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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	" 18, '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	" 28, '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	A. S. Mowbray.
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. E. 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.
48	" 29, '16	Wilmington	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

1872.	J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney, Charles Hill. Reserves—J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd.
1876.	L. C. Matlack, W. E. England. Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.
1880.	L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby, Charles Hill. Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R. W. Todd.
1884.	J. H. Caldwell, Charles Hill, J. B. Quigg. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, J. A. B. Wilson.
1888.	Jacob Todd, J. A. B. Wilson, N. M. Brown. Reserves—W. S. Robinson, John France.
1892.	W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, R. H. Adams. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, T. E. Terry.
1896.	Merritt Hulburt, L. E. Barrett, Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran. Reserves—W. E. Avery, V. S. Collins.
1900.	Robert Watt, T. E. Martindale, W. F. Corkran, C. S. Baker. Reserves—A. S. Mowbray, J. D. C. Hanna.
1904.	A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, Adam Stengle, C. S. Baker. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, W. G. Koons.
1908.	A. S. Mowbray, Adam Stengle, W. G. Koons, S. M. Morgan. Reserves—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.
1916.	Robert Watt, E. L. Hoffecker, R. K. Stephenson, T. A. H. O'Brien. Reserves—G. T. Alderson, C. T. Wyatt.

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
1-71	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. Urle	Nov. 13, 1880	Smyrna, Del.	67	43
1860	Thomas F. Plummer	Feb. 2, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	44	8
1833	Elijah Miller	Apr. 15, 1881	Sudlersville, Md.	71	49
1836	John W. Pierson	May 6, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1880	Francis B. Quigley	Aug. 19, 1881	Hopewell, Md.	27	2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman	Feb. 27, 1882	Newark, Md.	36	9
1865	Benj. W. Chase	Dec. 11, 1882	Seaford, Del.	48	17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack	June 24, 1883	Cambridge, Md.	67	46
1834	I. T. Cooper	Apr. 12, 1884	Camden, Del.	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	23
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.	47	17
1873	Isaac N. Foreman	June 12, 1890	Lincoln, Del.	75	28
1841	John Allen	Dec. 3, 1890	Brooklyn, N. Y.	72	33
1855	Samuel T. Gardner	Jan. 3, 1891	Pivot Bridge, Md.	60	33
1889	Samuel J. Baker	Sept. 22, 1891	Laurel, Del.	33	2
1870	Thos. O. Ayres	Oct. 4, 1891	Delaware City, Del.	53	21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer	Jan. 10, 1892	Milton, Del.	45	19
1840	Vaughan Smith	Nov. 21, 1891	Wilmington, Del.	79	43
1845	Charles Hill	June 22, 1892	Salisbury, Md.	70	47
1833	James L. Houston	Sept. 18, 1892	Trappe, Md.	82	32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin	Oct. 17, 1892	Bel Air, Md.	52	24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher	Dec. 12, 1893	Bridgeville, Del.	62	17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg	Jan. 24, 1893	Wyoming, Del.	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
1867	James E. Bryan	Oct. 17, 1895	Baltimore, Md.	64	39
1892	John D. Lecates	Nov. 11, 1895	Wilmington, Del.	41	5
1859	Thomas E. Bell	Mar. 21, 1895	Easton, Md.	58	
1868	James Conner	S.pt. 10, 1896	Selbyville, Del.	59	28

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1862	Merritt Hulburd	Oct. 10, 1896	Wilmington, Del.	54	34
1873	Newton McQuay	May, 1887	St. Michaels, Md.	57	21
1896	William G. Chance	Sept. 13, 1897	Quantico, Md.	33	2
1848	Wm. B. Walton	June 21, 1898	Salisbury, Md.	77	43
1850	John B. Quigg	July 30, 1898	Wilmington, Del.	72	46
1845	John H. Caldwell	March 11, 1899	Dover, Del.	79	45
1860	Andrew D. Davis	April 13, 1899	Georgetown, Del.	72	35
1845	Henry Sanderson	Aug. 16, 1899	Ridley Park, Pa.	80	34
1859	Edwin H. Hynson	July 27, 1899	Smyrna, Del.	64	39
1845	Wm. E. England	Jan. 20, 1900	Philadelphia, Pa.	79	48
1857	Thos. S. Williams	Jan. 20, 1900	Northeast, Md.	65	41
1888	Chas. P. Swain	May 22, 1900	Deal's Island, Md.	41	12
1874	David F. Waddell	Dec. 20, 1900	Westminster, Md.	48	28
1836	Benj. F. Price	Mar. 22, 1901	Elkton, Md.	84	60
1851	Jas. W. Hammersly	April 19, 1901	Brooklandville, Md.	78	40
1877	Walter E. Avery	April 22, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	50	25
1860	J. Owen Sypherd	Sept. 3, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	69	39
1872	John D. Kemp	Sept. 21, 1902	Chestertown, Md.	65	30
1856	William F. Tabbot	Feb. 26, 1903	Dover, Del.	73	27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard	Apr. 13, 1903	Frankford, Del.	52	41
1843	Thos. H. Haynes	May 23, 1903	Smyrna, Del.	81	51
1853	Geo. A. Phoebus	May 28, 1903	Brooklyn, N. Y.	74	33
1868	Jonathan S. Willis	Nov. 24, 1903	Milford, Del.	74	43
1867	John D. Rigg	Dec. 16, 1903	Hockessin, Del.	65	27
1869	Edward Davis	Jan. 9, 1904	Newark, Md.	84	28
1856	John France	Mar. 10, 1904	Wilmington, Del.	69	48
1879	E. K. Creed	Apr. 24, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	58	25
1890	E. R. Sidell	May 14, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	43	14
1853	J. B. Merritt	July 8, 1904	Fairlee, Md.	78	32
1872	G. W. Wilcox	Dec. 15, 1904	Salisbury, Md.	62	20
1889	James E. Graham	July 13, 1905	Seaford, Del.	52	16
1853	Robert W. Todd	Jan. 18, 1906	Baltimore, Md.	75	52
1879	S. T. Morris	Apr. 13, 1906	Roselle Park, N. J.	73	45
1868	C. A. Grace	Apr. 12, 1907	Berlin, Md.	51	28
1898	W. R. MacFarlane	Feb. 18, 1908	Hockessin, Del.	71	40
1869	F. E. Bloxton	Mar. 5, 1908	Nanticoke, Md.	40	10
1876	W. R. Gwinn	Mar. 13, 1908	Baltimore, Md.	67	34
1870	Albert Chandler	June 22, 1908	Bethel, Del.	58	32
1860	E. H. Nelson	Oct. 27, 1908	Delaware City, Del.	62	39
1859	H. W. Bolton	Jan. 8, 1909	Camden, Del.	69	39
1869	J. T. VanBurkalow	Feb. 8, 1909	Dover, Del.	81	42
1876	E. H. Miller	Jan. 22, 1911	Sharptown, Md.	66	48
1866	W. L. P. Bowen	Mar. 11, 1911	Newark, Md.	77	17
1853	E. E. White	Dec. 26, 1912	Oxford, Md.	69	46
1897	W. M. Warner	Apr. 16, 1913	Millington, Md.	33	41
1868	J. W. Talley	Aug. 9, 1913	Near W Im'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
1865	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. Macnichol	Oct. 18, 1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	60	38
1880	J. R. Cannon	Feb. 8, 1915	Chance, Md.	56	34
1865	James Carroll	Apr. 15, 1915	Milford, Del.	91	34
1871	William L. S. Murray	Feb. 26, 1916	Wilmington, Del.	67	44

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1858 William W. Redman	1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield
1862 George S. Conaway	1886 George E. Wood
1864 Thomas E. Martindale	1886 Asbury Burke
1866 James Esgate	1886 William W. Sharp
1868 Cornelius W. Prettyman	1886 William R. Mowbray
1869 Philip H. Rawlins	1886 Henry S. Dulany
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1871 Franz O. B. Wallin	1887 Ralph T. Coursey
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1873 Frank C. MacSorley	1888 George T. Alderson
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1876 George W. Townsend	1888 William P. Compton
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1876 Louis E. Barrett	1888 Warren Burr
1876 Wilbur F. Corkran	1888 Joshua W. Gray
1876 John M. Collins	1889 Vinal E. Hills
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1878 Robert K. Stephenson	1889 George W. Stallings
1878 Howard T. Quigg	1890 George W. Bounds
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1883 William B. Guthrie	1892 Theodore F. Beauchamp
1883 George L. Hardesty	1892 Clarence W. Strickland
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Salisbury District—District Superintendent, T. A. H. O'Brien; Ministerial: L. E. Poole, D. J. Givan; Lay: J. G. Townsend, Jr., R. C. Peters.

Wilmington District—District Superintendent, Robert Watt; Ministerial: V. S. Collins, T. R. VanDyke; Lay: J. A. Weldin, C. A. Short.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY SECRETARIES.

Dover District—O. E. Jones.

Easton District—Leonard White.

Salisbury District—W. E. Greenfield.

Wilmington District—G. W. Dawson.

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.

- 1916—W. A. Moore, C. A. Hill, Mrs. Ella M. Fisher.
 1917—E. L. Hoffecker, H. R. Isaacs, Mrs. C. W. Weldin.
 1918—H. F. Randolph, I. E. Perry, Mrs. M. R. Lincoln, Secretary.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.

- 1917—L. E. Barrett, T. E. Martindale, W. O. Hoffecker.
 1918—T. R. VanDyke, I. E. Perry, W. T. Records.
 1919—G. T. Alderson, W. L. White, H. P. Cannon.

TRUSTEES OF THE WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

President, V. S. Collins; Secretary, J. W. Easley; Treasurer, S. M. Morgan.

Term expires—1917: V. S. Collins, S. M. Morgan, J. M. Kelso; 1918: J. T. Richardson, J. W. Easley, C. T. Wyatt; 1919: T. E. Martindale, R. T. Coursey, W. H. Briggs.

TRIEERS OF APPEALS.

T. E. Terry, C. W. Prettyman, J. P. Otis, F. F. Carpenter, E. L. Hoffecker.

MANAGERS OF WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

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

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.

Term expires 1919—Ministers, F. F. Carpenter, V. S. Collins; Lay: A. B. Magee, J. B. Trowes.

Pres., C. W. Prettyman; Vice-Pres., F. J. Cochran; Sec., Vaughan S. Collins; Treas., Harry Mayer.

COMMISSION ON FINANCE.

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

Lay—W. J. Downing, J. G. Townsend, Jr., E. J. Winder, H. P. Cannon, W. O. Hoffecker, M. B. Burris, H. C. Downward, W. A. Moore.

COMMISSION ON CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS ENDOWMENT.

Ministerial—V. S. Collins, E. H. Dashiell, C. W. Prettyman, L. E. Barrett, E. W. Jones, T. E. Martindale, W. O. Hurst, Z. H. Webster, H. F. Randolph, G. T. Alderson, Dist. Supts. Ex. Officio.

Lay—Caleb E. Burchenal, Melville Gambrill, W. O. Hoffecker, C. J. Jefferson, H. P. Cannon, A. W. Sisk, W. J. Downing, L. E. P. Dennis, T. N. Rawlins, Orlando Harrison, W. P. Jackson, J. G. Townsend, Jr., W. A. Weldin, Dr. Layton Grier.

President, T. E. Martindale; Vice-President, Melville Gambrill; Secretary, C. E. Burchenal; Corresponding Secretary, E. H. Dashiell; Treasurer, R. M. Cooper; Treasurer, Gambrill proposition, T. R. Ingram.

OFFICIAL VISITORS.

Dickinson College—S. M. Morgan, H. F. Randolph, V. P. Northrup.

Drew Seminary—J. J. Bunting, F. F. Carpenter, W. H. Briggs.

Goucher College—Vaughan S. Collins, Geo. C. Williams.

Morgan College—G. T. Alderson, T. R. VanDyke, J. W. Easley.

Princess Anne Academy—C. A. Hill, W. O. Hurst, L. E. Poole, J. T. Taylor.

Hospital Visitors—J. L. Johnson, Milton McCann, Geo. W. Bounds and Harry Taylor.

TRUSTEES WILMINGTON CONFERENCE ACADEMY.

Ministerial—1917—T. E. Martindale, G. T. Alderson, T. A. H. O'Brien, V. S. Collins, Alfred Smith. 1918—F. C. MacSorley, R. K. Stephenson, E. L. Hoffecker, C. T. Wyatt. 1919—C. A. Hill, W. L. White, G. P. Jones, W. E. Gunby. 1920—Robert Watt, T. R. VanDyke, J. W. Colona, W. A. Wise.

Lay—1918—George W. Tebo, John G. Townsend, Jr., Henry P. Cannon, William Saulsbury. 1920—Harry Mayer, Albert W. Sisk, William P. Jackson, Frank L. Grier, Edward G. Budd. 1922—Stephen S. Andrews, Arley B. Magee, William F. Hoey, Orlando Harrison. 1924.—Daniel O. Hastings, Geo. M. Jones, John S. Mullin, Joseph Mallalieu.

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.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Public Worship—W. F. Corkran, E. L. Hoffecker, H. F. Randolph, V. S. Collins, G. T. Alderson.

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

Conference Relations—G. P. Jones, F. F. Carpenter, T. C. Smoot, C. W. Prettyman, F. X. Moore, J. L. Sparklin, W. R. Mowbray, L. W. Layfield, 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, L. E. Poole.

Periodicals—E. W. Jones, L. B. Morgan, C. W. Moore, J. C. McCoy.

Bible—L. P. Corkran, E. C. Sunfield, J. W. Gray, Howard Davis.

Auditing Committee—W. O. Bennett, G. R. Neese, H. B. Kelso, J. J. Bunting, E. H. Collins.

Epworth League—W. G. Harris, Milton McCann, C. T. Wyatt, T. R. VanDyke, E. W. McDowell, Howard Davis.

Sunday Schools—Leolan Jackson, Ivanhoe Willis, J. M. Lindale, Daniel Wilson.

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

Temperance and Prohibition—Leonard White, Warren Burr, W. E. Matthews, E. C. Prettyman, H. S. Dulany, S. M. Morgan, O. E. Jones.

Freedman's Aid—C. W. Strickland, Harry Taylor, J. A. Leach, G. W. Dawson, W. H. S. Williams.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—G. T. Alderson, J. G. Gardner, W. E. Habbart, H. E. Reed.

Woman's Home Missionary Society—Tilghman Smith, M. E. Wheatley, J. M. Mitchell, J. P. Outten.

Missionary Statistics—D. J. Moore, Asbury Burke, W. P. Taylor, G. F. Newton.

Memoirs—V. S. Collins, W. R. Mowbray, G. W. Townsend, J. P. Outten.

Philadelphia Hospital—W. R. Mowbray, W. W. Sharp, G. W. Bounds, W. W. Chaires.

Thanks—H. F. Randolph, L. E. Barrett, H. T. Quigg, S. N. Pilchard, C. A. Hill.

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 boards, 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:—

O. E. Jones—Dover District.

J. L. Sparklin—Easton District.

W. O. Hurst—Salisbury District.

V. P. Northrup—Wilmington District.

At this mid-year examination, (Wednesday, October 4, 1916), examinations 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—G. P. Jones.

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 EnglishC. A. Hill
Reading, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar and Spelling: Admission.
- Dept. 2. Practical WorkT. 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 ScienceG. P. Jones
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 HistoryW. O. Bennett
Life of John Wesley (Winchester), Admission. One Thousand Questions on Methodism (Wheeler), Local. History of Methodism (Abridged, Stevens), Local.
- Dept. 8. EthicsT. R. VanDyke
Christian Ethics (Smyth), 4th year. The New Basis of Civilization (Patten), 3rd year. Social Creed of the Churches (Ward and others). Local.
- Dept. 9. History TheologyZ. S. Heister
History of the Christian Church (Fisher), 3rd year. Short History of the Christian Church (Hurst), Local. The Light of the World (Speer), 2nd year.

- Det. 10. Biblical Theology J. L. Sparklin
Jesus and the Gospels (Denny), 1st year. The Bible, Its Origin and Nature (Dods), 2nd year and Local. Prophecy and the Prophets (Eiselen), 4th year.
- Dept. 11. Exegetical Theology M. D. Nutter
Biblical Hermeneutics (Terry), 2nd year. The Worker and His Bible (Eiselen and Barclay), Admission and Local. Decisive Hour of Christian Missions (Mott), 2nd year and Local.
- Dept. 12. Systematic Theology W. O. Hurst
System of Christian Doctrine (Sheldon), 3rd and 4th years. The Fact of Conversion (Jackson), 3rd year.
- Dept. 13. Doctrinal Theology J. W. Jones
A Manual of Christian Doctrine (Banks), Local Deacons and Elders. Life of St. Paul (Stalker), Local Deacons and Elders. Life of Christ (Stalker), Local Deacons and Elders. Religious Education in the Home (Folsom), Local.
- Dept. 14. Homiletics V. E. Hills
Preparation and Delivery of Sermons (Broadus), 1st year. English Style in Public Discourse (Phelps), 1st year. Sermons of 1st and 3rd years.
- Dept. 15. Practical Theology G. C. Williams
Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience (Merill), Local. The Social Engineer (Earp), 4th year. Sermons for Admission and Local Deacons.

Wilmington, Del.

