubs be formed, that subscriptions thereto may be increased.
4. That the Junior League be organized wherever it is possible, and that definite courses of study be used therein.
5. That the Conference Board of the Epworth League be authorized to cooperate with the General Secretary in making provisions for the Epworth League Anniversary at Conference.

Freedman's Aid.

The Freedman's Aid Society is an indispensable part of the machinery of our church. The great work of this Society has been going on for nearly fifty years. It has educated ten's of thousands of young colored people and has sent them out to be the best representatives of their race. They are doing all kinds of work, and doing it better because of what the Freedman's Aid Society has done for them.

The South in which the twenty or more schools of this Society are located depends almost entirely upon her cotton crops. The price of that crop this

year has been cut in half when it could be sold at all. On the account of the loss of the market, for cotton they have no money. The summer earnings of the students are tied up in bales of cotton that have scarcely any market, and the boys and girls will be turned away from the schools.

The Freedman's Aid Society needs fifty thousand dollars to keep its schools running until the end of the school year. It will be a calamity beyond computation if they have to be suspended at this time. The Freedman's Aid Society is not able to care for its work without a considerable amount of extra help just at this time. From these schools comes the ministers, teachers, physicians and nurses to minister to and uplift their race.

The cheerfulness and selfsacrificing spirit of these colored people challenge our admiration and our help.

Periodicals.

The press is a mighty power for good or evil. The evils of bad literature must be overcome by the good, to reach the highest efficiency the mind must be informed. The formation of high ideals must be maintained. So the press must stand with the pulpit and school to reach this end.

We believe "The Christian Advocate" is endeavoring to meet every need of our Methodism and is contributing to the building of the kingdom on earth.

We recommend that our pastors seek to place it in the homes of our people. We commend "The Methodist" and "The Methodist Times" as effective mediums for the dissemination of Conference information, but we here record our opinion that the church in our territory would be better served by the circulation of one rather than of two local papers.

Philadelphia Hospital.

The Methodist Episcopal Hospital in the city of Philadelphia is now closing the most successful year of its history.

Extensive improvements have been made until the hospital is one of the best, if not the best equipped in Philadelphia. The work of nursing the sick and suffering has kept pace with increased scientific research and discovery, and we therefore point to this noble institution with pardonable pride as one deserving our heartiest support. In the twenty-three years of its existence this hospital has done excellent work, no suffering applicant has been turned away because of his poverty. More than sixty per cent of the work done in this House of mercy has been absolutely free. As a result the trustees are now feeling a deficiency in expenses.

We would here emphasize the fact that this institution does not exist for financial profit, but rather that a helping hand may reach the needy. Many of our own people have been recipients of the benefits here offered, and these all speak in highest terms of praise for the good and gracious results made possible by this hospital. Therefore we most heartily endorse the course pursued

by the trustees and hereby assure them of our sympathy and support.

We would further recommend that a collection be taken in all our churches, and that every pastor be urged to do his best among his people to increase the fund for this worthy cause.

And we would further assure Dr. Martin, Cor. Sec'y. of this hospital that our churches will welcome his coming among us to represent the urgent claims of this institution and that we will urge upon our people that donations of such provision as are needed in all hospitals be sent direct to this good place.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The greatness of the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society becomes increasingly impressive the better it is understood.

Its members are a great, militant, and victorious army of consecrated women. Its regiments are 6292 auxiliaries. Its vanguard is 303,000 strong. Its advance guard consists of 39,000 King's Heralds. Its scouts are 29,000 Little Light Bearers. Its army-chest received, in 1913-14, \$1,096,228. Its skirmishers and first-rank troops upon the firing line and in the trenches of the long-drawn battle in the foreign field, are its 471 missionaries and their devoted helpers. Its forts and salient strongholds are its Training schools, Colleges, Boarding schools, Day-schools, Industrial schools, Orphanages, Homes for homeless women, and kindergartens, numbering, in all, 1,190, with an enrollment of 37,734. Its Red Cross corps is its great medical work, with 21 hospitals, treating, in 1914, 225,325 patients.

Its line of battle extends through India, Malaysia, China, Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Africa, Italy, Bulgaria, Mexico, and South America.

It fights against entrenched and ancient houses of evil, for the rescue, emancipation, and salvation of the womanhood of these lands, long downtrodden and degraded.

Its plan of campaign is full of faith and hope, and rich with the promise of glorious achievements. The year 1919 is set as the year of jubilee, and preparations are being made for a large advance and a wider conquest than ever before.

Sabbath Observance.

WHEREAS We recognize the sacred character of our Christian Sabbath and also our obligation and imperative duty as christians not only to religiously observe it, but also to defend it against the assaults of those who would so secularize and commercialize it as to destroy and despoil it of its sacred import and meaning, and

WHEREAS, The enemies of our Sabbath and Sabbath institutions are united in their effort to break down the legal and other safeguards that now protect our Lords Day, therefore

RESOLVED 1st, That we hail with delight the awakening of the Christian

conscience of our people to the necessity of renewed activity for the defense and protection of our Christian Sabbath.

RESOLVED 2nd, That in this connection we most sincerely and heartily appreciate the earnest and persistent work that is being done by "The Lord's Day Alliance" of Maryland,

RESOLVED 3rd, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are thereby extended to those two enthusiastic Sabbath defenders representatives of "The Lord's Day Alliance" Dr. Howard A. Kelley the distinguished surgeon of Baltimore and Rev. Dr. W. W. Davis of the Baltimore Conference for the splendid work they are doing in the intenerancy they are making through the several counties of the state including those embracing within our own Conference territory, in the interest of our "Lord's Day," and that we hereby pledge to them our hearty co-operation in their efforts to preserve for us, in its original integrity and legal security this God given institution.

Home Missions and Church Extension.

The urgency of the Home Mission Work at this time is beyond computation. The Missionary problem of the world has grown a thousand fold more serious and acute with the shock of unparalleled war, and the uncertainties of the future.

Because so many across the sea are doing less for the worlds salvation than in the past, and undoing much that the past has wrought. Christian America must do more than ever before.

Our relation to the vast enterprise is exceptional and providential, and therefore all the more determinative and vital.

The United States has the resources and the constrictive and neighbourly attitude toward the other nations, which must affect the moral and spiritual welfare of the whole world.

We must keep sacred our best ideals on this side of the water, for the sake of those on the other side. We must therefore, make this land of ours more christian, more evangelistic, and more missionary, to counteract the war spirit and the pagan spirit of the present time.

We must prepare to deal in a more christ-like way with the coming immigrants and refugees. We must crowd this home land with the transforming favor of the pentecost. Home Missions will then be the best of Foreign Missions.

All this will mean large contributions, more prayers to God, and more heralds of the cross than have ever trod our national highways before. The appeal speaks for itself. We urge our people to consecration and sacrifice, so that their work here may tell on the distant places of the earth.

Received from the Parent Board of Home Missions, \$1250.00 which was disbursed as follows: To Wilmington City Missionary Society, \$1000, Dover District \$70, Easton \$72, Salisbury District \$108. Total \$1250.

Itimized account of Missionary appropriations for Conference year ending March 24th, 1915: Wilmington City Missionary Society \$1000, Oxford \$40, Royal Oak \$32, Williamsburg \$30, Church Creek \$40, Mardela \$108. Total \$1250.

The Church Extension account of the Conference is as follows: November 2nd, 1914 balance from previous fiscal year, 23 cents, authorized for year ending October 31st 1915, \$700. Total balance to credit \$700.23.

Sunday Schools.

With more than two million scholars in our Sunday Schools who are not professing christians we have upon our hands a grave responsibility.

Add to this fact that more than twenty million children and youth in America are receiving no religious instruction, Protestant, Catholic or Jewish, and we enlarge our vision both of our responsibility and opportunity, yet it is a cause for thanksgiving that since 1908 1,174,180 conversions in our Sunday Schools have been reported. This fact points to our Sunday Schools as a most promising evangelistic field, and therefore should be raised to their greatest efficiency that they may not only win the young people to our Lord but may be able to train them for useful service in the church. We therefore recommend:

1. That the District Superintendents, Pastors and Laymen of our Conference be asked to give special attention to the efficiency of their Sunday Schools during the coming year to see

(a) That the lesson materials are the best available for their scholars.
(b) That the teachers are professing christians, loyal to the church, and studying to improve their skill in guiding the young toward efficient christian services.

(c) That the departments and classes are organized and working so as to give adequate expression to the growing christians impulse to some and thus train him in the carrying of christian responsibility.

2. That we give particular attention to the claims of the Board of Sunday Schools for our financial support, so that, while not diminishing our gifts to other worthy causes, we may at the same time subscribe larger funds for this Board which puts all of its information and its paid workers at the service of our churches.

3. We hail the men's organized Bible class as a happy solution of the grave question of largely enlisting men in the study of the Bible, and urge that such a class be organized in every charge.

4. We recommend that where-ever possible, a Teachers Training class be organized in our Sunday Schools, in order that the efficiency of our teaching force be increased.

Stewards Report.

We congratulate the preachers and people of our Conference on their increasing interest in the proper support of Conference Claimants. The collections from churches, after rapid increase in recent years, show an increase of \$265. More of our churches than ever before are on the honor roll of those who pay in full their apportionment for Conference Claimants.

During the year the estate of Eliza Clark of Milford was settled and the Board received the share which came to our Conference Claimant Fund. Un-

fortunately the title under which this bequest was made was imperfect and it was necessary for us to go into court to establish title. After deducting expenses we received a net balance of \$5600, which was turned over to our Treasurer.

The report of the Treasurer of the Gambrill Proposition will show that good progress is being made toward the completion of that splendid project. We are hoping to complete it this next year.

We desire to call the attention of preachers and laymen to the Annuity Agreement as a safe and profitable investment. We also desire to urge people who will remember this cause in their wills to secure proper legal verbiage for so doing. The forms for both annuity and will were published in last year's minutes, pages 90-92.

We congratulate the Conference on the enthusiastic movement inaugurated at this session for the raising of the \$200,000 endowment. We hope that every minister and laymen will get into this movement, think about it, pray for it, and work. This is our opportunity.

Our Treasurer reports that we now have investments amounting to \$30,930. Much of this has been so recently invested that no interest has accrued. The returns from invested funds amount to \$1,146.

Receipts from all sources for distribution \$16,716.

Annuity Fund: Book Concern Dividend \$3151; Chartered Fund \$30; Interest on Investments \$1146; Amount of Collections from Churches set over to Annuity Fund by vote of the Conference \$7223; total \$11,550.

Special Fund: Dividend from Board of Conference Claimants \$250; Remainder of Collections from Churches after taking \$7223 for Annuity Fund \$4900; total \$5150.

Distribution of Annuity Fund: 23 retired ministers, 633 years of service at \$10 per year, \$6330; 46 widows, 1040 years of service at \$5 per year \$5200; 1 orphan child, 10 years at \$2 per year \$20; total \$11,550.

Distribution of Special Fund: 14 retired ministers \$1345; 1 supernumerary \$335; 38 widows \$3440; 1 orphan child \$30; expense of Board \$15; balance on hand \$1; total \$5166.

Total of collections from churches \$12,778, of which the Conference Treasurer will forward to the Board of Conference Claimants 5% or \$639, leaving for distribution as above \$12,139.

Collections by Districts: Dover \$2978, increase \$19; Easton \$2652, increase \$70; Salisbury \$3692, decrease \$85; Wilmington \$3456, increase \$151.

The collections for Annual Conference Investments by Districts: Dover \$678; Easton \$544; Salisbury \$675; Wilmington \$909; total \$2806.

The apportionments as already fixed by action of the Conference, are on the basis of 9½% of the estimate of the cash support of the pastor for the current conference year.

Pursuant to your order of last Conference session we bonded our Treasurer for \$24,000 at an annual cost of \$60. This bond will be continued.

It is a real joy to the Board of Stewards to bring you this report of the best years work for Conference Claimants in the history of our Conference.

Stewards Endowment.

Report of THOS. R. INGRAM, Treasurer.

Balance in hands of treasurer last audit	\$	3052.48	
Received from J. W. Colona, Conf. Treasurer prior to publishing minutes and incorporated in last year's report		2,627.00	\$5,679.48
Received from J. C. McCoy, Marshallton		20.00	
Received from S. W. Grant, Little Creek		10.00	
Received from D. J. Givan, Harrington		10.00	
Received from Melville Gambrill on account as agreed		1,000.00	
Received from Estate of Eliza W. Clark, deceased		6,000.00	
Received from Melville Gambrill on account		1,000.00	
Received from return of part of Attorney fee		200.00	
Received from Interest on bank balances		3.22	
Received from T. A. H. O'Brien, Port Deposit		21.00	
Received from G. R. Ellis, Millsboro		24.00	8,288.22
Total			13,967.70
1914	Expenditures.		
April 20, paid to R. M. Cooper, Treas. for investment		1,000.00	
April 24, paid to R. M. Cooper, Treas. for investment		3,100.00	
April 24, paid to R. M. Cooper, Treas. for investment		60.00	
May 11, paid to R. M. Cooper, Treas. for investment		1,200.00	
May 15, paid to R. M. Cooper, Treas. for investment		1,200.00	
July 9, paid to R. M. Cooper, Treas. for investment		120.00	
Nov. 28, paid Attorney in Clark matter		600.00	
Dec. 11, paid R. M. Cooper, Treas. for investment		5,000.00	
Dec. 18, paid R. M. Cooper, Treas. for investment		1,100.00	
1915			
January 8, paid R. M. Cooper, Treas. for investment		146.00	
March 1st, paid R. M. Cooper, Treas. for investment		400.00	13,926.00
Balance in hand up to conference			41.70
Due from J. W. Colona, Conference Treasurer:			
From Dover district collections		678.00	
From Easton district collections		544.00	
From Salisbury district collections		631.00	
From Wilmington district collections		888.00	
		2,782.70	
Due from Mr. Gambrill as per agreement when called		1,000.00	
Total receipts up to convening of this Conference		\$3,782.70	
Due Treasurer from present Conference receipts		13,767.70	
Available from Mr. Gambrill		2,741.00	
		1,000.00	
Total for Investment to date			\$17,507.70

Conference Trustees.

Your Trustees would call the attention of the Conference to a provision of the laws of Delaware, by which any legacy of real estate left to any religious organization must be made one year prior to the death of the testator, otherwise the legacy becomes void. Because of this legal provision a legacy was lost to Mount Pleasant church near Wilmington, and your trustees are now in danger of losing the property which forms the basis of the "Mary J. Clifton Fund." Pastors would do well to caution parishioners not to put off until their dying hours the making of their wills for the benefit of the church, but to do so at an early date lest the devise shall be lost to the church.

Your Trustees beg leave to report that soon after the last session of the Conference the Investment Committee changed the investment from the first mortgage bonds of the Dupont Building bearing 5% interest to an investment in 6% interest bonds of a Denver corporation, interest paid semi-annually. As a slight change in date of interest payments occurred in the transfer the returns for this Conference year have been decreased, but the increased yield will show in next year's report. The financial showing of the various funds in our hands is as follows:

Report of C. W. Prettyman, Treasurer of Trustees of Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for year ending March 26, 1915.

General Fund, Cash Account—1914—April 4, to balance on hand, \$198.22; July 1, Interest on account, \$1.74; Sep. 21, Cash received in exchange on investment, \$10.67; Oct. 1, interest on investment, \$90.00;—1915—Mar. 9, From H. D. Boyer, Agt., \$35.35; Mar. 17, From W. T. Dyett, Agt., \$9.00; Jan 1, in terest on account, \$5.42—Total \$350.40.

1914—Apr. 4, paid Order No. 23, \$1.50; Sept. 21, paid Order No. 24, \$3.55; Sept. 21, paid Order No. 25, \$3.00;—1915—March 26, paid order No. 26, \$20.00; March 26, paid order No. 27, \$60.00; March 26, paid order No. 28, \$30.00; March 26, Balance on hand, \$232.35;—Total \$350.40.

1915—March 25, Balance on hand, \$232.35.

Theodore C. Carey Fund—1914—Apr. 4, Balance on hand, \$4.71; Oct. 1, Interest on investment, \$60.00;—Total \$64.71.

1914—Sept. 21, paid box rent, \$2.00;—1915—Mar. 26, paid order No. 27, to Treasurer of Goshen M. E. Church, Milton, \$60.00; Balance on hand, \$2.71;—Total \$64.71.

1914—Mar. 26, Balance on hand, \$2.71.

M. Fannie Thomas Fund—1914—Apr. 4, Balance on hand, \$1.29; Oct. 1, Interest on investment, \$30.00;—Total \$31.29.

1914—Sep. 21, Box rent \$1.00; March 26, paid order No. 28, to Treas. of Beckwith Church, \$30.00; Balance on hand, .29;—Total \$31.29.

1914—March 26, Balance on hand, \$.29.

Mary J. Clifton Fund—1914—Apr. 4, Balance on hand, \$1.02;—1915—Mar. 9, From H. D. Boyer, Agent, \$35.35; March 17, From W. T. Dyett, agent, \$9.00;—Total \$45.37.

1915—Mar. 26, paid order No. 26, to Treas. St. Paul's Church, Clayton, Del. \$20.00; Balance on hand, \$25.37;—Total, \$45.37.

1915—March 26, Balance on hand, \$25.37.

Temperance.

We deplore the action of a majority of the members of the Delaware Legislature who voted to protect the blind pig instead of the homes of the people. We register our conviction that the men of Methodism in Delaware hold the balance of power and are in a numerical majority. It is therefore all the more deplorable that party ties and party promises and the liquor interests have such a grip on the Little Diamond State that a majority of her Legislature, even though composed largely of Methodist men, should put itself defiantly in the way of progress and defeat the unquestioned will of the people on temperance legislation.

We rejoice that the struggle for national prohibition so auspiciously opened with a majority vote in the last Congress is to go on until the flag which stands for so much of blood and sacrifice shall not cover nor protect anywhere the legalized saloon.

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 also record our unwavering faith in and loyalty to the Anti-Saloon League. We believe that in the Rev. T. M. Hare, who is superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland and Delaware, we have a leader whom we can follow with implicit confidence.

We again urge upon our people and the Churches everywhere within the bounds of our Conference to get into this fight, in all its phases and through all its agencies, with their interest, their prayers and their means.

Methodism cannot afford to lag behind in this great enterprise and the Wilmington Conference hereby pledges its heartiest co-operation to our leaders in this movement to secure state wide prohibition in all our territory.

Thanks.

So pleasant and so profitable has been our session of Conference that we are glad to give expression of our thanks as follows:

1. Unto Him in whose name we are gathered, for the privilege of life and of strength to labor for Him during the past year and for such manifestations of the Holy Spirit's presence and power that we are able to report somewhat over 8,000 precious sheaves gathered for Him; and also for abundant blessings upon us during our Conference session.

2. To our presiding Bishop Richard J. Cooke, a man dearly beloved of

his brethren, a man of giant intellect, upon whom rests the Spirit of God, whose sanctified intelligence is an inspiration to us; for his able and impartial administration, and for his clear, forcible and deeply spiritual exposition of the word of God to us. We are grateful and shall welcome the time when he shall return to us for another session.

3. The Centenary church for receiving us with such a hearty welcome. To the trustees and members for the use of this, one of the finest churches in our Conference; to the choir for its excellent music, to the postmistress Miss Mary Culver who has so faithfully served us, and to all who have labored for the comfort and convenience of our sessions.

4. To the pastor Brother G. C. Williams who has been diligent in his efforts and untiring in his labors to make us all comfortable and happy.

5. To our hosts and hostesses who when they received us to their homes received us also to their hearts, we return thanks. We shall take away with us some very pleasant memories of our stay in Laurel, and we pray that the blessings of God may rest upon these homes in abundant measure.

6. To the trustees, pastor and members of the Methodist Protestant church who have kindly opened the doors of their beautiful church for our use at any time.

7. To our hard working and efficient secretaries and treasurer, and those who have worked diligently in committee work for the benefit of all.

8. To the gentlemen of the press who have faithfully and carefully published the reports of our transactions.

9. To all others who in any way have contributed to our welfare and happiness, we offer sincere thanks.

MEMOIRS

Rev. George W. Burke.

Rev. George W. Burke, an honored veteran, was born near Seaford, Del., March 17th, 1836, and "fell on sleep" at his home in Smyrna, Del., April 30th, 1914, after spending 42 years in the active ranks. Eight years ago, because of a nervous breakdown, he retired from the exacting duties of the pastorate and moved to Smyrna to spend the eventide of life.

His parents, William Burke and Mary Reynolds, were devout Methodists, and the boy was born in a home pervaded with a spiritual atmosphere. At an early age he sought the Lord and rejoiced in a conscious salvation. His scholastic training was confined to the public schools and private instruction; yet by close application and self improvement he laid the foundations of a good education and became an excellent English scholar, especially excelling in mathematics.

For 10 years he taught in the public schools of Delaware and Maryland, but in the spring of 1865, while principal of the high school at St. Michaels, Md., he yielded to the call to enter the ranks of the itinerancy, and applied to the Philadelphia Conference for admission on trial. Among his classmates was Bishop Thomas B. Neely. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Levi Scott in 1867, and Elder by Bishop Matthew Simpson at the first session of the Wilmington Conference in 1869.

As a man, Brother Burke was gentle, sensitive and sympathetic, swift to carry messages of comfort to sorrowing hearts. He was "God's good man" and nourished his spiritual life by prayerfully reading the Word. He read the New Testament through one hundred and three times and the Old Testament, about fifty times. With Job he could say, "I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food." As a preacher he was careful in preparation; his sermons were scriptural, clear and convincing, and at times he preached with compelling eloquence. But he was so modest and unassuming that he did not reveal his true worth to but a small inner circle. His ministry was fruitful and many of the charges he served were blest with revivals. He left in his pastorates a memory of faithful service; not less than twelve young men, some of whom have become prominent ministers, are his sons in the Gospel.