V. P. NORTHRUP,
Registrar.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

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

II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

1. The Secretary shall keep a fair and correct record of all the proceedings of the Conference, to be read at the opening of each session, subject to correction by 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.	4
1912	Allen, G. S.	E	Nassau, Del.	2
1888	Anderson, J. E.	E	Cherry Hill, Md.	2
1870	Arters, J. A.	R	Middletown, Del.	8
1876	Barrett, L. E.	E	Harrington, Del.	1
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E	Onancock, Va.	2
1892	Beauchamp, T. F.	E	Chestertown, Md.	1
1894	Beauchamp, J. H.	E	New Castle, Del.	1
1897	Bennett, W. O.	E	Cape Charles, Va.	3
1914	Benson, N. C.	D	Georgetown Circuit, Del.	1
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E	Centreville, Md.	4
1890	Bounds, G. W.	E	Perryville, Md.	1
1885	Bowman, G. W.	R	5210 Webster St., Phila., Pa.	9
1890	Brewington, J. A.	E	Lewisville, Pa.	1
1907	Briggs, W. H.	E	Selbyville, Del.	1
1915	Broadway, L. M.	P	Wilmington, Del.	2
1904	Buckson, J. A.	E	Whitesville, Del.	2
1894	Budd, H. G.	E	Dover, Del.	6
1909	Bunting, J. J.	E	Seaford, Del.	2
1886	Burke, Asbury	E	Newport, Del.	1
1888	Burr, Warren	E	Townsend, Del.	4
1888	Carpenter, F. F.	E	Laurel, Del.	1
1888	Chaires, W. W.	E	Bozman, Del.	1
1881	Cochran, F. J.	E	Boothwyn, Pa.	1
1876	Collins, J. M.	E	Wilmington, Del.	11
1883	Collins, V. S.	E	Wilmington, Del.	4
1895	Collins, E. H.	E	Wilmington, Del.	4
1902	Colona, J. W.	E	Georgetown, Del.	6
1891	Cooke, G. A.	E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1916	Cooke, R. W.	P	Stanton, Del.	1
1888	Compton, W. P.	R	6726 Lansdown Ave., Phila., Pa.	9
1862	Conaway, G. S.	R	Smyrna, Del.	8
1912	Connelly, O. H.	E	Colona, Md.	2
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E	Wilmington, Del.	8
1881	Corkran, L. P.	E	Sudlersville, Md.	5
1887	Coursey, R. T.	E	Centreville, Md.	3
1894	Dashiell, E. H.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1900	Davis, Howard	E	Bridgeville, Del.	3
1884	Dawson, W. F.	E	Nanticoke, Md.	1
1899	Dawson, G. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	4

1884	Derrickson, E. H.	E	Oxford, Md.	3
1886	Dulaney, H. S.	E	Salisbury, Md.	5
1885	Easley, J. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1898	Ellis, G. R.	E	Millsboro, Del.	5
1866	Esgate, James	R	Riverside, California	30
1900	Faulkner, F. N.	E	Delmar, Del.	4
1889	Fogle, J. W.	E	Ocean View, Del.	2
1905	Ford, D. J.	E	Seaford, Del.	3
1891	Gardner, Edwin	E	Dover, Del.	2
1902	Gardner, J. H.	E	Lincoln, Del.	3
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.	E	Rockland, Del.	2
1895	Givan, D. J.	E	Princess Anne, Md.	3
1884	Given, T. N.	E	Delaware City, Del.	1
1903	Goodhand, A. W.	E	Fairmount, Md.	2
1905	Gray, J. H.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1888	Gray, J. W.	E	Ebenezer, Del.	1
1873	Greene, W. M.	R	2226 N. 20th St., Phila., Pa.	12
1900	Greenfield, W. E.	E	Berlin, Md.	3
1903	Gunby, W. E.	E	Dover, Del.	3
1883	Guthrie, W. B.	E	Wye Mills, Md.	3
1883	Hardesty, G. L.	R	Seaford, Del.	3
1903	Habbart, W. E.	E	Ridgely, Md.	4
1871	Harding, T. H.	R	Wilmington, Del.	10
1906	Harris, W. G.	E	Sharptown, Md.	1
1916	Harris, C. C.	P	Claymont, Del.	1
1900	Hastings, G. W.	E	Deal's Island, Md.	4
1903	Herson, J. T.	E	Salisbury, Md.	1
1878	Hill, C. A.	E	Crisfield, Md.	4
1916	Hill, I. J. B.	D	At School	1
1889	Hills, V. E.	E	Crisfield, Md.	1
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1897	Holt, T. S.	R	Federalburg, Md.	7
1900	Hudson, J. A.	E	Newark, Md.	1
1892	Hurst, W. O.	E	Pocomoke City, Md.	2
1910	Hopkins, J. C. B.	E	Dagsboro, Md.	1
1884	Jaggard, Wilmer	R	Millsboro, Md.	1
1907	James, O. E.	Sy	Winchester, Md.	1
1896	Jackson, Leolan	E	Magnolia, Del.	2
1913	Jacobs, D. W.	E	Rehoboth, Del.	2
1886	Jester, B. F.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1899	Johnson, J. L.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1900	Jones, C. N.	E	Clayton, Del.	1
1905	Jones, E. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1891	Jones, G. P.	E	Elkton, Md.	2
1898	Jones, J. W.	E	Middletown, Del.	1
1898	Jones, O. E.	E	Lewes, Del.	2
1903	Jones, C. T.	E	Hillsboro, Md.	1

1915	Jones, R. C.	P	Bishopville, Md.	1
1907	Keen, C. P.	E	New York, N. Y.	2
1898	Kelso, H. B.	E	Mt. Pleasant, Del.	1
1904	Kelso, J. M.	E	Farmington, Del.	2
1901	Kenney, W. H.	E	Cheswold, Del.	3
1913	Klug, H. O.	P		
1886	Koons, W. G.	R	Saranac, N. Y.	1
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E	Hurlock, Md.	2
1879	Leach, J. A.	D	Reliance, Md.	2
1901	Lewis, R. H.	R	Fishing Creek, Md.	4
1879	Lindale, J. M.	E	Roxana, Del.	1
1914	Marine, M. W.	D	Powellville, Md.	1
1902	Marshall, E. H.	E	Girdletree, Md.	2
1864	Martindale, T. E.	R	Salisbury, Md.	1
1902	Matthews, W. E.	E	Felton, Del.	2
1902	McCann, Milton	E	Smyrna, Del.	3
1910	McCann, W. M.	E	Hebron, Md.	1
1905	McCoy, J. C.	E	Zion, Md.	2
1889	McDuogle, L. I.	E	Richardson Park, Del.	2
1906	McDowell, E. W.	E	Somerset, Md.	2
1909	McFarland, B. L.	E	Wyoming, Del.	3
1884	McFaul, D. F.	E	Hockessin, Del.	3
1873	MacSorley, F. C.	E	Federalsburg, Md.	2
1885	Mitchell, J. M.	E	Cecilton, Md.	3
1902	Mitchell, J. H.	E	Salt Lake City, Utah	4
1894	Moore, C. W.	E	Crapo, Md.	2
1898	Moore, F. X.	E	Port Deposit, Md.	2
1911	Moore, D. J.	E	Parsonsborg, Md.	1
1887	Morgan, S. M.	R	Wilmington, Del.	3
1905	Morgan, L. B.	E	Chincoteague, Va.	3
1886	Mowbray, W. R.	E	Dover, Del.	1
1879	Neese, G. R.	E	North East, Md.	1
1912	Newton, G. F.	E	Fruitland, Md.	2
1907	Nichols, R. P.	E	Still Pond, Md.	2
1892	Northrup, V. P.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1890	Nutter, M. D.	E	Chesapeake City, Md.	3
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E	Salisbury, Md.	2
1872	Otis, J. P.	E	Marshallton, Del.	1
1893	Outten, J. P.	E	Wilmington, Del.	4
1881	Pilchard, S. N.	E	Cambridge, Md.	4
1870	Poole, J. W.	R	1540 N. 60th St., Phila., Pa.	14
1896	Poole, L. E.	E	Snow Hill, Md.	2
1900	Poole, W. C.	E	Ocean City, Md.	1
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	E	Rising Sun, Md.	2
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	R	Carlisle, Pa.	1
1897	Prettyman, J. W.	E	Rock Hall, Md.	5
1902	Prettyman, E. C.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2

1915	Prettyman, J. L.	P	Kenton, Del.	1
1908	Price, J. T.	E	Blades, Del.	2
1886	Prouse, J. T.	R	Edgmoor, Del.	4
1878	Quigg, H. T.	E	Greensboro, Md.	2
1893	Randolph, H. F.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	R	Seaford, Del.	6
1858	Redman, W. W.	R	Greenwood, Del.	15
1910	Reed, H. E.	E	Smith's Island, Md.	2
1916	Reed, O. B.	P	Marydel, Md.	1
1885	Reese, J. D.	E	Trappe, Md.	1
1907	Revelle, W. H.	E	Mt. Vernon, Md.	2
1911	Rice, O. B.	E	Stockton, Md.	1
1893	Richardson, J. T.	E	Hillsboro, Md.	1
1884	Robert, E. P.	E	Newark, Del.	2
1873	Roe, Robert	R	Oxford, Md.	5
1910	Sard, T. J.	E	Tangier, Va.	3
1886	Sharp, W. W.	E	Frederica, Del.	1
1910	Shiple, H. C.	E	Odessa, Del.	3
1879	Smith, Alfred	E	Camden, Del.	4
1896	Smith, G. P.	E	Millington, Md.	3
1907	Smith, Tilghman	E	Bethel, Del.	2
1889	Smoot, T. O.	E	East New Market, Md.	1
1906	Sparklin, J. L.	E	Church Hill, Md.	3
1911	Spry, C. W.	P	Lakesville, Md.	1
1889	Stallings, G. W.	E	Crumpton, Md.	1
1870	Stengle, Adam	R	Wilmington, Del.	7
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	E	Milford, Del.	1
1912	Sterling, G. E.	E	Marion, Md.	2
1892	Strickland, C. W.	E	Frankford, Del.	1
1885	Sunfield, E. C.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1908	Sutton, J. W.	E	Galena, Md.	1
1894	Taylor, E. B.	E	Greenwood, Del.	1
1897	Taylor, Harry	E	Laurel, Del.	2
1886	Taylor, W. P.	E	Quantico, Md.	1
1876	Terry, T. E.	R	Harrington, Del.	2
1903	Thomas, G. S.	E	Kent Island, Md.	2
1914	Thomas, E. P.	D	At School	1
1871	Tomkinson, W. E.	R	604 Boas St., Harrisburg, Pa.	17
1876	Townsend, G. W.	R	Ridley Park, Pa.	2
1916	Thawley, R. T.	P	Red Lion, Del.	1
1895	VanDyke, T. R.	E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1912	Vaccaro, Leopold	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1871	Wallin, F. O. B.	R	Sweden	17
1879	Wlaton, O. S.	R	Red Lion, Del.	10
1885	Watt, Robert	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1887	Webster, Z. H.	E	Milton, Del.	4
1913	Wells, Z. W.	D	Cranbury, N. J.	3

1893	Westerfield, H. A. G.	Sy	Port Deposit, Md.	1
1901	Wheatley, M. E.	P	Concord, Md.	1
1893	White, W. L.	E	Easton, Md.	3
1875	White, W. W.	E	Bayside, Md.	1
1908	White, Leonard	E	St. Michaels, Md.	3
1914	White, Frank	D	Cordova, Md.	2
1905	Whittaker, I. S.	E	Hopewell, Md.	1
1882	Williams, C. H.	R	Cambridge, Md.	2
1902	Williams, G. C.	E	Smyrna, Del.	1
1892	Williams, W. S. H.	E	Gumboro, Del.	2
1885	Willis, D. H.	R	Cambridge, Md.	4
1913	Willis, Ivanhoe	E	Tilghman, Md.	4
1897	Wilson, J. H.	E	Pivot, Md.	2
1906	Wilson, Daniel	E	St. Peter's, Md.	2
1916	Windsor, L. E.	P	Hickman, Del.	1
1884	Wise, W. A.	E	Smyrna, Del.	2
1886	Wood, G. E.	E	St. George's, Del.	2
1886	Wyatt, C. T.	E	Denton, Md.	1

LOCAL PREACHERS DIRECTORY.

Local Elders.

Atkinson, W. F.	Westover, Md.	Ellis, W. A.	Millsboro, Del.
Barrett, T. S.	Salem, Md.	Hudson, J. W.	Vienna, Md.
Conoway, W. N.	Burrsville, Md.	Stimmil, W. E.	Wilmington, Del.
Cross, E. L.	New Castle, Del.	Strickland, W. G.	Wilmington, Del.
Donoho, S. M.	Cambridge, Md.	VanBlunk, J. M. S.	Quantico, Md.

Local Deacons.

Faries, William	Smyrna, 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.
McLain, L. T.	Zoar, Del.		

Licentiatees.

Adams, R. H.	Wilmington, Del.	Cantwell, R. D.	Elkton, Md.
Atkins, C. H.	Leipsic, Del.	Cantwell, W. N.	Cheswold, Del.
Atwell, Alexander	Elsmere, Del.	Clark, D. S.	Kenton, Del.
Ayres, J. F.	Leemont, Va.	Clark, J. F.	Delmar, Del.
Beauchamp, E. H.	Royal Oak, Md.	Cole, H. M.	Edgemoor, Del.
Biddle, Isaiah	North East, Md.	Coleman, W. B.	Chestertown, Md.
Brown, A. R.	Viola, Del.	Cooper, L. T.	Sharptown, Md.
Buckson, W. C.	Hooper's Island, Md.	Conner, R. G.	Wilmington, Del.
Busby, R. J.	Dover, Del.	Covington, Henry	Centreville, Md.

Cummings, W. H.	Williamsburg, Md.	McCabe, J. B.	Carlisle, Pa.
Davis, C. E.	Carlisle, Pa.	McLaughlin, J. F.	Wilmington, Del.
Davis, A. W.	Wilmington, Del.	McGrath, John	Cambridge, Md.
Derrickson, J. L.	Pittsville, Md.	McGuire, W. J.	Houston, Del.
Ditts, J. A.	Ft. Monroe, Va.	Melvin, D. W.	Elsmere, Del.
Dixon, T. S.	Leemont, Va.	Miles, P. J.	Upper Fairmount, Md.
Dukes, E. F.	Laurel, Del.	Moffit, Jas.	Wilmington, Del.
Ely, T. B.	Wilmington, Del.	Moore, B. P.	Pittsville, Md.
English, T. W.	Mardela, Md.	Moore, W. V.	Princess Anne, Md.
Ellegood, J. A.	Ellendale, Del.	Nelson, W. C.	Lawsonia, Md.
Ennis, H. T.	New Castle, Del.	Pardee, Thomas	Georgetown, Del.
Fogwell, S. J.	Hayden, Md.	Purnell, James	Millington, Md.
Ford, Walter	Smyrna, Del.	Riggin, H. C.	Blades, Del.
Gibbons, S. O.	St. Georges, Del.	Russell, G. W.	Newark, Del.
Gore, C. C.	Robbins, Md.	Rutter, C. W.	Port Penn, Del.
Grant, W. S.	Houston, Del.	Savage, C. R.	Roxana, Del.
Gray, Franklin	Marshallton, Del.	Seibert, E. T.	Carpenter, Del.
Graham, J. T.	Claremont, Va.	Sharpless, C. D.	Elk Mills, Md.
Gray, Henry	Marshallton, Del.	Shockley, O. M.	Showells, Md.
Hackett, L. K.	Oak Grove, Del.	Sullivan, C. C.	Richardson Park, Del.
Hanby, S. L.	Boothwyn, Pa.	Talley, P. R.	Wilmington, Del.
Harris, W. V.	Pocomoke City, Md.	Thornton, J. H.	Town Point, Md.
Hervis, E. W.	Brack-Ex., Del.	Todd, B. R.	Wingate, Md.
Hicks, R. M.	Queen Anne, Md.	Todd, N. L.	Toddsville, Md.
Hill, C. W.	Eden Park, Del.	Tomer, Hugh	Wilmington, Del.
Hill, M. M.	Delmar, Del.	Travers, Alonzo	Piney Neck, Md.
Hodgson, R. S.	Felton, Del.	Truitt, H. E.	Church Creek, Md.
Hopkins, C. M.	Bethel, Del.	Warren, H. B.	Middletown, Conn.
Horner, W. B.	Charlestown, Md.	Weldin, G. W.	Edgemoor, Del.
Horner, J. E.	Golt, Md.	White, A. L.	Wilmington, Del.
Horseman, S. T.	Holland's Isl., Md.	White, E. W.	Rosell, Del.
Hudson, J. H.	Vienna, Md.	Whitely, S. F.	Marshallton, Del.
Hudson, C. H.	Fishing Creek, Md.	Wilmot, A. A.	Claymont, Del.
Jarrett, L. G.	Tyaskin, Md.	Wilson, W. D.	Lewes, Del.
Jones, E. P.	Leipsic, Del.	Wingate, L. T.	White Haven, Md.
Kelley, J. P.	Ellendale, Del.	Wingate, W. H.	Greenback, Del.
Kirk, C. A.	Elkton, Md.	Winder, E. J.	Seaford, Del.
Long, R. M.	Delmar, Del.	Wise, J. M.	New Castle, Del.
Low, W. A.	Selbyville, Del.	Wright, W. J.	Preston, Md.
Lowe, Lafayette	Laurel, Del.		

APPOINTMENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

W. R. Mowbray, District Superintendent (P. O. Dover, Del.)	
Armory and Asbury Edwin Gardner	Houston, Del. W. S. Grant
P. O. Dover, Del.	Hurlock, Md. L. W. Layfield
Beckwith and Spedden, Md.	Lakesville, Md. C. W. Spry
(Sup.) E. I. Hubbard	P. O. Golden Hill, Md.
P. O. Cornersville, Md.	Laurel, Del. F. F. Carpenter
Bethel, Del. Tilghman Smith	Leipsic, Del. (Sup.) C. H. Atkins
Blades and Edworth J. T. Price	Lewes, Del. O. E. Jones
P. O. Blades, Del.	Lincoln, Del. J. H. Gardner
Bridgeville, Del. Howard Davis	Little Creek, Del.
Cambridge, Md. S. N. Pilchard	(Sup.) R. H. Wilson
Camden, Del. Alfred Smith	Magnolia, Del. Leolan Jackson
Canterbury, Del. (Sup.) A. R. Brown	Milford, Del. R. K. Stephenson
P. O. Viola, Del.	Milford Neck, Del. To be supplied
Church Creek, Md.	Millsboro, Del. G. R. Ellis
(Sup.) H. E. Truitt	Milton, Del. Z. H. Webster
Crapo, Md. C. W. Moore	Mt. Pleasant, Del. Harry Taylor
Dover, Del. W. E. Gunby	P. O. Laurel, Del.
East New Market, Md. T. C. Smoot	Nassau, Del. G. S. Allen
Ellendale, Del. (Sup.) J. P. Kelley	Rehoboth, Del. D. W. Jacobs
Elliott's Island, Md.	Reliance, Md. J. A. Leach
(Sup.) C. H. Hudson	P. O. Oak Grove, Del.
Farmington, Del. J. M. Kelso	Salem, Md. (Sup.) T. S. Barrett
Federalburg, Md. F. C. MacSorley	Seaford, Del. J. J. Bunting
Felton, Del. W. E. Matthews	Seaford Circuit, Del. D. J. Ford
Frederica, Del. W. W. Sharp	P. O. Seaford, Del.
Galestown, Md. (Sup.) R. H. Kirby	Vienna, Md. (Sup.) J. H. Hudson
P. O. Seaford, Del. R. D.	Williamsburg, Md.
Georgetown, Del. J. W. Colona	(Sup.) W. H. Cummings
Georgetown Circuit, Del.	Wyoming, Del. B. L. McFarland
P. O. Georgetown, Del. N. C. Benson	Williamsville, Md. To be supplied
Greenwood, Del. E. B. Taylor	Zoar, Del. (Sup.) L. T. McLain
Harrington, Del. L. E. Barrett	P. O. Georgetown, Del.
Hickman and Epworth,	H. G. Budd, principal of the Wilming-
(Sup.) W. T. Meguire	ton Conference Academy. P. O.
P. O. Hickman, Del.	Dover, Del. Member of Wesley Quar.
Hooper's Island,	Conf.
(Sup.) W. C. Buckson	
P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.	

EASTON DISTRICT.

W. A. Wise, District Superintendent (P. O. Smyrna, Del.)	
Bayside, Md. W. W. White	Burrsville, Md.
P. O. Sherwood, Md.	(Sup.) W. N. Conaway
Bozman, Md. W. W. Chaires	Cecilton, Md. J. M. Mitchell

Centreville, Md.	J. R. Bicking	Piney Neck, Md.	Alonzo Travers
Chestertown, Md.	T. F. Beauchamp	P. O. Rock Hall, Md.	
Cheswold, Del.	W. H. Kenney	Pomona, Md.	
Church Hill, Md.	J. L. Sparklin	P. O. Chestertown, Md.	
Clayton, Del.	C. N. Jones	Preston, Md.	J. T. Richardson
Concord, Md.	M. E. Wheatley	Queenstown, Md.	
P. O. Hobbs, Md.		(Sup.) Frank Brisbane	
Cordova, Md.	Frank White	Ridgely, Md.	W. E. Habbart
Crumpton, Md.	G. W. Stallings	Rock Hall, Md.	J. W. Prettyman
Denton, Md.	C. T. Wyatt	Royal Oak, Md.	
Easton, Md.	W. L. White	(Sup.) E. H. Beauchamp	
Fairlee, Md.	(Sup.) John White	St. Michaels, Md.	Leonard White
Galena, Md.	J. W. Sutton	Salem Circuit, Md.	
Golt, Md.	(Sup.) J. E. Horner	(Sup.) Henry Covington	
P. O. Sassafras, Md.		P. O. Centreville, Md.	
Greensboro, Md.	H. T. Quigg	Smyrna, Del.	G. C. Williams
Henderson, Md.	L. E. Windsor	Smyrna Circuit, Del.	Milton McCann
Hillsboro, Md.	C. T. Jones	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.	J. L. Prettyman	Tilghman's, Md.	Ivanhoe Willis
Marydel, Md.	O. B. Reed	Townsend, Del.	Warren Burr
Middletown, Del.	J. W. Jones	Trappe, Md.	J. D. Reese
Millington, Md.	G. P. Smith	Wye Mills, Md.	W. B. Guthrie
Odessa, Del.	H. C. Shipley	R. T. Coursey, Conference evange-	
Oxford, Md.	E. H. Derrickson	list. P. O. Centreville, Md. Member	
		Centreville Quar. Conf.	