The writer of this memoir was licensed to exhort by him and wishes to make grateful acknowledgment for the help and encouragement received in that formative period. He was ever seeking to inspire young people to noble endeavor and to help them discover themselves; thus his influence will be projected through the coming years.

His pastoral record is as follows: Georgetown, 1865; Frankford, 1866-

7; Milton, 68; Lewes, 69-70; Beckwith, 71-2; Berlin, 73-4; Delmar, 75; Christiana, 76-7; Kent Island, 78-9; Marydel, 80-1; Hillsboro, 82-3; Harrington, 84-5; Federalsburg, 86-7; Onancock, 89-91; Lincoln, 92; Millington, 93-5; St. Michaels, 96-8; Chester-Bethel, 99-01; Marshallton, 02-4; Hockessin, 05-6.

Brother Burke did not serve the easy charges; most of his ministry was on circuits where his salary was small and the work hard, but this faithful minister accepted his appointments as of the Lord, and went cheerfully to the work assigned him.

He was twice married; his first wife was Miss Nellie Patterson See of Hillsboro, Md., a devout and cultured lady, who, the few years she lived, made him a true help-meet. Eight children were born of this union, but only three survive: Rev. Edward W. Burke, an honored member of the Philadelphia Conference, Mrs. Nellie Lambert of Easton, Md., and George W. Burke of South Bend, Indiana.

In 1876 he was wedded to Miss Laura Wood of Salisbury, Md., an elect lady, who for 38 years walked by his side, sharing with him the trials and triumphs of the itinerancy, and is now sorely smitten by the blow which has fallen upon her. Three children were born of this union, but only one survives, Mary Manse Burke, who recently was wedded to Rev. J. Wallace Green, a Baptist Minister.

Our ascended friend has one brother in the Wilmington Conference, Rev. Asbury Burke, who keenly feels the loss sustained, but is comforted in the thought of reunion beyond the river. Bro. Burke was confined to his bed only three weeks when the messenger summoned him to his heavenly home. During the years of retirement and physical weakness he was abundantly sustained by divine grace. He fought a good fight, he kept the faith and has gone to receive his crown.

The funeral services were conducted in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Smyrna, by the Pastor, Rev. C. W. Prettyman, assisted by the District Superintendent, Dr. Robert Watt, Revs. R. H. Adams, W. L. S. Murray, C. T. Wyatt, J. F. Anderson, and George R. Neese. The tenement of clay was then taken to Barratt's Chapel for interment, where his kindred sleep, to await the resurrection of the just.

We invoke the blessing of God upon the widow, children and brother, as they sit in the shadows of bereavement.

CLINTON T. WYATT.

Rev. Richard Hughlett Adams.

What wondrous possibilities are wrapped in the birth of a child! When some giant ship glides down the ways to her first baptism the bands play and the cheering thousands bid her "God speed." No ship ever launched, however, has the latent potentialities for great success or gigantic failure that inhere in the mysterious launching of a new human soul

on the sea of life. The birth of a child is so momentous that the destiny of all eternity is affected.

So though no bands played nor did the thousands cheer, it was a momentous day, that twenty-eighth day of September, 1843, when to the modest home of Charles and Hannah Adams, near Ingleside (then called Beaver Dam), Queen Anne Co., Md., God sent a baby boy. He was baptized Richard Hughlett. Death robbed him of his father at the early age of eight years, but his mother, faithful as her namesake of Biblical fame, dedicated the infant to God, and trained him to attend the services of the sanctuary. It was while sitting by the side of this devoted Christian mother in the old church at Beaver Dam, at the early age of seven, when God called him as truly as He called Samuel of old. A local preacher, Rev. Joel Clements, had preached and was descending to take charge of the class-meeting when the Holy Spirit spoke to that lad of seven years, and convinced him that he ought to preach the gospel. Frequently he said in later years that he could have been converted just as well at that age as later, if only children in those days had received the attention they now receive. As it was he was not altogether disobedient unto the heavenly vision, but from that Sunday in the old church at Beaver Dam he began to pray, and for ten long years struggle through darkness before he found the light and joy of sin forgiven. His public confession was on this wise. His father dying while he was yet but eight years old, the meagre means and continued ill health of the mother compelled young Richard at the age of fourteen to leave the public schools to seek employment. This he found in a store in Centreville, Md., first as errand boy, then as clerk. He was now seventeen years of age, and a revival meeting was in progress. The spirit of prayer had been his ever since that Sunday at Beaver Dam. He remembered also his mother's prayers for him, and his desire for spiritual things was deepened by the kindly interest of a christian lady who frequently visited his boarding house and placed religious tracts under his plate. These influences combined caused him one day while all alone in the store to yield his heart to God, and the next night he went to church and publicly confessed Christ. Soon after his conversion he made an entire consecration to God in a most business like way. He did not call it entire sanctification, but using a phrase he had learned in business he speaks of it by saying, "I scheduled myself." He wrote out in detail an account, as though taking a business inventory, of his time, his talents, all he was, all he hoped to be, and nearly every day for six months he read it over and prayed over it, until finally a day came when he said, "Lord, I am ready," and going into a little closet under the stairway in the store he drew the curtains together, and kneeling down he signed his name thus, giving himself wholly to God and His service. With his conversion his call to preach was still more convincingly pressed upon him, and with the consecration by signing that paper it became overwhelming. But how could he prepare for the holy work? Out of school

since he was fourteen, and prior to that but the rudimentary education of the district schools, and now a clerk, without means—it seemed a hopeless task. But when God calls a man to preach he opens the way for his training. The loss of his mother placed in his hands a few hundred dollars, which the ambitious youth of eighteen determined to spend in education, and soon he was found in West River Classical Institute, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, then under the presidency of Prof. R. G. Chaney. So diligently did he apply himself to study that in three years he was honored with appointment to the chair of English Literature. Nor was he less diligent in things spiritual, for it was while here at West River that Rev. Blake, of the Baltimore Conference, gave him his first license to preach.

The position of Professor was not an unmixed blessing, however, for it imposed so much night study in other branches that in two years his vision had become so impaired that brother Adams was compelled to resign his Professorship, and to abandon his hope of entering the ministry. For a time it was feared he would go entirely blind. So he retired from scholastic pursuits and early in 1868 settled in Greensboro, Md., and engaged in mercantile pursuits.

While yet at West River there had come into his life a new inspiration. In 1865, at a camp-meeting near Sudlersville, Md., young Adams met Miss Mary Rebekah Mallalieu, the gifted young daughter of Thomas and Mary Mallalieu, both of sainted memory, and well known to Millington and Wilmington Conference Methodism. With personal grace, winsomeness of manner and spiritual training this young woman was so fully endowed that it is not surprising that the friendship formed at that camp soon ripened into a "love stronger than death." So while early in 1868 life must have looked dark to the almost blind young man whose career had been so cruelly blasted, on November fourth of that same year God gave him in the person of his fair young bride one who should be to him more than eyes;—one that should put cheer and hope into his discouraged soul, and inspire him to snatch victory from apparent defeat. From the day when Rev. Enoch Stubbs assisted by Rev. John Hough, pronounced them man and wife until the end of his life the wisest choice he ever made was the choice of his wife. No minister ever had a truer help-meet, or one by nature, grace, and training was better fitted for a minister's wife. She read to him. She wrote his letters. She was his amanuensis. She was his business adviser. She planned to free him from all possible annoyance in the home. Throughout his long ministry she amazed even her best friends by the myriads of ways she shielded him and assisted, and supplemented, the work of her husband whom she loved with a love that was well nigh adoration.

Greensboro in 1868 was a circuit requiring two ministers. In 1869-70 they thought they were not able to pay a Junior Preacher, and so brother Adams was asked to act as supply for that year. This he did, and besides donating his services he and his young bride contributed liberally toward

the support of the senior preacher, hired a team to take him to the outlying appointments, and when he could not secure a team walked several miles to his appointment rather than disappoint the congregation. Rev. J. B. Quigg was at that time Presiding Elder of Easton District. Wilmington Conference had just been organized that spring.

Domestic peace and relief from eye-strain through his wife's assistance, together with the congenial work of preaching, so much improved his eye-sight that at the session of the Conference held in Laurel, Del., in 1872, brother Adams applied for admission on trial; and was admitted, and appointed Junion Preacher on Denton circuit. So rapidly did he develop in preaching ability that the next year he was appointed preacher in charge of Church Hill, where he served three years. While here he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Wiley at Salisbury, Md., March 8, 1874. His next appointment was Trappe, Md., where he served three years. During this pastorate, March 19, 1876, he was ordained Elder by Bishop Levi Scott at Wilmington. Other appointments were as follows: 1878-81, St. Michaels; 1881-83, Millington; 1883-86, St. Paul's, Wilmington; 1886-90, Middletown; 1890-92, Easton; 1892-98, Presiding Elder Dover District; 1898-1901, second pastorate at Easton; 1901-1906, Union, Wilmington; 1906-08, Pocomoke City; 1908-11, Harrington; 1911-14, Sharptown; 1914, Northeast.

From the very beginning brother Adams developed the power of the pastor-evangelist in a marked degree. In the winter of 1874 at Union Church, Church Hill circuit, a revival of unusual power blessed his ministry, and likewise at St. Michaels in 1879. One of the most thrilling Conference experiences of the writer was listening to the modest recital of brother Adams concerning the remarkable revival in Middletown in 1887—the most wonderful work of grace in reach and power that ever blessed that town until that of this year.

He was also a builder as well as evangelist. At Union Church, Wilmington, in addition to a gracious revival almost annually, he succeeded in canceling a troublesome debt and improved and beautified the church at a cost of \$3,500, all of which was paid in cash. In 1876 he superintended the building of a new parsonage at Trappe. During his second pastorate at Easton he inspired the Church to greatly beautify their already substantial edifice.

In 1892 he was elected a delegate to the General Conference which met in Omaha and seeing that this honor had come to him unsought, Bishop Andrews promptly appointed him Presiding Elder of Dover District. This position was singularly delicate and difficult at that time because of the greatly strained relations existing between many of the leading churches on the District and the former Presiding Elder; but with rare tact, patience, and the gracious gift of persuasion brother Adams bound up the wounds, healed the broken spirits, and his six years of work in that high office was most beneficial to the cause of God and Methodism.

Not only was brother Adams an all round pastor, but more largely than most ministers he entered into the active duties of citizenship. No minister in the Conference was better informed as to the public questions of the day, nor knew better how to make his influence felt on public questions.

Brother Adams was never physically robust. Only the watchful oversight of his self-denying wife, who shared so largely his burdens and labors, enabled him to endure for so many years the exactions of the busy life of an active pastor. With increase of years came also increase of physical infirmities until at last brother Adams stood face to face with what seems to me the supreme test of a minister's character, viz.: being compelled to drop out of the larger charges and accept the smaller church with smaller pay. Nobly did he stand this "acid test" of his experience, and went from Union Church, Wilmington, to Harrington with the same cheerful, hopeful spirit that ever characterized his work. No wonder that Harrington, then Pocomoke City, and in even increased measure Sharptown, were blessed from the ripened preaching and chastened spirit of this devoted man.