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

T. A. H. O'Brien, District Superintendent (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)			
Annamessex, Md.	To be supplied	Girdletree, Md.	E. H. Marshall
P. O. Crisfield, Md.		Gumboro, Del.	W. S. H. Williams
Asbury, Md.	V. E. Hills	Hebron, Md.	W. N. McCann
P. O. Crisfield, Md.		Holland's Island, Md.	
Berlin, Md.	W. E. Greenfield	(Sup.) S. T. Horseman	
Bishopville, Md.	R. C. Jones	Mardela Springs, Md.	
Cape Charles, Va.	W. O. Bennett	(Sup.) W. V. Moore	
Chincoteague, Va.	L. B. Morgan	Marion, Md.	G. E. Sterling
Claremont, Va. (Sup.) T. J. Graham		Mt. Vernon, Md.	
Crisfield, Md.	C. A. Hill	(Sup.) W. H. Revelle	
Dagsboro and St. Georges, Del.		Nanticoke, Md.	W. F. Dawson
P. O. Dagsboro, Del.	J. C. B. Hopkins	Newark, Md.	J. A. Hudson
Deal's Island, Md.	G. W. Hastings	Ocean City, Md.	W. C. Poole
Delmar, Del.	F. N. Faulkner	Ocean View and Millville, Del.	
Fairmount, Md.	A. W. Goodhand	P. O. Ocean View, Del.	J. W. Fogle
and P. J. Miles (Sup)		Onancock, Va.,	O. T. Baynard
Frankford, Del.	C. W. Strickland	and T. S. Dixon (Sup)	
Fruitland, Md.	G. W. Newton	Parsonburg, Md.	D. J. Moore

Phoebus, Va. (Sup.) Thomas Pardee	Selbyville, Del.	W. H. Briggs
Pittsville, Md. J. L. Derrickson	Sharptown, Md.	G. W. Harris
Pocomoke City, Md. W. O. Hurst	Smith Island, Md.	H. E. Reed
Pocomoke Circuit, Md.	P. O. Ewell, Md.	
(Sup.) W. V. Harris	Snow Hill, Md.	L. E. Poole
P. O. Pocomoke, Md.	Somerset, Md.	E. W. McDowell
Princess Anne, Md. D. J. Givan	P. O. Chance, Md.	
Powellsville, Md. M. W. Marine	Stockton, Md.	O. B. Rice
Quantico, Md. W. P. Taylor	Tangier, Va.,	T. J. Sard
Roxana, Del. J. M. Lindale	Westover Md.	
St. Peter's, Md. Daniel Wilson	(Sup.) W. F. Atkinson	
P. O. Oriole, Md.	Whitesville, Del.	J. A. Buckson
Salisbury:	C. P. Keen, assistant superintendent of the New York Anti-Saloon League.	
Asbury J. T. Herson		
Grace H. S. Dulaney		
P. O. Fruitland, Md.		

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

Bethel Circuit, Md. J. H. Wilson	New Castle, Del.	J. H. Beauchamp
P. O. Pivot, Md.	Newport, Del.	Asbury Burke
Charlestown, Md. W. B. Horner	Northeast, Md.	G. R. Neese
Cherry Hill, Md. J. F. Anderson	Perryville, Md.	G. W. Bounds
Chesapeake City, Md. M. D. Nutter	Port Deposit, Md.	F. X. Moore
Chester-Bethel F. J. Cochran	Port Penn, Del. (Sup.) C. W. Rutter	
P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.	Red Lion, Del.	R. T. Thawley
Christiana, Del. (Sup.) S. E. Cadle	Rising Sun, Md.	A. P. Prettyman
Claymont, Del. C. C. Harris	Stanton, Del.	R. W. Cooke
Colora, Md. O. H. Connolly	St. Georges, Del.	G. E. Wood
Delaware City, Del. T. N. Givan	St. John's, Md. J. A. Brewington	
Ebenezer, Del. J. W. Gray	P. O. Lewisville, Pa.	
P. O. Newark, Del.	Zion, Md.	J. C. McCoy
Elk Mills, Md. (Sup.) C. D. Sharpless	P. O. North East, Md.	
Elk Neck, Md. (Sup.) C. E. Cadle	Wilmington:	
P. O. North East, Md.	Asbury	G. W. Dawson
Elkton, Md. G. P. Jones	Bradywine and Edge Moor,	
Hockessin, Del. D. F. McFaul	V. P. Northrup and R. B. Conner	
Hopewell, Md. I. S. Whittaker	(Sup)	
Kirkwood, Del. (Sup.) O. S. Walton	Brack-Ex (Sup) E. W. Hervis	
P. O. Red Lion, Del.	Cookman	J. P. Outten
Marshalltown and Cedars, Del.	Eastlake	E. C. Sunfield
P. O. Marshallton, Del. J. P. Otis	Epworth	J. H. Gray
Mt. Lebanon, Del. J. H. Geoghegan	Grace	H. F. Randolph
P. O. Rockland, Del.	Harrison Street	G. T. Alderson
Mt. Pleasant, Del. H. B. Kelso	Hillcrest (Sup.) A. L. White	
P. O. Edgemoor, Del.	Kingswood	L. M. Broadway
Newark, Del. E. P. Roberts	Madeley	E. H. Collins

McCabe	J. W. Easley	George Edward Reed, president of
Mt. Salem	T. R. VanDyke	the National Society for Broader
Richardson Park	L. I. McDougle	Eudcation. P. O. Harrisburg, Pa.
St. Paul's	V. S. Collins	E. C. Prettyman, assistant superin-
Scott	J. L. Johnson	tendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon
Silverbrook	E. W. Jones	League. P. O. Wilmington, Del.
Trinity	(Sup.) R. H. Adams	E. H. Dashiell, corresponding sec-
Union	W. F. Corkran	retary of the Conference Claimants
Wesley	G. A. Cooke	Endowment Fund Commission. P.
E. L. Hoffecker, superintendent of		O. Wilmington, Del.
the Wilmington City Missionary and		E. P. Thomas, Z. W. Wells and I.
Church Extension Society. P. O.		J. B. Hill, left without appointment
Wilmington, Del., member McCabe		to attend one of our schools.
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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?
James T. Herson, Philadelphia; Leopold Vaccaro, Pittsburgh; H. F. Randolph, Newark.
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.
Roy T. Thawley, Ira J. B. Hill, Charles C. Harris, Lester E. Windsor, Raymond W. Cooke, Otis B. Reed.
In Studies of Third Year.
None.
6. Who have been Continued on Trial?
(a) In Studies of First Year.
None.
(b) In Studies of Second Year.
Charles W. Spry, Luther M. Broadway, Ralph C. Jones, John L. Prettyman.
(c) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
None.
7. Who have been Discontinued?
None.

8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
N. Claude Benson, Marion W. Marine, Essell P. Thomas, Frank White.
(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
None.
10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
James A. Leach, Zach W. Wells.
11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
George S. Allen, Olie B. Rice, George E. Sterling, George F. Newton, Ivanhoe Willis.
(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
None.
12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
(a) Local Preachers.
None.
(b) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
(c) Under Seminary Rule.
Ira J. B. Hill.
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?**
B. S. Latshaw, Newark; Ettore Destefano, New York East.
16. **Who have Died?**
James Carroll, W. L. S. Murray.
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?**
H. A. G. Westerfield, (1); O. E. James (1).
24. **Who are the Retired Ministers?**
J. A. Arters, G. W. Bowman, G. S. Conaway, J. M. Collins, James Esgate, W. M. Green, T. H. Harding, G. L. Hardesty, T. S. Holt, Wilmer Jaggard, W. G. Koons, R. L. Lewis, T. E. Martindale, S. M. Morgan, J. W. Poole, C. W. Prettyman, 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. E. Terry, C. W. Prettyman, J. P. Otis, F. F. Carpennter, E. L. Hoffecker.
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 Collection ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
\$76,094.
31. **What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?**
\$25,294.
32. **What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?**
\$17,612. 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?**
\$660.
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 ½ % 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?**
Referred to the Bureau of sessions.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

OPENING—The Forty Eighth Session of the Wilmington Annual Conference convened in Union Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., Wednesday, March twenty-ninth, Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen, at 9 A. M., Bishop Joseph F. Berry of Philadelphia, Penna., presiding. After the administration of the Lord's Supper by Dr. E. L. Hoffecker, who was assisted by the other District Superintendents and Bishop Berry, the roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, one hundred and fifty-four members and probationers answering to their names.

ORGANIZATION—On motion of E. L. Hoffecker, W. A. Wise was re-elected Secretary, and named as his assistants, W. R. Mowbray, W. E. Greenfield, L. E. Poole, D. W. Jacobs. On motion of R. K. Stephenson, W. E. Gunby was elected Statistical Secretary, naming as his assistants, J. H. Goeghegan, A. W. Goodhand, I. S. Whittaker, W. M. McCann, G. R. Ellis, G. S. Thomas, J. R. Bicking, H. C. Shipley, T. J. Sard, N. C. Benson, H. B. Kelso, R. P. Nichols, J. M. Kelso, A. R. Brown. On motion of C. W. Prettyman, J. W. Colona was re-elected Conference Treasurer, naming as his assistants, J. J. Bunting, Howard Davis, W. P. Taylor, V. E. Hills, W. H. Revelle, E. C. Prettyman, E. W. McDowell, W. G. Harris, Tilghman Smith, T. R. VanDyke, J. T. Richardson, J. H. Gray, Daniel Wilson.

STEWARDS—The District Superintendents nominated the ministerial members of the Board of Stewards as follows:—Dover District, L. W. Layfield; 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.

BAR OF CONFERENCE—On motion of W. F. Corkran the eighth 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—A motion by G. A. Cooke to amend the rules of order by extending the time of debate from ten to fifteen minutes was, on motion of J. W. Prettyman laid on the table.

CONFERENCE POSTMASTER—J. T. Prouse was appointed Conference postmaster.

STANDING COMMITTEES—Robert Watt presented and read a list of the Standing Committees and they were confirmed. (See List).

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—E. H. Derrickson presented and read the following resolution which was adopted: Resolved, That the Wilmington Conference, now in session, registers its protest against the measure before the present Legislature of Maryland at Annapolis, urging a repeal of the present Sunday laws of Talbot county, within our territory, and that a telegram of said protest be sent this morning to our Talbot county delegation at Annapolis, Md.

GENERAL CONFERENCE MEMORIALS—V. S. Collins moved the appointment of a committee of five, one for each District and one at large, to consider General Conference Memorials presented to this Conference for action. G. A. Cooke offered as a substitute that the Secretary read the memorials to open Conference at this morning's session. After debate, on motion of T. E. Terry, both the substitute and the original motion were laid on the table.

ORDER OF THE DAY—On motion of G. A. Cooke the proposed reading of the memorials was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, and the Secretary was authorized to furnish copies of said memorials to the newspapers for publication.

CHANGE OF RELATION—On motion of their District Superintendents the relation of W. G. Koons, Wilmer Jaggard, C. W. Prettyman and T. E. Martindale was changed from Effective to Retired, at their own request; that of H. A. G. Westerfield, from Effective to Supernumerary, at his own request, his case being referred to the Board of Stewards; the relation of J. W. Sutton was changed from Supernumerary to Effective.

TESTIMONIALS—On motion of T. E. Terry a committee of three was ordered to prepare suitable minute upon the retirement of the above named brethren, and Bishop Berry appointed T. E. Terry, V. S. Collins and S. M. Morgan. F. F. Carpenter and G. W. Dawson were appointed a committee to communicate the greetings of the Conference to H. A. G. Westerfield. The Secretary was instructed to transmit a similar message to P. H. Rawlins and W. G. Koons.

CONFERENCE ENDOWMENT—On motion of V. S. Collins the Treasurers of the Conference Endowment Funds were instructed to prepare for publication in the minutes an itemized statement of the amounts paid on the one percent apportionment, as well as on the subscriptions to the permanent fund, and on motion of E. H. Dashiell the Conference Claimant Commission was authorized to formulate and present a plan for future reporting of these funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—On motion of V. S. Collins, an executive session was ordered for Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

INTRODUCTIONS—Dr. Wilbur F. Sheridan, General Secretary of the Epworth League, Dr. Edward C. Perkins, Medical Missionary of Central

China, representing the Board of Foreign Missions, and Dr. Bertram M. Tipple, Superintendent of our (Mission) work in Rome, were introduced, the first two named addressing the Conference.

METHODIST REVIEW—Raymond W. Cooke was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the Methodist Review.

STATISTICAL CALL—The Statistical Secretary and Conference Treasurer collected the statistics.

ORDINATION SERVICE—On motion of W. A. Wise it was directed that the ordination and memorial services fixed for Sunday afternoon be held in this Church.

BISHOP BERRY—C. T. Wyatt presented the following resolution which was adopted with a rising vote: Whereas, Bishop Joseph F. Berry, who was assigned to this episcopal area by the last General Conference, has given strong leadership to movements which have meant so much to the group of conferences to which we belong; and

Whereas, Four years is not sufficient time for a man of his initiative and vision to carry out his plans.

Resolved, That it is the deliberate judgment of the conference that his assignment to another field for the next quadrennium would be prejudicial to the best interests of the work, and be it further.

Resolved, That we memorialize the General Conference, which convenes at Saratoga, N. Y., next May, to assign our beloved bishop to the same group of Conference for the ensuing quadrennium.

CLOSING—Announcements were made, notices were given and Conference adjourned, Dr. W. F. Sheridan pronouncing the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING—SECOND SESSION.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock with R. T. Coursey conducting the devotions. At nine o'clock Bishop Berry assumed the chair.

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

INTRODUCTION—Dr. Walter H. Waygood of the Atlantic Agency American Bible Society was introduced and made an announcement.

CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY—C. W. Prettyman presented the following nominations for members of the Wilmington Conference Education Society: Ministers—F. F. Carpenter, V. S. Collins; Lay—A. B. Magee, J. B. Tawes, and they were elected, the secretary casting the ballot.

SYMPATHY—On motion of G. W. Dawson the secretary was requested to send a letter of sympathy to Edwin Gardner because of the illness of sister Gardner.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS—On motion of V. S. Collins the secretary was requested to devote twenty-five pages of the minutes to the publication of the District reports, any additional space required to be paid for.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. E. L. Hoeffcker and Robert Watt, Superintendents of Wilmington and Easton Districts, were called, their characters passed and they read reports of their work. At the conclusion of their reports Bishop Berry, in brief and appropriate words, presented to Drs. Hoeffcker and Watt, retiring Superintendents, suitable tokens in gold on behalf of the pastors of Wilmington and Easton Districts.

DRAFTS—Bishop Berry announced a draft on the New York Book Concern for \$3027. which was ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

INTRODUCTION—Dr. George P. Mains, Agent of the Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

ORDER OF DAY—The order of the day was called. S. M. Morgan moved to defer the reading of memorials and the continuation of regular business which, on motion of G. A. Cooke was laid on the table. The Secretary read a memorial from the Illinois Conference relative to the distribution of Book Concern dividends, which was adopted. (See Reports.) A memorial from the West Ohio Conference on plan of Organic Union was, on motion of G. T. Alderson, laid on the table. That from the Wilmington Conference to unite the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was read. G. A. Cooke moved to amend by inserting the words, "Provided it can be done in harmony with the constitution of our own church." V. S. Collins moved to further amend by the addition of the paragraph, "Resolved, that we also urge union with the Methodist Protestant Churches soon as satisfactory terms of union can be arranged." After discussion the amendments were accepted and incorporated and the memorial was adopted as amended. (See Reports.) A memorial from the Ohio Conference to prohibit Editors and Secretaries from holding membership in the General Conference was not concurred in. A memorial from the same Conference relative to Conference boundaries, and one from the Vermont Conference making Local Preachers claimants on Conference funds were laid on the table.

INTRODUCTIONS—D. L. T. Widerman of the Maryland Bible Society; Dr. E. A. Bishop, representing the Southern Educational Work; Miss D. M. Barnes, representing the "World Outlook", and Dr. J. B. Hingeley, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

DRAFT—Dr. Hingeley announced a draft on the Board of Conference Claimants for \$200 in favor of this Conference.

ORDER OF THE DAY—On motion of G. A. Cooke the election of General Conference delegates was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock.

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

THIRD SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock with R. T. Coursey conducting the devotions. At nine o'clock Bishop Berry assumed the chair.

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

RESOLUTION—On motion of V. S. Collins the action of yesterday's session adopting the memorial of Methodist Union was reconsidered. V. S. Collins presented a remodeled copy of the memorial which was received and adopted. (See Reports).

EXCUSED—Howard Davis and Ivanhoe Willis were excused to return to their charges for the purpose of conducting funerals, and they were permitted to deposit sealed ballots with the secretary for General Conference delegates. Bishop Berry announced that any member having been present and answering to roll call, and subsequently being obliged to be absent from seat of Conference would be permitted to leave sealed ballot in hands of the secretary.

CONFERENCE ACADEMY TRUSTEES—On motion of C. W. Prettyman a committee of three, consisting of O. E. Jones, W. L. White and L. I. McDougle, was appointed to present nominations for Conference Academy Trustees.

ORDER OF DAY—On motion of V. S. Collins the order of the day was postponed until this afternoon following the executive session.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth question was resumed. R. K. Stephenson, Superintendent of Dover District, was called, his character passed and he read a report of his year's work. Bishop Berry, on behalf of the pastors on Dover District, presented to Brother Stephenson a purse of \$100 in gold. T. A. H. O'Brien Superintendent of Salisbury District was called, his character passed and he read a report of his work.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS—The Secretary made a statement respecting the action of Wednesday morning session calling for the publication in the Conference minutes of an itemized account of the Endowment Funds. On motion of V. S. Collins the said action was reconsidered, and after due explanation on motion of George E. Reed the matter was referred to the Conference Commission on Endowment for preparation and publication in the minutes, as well as in leaflet form for general distribution, the Commission assuming the cost of same.

INTRODUCTION—Bishop Thomas B. Neeley of Philadelphia was presented to the Conference.

TELEGRAM—On motion of H. T. Quigg a telegram was ordered sent to Senator Bennett of the Maryland legislature, urging him and all other Senators of the Eastern Shore to support the Hall bill against race track gambling.

ENDOWMENT GIFT—S. N. Pilchard announced an additional gift of \$2000. to the Wilmington Conference Claimant Endowment Fund by Mrs. Wm. A. Clash of Cambridge, Md., which was accepted with a rising vote of thanks and Mrs. Clash was presented to the Conference.

PROPERTY DISPOSITION—On motion of Tilghman Smith the Superintendent of Salisbury District and Hon. Wm. H. Dashiell were authorized to dispose of the old Kingston Church yard, which has been annexed to the farm of Algie Hayman.

BARRETT CHAPEL FUNDS—On motion of R. K. Stephenson Conference directed that The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in Philadelphia, the present custodian of funds collected for the endowment of Barrett Chapel, be requested to invest those funds at the best rate of interest, said interest to be added to the principal semi-annually, and a statement of the account made each year to this Conference.

INTRODUCTIONS—Dr. W. W. Davis of the Baltimore Conference, General Secretary of Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland; Dr. Dan B. Brummit, Editor of the Epworth Herald; Dr. Appleton Bash of the Pittsburgh Conference; Dr. T. M. Hare, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland; Dr. Clarence T. Wilson, Corresponding Secretary of the Church Temperance Society; Dr. J. H. Morgan, President of Dickinson College; Cornelius Hudson, J. G. Wilson, G. W. Henson, John Watchorn, R. C. Wells, John Tindall, Amos Crowell, David Lord, C. P. Futcher, Robert Crawford and Joseph E. Gallagher of the Philadelphia Conference; Marshall Owens and T. J. Wright of the New Jersey Conference; and Dr. W. W. Banks of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, were introduced, and the first six named addressed the Conference.

QUESTION 8—The Eighth Question, "Who have been admitted into full membership?" was taken up. N. Claude Benson, Herman O. Klug, Marion W. Marine, Charles W. Spry, Essell P. Thomas and Frank White were called to the bar of the Conference; the usual disciplinary questions were propounded and they retired, the Registrar and committee reported, the District Superintendents represented and N. Claude Benson, M. W. Marine, Essell P. Thomas and Frank White were Admitted into Full Membership, Elected to Deacon's Orders and advanced to the Studies of the Third year; H. O. Klug was Continued on Trial in Studies of the Second year. The case of Charles W. Spry was continued for consideration at the afternoon session.

ORDER OF DAY—The order of the day was called and Conference proceeded to the election of four General Conference delegates. Bishop Berry announced as tellers L. W. Layfield, W. E. Matthews, W. L. White, W. F. Dawson, D. J. Givan, F. N. Faulkner, F. F. Carpenter, T. F. Beauchamp. C. T. Wyatt moved that the vote when counted be posted. J. W. Easley offered as a substitute that Conference continue in session until the report of the tellers was made and the second ballot taken. The substitute was accepted and adopted. The ballot was ordered, and the tellers retired.

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

TEMPERANCE—Alfred Smith presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Whereas, the Prohibition war has been nearly won in the South and West and the battle line is now transferred to the East and centers at Washington, D. C. and,

Whereas, our Church Temperance Society has become an important factor in winning legislative and state wide fights,

Resolved, that we instruct our delegates to the General Conference to use their influence to secure the location of the Society for the coming quadrenium in Washington, and,

Resolved, that we congratulate the Society upon the proffered gift of a large corner lot a block from the Capitol building and across the street from the Congressional Library.

TELLER'S REPORT—The tellers returned and Bishop Berry announced the vote as follows:—Whole number of votes cast 171; necessary to a choice 86; Robert Watt, 99; E. L. Hoffecker, 98; R. K. Stephenson, 80; T. A. H. O'Brien, 66; W. F. Corkran, 46; G. T. Alderson, 42; C. T. Wyatt, 33; W. A. Wise, 21; V. S. Collins, 20; H. G. Budd, 20; G. P. Jones, 15; C. W. Prettyman, 15; and others less than ten. Robert Watt and E. L. Hoffecker were declared elected. A second ballot was ordered, the vote was taken and the tellers retired.

RESOLUTIONS—H. F. Randolph presented the following resolutions which were adopted:—

ARMENIAN MASSACRES.

WHEREAS, the world has again been inexpressibly shocked even amid the horrors of war by almost unbelievable and wholesale massacres of Armenians, in the Turkish Empire, with outrages and cruelties to helpless women and children, and

WHEREAS many have been martyred for the name of Jesus and

WHEREAS, Germany has the principal influence in Turkey,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we hereby call upon the German Emperor and the German nation to use their influence to cause these atrocities to cease, and open the way for relief to the sufferers.

JEWISH PROSECUTIONS.

WHEREAS, our attention has been called to the wholesale and cruel expulsion from their homes, together with other almost unparalleled troubles of the Jews, though many thousands of Jewish soldiers have bravely served in the armies of the Allies, and

WHEREAS, the world at large, and especially Christians, are unspeakably indebted to this race for spiritual blessings,

THEREFORE, as responsible to the Lord of nations, for the honor of Christian principles, and of the name of Jesus Christ, we call upon His Majesty, George V. the English people, and the Allies, to put an immediate stop within their domains to such wholesale and uncalled for sufferings and cruelties toward the Jews, and to adopt extensive relief measures for the helpless sufferers.

CLOSING—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Dr. Appleton Bash pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING—Conference convened at 2:30 o'clock in Executive Session with Bishop Berry in the chair, and J. A. Arters conducting the devotions.

DOOR KEEPERS—J. R. Bicking, J. M. Kelso, Harry Taylor, L. B. Morgan, J. C. McCoy, and J. F. Anderson were appointed door keepers. On motion of C. T. Wyatt visiting members of other Methodist Episcopal Conferences as well as the probationers of our own Conference were permitted to remain.

TELLERS REPORT—The tellers returned and the result of the second ballot was announced as follows:—Whole number of votes cast, 158; necessary to a choice, 80. R. K. Stephenson, received 87; T. A. H. O'Brien, 75; G. T. Alderson, 39; W. F. Corkran, 38; W. A. Wise, 19; C. T. Wyatt, 17; H. G. Budd, 13; and R. K. Stephenson was declared elected.

THIRD BALLOT—The third ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

QUESTION FIVE—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. Recommendations in due form were read by the Secretary for Admission on Trial of Roy T. Thawley, Ira J. B. Hill, Charles C. Harris, Lester E. Windsor, Raymond W. Cooke and Otis B. Reed and they were introduced to the Conference. After brief counsel by Bishop Berry they retired; the Registrar and committee reported, the District Superintendent represented and, on motion, they were Received on Trial.

TELLERS REPORT—The tellers returned and Bishop Berry announced that there had been no election. The Fourth ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

QUESTION 8—The Eighth Question was resumed. Charles W. Spry was called, pending the adoption of a motion to Receive into Full Membership, after discussion George E. Reed offered as a substitute that he be Continued on Trial. After further consideration, S. M. Morgan moved the Previous Question, which was ordered, the Main Question was put, the substitute was accepted and the motion to Continue on Trial prevailed.

CORRECTION—On motion of Robert Watt the secretary was authorized to make a correction in the date of the admission to this Conference of G. R. Neese.

TELLERS REPORT—The tellers returned and Bishop Berry announced the result as follows:—Whole number of votes cast, 155; necessary to choice, 77. T. A. O'Brien received 91; G. T. Alderson, 40; and T. A. H. O'Brien was declared elected. A ballot was then ordered for two reserve delegates, the vote was taken and the tellers retired.

ORDER OF DAY—On motion of E. H. Dashiell, the Conference Claimant Endowment plan was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

MEMORIALS—The consideration of General Conference memorials was resumed. A memorial from the California Conference on the method of making appointments was read and laid on the table. One from the Wilmington Conference on paragraph 271 of the book of our discipline was read and adopted by a standing vote. (See Reports). V. S. Collins requesting to be registered as voting in the negative; that from our Conference on restoration of time limit was read and adopted (See Reports); another from the Wilmington Conference advocating the election of no bishops by the next General Conference was read. A motion by S. M. Morgan to lay on the table was lost. Pending the adoption of the memorial after limited debate on motion of George E. Reed the Previous Question was called and ordered; the Main Question was put and the motion to adopt was lost.

TELLERS REPORT—The tellers returned and the result of the vote was announced as follows:—Whole number of votes cast, 123; necessary to choice, 62; G. T. Alderson, 95; C. T. Wyatt, 50; W. A. Wise, 26; W. F. Corkran, 22. G. T. Alderson was declared elected and on motion, the Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot of the Conference for C. T. Wyatt as second reserve delegate, which was done.

CLOSING—On motion Conference adjourned, Bishop Berry pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, R. T. Coursey conducting the devotions. At nine o'clock Bishop Berry took the chair. The journals of yesterday's session were read and approved.

CONFERENCE ACADEMY REPORT—On motion of V. S. Collins the Conference Academy report was made the order of the day this morning following a consideration of the Conference Endowment plan.

QUESTION 14—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. The Effective Elders of the four districts were called and their characters passed.

QUESTION 15—The Fifteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?" was taken up. Bishop Berry announced the transfer of B. S. Latshaw to the Newark Conference.

QUESTION 6—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Luther M. Broadway, Ralph C. Jones and John L. Prettyman were called. The Registrar reported, the District Superintendents recommended and they were Continued on Trial and advanced to Studies of the Second Year.

QUESTION 10—The Tenth Question "What Members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?" was taken up. James A. Leach, and Zach W. Wells were called and their characters passed. The Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented and they were advanced to Studies of the Fourth Year.

QUESTION 11—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. George S. Allen, Olie H. Connelly, Oren B. Rice, George E. Sterling, George F. Newton, and Ivanhoe Willis were called and their characters passed. The Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented and on motion they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and Elected to Elder's Orders.

QUESTION 12—The Twelfth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up. The recommendation of Ira J. B. Hill was read and after due representation by the District Superintendent he was Elected to Local Deacon's Orders under the Seminary Rule.

QUESTION 13—The Thirteenth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up and answered, None.

EXAMINERS—Bishop Berry appointed T. R. VanDyke and G. P. Jones as members of the Board of Examiners in the place of J. W. Easley and E. H. Dashiell, resigned.

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. H. A. G. Westerfield (1).

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

QUESTION 25—The Twenty-fifth Question, "Who are the Triers of Appeals?" was taken up. Bishop Berry nominated the following:—T. E. Terry, E. L. Hoffecker, C. W. Prettyman, J. P. Otis, F. F. Carpenter, and they were confirmed.

RETURN GREETINGS—The Secretary read a letter from H. A. G. Westerfield expressing his appreciation of the greetings and sympathy which Conference had sent to him.

RESIGNATIONS—C. W. Prettyman requested permission to resign as a member of the Conference Board of Trustees, the Wilmington Conference Academy Trustees and the Conference Commission on Endowment, which was granted, W. O. Hurst being nominated and elected as his successor on the Board of Wilmington Conference Trustees.

PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON—E. L. Hoffecker presented the following resolution which was adopted.

RESOLVED, That we commend the Honorable Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, for preserving the neutrality of our Country amidst the alarms of war, and for keeping the honor of the Nation unstained.

U. S. CHAPLAIN—V. S. Collins presented the following preamble and resolutions which were adopted and ordered transmitted:

The Naval Appropriation Bill of May 13, 1908, places all officers of the Navy including doctors, paymasters, constructors, engineers, and professors, on exactly the same basis of annual pay, according to rank and length of service, **except chaplains**. This unjust legislation takes fifteen chaplains out of the total number of 4,238 officers and dishonors the office before the country and the Navy. It is not primarily a question of the pay of chaplains, though whatever is required by other officers for maintenance is required by them; but the discrimination is one which is made against chaplains because they are chaplains, a discrimination that is not made against doctors, professors or paymasters.

In the Army the discrimination against chaplains is that they are not allowed any advance in rank beyond that of major, being the exception in this respect to all other officers in the Army. Beyond the rank of major the chaplains only of all the officers in the Army have neither rank nor pay.

WHEREAS the present laws of the United States makes an unjust and invidious discrimination against chaplains both in the Army and Navy

in matters affecting seriously their efficiency and influence and their maintenance.

And **WHEREAS**, this discrimination injuriously affects the official, professional, and social standing of the chaplain among the other officers and with the men, subjecting them to humiliation, depriving them of due opportunity and putting them at decided disadvantage as compare with other officers in the maintenance of their families.

Therefore be it **RESOLVED**, first, that in the name of religion we protest against this unjust and humiliating discrimination against these representatives of the Church and ask that it be removed and that chaplains be placed on the same plane of official privilege and opportunity as doctors, professors and paymasters.

RESOLVED, second, that as the prospective increase of the Army and Navy involves an automatic increase of chaplains we urge that the present opportunity be seized to incorporate in the pending military and naval legislation in Congress the changes which even-handed justice demands.

RESOLVED, third, That we approve in principle of the following proposed amendments and ask that they be incorporated in the pending military and naval bills. For the Military Appropriation bill the following:

"That hereafter chaplains in the Army shall have the same rank, pay, and allowances, according to length of service, as are provided by law for doctors."

For the Naval Appropriation bill, the following:

"That hereafter chaplains in the Navy shall receive the same pay and allowances as other officers of the same rank and length of service."

We direct that copies of these resolutions shall be sent to Chairman Hay, of the Committee on Military Affairs of the House, Chairman Chamberlain, of the Committee on Military Affairs of the Senate, to Chairman Padgett, of the Naval Affairs Committee of the House, and to Chairman Tillman, of the Naval Affairs Committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTIONS—Dr. Frank L. Hart, Assistant Secretary, National Mutual Church Insurance Company of Chicago, Ill.; Drs. E. E. Burris, George H. Bickley and E. L. Hyde of the Philadelphia Conference; Dr. T. C. Duff of the Colorado Conference; Dr. Edgar Blake, Corresponding Secretary, Board of Sunday Schools, were introduced, the first named addressing the Conference.

ORDER OF DAY—E. H. Dashiell presented and read the report of the Conference Endowment Commission which was adopted. The following resolutions were presented: **RESOLVED** 1, "That the expense of the campaign for conference claimants endowment be paid from funds collected, with the provision that such moneys ultimately be returned to the principal from the earnings; **RESOLVED** 2, "That we not now increase our annuity; that it be held within the point reached at the conference of 1915; that distribution be made upon that basis and that funds in excess of that be turned into the endowment treasury." Conference agreed to consider them separ-

ately. Resolution 1 was read. A motion by G. T. Alderson to refer back to the Commission was not accepted. After extended debate the resolution was adopted as read. Resolution 2 was read and adopted. On motion of G. W. Dawson Conference, with rising vote, pledged full and hearty cooperation with Brother Dashiell and the Endowment Commission in the proposed intensive campaign during the ensuing Conference year.

MEMORIAL SESSION—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson the memorial session was made an official session of the Conference.

CHAIR—C. W. Prettyman was called to the chair.

CONFERENCE ACADEMY—The order of the day was called. Hon. William Saulisbury, President of the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy, was introduced and read his report. Pending its adoption, H. G. Budd, Principal of the Academy, was presented and spoke concerning the work and interests of the institution and, on motion, the report was adopted.

Time was extended.

ACADEMY TRUSTEES—The Secretary read the report of the Committee appointed to nominate Conference Academy Trustees. The chair appointed G. W. Bounds, J. H. Goeghegan and J. M. Kelso as tellers. The vote was taken and the tellers retired.

INTRODUCTIONS—Melville Gambrill was presented to the Conference and made an address. Dr. J. O. Spencer, President of Morgan College was introduced and made an announcement.

TELLERS' REPORT—The tellers returned and the result of the ballot was announced as follows:—Robert Watt, 45; T. R. VanDyke, 44; J. W. Colona, 43; W. A. Wise, 37; F. C. MacSorley, 30; G. C. Williams, 29; F. F. Carpenter, 28; J. W. Easley, 27; L. E. Poole, 24; J. J. Bunting, 12; L. I. McDougale, 11; and on motion, the chair announced the election of the first five named.

CLOSING—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned with the benediction.

SIXTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING—Conference convened at 2.30 o'clock with V. S. Collins in the chair and T. R. VanDyke conducting devotions.

MEMOIRS—W. R. Mowbray read the memoir of James Carroll; V. S. Collins, that of William L. S. Murray; D. W. Jacobs, that of Mrs. Josephine Hunter and J. P. Outten, that of Mrs. Louisa Crozier Jones. After brief remarks by W. L. White, on motion, the memoirs were adopted. On motion of W. F. Corkran, Alfred Smith was appointed to prepare the memoir of

Mrs. Ralph T. Coursey, this to be sent to the Secretary for publication in the Minutes. Two verses of hymn 628 of our Church hymnal were sung and the Memorial service closed

ORDINATION—At 3.30 o'clock Bishop Berry took the chair.

ELDERS—The Secretary of the Conference called the names of those Elected to Elder's Orders, and Bishop Berry, assisted by the District Superintendents, and T. F. Beauchamp, J. L. Johnson, T. J. Sard, and W. F. Corkran, ordained as Elders, George S. Allen, Olie H. Connelly, Oren B. Rice, George E. Sterling, George F. Newton, Ivanhoe Willis.

DEACONS—The names of those elected to Deacon's Orders were called and Marion W. Marine, N. Claude Benson, Essell P. Thomas, Frank White and Ira J. B. Hill were ordained as Deacons.

CLOSING—The Doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, W. F. Corkran pronouncing the benediction.

SEVENTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock with Bishop Berry in the chair and R. T. Coursey conducting the devotions.

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

GAMBRILL PROPOSITION—On motion of H. T. Quigg the Conference accepted with rising vote of thanks the proposition of Mr. Melville Gambrill to increase his subscription to the amount of \$5000. toward the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund, this sum to be the last \$5,000. of the amount proposed to be raised.

CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY—V. S. Collins presented and read the report of the Wilmington Conference Education Society which was adopted.

LETTER—The Secretary read a letter from Edwin Gardner expressing his appreciation of the greetings and sympathy Conference had sent him.

BISHOP LUCCOCK—Bishop Berry announced the death of Bishop Naphtali Luccock at LaCross, Wisconsin, on Saturday last.

MINUTE—T. E. Terry presented and read a partial report of the committee appointed to prepare a suitable minute upon the retirement of Wilmer Jaggard, William G. Koons, Thomas E. Martindale and C. W. Prettyman, which was adopted with rising vote, (See Personal Tributes), V. S. Collins to present a subsequent report in the case of C. W. Prettyman.

COLLECTION—On motion of W. F. Corkran a collection was ordered in behalf of R. T. Coursey our Conference Evangelist, which when taken amounted to, cash, \$116.17, pledges, \$6.50, total \$122.67.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS—The Secretary read the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Church from the Mississippi Conference. After discussion the count vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes, 0; Noes, 126. The amendment from the Colorado Conference was then read and after explanation the vote was taken resulting in, Yea, 100; Nay, 4.

MEMORIAL—G. A. Cooke presented and read a proposed memorial relating to the discussion of question of law. W. E. Tomkinson moved to amend by adding the last sentence of Section 10, Paragraph 202 of the Discipline. V. S. Collins offered as a substitute for all before us that the memorial be referred to a committee of three to redraft and report in triplicate form. The substitute was accepted and the memorial was referred to the following named brethren:—V. S. Collins, G. A. Cooke, S. M. Morgan.

"THE METHODIST"—Dr. John F. Goucher and Dr. J. F. Heisse of the Baltimore Conference were introduced as a committee to represent the interests of "The Methodist" to this Conference and they addressed the Conference. G. P. Jones presented and read the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, as a Conference, we feel the need of a local journal to subservise its interests and the "Methodist" now published in Baltimore, and is officially sanctioned by the Central Pennsylvania and Baltimore Conferences, can well serve these interests, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we appoint a committee of three to consider with Commissions from the other two Conferences the best methods of conducting the paper, that we cordially recommend its circulation among our people, and that we pledge our best endeavor to secure at least 3000 subscribers at \$1.00 per year by June 1st, 1916.

INTRODUCTION—Dr. J. D. Martin, Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia; Dr. C. M. Boswell, Corresponding Secretary of Board of Home Mission and Church Extension; W. A. Boyd of the New Jersey Conference and Evangelist H. L. Stevens of the Presbyterian Church, were introduced, Drs. Martin and Boswell addressing the Conference.

G. W. Dawson moved that a collection be taken for the expenses of the Secretaries, Registrar and Entertainment Committee, which was ordered, the amount needed being \$31.50.

DICKINSON COLLEGE—H. T. Quigg presented the following resolution which was adopted.

"We note with pleasure the growth of Dickinson College in faculty,

student body, and interest on the part of her constituency. We are pleased to learn also of the fine student spirit in this oldest institution under the auspices of the Methodist Church. We congratulate the College also on the fact that both the Central Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Conferences have taken formal steps looking to the increase of the College endowment and we bid this movement for the College God speed."

AFTERNOON SESSION—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson it was agreed that when we adjourn it be to meet this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. It was further ordered that an evening session be held for the purpose of completing the Conference business.

STEWARDS' REPORT—W. O. Hurst presented and read the report of the Board of Stewards which was adopted, together with the following recommendations:—That a list of the memorial funds for Conference Claimant Endowment be printed in the Minutes. The sum of \$11,724 was ordered taken from the general fund and placed to the credit of the Annuity Fund, the following being nominated and elected Trustees of Claimant Funds:—Robert Watt for Mrs. Anna D. Chatham; Mrs. Jennie R. Fields, for Mrs. Sarah V. Creamer; Mrs. James Esgate for Rev. James Esgate.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to Certify that on the Second Day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen, I ordained Marion W. Marine, N. Claude Benson, Essell P. Thomas, Frank White and Ira J. B. Hill as Deacons; and assisted by several Elders, I ordained George S. Allen, Olie H. Connelly, Oren B. Rice, George E. Sterling, George F. Newton and Ivanhoe Willis as Elders in the Church of Christ, they having been duly elected to the above orders respectively by the Wilmington Annual Conference.