In 1914, much to his delight, brother Adams was appointed to Northeast. He told the writer he considered it almost an ideal appointment for him. Little did we dream that he would be permitted to enjoy it for so short a time. In the early summer he was stricken with a complication of diseases, and not responding satisfactorily to the treatment of the local physician he was taken to the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia. Later on pneumonia developed, and on Friday, September 11, 1914, he fell asleep, his faithful wife standing by him to the last.

Funeral services were held in Millington Church in charge of Dr. E. L. Hoffecker, Superintendent of Wilmington District, assisted by various brethren of the Conference, more than a score of whom were present. A congregation that packed the church to the doors was present. The writer preached the sermon, using as a text St. Luke's eulogy on Barnabas, "For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." Interment was made in the Mallalieu burial lot at Millington.

He leaves behind him a widow, whose constant joy it must be as she sits in the twilight to remember that she did what she could, and ALL she could, to make her husband's life happy and successful. Five children, also, survive him. Mrs. Annie A. Jolls, Victor P. Adams, Addison H. Adams, Mrs. Mary B. A. Golt, and Edgar H. Adams, and four grandchildren.

Such is a hasty glimpse of the life and labors of one of the saintliest men among us. Wise in counsel, inspirational in his preaching, gentle as a woman yet with the courage and strength of a man, his combination of gifts and graces made him one of the best beloved men of the Conference. What a legacy his life is to the children he leaves behind him! May the God whom he loved and served comfort most richly our bereaved sister until she shall be summoned to the reunion over on the other side.

VAUGHAN S. COLLINS.

Rev. Thomas Benton Hunter.

Another honored name will disappear this year from the Conference Roster in our published minutes, a new one will appear under the caption "In Memoriam."

Rev. Thomas Benton Hunter was born in the city of Philadelphia on the 17th day of Dec. 1837 and passed to his eternal rest and reward from his recent home in Monrovia, California, Nov. 12, 1914. While he was yet in his youth his family moved to Delaware City, Del., and he was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in that place during his boyhood. As in the case of so many other prospective candidates for the ministry he took a preparatory course for that calling in the vocation of a school teacher, pursuing that occupation in Delaware City, Smyrna and Milford. His first school being in Delaware City proved an exception to the Saviour's statement that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country and in his own house." It was during his teaching at Milford that he felt his call to the ministry and yielded thereto, relinquishing the medical profession, for which he had been privately preparing himself. He made application for admission on trial, into the Wilmington Conference at its first session in Wilmington in the year 1869, having been licensed previously as an exhorter and local preacher by the Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Milford under the pastorate of Rev. Benjamin F. Price. From that time he served in the effective ranks continuously for forty years with the exception of one year, 1891, when he held the supernumerary relation. At the session of the Conference in 1909 he asked for the retired relation, making his home in California, his choice of that location being due, doubtless, to the fact of his two sons living there.

While teaching at Milford he became acquainted with Miss Annie Miners, to whom he was afterwards married, who, however, shared with him the toils and triumphs of the itinerant ministry only a few years, she dying during his pastorate at St. Georges, Del. He afterwards married Mrs. Josephine Husbands of Brandywine Hundred, who with two sons survive him.

As a pastor he was universally beloved wherever he went. It could hardly be otherwise for hard must have been the heart that could entertain any other feeling than that of love toward such a gentle sweet spirited person as Brother Hunter was. Well and appropriately was it said by one who officiated at his funeral and who was brought into very intimate relations to him, "He was the incarnation of the 13th Chapter of First Corinthians." He was a concrete example of that "love which thinketh no evil" and which "doth not behave itself unseemly." He served the church of the writer's own home in St. Georges, Del., for three years, the full limit of the pastoral term at that time, and while it was not my privilege to hear him preach there at any time, because of being similarly engaged myself, I can testify to the sincere affection of the people for him and the high esteem in which he was held. One of the members of a sister denom-

ination went to hear him on one occasion in order to ascertain the cause of his popularity, but that could hardly be done in hearing him preach once, for it was Brother Hunter's everyday life of unfeigned sweetness and kindness that contributed very largely to his getting the place which he held in the affections of his people. The fact that he served one appointment, Cherry Hill, Md., for three separate times is a silent testimony to the satisfaction which his ministry gave. He was a safe man to be sent anywhere and created no antagonisms that stood in the way of his return to a former appointment.

It was the writer's privilege to hear him preach but once, at Mt. Lebanon, Del., during a revival meeting. His text on that occasion was, "And the common people heard him gladly." And I should think that texts of that character would have been his preference, for they were in perfect accord with his gentle, loving, persuasive nature. He thinks that the love of God would be his prevailing theme and that he seldom resorted to preaching "the terror of the Lord" and if he did it was to persuade men to be "reconciled to God."

He always accepted his appointments without murmur or complaint. If some brother was appointed to a place somewhat more remunerative than his own he always reconciled himself to it by the thought that the brother had a larger family than himself to provide for or children to send to school and with that spirit he could adjust himself to any situation and be happy in it.

He was endowed by nature with a kindly sympathetic disposition which was made all the more tender by the sanctifying grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and altho a man of large and robust physique he was as gentle as a woman, with a voice in perfect unison with his temperamental endowment. Because of his sympathetic nature entering fully into the sorrows of others he was frequently called upon to officiate at funerals out side of his own appointed field. No pedler ever exhibited his wares in his home in vain and no beggar was ever permitted to go away without being fed. His heart was ever responsive to any appeal for help and his hand open to minister thereto.

The funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Monrovia on the 16th of Nov., conducted by the pastor, Dr. George Geyer, assisted by Dr. Henry I. Rasmus, a former pastor, of Long Beach, Cal. The following tribute was paid him by Dr. Rasmus: "It was a delightful privilege to know this true souled man. I met him on the street and in the sanctuary. I listened to him in public service and in private conversation, and he was always the same—God's ambassador. I am wondering now if there ever was a truer man. He was one of the greatest men I have ever met in all my ministry. Simplicity in him was a transparency of beauty. His words ran clear as a stream which reveals both the gravel and the gold in its bed. How much of the gentle Christ was in his life could only be measured by an intimate knowledge of his character. When such men go the world's poverty is increased but heaven's treasury is made weightier. He went away amid the full glow of life's afternoon

made doubly beautiful and rich by faith like the faith of a little child." The services at the grave were conducted by the Masonic Lodge of which he was a member in Middletown, Del.

From our earth point of view we say, "he is dead," but from their point of view the inhabitants of heaven say, "he lives that larger complete life made possible through the power of Him who is" "the Resurrection and the Life."

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

Born unto that undying life,
They leave us but to come again;
With joy we welcome them—the same—
Except in sin and pain."

GEORGE W. TOWNSEND.

Rev. Edwin Coffin Macnichol.



Thirty-nine years ago twelve young men were admitted on probation into the Wilmington M. E. Conference, held at Union Church, Wilmington, Del., Bishop Scott, presiding. Today seven of that number survive. Of this seven, three are on the retired list, leaving but four in active service. Five have passed on ahead; the last one to ascend to the Church Triumphant was Edwin C. Macnichol. Brother Macnichol was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 23rd, 1854, of Scotch-Irish parents. His father and mother, Alexander and Margaret M., were thorough Methodists, earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the Saints. Their son, the subject of this memoir, was converted at the early age of 14, in 11th St. M. E. Church, Philadelphia, under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Charles Cook. He was given Exhorter's License when he was 17 years old, and three years later was licensed as a Local Preacher by the Quarterly Conference, under the Presidency of Rev. Dr. S. W. Thomas. Thus, at this early age, he began his Master's work in preaching the old, old story of Jesus and His Love.

His educational advantages were liberal; he attended the public school in Philadelphia, and Saunder's College in the same city. He also spent nearly four years at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. His father dying when Edwin was but 12 years old, he was thrown to a large extent upon his own resources for an education, but with the pluck and perseverance characteristic of his ancestry, he worked diligently and paid his way.

He was united in marriage, March 21, 1878, to Miss Mosena VanBurk-alow, of Magnolia, Del. Four children cemented and blessed this union; one died early, three are living, viz: Mrs. M. D. Coulbourn, of Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. R. D. Smith, of Wilmington, Del., and Miss Beulah, living with her mother in Philadelphia. Brother Macnichol was not only happily married, but was happy in his marriage relation all through the 36 years in which they traveled hand in hand down life's pathway; the fires of affection were never permitted to become cold ashes. His wife was a typical helpmeet in the ministry, inspiring, encouraging and comforting her husband, holding up his head and hands when they were weary. As a father, brother Macnichol was loving, thoughtful and kind. His children rise up and call him blessed.

The call to preach, which he heard when he was but 17 years of age, never grew faint in the years that followed. He began his itinerant ministry in 1875, on Denton Circuit, as a supply, under Rev. John Hough, P. E., with Rev. E. P. Aldred as senior preacher. As a preacher brother Macnichol excelled in point, pith, and brevity—he was never tedious or tiresome—the congregation was left with a pleasant taste in the mouth, wishing for more. He went direct to the heart of his subject, and made the truth forceful and plain with apt illustrations. The Gospel was to him "no cunningly devised fable, but the power of God unto Salvation." In 1894, St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., conferred upon him the degree of D. D. He served with ability and acceptability some of the best churches

in the Conference, his appointments being: Camden, Barrett's Chapel, Epworth, Charlestown, Millsboro, Pomona, Still Pond, Felton, Sudlersville, Pocomoke City, Cambridge, 10 years; Laurel, Asbury, Wilmington; Rising Sun. At Asbury his health began to decline. He went to Rising Sun, hoping that the invigorating air of the hills of Cecil county would give improvement, but he was doomed to disappointment. He resigned his charge in October, 1913; he removed to Philadelphia, still hoping for better things when Spring opened, but the sun of his life was clouded, and for a year he lingered. His Scotch perseverance and his Irish humor, supplemented with the unfailing grace of God, nerved and sustained him and his sufferings, until Oct. 18th, 1914, he ceased to suffer, and calmly and sweetly fell asleep on that beautiful Sunday morning. The church bells were ringing a glad welcome for the worshippers to assemble in God's House, but Brother Macnichol heard the music of heaven, and his raptured spirit spread its wings for flight to join the blood-washed throng singing the song of Moses and the Lamb in the cathedral of the skies. He had often expressed the desire that when the death messenger came, he might find him in his pulpit, preaching the Gospel of a full and free salvation. He did come at the hour when he would have been in the pulpit, had he been able to preach. The Messenger found him ready—he laid aside the Gospel trumpet and grasped the crown of life. As his classmate and comrade I gladly pay this, my humble, tribute to his worth and faithfulness as a minister of Jesus Christ. I can readily imagine that in company with Chandler, Bowen and Brewington, from the battlements of glory he waves the banner of victory to the surviving members of the class of '76, and to all his ministerial colleagues. Shall we not send back the answering shout, "we'll be there."

The funeral services were held in Camden M. E. Church, on Thursday, Oct. 22d, 1914, in charge of Dr. Hoffecker, D. S. Addresses were made by Dr. Corkran and the writer. Beautiful and touching selections were sung by the choir. The body was interred in the Camden Cemetery in the presence of a large number of appreciative people.

LOUIS E. BARRETT.

Rev. John Russell Cannon.

The Rev. John Russell Cannon was born at Spartansburg, S. C., Aug. 12th, 1859. He was the son of William Wilson and Ruth Holt Cannon. Early in life he gave his heart to God, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the year 1881 Bro. Cannon began his career as a minister of the Gospel. On Oct. 4th, 1885 he was ordained an Elder at Gastonia, N. C., by Bishop W. F. Mallalieu. In the year of 1890 he was married at Bakersville, N. C., to Miss Blanch Clapp. Of this marriage three children were born—Maude, Ruth, and John Russell, Jr., the latter dying in his infancy. Soon after his marriage Bro. Cannon was appointed as a Presiding

Elder. He served the District faithfully, and won the confidence of both ministers and laymen, but the work necessitated long periods of absence from his home, and family. He tendered his resignation and moved to Washington, D. C., and soon accepted work as a supply in the Baltimore Conference. He served Tanallytown one year, and Congress Heights Church, Washington, for two years with great acceptability. In Oct., 1894 his wife died, and in 1898 he was married to Mrs. Emma E. Chew of Havre de Grace, Md., and in the Spring of 1899 he came to the Wilmington Conference, and Dr. W. F. Cochran, Presiding Elder of Easton District, placed him in charge of Pomona Circuit. The following year he was transferred by Bishop Mallalieu to the Wilmington Conference.

He served the following named charges in our Conference: Pomona, 2 years; Tilghman Island, 4 years; Beckwith, 2 years; Tangier, 3 years, Concord 2 years and Somerset, where he closed his earthly ministry, 3 years.

Bro. Cannon possessed a striking personality. When his righteous indignation was aroused against the enemies of his Lord, he hurled words of fiery denunciation and defiance that would have made a Goliath tremble with fear, but when some bleeding heart needed comfort, or some awakened sinner sought guidance, his tones became as soft as an evening zephyr, and as soothing as a mother's evening lullaby. He was always found on the side of the helpless and oppressed. He was not arbitrary, but when once convinced that he was right, one would find the task of swerving him to be as Herculean as that of moving the mountains of his native state. He loved the children and youth. He was alert for opportunities to elevate them mentally and morally, and to teach them the mysteries of the Kingdom of God. They loved him in return and honored him highly. They always rallied around him in his work. He despised duplicity and hypocrisy, and believed in sturdy, manly, true men. He was faithful in the discharge of his duty towards all the activities of the church. I believe, however, that it was in his pulpit work that he excelled. He was clear, logical, scriptural, scholarly, unctious, and convincing. When necessary he used the surgeon's knife with the skill of an Osler, or a Mayo, and could bind up the wounds with the tenderness and deftness of a Florence Nightingale. At times he arose to wonderful heights of oratory and he'd his audience spellbound. He had a passion for souls and was never happier than when listening to the mingled cry of the penitent and shout of the convert. He loved the ministry and the ministers. He often expressed the desire to die in the "harness," and God practically granted his wish. While preaching on Sunday evening, June 9th, 1912, he suddenly paused and leaned against the pulpit desk. He said, "There is a strange feeling stealing over me, it may be death—I do not know, but I wish to speak to you just as long as I can." In a few moments he called one of the church officials and whispered, "please help me out of the building." His faithful companion, as she had always been in the hour of need, was instantly at his side. Loving hands partly led, and partly carried him to

the Church lawn. He urged that the service be not disturbed, for said he, "there is a fine spirit manifested here tonight." Calling his family to him he spoke beautifully of his hope, and urged them to be true to God and the Church. Loving hands later removed him to the parsonage, where he was given the best of medical attention, and the constant care of a self-sacrificing wife. He recovered this attack of paralysis sufficiently to resume his work in the autumn. The next spring his wife asked him to retire from the active work and thus recuperate his strength so as to be able to care for her and the children. He replied, "I must continue, if I fall, God can take better care of you than I can." The loyal, loving people of Somerset charge cordially invited him to return for another year. They did everything in their power to lighten his burdens. The closing months of his life were filled with suffering, much of the time being spent in the hospital. He realized that the end was near, and planned for it with the same calm, joyful anticipation he would have shown in arranging for a delightful vacation. He frequently declared his entire readiness to go. At 11.15, Monday night, Feb. 8, last, at the parsonage in Chance, Md., the final call came, and he gladly answered the summons. His grief-stricken widow and four children are left a rich heritage. The funeral was held in Chance M. E. Church, Thursday afternoon, Feb. 11th, in charge of Rev. G. P. Jones, assisted by Revs. G. W. Stallings, G. W. Hastings, Leolan Jackson, Samuel Horseman and the writer. He was buried in the cemetery near the church. "He is not dead but sleepeth."

G. W. BOUNDS.

Mrs. Hester Frances Nowell Stallings.

Mrs. Hester Frances Nowell, wife of our brother, the Rev. George W. Stallings, was called from the earthly life on Tuesday evening, May 30th, 1914, after a lingering illness of more than four months.

Mrs. Stallings was born September 17th, 1861, in Calvert County, Md., under the best Christian influences, her father being a pious local minister of the Baltimore Conference. She joined the church in her early girlhood, and was taught from infancy that she belonged to God. As far back as the family history can be traced all of her family have been devoted Methodists. On December 5, 1881, she became the wife of Brother Stallings. One son, Percy Nowell, residing in Baltimore, and Ada Elizabeth, faithful daughter in the parsonage home with her father, are left to mourn the loss of this devoted mother, and loving companion. In the memory of those who knew her best, there is recalled the strong and cheerful face which reflected evenness of disposition, and steadfastness of soul, which distinguished her character. Her bearing was marked by a sweet and gracious womanliness. Her life glowed in the sober fidelities of the home sphere and always happy in the family circle, but in no less marked degree was her love and loyalty to the Church and ministry.

When in the clutch of fatal illness she not only bore up with uncomplaining fortitude, but lived her last days serenely, showing anxiety only to shield her loved ones from sorrow. Her husband and children are rich in the sympathy of many friends and the consolation that the records of her motherly devotion and unselfish life are written on high.

The funeral services were held at the residence of her son and were in charge of the District Superintendent, Dr. George P. Jones, assisted by the Rev. J. Phelps Hand, of the Baltimore Conference. The interment was in Baltimore cemetery.

E. H. MARSHALL.

Mrs. Edith Willis.

Mrs. Edith Willis, whose maiden name was Gillespy, was born in New York City, January 5th, 1854. The years of childhood was spent in love and culture of a pious home of the old time type, and her heart responded to its spiritual charms. This bore testimony to the fact that when quite young she turned with longing desire to the God of her parents. She at once united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which she led a sweet, devoted and Christly life, the testimony of which had no uncertain sound. At the age of sixteen she began teaching and with the exception of one or two years continued to teach in the public schools in Greenwich, Conn., and Port Chester, N. Y., until her marriage with Rev. Jonathan Willis, April 16, 1888. Brother Willis saw in her a suitable person to assist in his work, as a minister. This happy union was blessed with one child, Jonathan Willis, Jr., who resides at Lincoln City, Delaware. In the year of 1904 she moved to Milford, Del., and at once entered into the work of the church, manifesting an interest in every department of christian work. The New Century Club of Milford is a monument to her memory, for it was in her mind that the idea of a woman's club was originated, which club has met the longfelt want, and has done much for the intellectual growth of its members. She moved to Lincoln City, Delaware, in the year of 1912, in which place she spent quietly the closing years of her life. For eighteen months she suffered greatly from an incurable malady, but her faith, courage, and patience failed her not, and those who were permitted to visit her sickroom, felt that the gentle influence of her spirit was a benediction upon their lives. The last two months of her life were months of slowly waning strength, but her interest in the Lord's work never failed. The last visit the writer made to her home, he found her reading a book entitled "Messages of Hope." She never murmured nor questioned the wisdom and goodness of her Heavenly Father, but submitted sweetly to His will. On August the 4th, 1914, she heard the summons to the better country. Three days later, a brief funeral service was held at her home in Lincoln, and was conducted by the writer of this memoir. The body

was interred in the beautiful old Cemetery at Barrett's Chapel, by the side of her husband, Rev. Jonathan Willis, there to rest until the resurrection morning, when the eternal day of the Lord shall dawn.

"Asleep in Jesus, peaceful rest.
Whose waking is supremely blest.
No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour.
That manifests the Saviours power."

J. H. GARDNER.

Mrs. Lizzie M. Lecates.

Mrs. Lizzie M. Lecates was born at Deals Island, Maryland, October 31, 1856. Her parents were John William and Elizabeth S. Wilson. They were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Deals Island, and trained their daughter in the same devotion to Christ and the Church. When a small child, she was converted and joined the church, and from that time forward gave herself to the service of her Lord.

She was married to the Rev. John D. Lecates, July 11, 1875. The first part of their married life was spent in Somerset County, Maryland, where Mrs. Lecates was a constant helpmeet to her husband in his struggle in the business world. Full of sunshine, she was able to cheer him amid the discouragements which frequently came to them. In 1889 her husband began to preach, and in March, 1902, joined the Wilmington Conference. Those of us who knew Bro. Lecates remember with what zeal he entered upon his duties as a minister of Jesus, and how he literally burned himself out in eight short years, dying at the age of 41. Mrs. Lecates was a devoted mother. Her daughter says of her: "She was all that a mother could be. Her one great desire and aim was that we should walk in the footsteps of Jesus. We never lacked Christian training in the home." In spite of these home duties, she gave much time to her husband's work. By her loving words and cherry smiles, she smoothed out many a rough place for him.

After the death of her husband, she made her home first at Deal's Island and later in Baltimore. For about four years before her death, Sister Lecates was a great sufferer, gradually weakening before the advance of blighting disease and bitter pain. She fell asleep in Jesus on August 18, 1914, at her home in Baltimore, Maryland. Funeral services were conducted in her home by the writer, assisted by Rev. Dr. Little of the Methodist Protestant Church. Her body was laid away in the beautiful Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore, to await that glorious morning when death shall be no more, and when the grave shall be robbed of its victory.

THOMAS R. VAN DYKE.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hillman Dawson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hillman Dawson, wife of the Rev. William F. Dawson, was born at Coxsachie, New York, on the banks of the Hudson river, July 13th, 1861, and died at the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., September 14th, 1914.

Quite early in her life sister Dawson became profoundly impressed with "The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king of Jerusalem" who said, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." To these she gave prompt heed and made her choice of Christ's abiding friendship and fellowship to be the most important and profitable act of her entire life. Being consciously and happily converted when but a girl, she was immersed in the waters of the Hudson, immediately identified herself with the Baptist communion, and there began her most beautiful, consistent and helpful career.