JOSEPH F. BERRY,
Done at Wilmington, Delaware. Presiding Bishop

CLOSING—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Dr. J. F. Goucher pronouncing the benediction.

EIGHTH SESSION—MONDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING—Conference convened at 2.30 o'clock with C. W. Prettyman in the chair and G. W. Bounds conducting the devotions.

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

STATISTICAL REPORT—W. E. Gunby presented and read his report as Statistical Secretary which was adopted.

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY—Rev. G. W. Ridout of Taylor University was introduced and addressed the Conference.

DEACONESS BOARD—T. R. VanDyke presented and read the report of the Conference Deaconess Board which was adopted and the nominations therein made were approved.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT—V. S. Collins presented a supplemental report of the Conference Board of Education which was adopted, and the action of the 1915 session relative to Educational apportionments was readopted. (1915 Minutes, page No. 75-6). The list of visitors to our several educational institutions was read and approved. (See list of visitors).

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES—V. S. Collins nominated T. E. Martindale, R. T. Coursey, W. H. Briggs for the full term of three years, and J. T. Richardson to fill the unexpired term of W. L. S. Murray, deceased, as Trustees of the Wilmington Conference, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

TO AUDIT ACCOUNTS—On motion of J. W. Easley it was ordered that a committee be appointed, the same to become a Standing Committee, to be known as the Conference Auditing Committee, the duty of which shall be the auditing of all accounts of persons or boards handling any and all funds of the Conference, and shall make full and correct report of same to the Conference and on motion of V. S. Collins the 1916 Auditing Committee, consisting of W. O. Bennett, G. R. Neese, H. B. Kelso, J. J. Bunting and E. H. Collins, was so appointed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS—Reports from the committees on Conference Board of Home Mission and Church Extension, Womans Foreign Missionary Society, Periodicals, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Epworth League, Sabbath Observance, Womans Home Missionary Society, Bible, Auditing, Education, Trustees of Wilmington Conference were presented and adopted.

RESIGNATION—V. S. Collins tendered his resignation as a member of the Bureau of Sessions which was accepted, and on motion of G. A. Cooke, G. T. Alderson was elected to fill the vacancy.

CLOSING—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, W. L. White pronouncing the benediction.

NINTH SESSION—MONDAY EVENING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 7.30 o'clock with Bishop Berry in the chair and L. E. Barrett conducting the devotions.

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

COURTESY—On motion of W. A. Wise visitors were invited to occupy seats within the bar of the Conference.

MEMORIAL—G. A. Cooke presented a revised memorial on questions of law which was adopted. (See Reports).

RETIREMENT—V. S. Collins presented the minute on the retirement of C. W. Prettyman, which was adopted with rising vote. (See Personal Tributes.)

QUESTION 2—The Second Question, "Who have been Received by Transfer, and from What Conference?" was taken up. Bishop Berry announced the transfer into this Conference of J. T. Herson of the Philadelphia Conference, H. F. Randolph of the Newark Conference, and Leopold Vaccaro of the Pittsburgh Conference.

QUESTION 15—The Fifteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference?" was taken up, and answered, B. S. Latshaw to the Newark Conference, Ettore De Stenfanso to the New York East Conference.

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

RESIGNATION—W. O. Hurst tendered his resignation as a Trustee of the Wilmington Annual Conference which was accepted, and S. M. Morgan was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy.

MEMORIAL—S. M. Morgan presented a memorial on Abolishment of the "Italian Mission" which was adopted. (See Reports).

QUESTION 36—The Thirty-Sixth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. On motion of G. A. Cooke the matter was referred to the Bureau of Sessions.

CHANGE OF RELATION—T. A. H. O'Brien, Superintendent of Salisbury District, at the request of the Cabinet moved that the relation of O. E. James be changed from Effective to Supernumerary. Brother James moved to lay on the table, which was lost. G. A. Cooke offered a substitute that he be continued in his present relation for another year. G. T. Alderson moved the Previous question. The Main question was ordered and put the substitute was lost and the original motion prevailed.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY—T. F. Beauchamp presented and read the report of the Wilmington City Missionary Society which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION—Hon. Caleb E. Burchenal was introduced and spoke concerning the importance of the City Missionary work.

METHODIST HOSPITAL—G. W. Bounds presented the report of the committee on The Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia, which was adopted and the visiting committee named therein was confirmed. (See Committee of Official Visitors).

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

COLLECTION—A collection was taken for the Sexton, Conference Post Master, and a small balance on the Secretary's expense accounts.

On motion of T. A. H. O'Brien a collection was ordered in behalf of O. E. James.

ADJOURNMENT—On motion of R. K. Stephenson it was agreed that after hearing the Journal and suitable religious exercises, and the reading of the appointments that Conference be adjourned without date.

BOOKS OF STUDY—L. I. McDougale presented a memorial on some changes desired in Conference Course of Study, which was adopted. (See reports).

CLOSING—The reading of the Journal of the last session was dispensed with, the hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have" was sung, the appointments were read and Conference adjourned, Bishop Berry pronouncing the benediction.

W. A. WISE,
Secretary.

JOSEPH F. BERRY,
President.

PERSONAL TRIBUTES.

Appropo of the retirement of Reverends William G. Koons, Wilmer Jaggard, Thomas E. Martindale, and Cornelius W. Prettyman from the Effective ranks of the ministry to the Retired relation, the Conference hereby records its appreciation of their services and its regret that they find this action necessary.

W. G. KOONS.

WHEREAS, because of afflictions, our brother William G. Koons finds it necessary for him to retire from the Effective ranks of our Conference that he may seek necessary medical treatment and derive the greater benefit therefrom that freedom from care and responsibility will insure him, we hereby record our high appreciation of his work as a beloved brother and minister of Jesus Christ, and assure him that we will not forget him, but will bear him up to a throne of grace in prayer and we do most sincerely trust that this interruption of his work may be for a brief period only, and that he may soon be permitted to join us again in the Effective ranks with renewed strength and vigor and with the same good cheer and sunshine of the happy spirit that has been characteristic of him in all the past.

WILMER JAGGARD.

Among the number of our beloved brethren retiring from the active ranks of the Conference this session is brother Wilmer Jaggard after thirty-two years of continuous service in his holy calling.

Brother Jaggard's fidelity to his errand, his abounding cheer as he has applied himself to his work and his genuine brotherliness toward us all have been marked features of his ministry. The charges served by him have always made progress under the inspiration of his leadership. Souls have been brought to their knees and to a surrendered life to Jesus Christ, and believers have learned more perfectly the way of God in which they were journeying.

We desire here to record our heartfelt regret that at the time of our brother's life when years of service in the ministry might yet be expected he has been so suddenly stricken and rendered unequal to such a task, and to assure him that our sympathy and our prayers go with him into his quiet home of retreat and retirement, that the God of all comfort may comfort and strengthen him in soul and body in all the coming days.

T. E. MARTINDALE.

Our Conference roll of Effective ministers with the name of Thomas E. Martindale omitted will be like the roster of a military company with the name of the captain left out. For fifty-two years Brother Martindale has been on the firing line and in thick of the battle, having joined the Phila-

delphia Conference shortly after being honorably discharged from the army where he served a term at the beginning of the Civil War, and when the Wilmington Conference formed his lot fell with us on this side of the line, and here he has stood shoulder to shoulder with us in all these years.

As a gospel preacher we willingly accord him his place in the first rank; as an administrator of discipline he has been wise, impartial and just. Having always the courage to stand by his convictions of duty we have always known where to locate him on any question involving a moral issue. Rarely and richly endowed by nature with a kind and fraternal spirit, he has endeared himself as a brother beloved, not only to his brethren in the ministry but also to the churches where he has served as pastor as few pastors have been able to do. His last pastorate gives ample proof of this. Of the last thirty years he has spent twenty in Salisbury, Maryland, and now that he retires from the Effective ranks, Salisbury claims the honor of having him dwell there the remainder of his life. The town is his.

And now as he goes with his second honorable discharge to the quiet of his tent we say, may the blessings of God go with you, brother, and as the Eastering shadows lengthen indicating that the day is waning, may the evening hours of life's day be flooded with the golden glow of the light, the beautiful light of the glory that is without a name.

C. W. PRETYMAN.

WHEREAS, after forty-nine years of most active and useful service among us, and forty-eight years a member of this Conference, Reverend Doctor Cornelius W. Prettyman is compelled because of physical disability to retire from the active ranks of the itinerant ministry, therefore,

RESOLVED, that in the retirement of Brother Prettyman the Conference loses one of its most loyal members. Successful as a Pastor, faithful as a friend, a model as a worker on committees—one who never stops work until the work is completed—he has for nearly half a century set an example which any Methodist preacher might be glad to follow. The Conference gladly bears testimony to the fidelity, purity and unselfish devotion of this man of God. It is a matter of congratulation that his last pastorate, that of Asbury, Smyrna, was blessed with the greatest revival of his entire ministry. Into his retirement Brother Prettyman carries with him the esteem of every member of this Conference, and the love of every member who knew him intimately.

MEMORIALS.

1.—Illinois Conference on Distribution of Book Concern Dividends.

WHEREAS there is a discrepancy in the method of the distribution of the Book Concern Dividend, arising from the fact that while it is distributed to the Conference on the basis of the total Conference membership, it must be distributed by the Conference on the basis of years of service: And

WHEREAS a just and consistent method of distribution would seem to require that the Conference should have their respective shares of the Dividend apportioned to them on the same basis as that upon which they are required to disburse it: And,

WHEREAS the present method works special hardship and injustice in the older and large Conferences, because they have a proportionately large number of Claimants and therefore larger annuity claims than Conferences more recently organized: And,

WHEREAS the present method of distribution takes no account whatever of the annuity claim of the widows and minor children:

THEREFORE resolved that this Conference memorialize the General Conference as follows:

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; TheAnnual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church hereby memorializes your honorable body, asking that Paragraph 382 of the Discipline be amended so as to require that the distribution of the dividends of the Book Concern among the several Annual Conferences shall be made upon the basis of the total claims on the Annuity Distribution in the Conferences, severally, as shown by the reports of the Conference Stewards, such reports to be checked up by the Board of Conference Claimants and approved by the Book Committee.

2.—Wilmington Annual Conference on Methodist Unity.

WHEREAS, we believe the kingdom of God is builded by union and love rather than by division and jealousy; and

WHEREAS, we further believe that the God of union and love would be more worthily glorified if all His Methodist children were truly one in Him; and

WHEREAS, we still further believe, that whatever reasons seventy years ago have been deemed sufficient to rend the Methodist Episcopal Church in twain, surely at this date both Churches would gain by reunion far more than either Church would lose; and that the reunited Episcopal Methodism of this country could much more efficiently fulfill its high destiny in the winning this land for King Immanuel than it is possible for the severed Churches to do so long as they remain separate, and therefore rivals; therefore be it resolved, that we the Wilmington Annual Confer-

ence memorialize the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting in Saratoga, May 1916,

First, To take such action, in harmony with the Constitution of the Church, as shall enable the Methodist Episcopal Church to reunite with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the earliest date practicable.

2. To continue negotiations with the Methodist Protestant Church, and with other branches of the Methodist family of Churches, in order that at the earliest possible date there shall be in these United States a united Methodist Church, "now and forever, one and inseparable."

3. Resolved, that our delegates to the General Conference be and are hereby instructed to do all they can, by voice and vote, to aid in this glad consummation.

3.—Wilmington Conference on Paragraph 271.

WHEREAS repeated efforts in former General Conference Sessions, including the one four years ago, have been made to repeal and expunge Paragraph 271, known as the paragraph on amusements, from our Book of Discipline; and

WHEREAS apprehension is felt that like efforts may be made again in the approaching General Conference Session; therefore

RESOLVED that we express ourselves as unalterably opposed to such action, and that we do here now instruct our delegates from this Conference to the General Conference to so represent us in that body.

S. M. MORGAN.

4.—Wilmington Conference on Restoration of Time Limit.

WHEREAS, The enforced itineracy of pastors was one of the distinctive features of our polity for more than 100 years and was one of the causes of our great efficiency during those years, and

WHEREAS, The removal of the time limit has so changed the character of the itinerant feature of our ministry as to make it optional instead of compulsory; therefore

RESOLVED, That we memorialize the General Conference, which meets in Saratoga, N. Y., to restore the time limit to the pastorate, making four years the limit, and to make this law binding on all pastors and churches.

5.—Wilmington Conference on Decisions of Law.

WHEREAS The law of the Church does not provide a sufficiently convenient and workable plan for the settlement of questions of law, therefore

RESOLVED, That we memorialize the General Conference to change paragraph 202. section 10. which treats of the (Duties of "Bishops") so it shall read—"To decide questions of Law involved in proceedings pending in an Annual Conference, The Judicial decision of a Presiding Bishop shall be entered in the journal of the Conference, and any member of the Con-

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WHEREAS, in the present course of study there are certain books which are unmethodistic in their teachings and ultra modern in tone and contrary to the standard of our faith.

RESOLVED, That we memorialize the General Conference and through it the Board of Bishops that in the new course of study more care be exercised in the selection of the books and that no books be admitted into the course which are not consistent with the Methodist doctrine and belief books objected to: "New Basis of Civilization," by Patten; "Christianity and the Social Crisis," by Rauschenbush, and "The Sunday School in Principle and Practice," by Meyer.

Rev. James Carroll was born in County Down, Ireland on Dec. 18, 1824, and departed this life in Milford, Delaware April 15, 1915 in the 91st year of his age.

He was the son of James and Mary Carroll, who emigrated to this Country while James was yet a very small child, and settled near New Windsor, Carroll County, Maryland. He was bereft of his mother at the early age of five years. His father was a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church, and his mother was a Scotch Presbyterian. From this union of credes came one of the most devoted and loyal Methodists known to this, the home of unadulterated Methodism. In his early days, before his conversion he was associated with the Presbyterian Sunday School in

the community where he resided. He was converted in Nov. 1842 at an old log meeting house near his home, and at that time were started the fires of an experience which never abated so long as he was in his earthly house. Up to this time he knew nothing of the ways and teachings of the people called Methodists, but in their going to and fro throughout the land, there arrived at this old log meeting house a Methodist itinerant with his burning message of sin, judgment and salvation. Young James Carroll, heard at the village store, a discussion about the coming of this messenger of God, and something of the message he would bring. It was new to him. He had never heard it on this wise before, and he was greatly moved, and not a little alarmed. He felt himself as coming under condemnation. He ventured to go and hear for himself, and at the urgent invitation of the minister went forward and knelt at the crude backless bench as a "Mourner's Bench." No one spoke to him, or came near him, so he wrestled, with what he scarcely knew, as much alone and in the same company as Jacob at the Jabbock. He found no relief, and after the meeting closed he wended his way home in burdened silence. During the following day he was in great distress of mind, and drifting as a pilotless craft on an angray sea. Night came again, and he was found at the same place seeking relief from his intolerable burden. This time there were two others at the "Mourners Bench" seeking. Soon they professed conversion with noisy demonstration, and there seemed a voice to say to him "You can do that and no one will ever know whether you are converted or not". This did not appeal to his honest soul, and he remained still at the place of seeking. After a time some one came to him and placing a hand on his head, said "My friend the Lord is blessing you, can't you praise Him?" and suddenly a light from another clime broke over his soul, and he sprang to his feet, with language upon his lips he had never heard before—he was shouting, "Glory! Glory!" He never ceased to shout it until his lips were sealed in death, and I doubt not that in that land where such language is not so unusual as here, he shouts around the throne of God "Glory to God in the highest". He was converted in good old Methodist fashion. He went "down" and he "got through" and knew for himself and not another when "he got through". It was not a card signing, hand raising process, but it was a wrestling until the breaking of the day, and it was a day without a night, to his soul. He was a real man. To him religion was his very life. It was not no side issue. It was not a perhaps, a reckon or a guess, it was a positive, unqualified "I know". And when disease had laid its devastating hand upon him, when the instrument was unstrung, there was no discordant note, even delirium rang true. When he lost the reckoning of rationality, and the eye of the pilot could no longer box the compass or lay the course, the real man—the sub-conscious man—held true the prow of the craft to the desired haven. I sat beside him when it was necessary to restrain him because of the anguish of the body, when he knew no mortal face, not even that of his wife, and when he was quieted a little he recited to us the 23rd Psalm, and then sang several stanzas of a hymn which had consoled and comforted him when he was rational, and we could not doubt

that somehow it was still a comfort. He would dwell on the concluding words of the chorus, which were "Safe at Home". So passed our friend and brother with the "ruling passion strong in death".

Brother Carroll's call to the ministry was as pronounced as his first call out of darkness into light. He was a man of deep convictions. With him, to be convinced that a thing was right, was to do it, so far as it was in his power. He early engaged in the dairy business in Philadelphia, but this involved work on the Sabbath, which his conscience would not permit him to do, hence at quite a loss, he disposed of this business and bought a farm at Chesapeake City, Md. Here he intended to make his home, entering heartily into the work of the church, and they, recognizing his gifts and graces, honored him as far as the local church could do. But he was not to remain here. God had other work for his servant, it was not to be soil but souls. The voice of God and the church could not be silenced. Again he gave up earthly enterprise and profit, and under the direction of the late Bishop Scott he began his ministerial career within the bounds of the Philadelphia Conference. A chance note states that he began preaching at Strasburg, Pa., as a supply in 1858, his senior being the Rev. W. Rink. There is here a little break in the record, but from Bird-in-Hand, Pa., in 1861 to Royal Oak, Md., in 1898 his service was continuous. The places he served as a supply, not given in our Conference record are as follows: 1861, Bird-in-Hand; 1862-63, New Holland; 1864-65, Guthrieville. In 1865 he was admitted into the Philadelphia Conference, and when the Wilmington Conference was formed by the division of the above named Conference his lot fell to this territory where he labored until his retirement in 1899. The above statement would seem to indicate that he ceased to labor when he retired. This is not true, as the people of Milford can assert. He never ceased to labor, the burden of souls was upon him, and by every means in his power he sought to reach men, even to the last. No Annual Conference could tell him when to stop work, God alone could do that. After his admission into the Annual Conference he served the following charges:—Guthrieville, 1865 (as noted above); 1866-67, Laurel; 1868-69, Princess Anne; 1870-71, Onancock; 1872, Berlin; 1873-75, Bridgeville; 1876-777, Appoquinomink; 1878-79, Galestown; 1880-81, Nassau; 1882-83, Beckwith; 1884-85, Leipsic; 1886-87, Greenwood; 1889-90, Houston; 1891-93, Millsboro; 1894-95, Quantico; 1896, Rock Hall; 1897, Crumpton; 1898, Royal Oak. His ministry proved that he was pre-eminently an evangelist. Voices from out the past come from New Holland, Laurel, Bridgeville, Galestown, and other where, to attest the truth of this statement. He was a builder of no mean ability, not only of church membership, but of church edifices as well. He was abundant in labors. He loved the ministry, and was loyal to the core, and went on his way uncomplaining, wherever he was sent, enough that he was permitted to preach the everlasting gospel. To him the ministry was the preeminent calling, and the Methodist ministry was the Pike's Peak of all human occupation. It was not to him a profession, it was the high calling of God, and the greatest honor that could adorn the brow of mortal man. The last writing he ever did, this in his 91st year, when

his face, forward bent, had on it the reflected glow of the lights of the eternal city, (looking back over the long way he had traveled), he said: "All experience comes to be but more and more of the pressure of His life on ours. This is personal. He is here. He knows me and I know Him "(Brooks)" It is no figure of speech. It is the realest thing in the world, and every day makes it more real, and one wonders with delight what it will grow to be as the years go on. The ministry in which these years have been spent seems to me the fulfilment of life". You can readily see, with such a conception of the ministry, how he would be likely to spend the lingering days of life's eventide.