That sister Dawson was full worthy and, in large measure, enjoyed the confidence and high esteem of the people in the several charges served by her husband, has been by many, and in numerous ways abundantly attested. By her the legitimate claims of home and the family life were fully recognized, and her duties here were met with a courageous spirit that never faltered, even in the face of obstacles before which many would doubtless have quailed.

In her own home and family, their well-being and highest good, her thoughts and interest seem to have centered, while around these, to make the entire household gather and cling, she consecrated a wonderful ambition. While others were led out on more public errands and work, she seemed to feel that her call lay along the more private interests and walks of her own home; and here, unmolested by conflicting opinions as to ways and means of achievement, she did her best work, a work always carefully planned and as steadily wrought out by a heart, that so early made the teachings of God's word the rule and standard of her own right life, and as well the ideal of most noble service for those about her.

Before she became hopelessly enfeebled, her industry was a marked feature of her character; for she contributed her share to the busy move of things around her. Her life was not a listless, inactive one; but, on the contrary, a diligent hand, closely linked to a tender, sympathetic heart, enabled her to meet duty, in whatsoever form this appeared, with a remarkable and uncomplaining spirit; so much so that everything she attempted, seemed both a pleasure and a delight performed by her with a fidelity and conscientiousness, scarcely seen in any one whose heart has not felt the pulsations of daily renewing grace.

With genuine hospitality she welcomed to her home, the friends of herself and family. Her's was a sincere cordiality that persuaded those who knew her well, that her friendship "was not like one's shadow keep-

ing close to us while we walk in the sunlight, and leaving us the instant we cross into the shade," but rather, as the light of phosphorus, seen plainest when all around is dark; the sort that brought to all who crossed her threshold a feeling kindred to that which is felt in the presence of one's own family. She made friends and kept them by the goodness of her own heart; while the constant glow of grace always to be seen in her countenance, "broke through the chill of ceremony and selfishness," and thawed every other heart into like frame and feeling to that she possessed.

During the closing years of her life she was painfully stricken, and for many weary months, was held in the firm, relentless grip of a complication of diseases, yet throughout this sore ordeal, that terminated in the release of her spirit from its "tabernacle of flesh," she possessed a clear mind, a strong faith, and in the assurance of that glorious hope, long her's, on the 14th. of September last, she quietly slipped away from the midst of those she here loved dearest, and entered that larger life beyond, whose day knows no night and where we are assured separations never take place.

December 16, 1885, at Milford, Delaware, she was united in marriage to our brother, Rev. William F. Dawson, and with him, for nearly 29 years with wonderful fortitude and with graces most queenly as well as christian, she shared the ever varying experiences incident to the life of the itinerant ministry, until called therefrom by the One whose summons we are each some day to hear.

Beside the sorrowing husband, two sons and two daughters mourn her departure from this life. Eugene L. and William Edgar of Philadelphia, Pa., Mary L. of Bound Brook, N. J., and Elmyra N. of Hillsboro, Md. These, as well as a host of friends, oft "sigh for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still."

On September 19th last, impressive services under direction of the writer, who was assisted by various pastors from the churches in Wilmington and vicinity, were held in the chapel at Riverview Cemetery, Wilmington, Del. Appropriate addresses were made by Brothers W. L. S. Murray, G. R. Neese and G. A. Cooke, after which, borne by the hands of sympathetic brother ministers, the body was tenderly laid to rest, there to await the waking of all those who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

W. A. WISE.

Mrs. Laura Virginia Talbot.

The subject of this memoir, Mrs. Laura Virginia Talbot, was born near Dover, Kent County, Delaware, June 16, 1835. Her father, Pleasant Hamm, was an ardent Methodist, her mother, Abigail Hamm, a devout Episcopalian. On July 3, 1860, she was married to the Rev. William F. Talbot, who was then serving his fourth year in the effective ranks of the

ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She became the trusted counsellor and loyal helpmeet of her husband in the arduous labors of a long and useful career. In 1903, her husband, after some years of retirement from the effective ranks because of failing health, passed to his reward.

Sister Talbot was the mother of one son and four daughters, all of whom died in childhood except Mrs. George Raughley, of Kent County, Delaware, with whom she made her home from 1903 until the time of her death.

Of a retiring disposition, impatient with the frivolities of the world, quiet and unassuming in her manner, faithful to the interests of her husband, devoted to her Master and Lord, loyal to her Church until death, she awoke a warm response of affection among a large circle of friends.

On Sunday morning, January 31, 1915, Laura Virginia Talbot, after a brief illness, with her daughter and grandchildren about her, passed in peace from earth to her heavenly Home, and was tenderly laid to rest by the side of her companion in life, within the old Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Dover, Delaware, Tuesday, February 2nd, by her pastor, the author of this memorial.

W. E. GUNBY.

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.**MORNING SESSION.**

OPENING—The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Laymen's Association was held in the lecture room of Christ's Methodist Protestant Church, Laurel, Delaware, March 26, 1915. The Association was called to order by the President, Thomas N. Rawlins. A love feast for a full hour was led by Bro. L. T. Grubb of Scott Church. It was characterized by great spiritual uplift and nearly all the delegates testified.

INTRODUCTIONS—Dr. W. W. Davis of the Baltimore Conference, Chairman of the Committee on the Lord's Day Alliance, asked the laymen of the Wilmington Conference to give their earnest support to this movement on this peninsula. Dr. John Krantz outlined the relations of the Methodist Book Concern to the church and what should be the attitude of the laymen towards the Church publications. They were exhorted to purchase Sunday School supplies, song books, programs for special occasions, etc., through the Book Concern and insure to the church the profit on the same.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT—Dr. J. B. Hingeley addressed the Association on the subject of Conference Claimants Endowment. In his remarks he drew a parallel between the policy of Corporations and the Government on one hand and the Church on the other. Corporations give pensions to secure efficiency and to encourage men of greater ability to enter their employ, the Government grants pensions for work in preserving the national institutions, likewise pension systems for the retired minister and those dependent upon him, will prove a great factor in securing greater efficiency in work for the kingdom. Wilmington Conference needs \$200,000 additional endowment in order the ministers may be adequately cared for. During his talk he called attention to the fact that Brother John P. Holland was the first to present a memorial to the General Conference opening up the way for a systematic campaign for the Claimants Endowment Fund.

JOINT SESSION—Dr. W. G. Koons informed the Laymen's Association of the desire of the Annual Conference to meet with the laymen in joint session at 3 p. m. Dr. Koons was followed by brother W. J. Downing, J. H. Phillips, and C. E. Burchenal with remarks on the same line as Dr. Hingeley, approving the raising of an adequate endowment for this Conference. On motion the matter was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

INTRODUCTION—Dr. J. Straughn, pastor of Christs M. P. Church, Laurel, Del., was next introduced and spoke encouragingly to the laymen on the Endowment Fund.

COMMITTEES—President Rawlins then announced the appointment of the following committees: Resolutions—Bros. C. E. Burchenal, W. J. Downing, A. W. Sisk, R. M. Cooper. Finance—Bros. Harry Mayer, L. S. Conwell, V. C. Hitchens, Jos. Mallalieu. Nominations—Bros. H. P. Cannon, L. E. P. Dennis, C. H. Jefferson, W. B. Genn.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 1.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened by devotional exercises. Upon their conclusion, Dr. C. M. Levister spoke on the aims and future of the Anti-Saloon League. He was followed by Rev. E. C. Prettyman, the newly appointed Anti-Saloon representative of the Wilmington Conference.

The Committee on Finance reported they found the accounts of the Treasurer correct with a balance of \$10.59 and recommended a collection of \$25.00 be taken to defray the expense of the Association.

DICKINSON COLLEGE—Dr. Jas. H. Morgan of Dickinson College was introduced and spoke briefly of the history of that institution and of its present educational advantages.

NOMINATIONS—The Committee on Nominations reported the following: President, W. O. Hoffecker, Vice Presidents, John P. Price, Dover District, Joseph Mallalieu, Easton District, Robley D. Jones, Salisbury District, T. B. Ridgeway, Wilmington District. Secretary C. A. Short, Treasurer, Irving Culver. The nominees were unanimously elected to the respective offices.

RESOLUTIONS—The Committee on Resolutions, through its chairman Caleb E. Burchenal, reported the following resolutions which were taken up in their order and unanimously adopted.

I**Liquor Traffic.**

Whereas, The evils of the liquor traffic, socially, religiously and industrially, have passed beyond the realm of debate; and

Whereas, Those engaged in the traffic, together with those who are in sympathy with them, never sleep, but follow the rule of "eternal vigilance" and ignore all party allegiances or ties when the traffic is endangered by legislation; now, therefore

Be it Resolved, by the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, representing the three counties of Delaware, nine counties of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and two counties of Virginia, now assembled at Laurel, Delaware:

That we believe it to be the duty of every citizen to be as vigilant in opposing the traffic as its friends are in promoting it, and we particularly

call upon the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Wilmington Conference to lay aside all consideration of party politics whenever this question shall be directly or indirectly at issue, and to vote only for men and measures in opposition to the legalized liquor traffic in every way shape or form.

We especially and emphatically condemn the action of those members of the late Delaware Legislature who failed to support the measure known as the "Hill bill," prohibiting the shipment of intoxicating liquors into the dry counties of Kent and Sussex, Delaware, and we recommend that such members be not again returned to the Delaware Legislature unless they furnish undoubted evidence of having experienced a change of heart in connection with this question.

We urge upon all voters, and especially upon all Christian voters, to see to it that no liquor traffic sympathizers be sent to the next session of the Maryland Legislature, nor anyone whose attitude on that question is doubtful; in short, that none but foes of the liquor traffic be put on guard as representatives of the people.

We expressly desire to follow the good example set by Virginia and other states, and hereby express our earnest desire for state-wide prohibition for Maryland and Delaware, looking forward to the good day when national constitutional prohibition will be an accomplished fact.

II

Sanctity of Sabbath.

Whereas, The sanctity of the Lord's Day is absolutely vital to the welfare of the home and of the church, and

Whereas, The Lord's Day Alliance is doing splendid service in preserving this day sacred,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church that we endorse the Lord's Day Alliance in its great work and pledge to it our very strongest co-operation.

Acknowledging the splendid service of Dr. Howard A. Kelly of Baltimore in the cause of preserving the Lord's Day

Be it therefore resolved, that the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference in session assembled hereby express our appreciation of his great work for maintaining the sanctity of the Sabbath day.

IV

Conference Claimant Endowment.