During much of the time in these sixteen years of retirement, he could not enter a pulpit and preach as he was wont to do in former years. He used to say to me "How I would love to do it, but I can't keep my thread". Yet how he could pray. He talked to God as a friend, close at hand, and his face would glow with the light of another land, when he sometimes would rise at the close of the morning service to say a word—a bit, of experience, or an exhortation. He was possessed to the last with the grace of brevity, he would never tire you.

He preached to the end, like his Master at Jacob's well, to the individual, he posted striking texts of scripture on the trees in the streets, visited the sick, prayed with them, counseled them, was indeed as far as health would permit, about his Master's business. He was optimistic in his outlook, strong in faith, joyful in hope and rooted in love. He was peculiarly a man of prayer, believed God would take care of the minute things of life—his life. He desired very much to attend the last session of our Conference at Laurel. He told the Lord if He would let him do this, he could take him home just as soon as he wanted to after that. Laurel was the scene of one of the greatest works he ever accomplished for God and humanity. He wanted to visit again this hill top, before he passed over. The Lord took him at his word, and only a few brief days after his return from Conference he was invited to the heavenly heights for his crowning.

Funeral services were held from his late residence, on April 19, 1915. Quite a large number of the brethren of our ministry, those of all denominations in Milford were present. The principal address was delivered by Rev. Thomas E. Terry. His remains were laid to rest in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Milford, Del.

There are left on this side to mourn their loss, and to rejoice over his triumphant crowning, a widow who before her marriage to Brother Carroll, was Miss Mary W. Davis of Milford, Del., and three sons by a former marriage; Dr. James Gibson Carroll, Los Angeles, Cal., Mr. John Wesley Carroll, Detroit, Mich., and Rev. William Amos Carroll of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. "Well done thou good and faithful servant." We bid thee farewell, until such time as we shall be permitted, in a fairer clime to bid thee "Good morning"!

WILLIAM R. MOWBRAY.

William Lemuel Showell Murray.

It was Saturday evening, the twenty-sixth day of February, 1916. In the cosy parsonage of Epworth Church, Wilmington, the tired Pastor was preparing for bed. All day long he had been busily arranging for the great meeting he was expecting to hold in his Church next morning at 10.30, during which he was to receive the scores of converts won during the recent Lyon campaign. Even after supper he had been out, like the good Shepherd, hunting for these lambs of the fold, and made three calls to insure their presence next morning. About nine o'clock he returned home seemingly as well as usual, but complained of being cold. He deemed it wise to retire early as he was to have such a strenuous service next day; so he shaved, bathed, and retired. In a few minutes he was seized with a coughing spell; rose, and went to the bath-room. His wife tried to help him, but they could not stop the cough; and in a few minutes his spirit had returned to the God who gave it. Such was the passing away of William Lemuel Showell Murray, one of the truest, noblest, most useful members of the Wilmington Conference, in the sixty-eighth year of his age.

Brother Murray was born near Selbyville, Sussex County, Delaware, Dec. 12th, 1848. His father was Joshua Burton Murray, and his mother's maiden name was Susan Madison McCabe, a sister to William S. McCabe. He was the first of nine children, four sons and five daughters, five of whom still survive, one brother and four sisters.

After receiving the training of the public schools near his home at the age of eighteen he came to Wilmington and entered the Clarkson and Taylor academy, where he spent one term. He was paying his own way in his school course, having already taught four months previous to his entering the academy referred to; and his resources being exhausted he returned to his home, taught in the public schools for four years, during which time he was diligently studying in preparation for his life work.

In religion brother Murray had an experience profound, and his conversion at old Lamb's Woods Camp, in August, 1866, changed the whole current of his life. During the same month he joined old Salem Church, near Selbyville. So rapid was his growth in spiritual things that he was licensed to exhort January 1, 1870, the license being signed by Rev. Vaughn Smith, Presiding Elder. October 10, 1870 the Quarterly Conference of Frankford Circuit granted him Local Preacher's License, which was signed by P. H. Rawlins, Chairman, and John T. Long, Secretary; and December 24th, 1870 this license was approved by Rev. Vaughan Smith, Presiding Elder, after "due examination in the Quarterly Conference." His first ministerial service, so he records, was in a grove near Frankford, and his text was Luke V, 32: "I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

In March, 1871, the Conference met in Dover for the third time, and brother Murray was admitted on trial, and was appointed as Junior Preacher with J. A. Arters, Senior, to Gumboro Circuit, with eleven

churches. In 1872 he was appointed to Snow Hill as Junior preacher to J. W. Pierson. In 1873 he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Levi Scott and sent to Phoenix Station.

Realizing after three years in the itinerant ministry that his mental furnishing was inadequate to the greatest usefulness in the ministry he determined to drop out of the traveling ranks to attend school. Believing it was not fair to take a supernumerary relation while attending school, and thus have that time count to his credit as though he had been in the active service of the Conference, he accepted a location, entered the Conference Academy, completed his course and graduated valedictorian of his class the first graduate class of the Wilmington Conference Academy, in June, 1875.

There being a vacancy at Claymont because of the illness of Rev. Geo. A. Campbell, Brother Murray was appointed supply by Rev. John B. Quigg, Presiding Elder of Wilmington District, and served the remainder of the year.

In 1876 Brother Murray was readmitted to membership in the Wilmington Conference, with the same standing as when he dropped out, and was appointed to Cambridge, Md. With this appointment began that long series of masterful successes that marked Brother Murray's entire ministry. The list shows 1876-78, Cambridge, Md.; 1878-80, Northeast; 1880-83, Middletown, Del.; 1883-86, Asbury, Wilmington; 1886-87, St. Paul's Wilmington. After serving but one year at St. Paul's, serving, too, most successfully, Bishop Warren removed him from the pastorate and appointed him Presiding Elder of Wilmington District, where he added to his fame both as a preacher and a wise, sane administrator of the law of the Church.

Into this new position he carried the same principles of zeal tempered with discretion, firmness united with gentleness, and a holy ambition for the kingdom of God without the admixture of unholy personal ambition that he always manifested in the pastorate and with the same success. He put his whole magnificent energy in building the Church of God on the District. No wonder, therefore, that the record shows that during his five years' administration seven new churches were built at a cost of \$121,970, on which \$102,668 were paid in cash; that ministerial support increased \$5,000; and more than 6,000 souls were converted and added to the Church. In spontaneous recognition of his worth as a man and a minister, as well as of his success as a Presiding Elder, his brethren elected him on the first ballot to the General Conference of 1892, sending him at the head of the delegation.

But his new honors did not rob him of his innate modesty, or his gentle brotherliness. Evidently for him, with his unselfish devotion to the Christ, with his large heart and generous impulses, there was no pleasure in playing the over-lord of his brethren; for in the very height of his popularity and success in the work of the District, with another year of his term before him, he did what no other man has ever done in the history of the Wilmington Conference, viz: he resigned the office of Presiding Elder

and returned to the pastorate; and Bishop Andrews appointed him to Wesley Church, Dover.

After a successful pastorate of three years at Wesley, Dover, he was invited to return to St. Paul's, where his one year's work was still lovingly remembered.

Commencing with March 1895 there followed the most wonderful pastorate, as I see it, ever granted to a man in the history of our Conference—ten years of success in every department of church life and work. Conversions, admissions, growing Sunday Schools, all forms and branches of churchly activities at full flood. And when the ten years had closed, St. Paul's swarmed, and a new Church went out from the old hive at Seventh and Market Streets, and Washington Heights was organized, with Dr. Murray as the Pastor and god-father to the movement. Here he spent two happy years, watching the flowering of this budding organization, and then in 1908 to Pocomoke City for five years more in Maryland.

In 1913 he was returned to Wilmington and stationed at Epworth. On his return to Wilmington friends noted he had preceptibly aged. A serious illness of some years before, following the long strain of caring for an invalid wife had sapped his manly vigor and it seemed impossible fully to regain it. But he took up his work at Epworth with much of his old-time earnestness and soon had won the hearts of his people. The Sunday School grew, and the Church was enlarged for its accommodation. Every department of Church life and work was responding to the touch of his masterful hand when like a flash, while in a barber's shop, in April, 1915, came a sudden attack which proved to be the beginning of the end. The doctor ordered immediate cessation from all work, and the faithful wife accompanied him to Wernersville, where three months were spent. Much improved, he returned late in the summer to his work, but never fully regained his health.

When the Lyon campaign was planned he was most enthusiastic in its advocacy, and most loyal in its support, and attended many of the meetings when prudence would have dictated his absence; and the end came, as noted above, superinduced by excessive labor in preparing for the reception of the converts of the meeting.

In summing up the characteristics of our departed friend we note first his love for learning. He believed a minister needed higher culture for his greatest success. Not only did he drop out of the travelling connection to take a course of classics at the Conference Academy, but he found time during the exactions of a busy pastoral life, after finishing his Conference studies, to take the full Chataqua course as planned by Bishop Vincent, and graduated in 1886 with a grade of 93. At once he started a postgraduate course in Gran University, Athens, Tenn., and on completion of the course received the degree of Ph. D. Dickinson honored him in 1890 by conferring on him the degree of Doctor Divinitatis.

In preaching, brother Murray ever sought to present Jesus as the Savior of men, and consequently his chief strength lay in the power of his

hortatory appeals. Given the stimulus of a large and responsive audience, already stirred by gospel singing, he would pour upon them such a wealth of tender emotion from his own warm heart, and yet spoken in tones that could be heard to the limits of the largest auditorium, that he would sway them as the hurricane sways the oaks of the forrests. Witness his great sermon at Ocean Grove in 1890, or his equally great one in People's Church, Boston. No wonder he was requested to preach at the Centennial Anniversary of old Asbury, and the quarter Centennial of Grace. Best of all, his sermons won souls for the Master. He never had to depend upon the devices of a professional peripatetic revivalist, but his own preaching, his own prayers, and his own faithful pastoral work won on an average one soul a week for the entire eleven years he was pastor at St. Paul's.

Not only as a minister and pastor was Dr. Murray honored, but his level-headed common sense won him friends in the business and social world. For many years he was a trustee of the Wilmington Conference Academy; was Chaplain of the House of Representative at Dover; was class orator at the Conference Academy; was grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, A. F. and A. M. for the year 1902, and for twenty-eight years was Dean of Goldey College, and lectured there.

Brother Murray was plesed in his selection of his life companions. In Dover, February 8, 1876 he was married by Rev. J. M. Williams, assisted by Dr. J. H. Caldwell to Miss Catherine Janiver, daughter of Edwin P. Janiver and Elizabeth Haman. Of this union three children were born, Elizabteh Janiver, who died April 25, 1909; William C. McCabe, who died in infancy; and Margaret Gemmel, now Mrs. Saxton Lynch, who still survives. Sister Murray was a true help-meet. Refined, vivacious, loyal both to the Church and to her husband's life-work, enthusiastic in her friendships—no wonder she was popular in every charge to which they were sent. After a devoted married life of nearly twenty-nine years, after a lingering illness she passed away January 24th, 1905.

On the 31st of October, 1906, brother Murray married Miss Pauline Nelson, daughter of Rev. E. H. Nelson, a former member of our own Conference. Trained in a Methodist parsonage Miss Nelson was singularly fitted to grace as wife the position in which she had been so popular as daughter.

To them was born May 22, 1909, a son, Edwin Neson Murray, who survives.

Funeral services were held in Epworth Church, Tuesday, February 29, at 2 o'clock, in charge of Dr. E. L. Hoffecker, Superintendent of Wilmington District. Long before the time of service the Church was packed, even standing room being at a premium. One eman corner was not large enough to accomodate the company of brother ministers who crowded in to honor their fallen friend. Rev. G. W. Townsend offered prayer, and Rev. C. W. Prettyman and Bishop Joseph F. Berry made addresses. Interment was made in Wilmington and Brandywine cemetery, and the grave was literally buried beneath the wealth of floral offerings contributed by loving friends.

Of brother Murray truly it may be said

"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.
The voice at midnight came;
He started up to hear;
A mortal arrow pierced his frame;
He fell; but felt no fear.
The pains of death are past,
Labor and sorrow cease;
And, life's long warfare closed at last
His soul is found in peace.
Soldier of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ;
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Savior's joy."

VAUGHAN S. COLLINS.

Mrs. Josephine Hunter.

A year ago there was given to me the sad task of preparing the memoir of Rev. Thos. B. Hunter, and now a similar task has fallen to me with reference to his widow, who, in about six months after his death, joined him in that hereafter life where "they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are as the angels of God."

Mrs. Josephine Hunter was born April 30, 1842, in Brandywine Hundred, New Castle Co., Delaware, and died in Monrovia, California, May 31, 1915. Her parents were Joseph and Sarah Garland Miller, she being the youngest daughter and the last surviving member of the family. She was first married to Mr. Andrew Husbands, a man of genial and jovial temperament, who, however, became an early victim of pulmonary tuberculosis and left her a widow in early life. Her acquaintance with Rev. Thos. B. Hunter began during his pastorate of Mt. Lebanon Methodist Episcopal Church of which she was a faithful and conscientious member, and after the death of his first wife his mind was directed to her as a suitable person to take her place and share with him the responsibilities of a Methodist minister's life. They were married in 1879 and lived happily together until his death in 1914. After his retirement from the active ministry in the spring of 1908 they moved to California and made their home there, being induced by the fact that the oldest of their two sons was engaged in business there. She sought to be a help-meet to her husband, not only in a spiritual manner, but also in a material way by adding to his meager salary by her own efforts and from her own resources. By dint of economy they succeeded in giving to their two sons a liberal education, both of whom are now occupying responsible positions in the business world.

Mrs. Hunter had been in failing health ever since the death of her husband, her own death being accelerated doubtless by the loss she thus sustained. She requested to be buried in the dress she wore on the evening of her marriage to Mr. Hunter, that fact being indicative of the calmness of mind with which she regarded the great change which she knew to be imminent. To quote from another "They lie side by side in the cemetery at Monrovia beneath the shade of the palm where the grass is ever green and the flowers ever bloom.

It was the writer's privilege some years ago while teaching school in the immediate neighborhood to make his home with her father. The family at that time consisted of Mr. Miller himself, his wife, other than the mother of Mrs. Hunter, a lad, the only child of this union, and two unmarried daughters, sisters of Mrs. Hunter, and while Mrs. Hunter herself was not a member of the family she was a frequent visitor there. With her death, the last member of that family has passed away, reminding me that I too am being carried along by the same current of time that has borne them from "the things that are seen to the things that are not seen." Thus

Friend after friend departs
Who hath not lost a friend?
There is no union here of hearts
That hath not here an end.
Were this frail world our only rest,
Living or dying, none were blest.

Beyond the flight of time,
Beyond this vale of death,
There surely is some blessed clime
Where life is not a breath.
Nor life affections transient fire,
Whose sparks fly upward to expire.

There is a world above
Where parting is unknown;
A whole eternity of love,
Formed for the good alone.
And faith beholds the dying here
Translated to that happier sphere."
GEO. W. TOWNSEND.

Mrs. Louise Crozier Jones.

Mrs. Louise Crozier Jones, the beloved wife of our brother, Rev. Clarence Nadal Jones, of the Wilmington Conference, was called by her Divine Lord from the toils of her earthly pilgrimage, to the triumphs of an endless life, January 19, 1916.

Mrs. Jones was born at Red Lion, Delaware, March 9, 1873. Her

father being the Rev. Andrew J. Crozier, at that time a member of the Wilmington Conference, and the pastor of Red Lion chrage. She was converted at Cookman Chapel in 1889 when she was sixteen years old. At once she became interested in all departments of church work, and she continued to be an active church worker as long as she lived. Those who knew her best speak of her as an earnest, devoted and consecrated Christian girl who was always ready for every good word and work.

Her marriage to the Rev. Clarence Nadal Jones was solemnized in Cookman Church, of which he was then pastor, June 28, 1905. And besides the above named church she served with her husband in the ministry the following charges. Chesapeake City, St. Georges, Preston and Delaware City, and they had served Hopewell charge nearly three years when she was called to her reward.

In all these charges her influence was strongly felt, she was held in high esteem and her Christian life was a blessing to all the people. She loved the Church and always attended the services when it was possible, but at home she was ever the faithful wife and devoted mother. Her eldest son at the age of nine, is now a full member of the church, having been brought to experience the joys of salvation through the influence of his mother.

Such a beautiful Christian life could only terminate in a triumphant death, and her departure has been described as a most glorious transition, though "her sun is gone down while it was yet day". Her strength was gradually waning for some time, but she was not considered seriously ill until three days before the end came, and when apprised of the fact that she must go she did not murmur nor question the goodness of God, and she had no fear, for she knew him in whom she had believed, and he did not fail her in the trying hour. Being fully resigned and submissive to his will she talked freely about her departure, giving motherly counsel to her children as they retired for the night, and sending messages to others whom she loved. Early the next morning she was not for God had taken her home.

The announcement of her death caused a deep gloom to settle over the entire community, and soon messages of sympathy came to the stricken parsonage home, for it was lonely and desolate without her. But incessant prayer has ascended to the throne that sustaining grace may be given to those who 'sigh for the touch of a nourished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still."

She is survived by her husband and three small children, Clarence Nadol, Jr., 9 years old, Erdman Crozer, 6 years old and Herald Clark 2 years old. A little daughter named Ruth Louise preceded her mother to the heavenly land about five years ago.

Her mother and three brothers also live to mourn her loss. Great sympathy has been expressed for Mrs. Mary L. Crozer the mother of Mrs. Jones who after a long life of Christian usefulness as a faithful member of Cookman Church in her advanced years has been called to bear one more of life's heavy burdens.

The funeral services, in charge of Dr. E. L. Hoffecker, District Superintendent was held at the parsonage home on Sunday, Jan. 22nd, assisted by several ministers, in the presence of a large concourse of people who brought with them their last tribute of love and esteem.

We laid this object of our affections down to rest in the family lot in Mount Salem cemetery, where a large company of her girlhood friends had assembled, and where with her father, sister and daughter she quietly awaits the morning of the resurrection, when we shall all meet again, and there shall be ministered unto us an abundant entrance with the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Welcomed at the pearly portals,
Evermore a welcome guest;
Welcome to the life immortal,
To the mansions of the blest.

Home sweet home, her home forever,
All the pilgrim journey past;
Welcome home to wander never,
Saved through Jesus—home at last.

J. P. OUTTEN.

Mary Florence Coursey.

Mary Florence Coursey wife of Rev. R. T. Coursey and daughter of John F. and Ann R. Covell departed this life August 9, 1915. She was born March 25th, 1861, and was converted under the ministry of Rev. C. W. Prettyman, D. D., 1878, on November 30, 1887 she was united in marriage to Rev. Ralph T. Coursey of the Wilmington Conference and continued to share with him the trials and triumphs of our itinerant ministers life until she went in to come out no more forever. To them, of this union two children were born, Mary Rebecca and Ralph T., Jr., both of whom with her husband still survive. Sister Coursey was a modest, quiet, unassuming woman—not given to ostentation or show in anything, but at the same time she was a woman of the most refined sensibilities and of the sincerest piety. She was preeminently a home body, literally living for her husband and children, and solituous almost to a fault for their comfort and welfare. Everybody that knew her loved her. It could not be otherwise. She was so amiable and gentle and good. If she ever made an enemy it must have been through some misunderstanding, for, certain it is she never intentionally offended anyone. She was only fifty-four years of age and it would seem from her robust constitution that she ought to have lived much longer, but "death comes and there is no release, his time —? none can tell." She was buried at Centreville, Md., the home of her childhood, near the spot where sleep the dust of her father and mother.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. W. F. Dawson.

ALFRED SMITH.

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DOVER DISTRICT.

With a sense of gratitude to my Heavenly Father for the blessings of the year, temporal and spiritual, and to my brethren of the ministry and laity, for sympathy and support, I come to make a report of the work for the year just closing.

As we call the roll of the pastors of Dover District appointed at the last session of the Wilmington Conference, everyone is able to answer, here. When we see the inroads on other Districts, and Conferences we are most profoundly grateful for God's favor to us.

Scarce had the brethren settled down to their work after the Conference at Laurel, before the message came that one of God's servants "in waiting" had received his summons. Brother James Carroll, a choice and ripe saint, heard the call of the Father above and went to live with Him. He was very anxious to attend the session of the Conference at Laurel, where he served many years ago as pastor. He remarked, if he could live long enough and was privileged to attend this session at Laurel he was willing to go. Brother W. R. Mowbray the pastor will present the memoir at the appropriate time. We express our sorrow sympathy, and for Bro. Ralph T. Coursey in the great loss he has sustained, in the death of his estimable wife, and assure him of our honest, sincere prayers for sustaining grace.

Sister Brown, wife of Brother Amos R. Brown, pastor of our church at Canterbury, was called to her heavenly home in November last. She was beloved by all who knew her. A beautiful Christian, bright in experience, patient in suffering, joyous in anticipation, and triumphant in translation. Funeral services were largely attended by the ministerial brethren and other friends. Her remains were laid to rest near Rising Sun, Md.

Brother W. E. Gunby was called to lay away his beloved father who has been an invalid for sometime.

Brother George Ellis, pastor at Millsboro, was temporarily disabled by a serious attack of grippe, followed with the rheumatism. The pastors and local brethren supplied his work until his recovery.

Brother Thomas Pardee, Pastor of Zoar charge, has been similarly held, but is now convalescent.

In September last Brother E. P. Jones, a supply at Leipsic, was compelled to relinquish his work because of ill health, and Bro. Charles H. Atkins has supplied the pulpit. His work has been satisfactory and a request by the Quarterly Conference for his return has been made.

May 27, 1914, a fire in the town of Farmington caused by sparks from a railroad engine burned many buildings and among them our church. It was a serious loss, as our people are of moderate means. Brother O. E. James, the pastor, at once set about the difficult task of erecting another building, preferably on the same site, of larger dimensions and conveni-

ences. The Railroad Company donated us \$2300. Our insurance policy brought us \$1200. A number of the officials and members were favorable to buying an old and unused Presbyterian church to refit and furnish. The pastor supported by many of his people and the District Superintendent, advised a new church on the old location, and the same has been built. The dedication was planned for May 16th, the occasion of the first quarterly meeting of the Conference year, but a terrific down pour of rain prevented services, and same was postponed until May 23d, when Brother T. E. Terry assisted the pastor, Brother John M. Kelso, and preached in the morning, the pastor preached the evening sermon. The building cost \$4,000 and is about paid for.

Raymond's Church on Leipsic charge which was destroyed by fire just prior to the last session of our Conference has been rebuilt. The walls to the square have been used and a very attractive and comfortable church erected. Several dates were set for dedication. Finally Brother W. E. Gunby of Dover assisted the pastor and preached the sermon. The choir of Wesley church rendered good music. The sermon was well received and highly appreciated. The cost of the church of \$1320 has been met.

Brother E. L. Hubbard, a retired minister of the Baltimore Conference, and a former member of this Conference now supplying Beckwith and Spedden, has done good work on his native heath. He conceived the idea of giving the people better social advantages, and erected a hall 30x50 adjoining, and opening into the rear of the auditorium, and is supplied with library, rest room and kitchen. The library is stocked with magazines, the well lighted hall is furnished with tables, chairs and piano. The people of the neighborhood meet there several nights in the week for lectures, suppers and entertainments. It is the centre of a territory of 15 miles long and the only adequate place for such gatherings. The cost was about \$1800 all of which has been either paid or provided for.

Possibly one of the most marvelous achievements is the reconstruction of the church at Church Creek. This is a little village of less than 100 inhabitants with a membership of about fifty, and of moderate means. The pastor, Brother Horace Truitt, one of our splendid supplies took the matter in hand, planned, bought material, hired workmen, superintended and wrought with his own hands, besides collecting \$1200, nearly all before the day of reopening, and has given the people a beautiful and attractive church.

During my five years pastorate at Seaford (1896-1901) we had a great revival and this made it possible for us to build a new church. The pastor urged some provisions that the building committee could not see at that time were necessary. Among them basement accommodations for social gatherings in connection with the church. The need has become so apparent and the demand grown so strong that this year work was begun and finished at a cost of \$2400. The church now has every modern convenience for social work. Brother E. J. Winder, a Local Preacher, was in charge of said improvements and in recognition of his splendid work they have sent him to represent them in the Lay Conference.

Rehoboth under the leadership of Brother Disston W. Jacobs had paid off \$1500 which he found standing against the new church, and entirely wipes out said claim. A small payment has been made on the parsonage debt, leaving \$975 yet unpaid. This church enterprise was projected and completed under the leadership of Bro. H. B. Kelso who did splendid and heroic work and too much credit cannot be given him for the work and sacrifice while pastor. However, had the matter of providing creditable church accommodations for the people of Rehoboth and its summer population been left until this Conference year, it would likely have been an impossible task. Brother Jacobs has shown himself the man for the time and place. His former business training served him well. In the face of the strenuous times he has increased his benevolences, collected and paid the above named debt, met all current expenses, salary has been paid monthly, without public collection for same. He recently secured copies of *The Christian Advocate*, preached on the importance of the official organ in the homes of the people and as a consequence he has secured seventeen subscribers for this periodical.

The pastor at Harrington during last Conference year led in the building of a comfortable and convenient parsonage at a cost of \$4000. This year he has placed hard wood floor in the audience room of the church and with the assistance of Mr. Carnegie has placed a new pipe organ in said church at the cost of \$2100.

Our church at Cambridge has been making a heroic effort to reduce its debt of \$27,000 to \$20,000. Brother Pilchard the pastor has been trying every means known to him to bring about this result. This is no small task when the current expenses are to be met and a new pavement laid and church grounds beautified at a cost of \$235 this year. There has been paid on said debt this year \$4,200, and in three years \$19,000 thus reducing the present debt to \$25,000. Notwithstanding this church has a great plant with many demands on it, the pastor and some of his wide awake leaders have seen the necessity of opening up a work in East Cambridge. Accordingly Brother Haddinott, a leading layman, bought two building lots on one of which was a chapel formerly used by the Baptists. He offered it to his pastor for Sunday School purposes and agreed to meet all expenses of supplies for six months, and longer if necessary, and to make no charge for the use of the building. The Official Board of Zion Church at first hesitated to assume responsibility, but after a time gave consent to the opening of a Sunday School under their auspices. Brother J. Ed. Drennen took charge and made an efficient Superintendent and soon had 100 scholars on roll. This venture has developed so amazingly that the pastor feels that soon there ought to be an assistant pastor with the thought of developing a church society.

Feb. 11th our church at Ellendale was totally destroyed by fire caused by a defective flue. The furnishings were saved. The insurance of \$900 is already in the hands of the Church Trustees and a recent Quarterly Conference named a building committee to erect another to meet the needs of the people, this being the only church in the town.

Our Society at Viola, Canterbury charge, needs a new church building. The present edifice is not safe, comfortable or respectable. It is in the midst of a prosperous people and our church is the only one in town. The matter has been laid before the officials a number of times, plans have been secured and promises made, but they lack nerve and consecration of their means to God and His cause. It is to be hoped that another year will see a much needed church at this point.

Cokesbury Circuit has placed a substantial iron fence about the cemetery at the cost of \$150.

Bridgeville has placed electric lights and new furnace in the parsonage at the cost of \$210. Milton places a new piano in Sunday School room at a cost of \$350. Milford a new carpet in the Sunday School room. Lakesville improved church property at cost of \$150. Frederica has improved its parsonage property by making addition thereto, enlarging kitchen, placing bath room with fixtures and additional bed room at a cost of \$2614 all of which is paid. Greenwood has improved its parsonage and church property to the extent of \$450. Reliance parsonage has been improved by an additional front building and a new barn, house painted, new furniture at a cost of \$1800.

During the year we have paid \$18,417 in building and improving the church property; \$8,735 on old indebtedness.

The charges on Dover District, in the main, are considerate and appreciative of the work and needs of the pastor in these days of increased expense and living. More than one has said, I shall need a larger support for myself and family or seek it in the commercial world. Brethren of the laity this must not be. A number of our charges are awakening to this need of better support and have advanced or are arranging to advance pastor's salary. Bridgeville invites the pastor back for the third year with the assurance of an increase of \$200 making the salary \$1200. Canterbury has increased the salary of their pastor, Bro. A. R. Brown \$175 over the amount paid last year, invites him back and agrees to advance \$50 next year. Nassau, pleased with the service of Bro. G. S. Allen and his great revival of over 100 conversions, promise him \$700 next year, an increase of \$50. The work at Galestown was re-arranged, adding \$400 to ministerial support and inviting the pastor back at an increase of an additional \$100. The church at Hurlock asks to be made a station, and agrees to pay \$1000 to the pastor.

The Sunday Schools of the District have prospered, especially in the larger towns, but the schools in the country have been handicapped by campmeetings in the summer time, short days and cold weather in the winter, and have had a hard struggle for development and some even for existence. The organized Bible Classes have done much to interest and get out our men. Probably the most successful effort is under the leadership of Bro. W. R. Mowbray, pastor at Milford, where the class is so large that it requires the audience room of the church for the session of the class.

A District Epworth League Convention was held in the fall at Seaford. Brother Howard Davis the District President in charge. The day sessions

as well as evening were intensely interesting and spiritual. We hoped for a quickening of interest among the chapters on the return of delegates. My observation in the Quarterly Conference shows no material improvement and seldom have a President of the Local Chapter sufficiently interested to be present, or even send report. The Junior League is doing splendid work and cannot be dispensed with. Would it not be wise to organize our men and boys in a Methodist Brotherhood and have a great men and boys movement. Such an organization well worked is the most help-medium for reaching men and enlisting their united help in a great moral and religious reforms.

Our Conference Academy has had a good year, and the plant and full equipment were never better. At present the town of Dover is a liberal patron because they get their money's worth. Dr. Budd and his faculty were never more highly esteemed and never have done better work. The outlook for an improved financial year. Evangelistic services under the direction of Dr. Robert Crawford were fruitful of much good. The student body this year numbers 143.

The temperance work on this District has been largely sentiment making. That part which lies in Maryland, has been active in seeking to secure more stringent laws in the legislature now in session, and it is to be regretted that they have not met with larger success. The Anti-Saloon League in Delaware has been active in keeping the issue before the minds of our people and toning up the sentiment for a fight for State wide prohibition, which legislation will be sought the coming winter. The W. C. T. U. held a most interesting and successful state convention at Harrington in the fall, at which local and national speakers stirred great enthusiasm and strengthened the cause of temperance.

The pastors and their committees on benevolence have been busy most of the year looking after the welfare of the causes placed in their hand. They have made strenuous efforts to raise the full amounts asked. Some charges will pay their apportionment no matter who is pastor, or what is the amount and others will not. Not all pastors are good financiers. Some do not begin soon enough in the year, and some have no definite plan or amount to collect. The pastors on Dover District with few exceptions, if any, not only seek to meet the apportionments in full, but go deep into their pockets and pay liberally again and again, that the interests may not suffer and the honor of the charge may be maintained. The returns so far indicate a healthy advance.

The work of Dr. E. H. Dashiell on the Endowment Fund, has pleased the ministers, and they have gladly opened their churches, and have given their sympathy, time and money, to encourage the work.

There needs to be arevival in a number of charges in reference to the records of church membership. While many pastors are faithful in recording accession and changes in membership, and making all necessary entries, there are some who seriously neglect it. Not one quarterly conference committee on church records in five, makes the required annual report at the Fourth Quarterly Conference, notwithstanding special atten-

tion has been called to this matter again and again. According to our Conference minutes in one instance there has been a net loss in membership in five years of 175, in another 161 in the same period, and yet the churches of these two circuits had the usual revivals, conversions, and accessions and no unusual falling away or scourge, or change in territorial lines. We feel undue liberties have been taken in transcription of the record and the above named committees have made no report because they have made no examination. It is a matter of serious regret that while our Conference reports from four to five thousand conversions each year, there has been so small a net increase in full members. Dover District will report this year a net advance of more than nine (9) percent in full members.

Some years ago an effort was made, and plan inaugurated to create a fund for the care and maintenance of Barrett's Chapel. This was under the management of Bro. F. J. Cochran then pastor of Magnolia Charge of which the Chapel is a part. Six Hundred and Twenty Dollars or more were collected, and by action of the Conference the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was asked to be the custodian of said fund, with the hope that it might some day reach \$50,000. For several years very little has been done and there has been no accumulation. At present it draws only a nominal interest. It is the desire of those interested in this fund that it shall some day have an income therefrom sufficiently large to sustain a ministers whose duty it shall be to serve the church and be its custodian. We further suggest that the Conference request the custodian of said fund to invest the amount at best rate of interest, and said interest to be added to the principal semi-annually, and a report be made annually to the Wilmington Conference.

Our District has not witnessed so many sweeping revivals as last year when we were able to report over 2000 conversions, yet there have been gracious out pourings and many souls have been converted. Among those charges that have been especially blessed are Felton, where at the present a precious awakening has taken place and up to the present 164 conversions have been reported and the battle still rages. Crapo reports 147 conversions; Lewes, 116; Nassau, 105; Lakesville, 83; Millsboro, 75; Georgetown Circuit, 73; Harrington, 74; Ellendale, 71; Greenwood, 67; Cambridge, 60; Zoar, 49; Armory, Dover, 46; Wesley, Dover, 45; Canterbury, 53; Reliance, 40; Bethel, 31; Milford Neck, 30; Seaford, 25; and other charges reporting less than 25 conversions. So far as figures have come to me there have been 1743 conversions and 1208 have united with the church on probation. But figures do not tell all the story, nor the story of all, for there are earnest, patient and faithful toilers in the Master's vineyard whose entire service during the conference year has been marked by the execution of well laid plans, work and sacrifice, who cannot report conversions by the hundred or even by the score.

The above is the record, in part, of the work and accomplishments of the year on Dover District. We lament our failures, for whatever cause, and rejoice in the measure of success marked by the upbuilding of the church temporarily and spiritually. Our borders have been extended and

our stakes have been depened and we thank God for permitting us to be follow workers with Him and each other in the great task of making this old world better.

This markes not only the close of the Conference year, but also the close of my term as Superintendent of Dover District. When assigned to this duty I took it up with fear and trembling. I would never have chosen it. I offered an honest and earnest prayer to my Heavenly Father for guidance and help, and so did many others for me and the work, and I went out to serve God and the Church with my brethren of the Ministry. I have no disposition to enumerate accomplishments or measures and compare the work in figures, because one might be tempted into making figures tell the story he most desires, for they can be easily cajoled to suit his purpose, and further the Master has a strict and impartial account of the work and the harvest in due time will tell of the sowing.

These years have passed rapidly notwithstanding all that has been crowded into them. I appreciate the many kind assurances of personal regard from individuals and Quarterly Conferences, and assure my brethren these will be remembered and cherished so long as I live. Notwithstanding all this it is with pleasurable anticipation that I look forward to a parsonage home and a people of my own. I gladly avail myself of this opportunity to register my high appreciation of the courtesy and hospitality of my brethren and sisters of the parsonages, and the homes of the laity on Dover District. These kindnesses have a value not computed in coin and can be appreciated and estimated only by the brethren who serve in this office.

With sincerest thanks to my brethren for their sympathy and help in the work of the district and thanks to my Heavenly Father for all I am, and have, or have been able to accomplish, I submit this my sixth annual report for Dover District.

R. K. STEPHENSON,

EASTON DISTRICT.

To record the visible results of another year's labors is both a privilege and a delight. The workers on Easton district are deserving of their need of praise. A spirit of brotherly fellowship has characterized their relations with each other that has made hard work a pleasure instead of a burden.

There has been one break in the ranks. Beginning with November our dear brother Westerfield was compelled to step aside from his loved employ. What ablow this was to one of the most diligent and arduous workers among us can only be imagined. During these months the pulpit has been supplied by his brother ministers, who responded to the call for help most unselfishly. The Denton church merits our admiration and gratitude for the kindness shown their stricken shepherd. His salary is paid in full, and he was the recipient of a generous purse in addition. All join in the hope that our fellow craftsman may soon be restored to full health,

and be able again to mingle in the most glorious service granted to mortals.

Mrs. Harriet H. Bridgeman, the mother of Mrs. R. P. Nichols, the wife of Rev. R. P. Nichols, pastor at Still Pond, entered into rest from the home of brother Nichols at Still Pond. Mrs. Bridgeman was a woman of a rare culture and refinement, a typical New England woman. She had been in failing health for a time and the hope was cherished that rest might restore her wasted vitality. It was not to be. Gradually but surely her strength gave way, and she fell asleep like a tired child. All that love could do was done to make her closing days free from pain. Surrounded by her loved ones she folded her weary hands and ceased to suffer for she heard the call "come up higher".

It is eminently fitting that special mention be made of our honored co-worker, the Rev. Dr. Cornelious W. Prettyman, who retires from the active ministry at this session of the Conference. Dr. Prettyman is closing a signally successful pastorate at Asbury, Smyrna. I count it a notable thing that this "good soldier of Jesus Christ" holds as his last appointment the most important of his career. It is given to but few to finish at the top. With most "the eye grows dim, and the natural force is abated". I have never known a more faithful and diligent minister than this good man. As a preacher he declared "the whole counsel of God". There was neither trimming nor dodging, his messages came straight from an honest heart. He was most scrupulous in his presentation of the great causes of the church. His diligence as a pastor could not be excelled. He was both painstaking and discriminating in his work.

Dr. Louis E. Barrett is closing a seven year pastorate at Chestertown, a pastorate notable in every way. During his term of service in this historic church its membership has been increased, the property improved, and a movement for a new parsonage already under way. I desire to acknowledge my personal indebtedness to this brother beloved, for the inspiration of his life, the value of his counsel, and the beauty of his loyal and unswerving friendship.

The work of both Sabbath Schools and Epworth Leagues has gone forward with unusual vigor and success. Wise planning, genuine consecration, and unflinching loyalty have characterize the leadership in these departments.

The annual convention of the District League touched high water mark. Betterton Chapter was host, and with their good pastor Rev. R. P. Nichols, they spared neither pains nor expense in making their guests comfortable. The convention sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Herbert F. Randolph of Grace church.

The sermon of Rev. E. H. Dashiell, and the mighty address of Dr. J. O. Randall moved the convention profoundly.

What with freakish weather, a succession of stormy Sundays, roads almost impassable, scarcity of work, low prices for oysters, and poor crops, the year brought unusual hardships. In some instances whole families were forced to leave. Only the men facing these conditions knew what they meant. Yet both preachers and people kept cheerful, and in very few

cases was there any falling off in the Benevolent offerings. The following advanced beyond last year. Bayside, Clayton, Crumpton, Fairlee, Kent Is., Kenton, Oxford, Pomona, Rock Hall, Smyrna, Smyrna Ct., Tilghmans, Trappe and Cordova. There may be others, but the reports have not reached me, when this record was made. The chief increase is in the Missionary offerings.

Among the enterprises brought to a successful conclusion in the direction of improvements are the following: At St. Michaels, Rev. Leonard White pastor, a \$2600 pipe organ has been installed and paid for. The total cost including the necessary alterations was \$3300. When one considers the financial depression that has prevailed in St. Michaels for more than a year this improvement is little short of a miracle. Much credit is due the women of the church as well as the men and the pastor. The audience room of the Centreville church has been literally transformed by the removal of the pipe organ from the rear of the church, a new carpet, new lights, hard wood floors and a platform extending clear across the church. It is one of the most beautiful audience rooms on the District. The cost \$1200 was provided for before the reopening. At Sherwood on Bayside charge, a reception hall costing \$600 has been built. The importance of this movement is providing a place where the social life of the young people can be cared for cannot be overestimated. The day will seen come when all the churches will need to do likewise. Union on Crumpton charge has been beautified at a cost of \$500, and paid for. Rev. Warren Burr reports \$600 on improvements and \$1315 on old debts, making over \$5000 raised during his two years pastorate. The Mite Society of Asbury church, Smyrna, has replaced the unsanitary cushions with hard wood seats at a cost of \$780. Mrs. William H. Baggs has given a memorial window in memory of her husband, who for sixty years was an official in Asbury. The cost of the window \$150 brings the amount for improvements up to \$930. Rev. R. P. Nichols reports \$600 on debts and \$250 on improvements. Odessa has spent \$250 for a new lighting system, and Rev. J. A. Hudson reports \$180 spent for improvements at Mowbray church. The Rev. Milton McCann has evolved from an unsightly chapel a convenient and attractive church, which is a credit to our Denomination in Smyrna. The cost \$1200 is paid. It is needless to remark that in all these cases the work of the pastors played a large part, yet much is due to the good work of the Ladies Aid Societies, always a blessing to the church and pastor. Shepherds Church on Burrsville charge, which was demolished by a cyclone last April has through the aid of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and the dogged persistence of the Rev. B. F. Jester, been completely restored. The indifference and actual hostility engendered against these efforts is too sordid a story to find full expression here.