Whereas, The annuity rate established by the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the Wilmington Conference and payable to a retired minister of said conference is \$13.50 for each year of active service of said retired minister; and

Whereas, The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church has been able to pay only \$8.00 per year of the above \$13.50 for each year of active service; and

Whereas, The income of 5 per cent. on an endowment of \$200,000 is needed in addition to the other moneys received by the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in order to meet the disciplinary rights of the retired ministers and the claims of the necessitous cases; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Wilmington Conference Laymen's Association in annual meeting assembled at Laurel, Delaware, that this association does hereby heartily indorse and support the movement to raise an endowment fund of \$200,000 in order that the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church may do its full disciplinary duty to its retired ministers and their dependants; and be it further

Resolved, That this Wilmington Conference Laymen's Association recommend to the Wilmington Annual Conference that immediate steps be taken to raise said sum of \$200,000, and to that end this association pledges its loyal and earnest support.

COMMISSION—On motion, a commission of nine laymen two from each district and Hon. T. N. Rawlins at large were appointed to act with a like number from the Annual Conference in supervising the campaign for the Jubilee Endowment Fund. The Commission was then named as follows: Wilmington District, Caleb E. Burchenal, Melville Gambrill; Easton District, Walter O. Hoffecker, Charles H. Jefferson; Dover District, Henry P. Cannon, A. W. Sisk; Salisbury District, Wm. J. Downing, L. E. P. Dennis. At large, Thos. N. Rawlins.

NEXT SESSION—On motion of the Secretary, it was ordered, that, on account of next year being the regular session of the Lay Electoral Conference, the next meeting of the Laymen's Association will be held at the seat of the Annual Conference sometime during the session of the same in 1917.

COLLECTION—On motion of Bro. V. C. Hitchens the Committee on Ministerial support was continued. Collection of \$25.88 was announced.

JOINT SESSION—The Association proceeded to Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church and entered in joint session with the Ministerial Conference. After Bishop Cooke had introduced Pres. Thos. N. Rawlins to the Ministerial Conference, he, the Bishop, stated that the object of the joint session was the consideration of ministerial support with its greater present question of proper support for retired ministers and their dependants. Bro. Caleb E. Burchenal, chairman of Committee on Resolutions, presented the resolutions adopted by the Laymen's Association and explained the reasons for the adoption of said resolutions. Bro. Melville Gambrill was called to the platform and spoke on tithing and how it may be used to help in the re-

ligious life. In closing he said "After the ministers are worn out and have earned their wages, I want to see some fund established that will continue to pay them their wages and care for them and their families." The minutes of a meeting held at Grace Church, Wilmington, Delaware, Dec. 1, 1914 and composed of the four District Superintendents, Conference Stewards, the Conference Finance Committee and the Conference Trustees with Dr. Hingeley was then read and their provisions taken up in order. The several provisions were amended and adopted by a rising vote of the ministers and laymen.

ADJOURNMENT—The joint session was dissolved and the Laymen's Association adjourned. Total attendance was 97.

THOS. N. RAWLINS, President.

CLARENCE 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.

STATISTICAL

DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (Enrolled During Year, Now on Roll, Members on Roll, Non-Resident Members, Local Preachers, Deaths), Epw'th League (Senior Members, Junior Members, Churches), Church Property (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.), General Conference Expenses (Apportionment for the Quadrennium, Paid this Year, Balance Due).

STATISTICAL

DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools (Officers and Teachers, Scholars not including Home Department and Cradle Roll, Members in the Home Department, Children on the Cradle Roll, Total Enroll't in all Depts. incl. Cradle Roll, Home Dept. Offs., Teachers, Scouts, Average Attendance of all Grades, Officers and Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers, Scholars incl. Home Dept. Ch. Mem'rs or Prob'ers, Members Sunday Sch. converted during Conf. Year, Sunday School Expenses, Lesson I. cases, Books, etc.), Church, Sunday School 10% of Sunday Sch. Miss. Offering, Collec's for Bd. of S. S.

STATISTICAL

EASTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (Enrolled During Year, Now on Roll, Members on Roll, etc.), Epw'th League, Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value, Paid for Buildings and Improvements, etc.), and General Conf'ce Expen's (Apportioned for the Quadrennium, Paid this Year, Balance Due).

STATISTICAL

EASTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAME OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools (Officers and Teachers, Scholars not including Home Department and Cradle Roll, etc.), Children on the Cradle Roll, Total Enroll't in all Depts. (Inc. Cradle Roll, Home Dept., etc.), Average Attendance of all Grades, Officers and Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers, Members incl. Home Dept. Ch. M'm's or Probaters, Members Sunday Sch. converted during Conf. Year, Sunday School Expenses (Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.), Church (Sunday School, % of Sunday Sch. Miss. Offering).

STATISTICAL EASTON DISTRICT.

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

TREASURER'S EASTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGE, Disciplinary Benevolences (Missions, Education, B'd. of S. S., Conf. Investments, Church Temperance Soc'y, 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), Other Benevolences.

STATISTICAL

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Church Membership (Probationers, Full Members), Epw'th League (Senior Members, Junior Members), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value, Parsonages, etc.), and General Conference Expenses (Apportioned for the Quadrant, Paid this Year, Balance Due).

STATISTICAL

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools (Officers and Teachers, Scholars not including Home Department, etc.), and Collec's for Bd. of S. S.

STATISTICAL 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 (Adults Baptized, Children Baptized, Baptized Children under instruction as Probationers), Total Claim, Total Deficiency.

TREASURER'S SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences (Missions, Education, B'd. of S. S., Conf. Claimants, Church Investments, Woman's For. Miss. 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), Other Benevolences.

STATISTICAL

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), Church Property (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., 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, Scholars not including Home Department and Cradle Roll, Members in the Home Department, Children on the Cradle Roll, Total Enroll't in all Depts. Incl. Cradle Roll, Home Dept., Off's, Teach's, Schls., Average Attendance of all Grades), Officers and Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers, Scholars incl. Home Dept. Ch. Memb'rs or Prob'ers, Members Sunday Sch. converted during Conf. Year, Sunday School Expenses; Lesson Leaves, Books, etc., Church, Sunday School, 10% of Sunday Sch. Missionary Offer'g, Collec's for Bd. of S. S.

STATISTICAL
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

TREASURER'S
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences (Missions: Board of Foreign Missions, Board of H. M. & Church Extension; Education: Bd. of Education, Children's Fund, Conf. Education; Bd. of S. S.; Bd. of 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 Expenses E. L. Methodist Brotherhood; Conference Academy; Domestic Missions; Philadelphia Hospital), Other Benevolences.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT.

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NAME OF DISTRICT	Enrolled During Year	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preachers	Deaths During Year	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, Sex-ton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid This Year	Balance for the Quadrennium	Enrolled During Year	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preachers	Deaths During Year	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, Sex-ton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid This Year	Balance for the Quadrennium	
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HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION STATISTICS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

- Armory and Asbury—O. T. Baynard, Pastor.
Armory Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$25; Special, \$12; Asbury Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$11; Special, \$12; Belgian Fund, \$2 \$82.
- Beckwith and Speddens—J. A. Buckson, Pastor.
Beckwith Church, \$45; School, \$30; Speddens Church, \$43; School, \$32\$150
- Blades and Epworth—D. W. Jacobs, Pastor.
Churches, \$20; Schools, \$30\$50
- Bridgeville—Howard Davis, Pastor.
Church, \$165; School, \$55\$220
- Burrsville—J. T. Price, Pastor.
Church and School\$80
- Cambridge—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.
Church and School\$330
- Camden—Alfred Smith, Pastor.
Churches and Schools, \$80; War Relief, \$21\$101
- Canterbury—C. H. Atkins, Pastor.
Canterbury, \$15; Viola, \$22; Woodside, \$20\$57
- Church Creek—E. P. Jones, Pastor.
Churches and Schools\$40
- Concord—G. S. Thomas, Pastor.
Churches and Schools\$160
- Crapo—Leolan Jackson, Pastor.
Churches and Schools\$200
- Denton—H. A. G. Westerfield, Pastor.
Church, \$147; School, \$170; Special, \$50\$367
- Wesley, Dover—W. E. Gunby, Pastor.
Church, \$44; School, \$250; Special, \$13\$307
- East New Market—E. W. Jones, Pastor.
Trinity School, \$30; Sr. League, \$5; Jr. League, \$5; Baraca Class, \$100; Cabin Creek School, \$30; Secretary School, \$30\$200
- Ellendale—J. P. Kelley, Pastor.
Churches, \$110; Schools, \$20\$130

Farmington—O. E. James, Pastor.	
Farmington, \$20; Todd's, \$55; Prospect, \$13; Staytonsville, \$2.....	\$90
Federalburg—T. E. Terry, Pastor.	
Church, \$55; School, \$165	\$220
Felton—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.	
Church, \$50; Schools, \$150	\$200
Frederica—J. W. Jones, Pastor.	
Church, \$80; School, \$244	\$324
Galestown—J. A. Leach, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$160
Georgetown Circuit—W. P. Taylor, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$140
Greenwood—J. C. B. Hopkins, Pastor.	
Trinity Church, \$75; School, \$14; Greenwood Church, \$18; School, \$35; Chaplains Church, \$35; School, \$6; St. Johnstown Church, \$30; School, \$7	\$210
Harrington—V. P. Northrup, Pastor.	
Church, \$12; School, \$188; Mrs. Georgie Fleming Memorial Fund \$50.	\$250
Hickman and Epworth—M. W. Marine, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$36
Houston—I. S. Whittaker, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$130
Hurlock—A. W. Goodhand, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$230
Lakesville—R. H. Wilson, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$70
Leipsic—A. R. Brown, Pastor.	
Church, \$40; School, \$20; Special, \$15	\$75
Lewes—W. G. Koons, Pastor.	
Church, \$135; School, \$195; League, \$20	\$350
Lincoln—J. H. Gardner, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$120
Little Creek—S. W. Grant, Pastor.	
Little Creek Church, \$15; School, \$15; St. John's Church, \$15; School, \$15	\$60
Magnolia & Barretts Chapel—W. E. Matthews, Pastor.	
Magnolia Church, \$40; School, \$72; Barretts Chapel Church, \$10; School, \$12; Saxtons Church, \$7; School, \$9	\$150

Milford—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.	
Church, \$300; School, \$300	\$600
Milton—Z. H. Webster, Pastor.	
Church, \$59; School, \$121	\$180
Nassau—J. M. Kelso, Pastor.	
Conley's Church, \$20; School, \$30; White's Church, \$17; School, \$12; Zion Church, \$12; School, \$9	\$100
Rehoboth—H. B. Kelso, Pastor.	
Epworth Church, \$44; School, \$33; Ebenezer Church, \$24; School, \$16; Jr. League, \$3	\$120
Seaford—O. E. Jones, Pastor.	
Church, \$231; School, \$194	\$425
Seaford Circuit—D. J. Ford, Pastor.	
Churches, \$260; Schools, \$60	\$320
Williamsburg—J. A. Hudson, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$64
Wyoming—B. L. McFarland, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$60
Zion—Thomas Pardee, Pastor.	
Churches, \$30; Schools, \$30	\$60
EASTON DISTRICT.	
Bozman and Neavitt—J. A. Brewington, Pastor.	
Bozman Church, \$13; School, \$34; Neavitt Church, \$11; School, \$8....	\$66
Cecilton—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.	
Cecilton School, \$170; St. Paul's, \$50; Special gift, \$24	\$244
Centreville—J. R. Bicking, Pastor.	
Church, \$95; School, \$150; Epworth League, \$5	\$250
Chestertown—L. E. Barrett, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$470
Cheswold—W. H. Kenney, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$165
Church Hill—J. L. Sparklin, Pastor.	
Schools	\$130
Clayton—G. R. Neese, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$63
Cordova—Harry Taylor, Pastor.	
Cordova Church, \$15; School, \$22; Chapel Church, \$13; School, \$10; Kings Creek Church, \$15; School, \$5; Epworth League, \$5.....	\$85

Crumpton—C. T. Jones, Pastor.	
Crumpton School, \$40; Union Church, \$20; Double Creek Church and School, \$15	\$85
Easton—W. L. White, Pastor.	
Church and School, \$355; Special Gift, \$98	\$453
Fairlee—W. W. White, Pastor.	
Churches, \$60; Schools, \$20	\$80
Galena—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$76
Greensboro—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.	
School	\$180
Henderson—W. N. Conaway, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$40
Hillsboro—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.	
Churches, \$50; Schools, \$50; Special Gift, \$6	\$106
Kenton—W. W. Chaires, Pastor.	
Churches, \$40; Schools, \$65	\$105
Marydel—W. M. McCann, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$95
Middletown—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.	
Church, \$150; School, \$300; Special Gift, \$4	\$454
Odessa—H. C. Shipley, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$97
Oxford—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.	
School	\$45
Piney Neck—Alonzo Travers, Pastor.	
School	\$45
Pomona—O. B. Rice, Pastor.	
Churches, \$42; Schools, \$53	\$95
Queenstown—N. C. Benson, Pastor.	
Churches, \$70; Schools, \$10; Special, \$10	\$90
Ridgely—W. E. Habbart, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$150
Rock Hall—J. W. Prettyman, Pastor.	
Church, \$30; School, \$80	\$110
Royal Oak—Frank White, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$31
Salem Circuit—Henry Covington, Pastor.	
Church and Schools	\$36

Smyrna—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.	
Smyrna Church, \$360; School, \$277; Smyrna Landing School, \$5; Special Gift, \$16	\$658
Smyrna Circuit—Milton McCann, Pastor.	
Churches, \$76; Friendship School, \$54; Severson's School, \$10; Jer- man Chapel, \$10	\$150
Still Pond—F. X. Moore, Pastor.	
Churches, \$60; Schools, \$100; Special Gifts, \$682	\$842
Sudlersville—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools, \$125; Epworth League, \$5	\$130
Townsend—Warren Burr, Pastor.	
School	\$170
Wye—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.	
Church, \$40; School, \$36	\$76
SALISBURY DISTRICT.	
Annemessex—W. F. Atkinson, Pastor.	
St. Peter's School, \$25; Rehoboth School, \$15; Special Gift, \$10	\$50
Asbury—E. H. Dashiell, Pastor.	
Church, \$110; School, \$440	\$550
Berlin—W. E. Greenfield, Pastor.	
Stevenson Church, \$40; School, \$111; Epworth League, \$1; Syne- puxent Church, \$10; School, \$38	\$200
Bethel—E. C. Wright, Pastor.	
Mt. Zion Church and School, \$20; Bethel Church and School, \$30	\$50
Bishopville—G. E. Sterling, Pastor.	
Bishopville School, \$50; Showell, \$25; Friendship, \$5	\$80
Cape Charles—W. O. Bennett, Pastor.	
School	\$100
Chincoteague—L. B. Morgan, Pastor.	
School	\$144
Claremont—W. V. Harris, Pastor.	
School, \$45; Special Gift, \$4	\$49
Crisfield—C. A. Hill, Pastor.	
Church, \$10; Jr. League, \$5; School, \$325; Special Gift, \$37	\$377
Dagsboro & St. George's—G. W. Bounds, Pastor.	
Churches, \$100; Schools, \$100	\$200
Deal's Island—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.	
St. John's Church, \$15; School, \$167; Wenona Church, \$44; School, \$24	\$250

Fairmount—W. O. Hurst, Pastor.	
Schools	\$120
Frankford—W. G. Harris, Pastor.	
Schools	\$144
Gumboro—E. H. Marshall, Pastor.	
Church, \$30; Schools, \$50	\$80
Hebron—J. D. Reese, Pastor.	
School	\$42
Holland's Island—R. C. Jones, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$30
Laurel—G. C. Williams, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$300
Mardela Springs—C. W. Spry, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$35
Mt. Pleasant—C. W. Moore, Pastor.	
Churches, \$81; Schools, \$24	\$105
Mt. Vernon—J. J. Bunting, Pastor.	
Church and Schools	\$172
Nanticoke—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.	
Churches, \$120; Schools, \$50	\$170
Newark—W. H. Revelle, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$70
Ocean View & Millville—E. W. McDowell, Pastor.	
Bethel Church and School, \$100; Millville School, \$50	\$150
Onancock—J. W. Fogle, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$100
Parsonburg—E. C. Sunfield, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools, \$140; Special Gift, \$9	\$149
Phoebus—L. T. McLain, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$30
Pittsville—E. P. Thomas, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$40
Pocomoke City—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$100
Pocomoke Circuit—J. L. Derrickson, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$60
Powellville—H. E. Truitt, Pastor.	
St. John's School, \$11; Millard's, \$9; Friendship, \$8; Mt. Pleasant, \$5; Churches, \$17	\$50

Princess Anne—D. J. Givan, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$100
Roxana—T. N. Given, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$126
St. Peter's—G. W. Stallings, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$145
Salisbury—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.	
Church, \$100; School, \$645; Special Gift, \$121	\$875
Grace (Salisbury)—H. S. Dulaney, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$76
Salisbury Circuit—W. S. H. Williams, Pastor.	
Siloam Church, \$20; School, \$9; Riverside Church, \$5; School, \$7; Bethel School, \$9	\$50
Selbyville—V. E. Hills, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$195
Sharptown—J. P. Otis, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$152
Smith's Island—Daniel Wilson, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$220
Snow Hill—J. W. Easley, Pastor.	
Church, \$200; School, \$175	\$375
Somerset—J. R. Cannon, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$100
Stockton—E. B. Taylor, Pastor.	
Stockton School, \$89; Remson's, \$26; Franklin City, \$52; Kliij Grange \$9; Epworth League, \$22	\$198
Tangier—T. J. Sard, Pastor.	
Church, \$80; Main School, \$310; Joshua Thomas School, \$50	\$440
Westover—G. F. Newton, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$50
Whitesville—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.	
Church, \$28; Schools, \$72	\$100
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WILMINGTON DISTRICT.	
Bethel and Summit—J. H. Wilson, Pastor.	
Churches, \$62; Schools, \$28	\$90
Charlestown—B. F. Jester, Pastor.	
Charlestown, Church, \$20; School, \$10; Principio Church, \$20; School \$10	\$60

Cherry Hill—G. E. Wood, Pastor.
 Cherry Hill Church, \$17; School, \$66; Special Gift, \$8; Big Elk Church and School, \$17\$108

Chesapeake City—M. D. Nutter, Pastor.
 School\$60

Chester Bethel—J. W. Gray, Pastor.
 Church, \$20; School, \$60\$80

Christiana—T. S. Barrett, Pastor.
 Christiana Church, \$20; School, \$10; Salem Church, \$20; School, \$10...\$60

Claymont—O. H. Connelly, Pastor.
 School\$30

Ebenezer—E. C. Prettyman, Pastor.
 Ebenezer School, \$64.30; Wesley, \$8.70; Milford X Roads, \$5.....\$78

Elk Mills—C. D. Sharpless, Pastor.
 Church and School\$10

Elk Neck—J. H. Thornton, Pastor.
 Hart's Church, \$10; School, \$5; Wesley Church, \$10; School, \$5.....\$30

Elkton—H. T. Quigg, Pastor.
 Church, \$68; School, \$330; Special Gift, \$12\$410

Hockessin—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.
 School\$70

Hopewell—C. N. Jones, Pastor.
 Churches and Schools\$75

Kirkwood—O. S. Walton, Pastor.
 School\$6

Marshallton and Cedars—J. C. McCoy, Pastor.
 Marshallton, \$50; Cedars, \$10\$60

Mt. Lebanon—L. I. McDougal, Pastor.
 Mt. Lebanon Church and School\$48

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

Newark—L. E. Poole, Pastor.
 Church, \$37; School, \$183\$220

New Castle—J. L. Johnson, Pastor.
 Church and School\$225

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

North East—Asbury Burke, Pastor.
 Church and School\$129

Perryville—J. H. Beauchamp, Pastor.
 Church and School\$150

Port Deposit—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.
 Church, \$40; School, \$150\$190

Red Lion—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.
 Red Lion Church, \$6; School, \$27; Glasgow Church, \$3; School, \$5...\$41

Rising Sun—G. W. Townsend, Pastor.
 Rising Sun, Church, \$95; School, \$75; Sylmar Church, \$10; School, \$10; Mission Study Class, \$20; Epworth League, \$15; Special Gift, \$18\$243

Stanton—C. W. Rutter, Pastor.
 School\$25

St. Georges—J. F. Anderson, Pastor.
 Church and School\$60

Town Point—J. E. Horner, Pastor.
 Church and School\$6

Zion—Wilmer Jaggard, Pastor.
 Churches and Schools\$140

Asbury—G. W. Dawson, Pastor.
 Church, \$50; School, \$90\$140

Brandywine—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.
 Brandywine Church, \$30; Schools, \$167; Edgemoor, \$23\$220

Cookman—J. P. Outten, Pastor.
 Church and School\$90

East Lake—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.
 Church, \$10; School, \$70\$80

Epworth—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.
 Church and School\$145

Grace—G. E. Reed, Pastor.
 Church, \$664; School, \$774\$1438

Harrison St.—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.
 Church, \$119; School, \$271; Bible Class, \$10\$400

Hillcrest—T. H. Harding, Pastor.
 School\$10

Kingswood—L. M. Broadway, Pastor.
 Church and School\$60

McCabe—F. C. MacSorley, Pastor.
 Church and School\$70

Mt. Salem—T. R. VanDyke, Pastor.	
Mt. Salem Church, \$52; School, \$200; Riddles School, \$184\$436
Richardson Park—W. C. Poole, Pastor.	
Churches, \$30; Schools, \$30\$60
St. Paul's—V. S. Collins, Pastor.	
Church, \$370; School, \$270; Young Peoples Society, \$10; Special Gift, \$28\$678
Scott—W. A. Wise, Pastor.	
Church, \$8; School, \$332\$340
Silverbrook—J. H. Gray, Pastor.	
Church and School\$100
Trinity—R. High Adams, Pastor.	
Church and School\$20
Union—W. F. Corkran, Pastor.	
Church and School\$500
Wesley—G. A. Cooke, Pastor.	
School\$100

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