Concord church, Rev. H. B. Kelso, pastor, has been renewed by replacing the unsafe plaster ceiling with metal, and the audience room further brightened with a new carpet, at a cost of \$500. Rev. W. W. Chaires reports \$290 spent on improvements and \$176 in hand for future use; Rev. J. W. Prettyman reports \$125, Rev. W. F. Dawson \$450, Rev. J. L. Spark-

lin \$100, Rev. John White \$1200, Rev. W. H. Kenney \$230, Rev. Alonza Travers \$225, Cordova \$95, with 14 charges not yet heard from, a total of \$23,000.

The District has responded nobly to the plea of our Endowment Secretary, Rev. E. H. Dashiell. A large majority of the ministers have pledged 10% of one year's income, and all were cheered by the generous gift of our Resident Bishop toward this fund. On the authority of one of our most liberal and well informed laymen it can be said that, if the laity equal the preachers in their contributions the fund will not stop short of a Million dollars. May our church on this historic peninsula hear the call of God and make glad and liberal response. The work of brother Dashiell has been superb. He is the right man in the right place.

This opportunity is taken to direct attention to the remarkable results of the New Financial Plan at Middletown. This was one of the best organized churches in the conference, but believing in the BEST the board unanimously adopted the New Financial Plan. Results. Former arrearages wiped out, a check in full for the benevolences in the hands of the pastor three weeks before conference, and all obligations met in full. Dr. C. T. Wyatt's second pastorate has marked the red letter history of this charge.

What of the matter of a better support for our ministers? Thirty charges have advanced salary during the past six years, some of them twice. Three have added \$100 each this year, and two \$50 each, viz., Greensboro, Tilghmans, Still Pond, Wye Mills, and Bayside. Some progress has been made during these years. In 1910 the average salary on Easton District exclusive of house rent was \$750, today it is \$850, it ought to be at least \$1000. It must be clear to the laity that so long as the minister is not relieved of undue anxiety on the material side, so long will a prudent foresight force him to have a care in the direction named. There is too much of a tendency to expect the best service for the least money. There are men on Easton District receiving from \$900 to \$1200, who would for the same service in other Conferences be receiving at least a third more. No church however exalted its opinion of itself is justified in putting itself selfishly in the way of the advancement of men who have invested time and money in an adequate equipment for the ministry. Nor is it fair to charge the minister with the "money lust", when he takes advantage of an opportunity for bettering his conditions. I never leave a Quarterly Conference in doubt as to my attitude in these matters. The pastor by the proprieties of the case must remain silent, but the officers of the church can speak with fearlessness and frankness. These things are not uttered in any captious spirit, but they need to be iterated and reiterated again and again until our conference takes its place with other Conferences of like standing.

One of the things that impressed me on completing the survey of the District was the condition of the church property. With few exceptions every community was furnished with a commodious, comfortable house of worship. As a consequence only four new churches have been erected, viz., at Royal Oak, Betterton, Sherwood, and Tilghmans. The church at Easton was reconstructed, making it equal to a new one. New parsonages were built at Henderson and Townsend, and the parsonage at Middletown re-

modeled at a cost of \$3900, and at Oxford a home for the minister purchased. The increase in church property is over \$70,000. There is a debt of \$175,841 on the church property of the conference, but \$8,123 of that amount is on Easton district. The "pay as you go plan" practiced by this district is safe and sane. Over \$20,000 have been paid on debts, and there has been a very creditable increase in the Benevolent offerings. From the data in hand it would appear that about \$400,000 have been raised for all purposes, or an average of \$67,000 a year.

The one thing of supremest moment in our Methodist Israel is our spiritual status. It is not our polity that furnishes our problems, but our spiritual state. Methodism was builded on the eternal verities. Sin and salvation were the outstanding words in her nomenclature. It is still true that Methodism has a peculiar mission in the earth. "Repentance toward God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" is still the condition of entrance into the Kingdom. One is tempted to think as modern conditions are examined that many so called works of grace are the offspring of sentimentalism rather than the product of conviction. Better two thousand genuinely converted, intelligently trained adherents, who will not be moved about by every wind and tide, than thrice that number smuggled into the Kingdom on waves of a transient emotionalism. It requires more than a card signed, or hand clasp, to make a dependable disciple of Jesus Christ. A variety of methods is not condemned, nor a legitimate emotionalism ruled out, but we need to pray to be saved from ephemeral results by doubtful methods secured. How else shall we explain the appalling discrepancy between our probationers roll and our membership roll? When it is discovered that with 26,000 probationers we gained by 3,000 members in a single year, we are forced to the conclusion that something is wrong.

The revival spirit that prevailed the district last year has not left us, and while the results are not in all cases as striking, yet the spiritual fruitage is abundant.

The first victory was at Denton immediately after Conference. To many April seemed a strange month for revival effort. But despite the intense heat, and manifold discouragements over 100 souls were added to the church. In May Hillsboro was wonderfully blessed by a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, resulting in more than a 100 conversions. Rev. W. F. Dawson, the pastor had become thoroughly convinced that the future of that church depended on a genuine revival of religion. With but very little encouragement he pushed the battle to the gates, and a quickened church and a Sabbath School rescued from virtual extinction as well as the salvation of the unsaved was the result. The heart of Rev. J. L. Sparklin was gladdened with 125 conversions. This also was a spring revival and helped the church to tide over the most trying period of the year. At Witman, Rev. W. B. Horner, pastor, the greatest awakening in the history of that church resulted in 70 conversions, and the church remade. The fruit of the meeting at Centerville was 70 conversions, and a greatly renewed church. Brother Richard J. Bicking is correspondingly glad. Rev. C. T. Jones of Crumpton comes with 62 sheaves garnered with a heavy heart because of the critical illness of his estimable wife. But the Lord was

gracious not only granting spiritual fruitage but in completely restoring our brother's wife to perfect health. For a goodly portion of the year Rev. W. W. Chaires of Kenton was engaged in revival efforts, and not without avail for he reports 75 conversions, and the largest benevolent offerings in the history of this charge. When it is remembered that Kenton has been served by some of the brightest young men among us, this record of a man no longer a youth speaks for itself.

There were 9 conversions at Odessa, 20 each at Oxford and Queenstown 15 at Townsend, 5 at Still Pond, Rock Hall 28, Clayton 38, Burrsville 40, Symrna Circuit 31, Middletown 11, Bozman 28, Cheswold and Ridgely 22 each, Tilghmans 15.

I have never labored with heartier or more congenial or hard working company than the men who have been associated with me on Easton District. What the District has accomplished is due largely to their loyalty and cooperation. Without their efficient service success would have been impossible. I believe I take with me as I go from the District their respect and affection.

It would be impossible to conclude this brief review without a word personal. Measured in perspective it is not a far cry from 1910 to 1916. How these hurrying years have been crowded with the goodness of God, and the delights of His service. Burdens, sacrifices, failures, ideals unrealized, discouragements—yes, all of these, yet a joyful service nevertheless. More than once as I have witnessed the adversities of my brethren I have thought of the words of our Master when He said to the wondering disciples "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." I have tried as far as it was humanly possible to put myself in their place, and if they did not feel the touch of an intelligent sympathy, it was not because their needs did not make their due appeal.

Speaking a more intimately personal word I can say without reserve that I "have known no man after the flesh". To intimate that there have not been special friendships would be a reflection on good sense, but before "Him, whose I am and Whom I serve", this has not been undue influence where the interests of the church were concerned. Very early in my ministry I learned that merit deserves FIRST consideration. This has been the chief ingredient so far as appointments were influenced by an expression on my part. Not that credit always receives prompt recognition. Favoritism may temporarily advance a man, it cannot permanently keep a worthy man out of his own. More than once during these six years have I suffered because deserving men were compelled to wait for the reward their work justified.

The record is closed. The joys and the sorrows, the failures and the successes and the misunderstandings are among the things that were, yet like the deep afterglow of a summer day the memories of the past touch the fleeting present making it radiant "with a light ne'er seen on land or sea." And now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. be all the glory, now as always."

ROBERT WATT

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

In presenting this my first annual report of the work on Salisbury District, I wish, first of all, to record my most profound appreciation of the splendid service rendered the church, by my predecessor Dr. Geo. P. Jones, during the six years of his incumbency; peace prevailed everywhere, the District was well manned, and all the charges but five, served by members of the Conference, have requested the return of their pastors.

Bishop Cooke changed the District Lines in making the appointments last spring, placing Bethel, Millsboro, Mt. Pleasant and Laurel on Dover District, thereby reducing the number of charges on Salisbury District to forty-seven, and the number of pastors and assistants to fifty.

The general health of the preachers and their families has been fairly good, and we come to our annual roll call with our ranks unbroken by death. But some of our prominent laymen have answered the roll call on high. At 9 P. M., March 29th, just as we were receiving our appointments, Daniel W. Miles, of Fairmount, Md., received his crown; April the 3rd, while the beautiful snow was falling, Wm. H. Jackson, of Salisbury, Md., went home to live with those who are arrayed in white; May 22nd, Thomas S. Hammond, of Berlin, Md., entered into rest; July 17th, Wm. H. Sterling of Cape Charles, passed to his heavenly home; Sunday, Dec. 26th, just as the shades of night were falling and the church bells were ringing, James T. Truitt, of Salisbury, Md., went up to join the great company of worshipers on high; then, on Saturday, Jan. 8th, D. J. Maddox of Fairmount, Md., entered the better land. These men, all of them, were good men and true, and for years had been active in the work of the church. They have gone from us, and we shall miss them, but we shall see them again.

On May 27th, last, the Salisbury District Convention, in the interest of the "Conference Claimant Endowment Fund", was held in Asbury Church, Salisbury, Md. The Convention was called to order at 10 A. M., by the District Superintendent, who requested Dr. T. E. Martindale, Chairman of the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund Commission, to preside. Rev. L. E. Poole was elected Secretary. Nineteen ministers and seventy-five laymen were present. At the morning session addresses were delivered by Dr. Martindale, Dr. Joseph B. Hingeley of Chicago, Dr. W. G. Koons, Cor. Sect. of the Conference Claimants Endowment Fund Commission, Dr. C. Herbert Richardson, Cor. Sect. of the Baltimore Conference Endowment Fund Commission, the District Superintendent and others. Dr. Hingeley was the principal speaker for the afternoon and evening. Great interest was manifested and much good accomplished. Group meetings followed at Selbyville, Del., Snow Hill, Crisfield, Princess Anne, and Salisbury, Md. The cause was ably represented in most of the churches of the District. The subscriptions to date, ministers \$2010, laymen \$3300, including the \$500 conditional subscription of Mr. Wm. P. Jackson of Salisbury, totals \$10,310. But 3 charges on the District have been canvassed by the Corresponding Secretary, Salisbury, Pocomoke City and Delmar.

On Oct. 25-26, the District Epworth League held its annual convention in Immanuel Church, Crisfield, Md. The entertainment was such as Crifield is noted for, and the program was of a high order. The attendance was large. Dr. T. E. Martindale spoke on Monday evening on "Christ's Law of Service", and Dr. J. O. Randall, on Tuesday evening, on "The Forward Movement Program of Our Church". The address of Dr. Martindale was published in pamphlet form by the League and circulated throughout the District. E. W. McDowell was re-elected President.

The Sunday School Conventions held in each of the Counties of the District, were well attended and were productive of much good.

Many of the pastors have given much time and attention to organizing and conducting Bible and Teachers Training Classes. The Men's Organized Bible Classes at Asbury, Crisfield, Berlin, Immanuel, Crisfield, Pocomoke City, Asbury, Salisbury and Snow Hill, have enrolled about 6000 men, and are centers of great spiritual influence and power.

Early in the year I asked the pastors to give me the number of families; the number of heads of families; the number of adults not heads of families; and the number of children who are in any way identified with our church. The report is as follows: Number of families 8,824; number of heads of families 14,313; number of adults not heads of families 6,228; number of children 12,216; total constituency 32,575. Now if you subtract 12,230, the number of full members on the District, you have 20,527 unsaved people in our own homes. This is not all; there is one town on the District that has a population of 8,000 white people. The six Protestant Churches have a membership of 2,000, leaving 6,000 white people in that town, who are not members of church. That is not all, there is another town, with a population of 9,000 white people, where there are seven protestant churches, having a membership of 2,804, and claiming a constituency of 4,431, leaving 4,569 white people not claimed by either of the churches. To meet the conditions, as I find them, I have organized "The Salisbury District Legion of the Methodist Episcopal Church", and have secured the signatures, of more than 1,000, of the 1370 official members of the District, who "under the direction of their ministers, have agreed to give, in time, at least two hours each month to definite personal effort to persuade others to begin the Christian Life". The call today is for me, for the salvation of this world is a man's job, who are "not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ", men who will not only preach it but live it.

At Annamessex, O. E. James has had a quiet year. The salary, advanced \$40 has been paid in full; \$182 paid on improvements; 20 conversions.

E. H. Dashiell was returned to Asbury, Crisfield, last spring for the fourth year, and served till September 15th, when he was appointed, by Bishop Berry, Corresponding Secretary of the "Conference Claimant Endowment Fund Commission" to succeed Dr. W. G. Koons, who resigned because of failing health. On December 15th, V. E. Hills was appointed to Asbury. He has been taking his bearings and laying his plans preparatory to an aggressive campaign for the salvation of souls. The congregations fill the church, and the Sunday School is one of the largest on the district. Collections about up to last year; 20 conversions.

At Berlin, W. E. Greenfield has had the time of his ministry, and Berlin, the time of her history. The salary fixed at \$1200, an advance of \$200, has been paid monthly; \$6,055 paid on the church debt; \$263 on improvements at the parsonage. In January, this faithful pastor and his people enjoyed a gracious revival; 100 souls, mostly men—many of them old men—were saved. Berlin has not had such a meeting in 50 years, if ever. The pastor is now planning for a great time in June when the last dollar of the indebtedness \$2300 is to be paid.

N. C. Benson, is closing his first year at Bishopville. He has a splendid people and has given them faithful service. He reports 84 conversions.

Cape Charles, and W. O. Barrett are greatly pleased with each other. This man does his work so systematically and faithfully that good results always follow. The revival in February, was productive of great good. The Berge Sisters assisted the pastor for two and a half weeks of the five weeks campaign; 167 souls were saved. The whole town was stirred as never before; \$900 paid on improvements.

At Chincoteague, L. B. Morgan is closing his second year very happily. The new bath-room at the parsonage, costing \$600 has all been paid for.

J. E. Graham, has had the right of way at Claremont, and being the only minister living in the town, has visited and prayed with every family, Methodist, Baptist, Episcopalian and others. His salary, advanced \$50, has been paid in full. A new parsonage has been built, costing \$2,000, \$1900 of which has been paid. \$13 increase in the collections.

Crisfield is the greatest Sea food market in the world. The shipment of a single day, Saturday, Nov. 20th, 1915, in five express cars, to all points, north, south, east and west, was valued at \$8,700. In May last, a box of soft crabs was shipped to the King of England and arrived in good condition; the crabs were greatly enjoyed by his Majesty. Dr. C. A. Hill, the popular pastor of Immanuel Church in this world famed little city on the Tangier Sound, has paid \$700 on old debts; \$250 on improvements. The salary fixed at \$1,500, an advance of \$100 has been paid in full.

Dagsboro and St. Georges, have had three good years under the faithful care of G. W. Bounds, and he comes to Conference with a good report. He is interested in everything in which his people are interested; in everything that makes for their betterment,—such as education, public roads and public business. He is a good pastor and lives with and for his people.

At Deals Island, G. W. Hastings is closing his third year. He has spent his entire ministry on Salisbury District and has done good work wherever he has gone. His pastorate here is no exception to the rule. The church property has been improved this year, at a cost of \$650, \$350 of which has been paid. The church is said to be in better condition than at any time for twenty years.

Delmar and F. N. Faulkner understand each other perfectly and are working together very harmoniously. Nearly all of the 151 probationers, received last spring, have been advanced to full membership during the year. An evangelist may persuade men to "Strike the Trail", but it takes a faithful, well trained pastor to save them to the church for service. At

the second Quarterly Conference a Building Committee was appointed, and \$14,000 has been subscribed for a new church.

At Fairmount, A. W. Goodhand has a warm place in the hearts of his people, and the church has been greatly helped by his faithful ministry. Owing to the depreciation of property generally in the community, the trustees reduced the valuation of the church at Upper Fairmount from \$17,000 to \$12,000, where it has been for years prior to 1907. The Epworth League has put a new piano in the Sunday School room, costing \$395, \$110 of which is paid; \$115 on old debts; \$175 on improvements.

G. W. Harris, is closing his third year at Frankford. The relations of pastor and people have been and are most delightful. Everything is in good shape. He is the President of the Conference Epworth League, and his work tells upon the young people wherever he goes.

At Fruitland, G. F. Newton has had a good year; \$60 paid on improvements; 36 conversions; congregations and Sunday School growing.

E. H. Marshall, has done good work and lots of it at Girdletree. He reports \$432 paid on improvements; salary paid in full; 9 conversions.

W. S. H. Williams, has had a very busy and successful year at Gumboro. Two campmeetings and four protracted meetings, in which more than 200 souls were saved; three churches and the parsonage improved at a cost of \$650, all of which has been paid, indicate that this man of God is still effective.

At Hebron, J. D. Reese is closing his second year. On November 10th, the new church fever struck his people, and on the 28th the Corner Stone of a new brick building was laid. Dr. T. E. Martindale and the District Superintendent assisted the pastor at the morning and afternoon services; the write preaching at 10.30 A. M., Dr. Martindale delivering the address in the afternoon, and the pastor placing the stone. The walls of the building are about one fourth up and will be finished and the church dedicated in the early summer. This new house will cost, when finished, from \$8000 to \$10,000, 11,200 of which has been collected and paid; \$100 has been paid on improvements at the parsonage. The pastor reports 25 conversions.

Hollands Island, is growing smaller every year. This once prosperous church and community seems destined to continue with us for but a little time. There are only 169 people on the Island, S. T. Horseman, the pastor, lives on Deals Island and goes over to Hollands on Friday, preaches on Sunday and returns home on Monday.

R. C. Jones, is the popular and successful pastor at Mardella Springs. Upon his arrival he found a mortgage of \$309 on the parsonage, which he paid, and had the Canceled Bond on hand to be burned at the first Quarterly Conference. His salary increased \$100, has been paid in full; revival fires have been lighted on the alters of the three churches and 90 souls have been saved.

At Marion, Geo. E. Sterling has made for himself a warm place in the hearts of the people, young and old. In the early part of the year he organized a troop of Boy Scouts and has been teaching them how to build and operate areoplanes. The salary, increased \$100, has been paid in full; \$50 has been paid on improvements; \$375 on debt; 2 conversions.

Wm. H. Revelle, at Mt. Vernon, has not been idle, as the growing congregations at both churches; \$250 paid on old debts; \$355 paid on improvements; and 9 conversions, attest.

C. W. Strickland is closing his fourth year at Nanticoke, all the churches have been helped by his faithful ministration of the Word. He reports \$66 paid on old debts; \$132, on improvements; 17 conversions, and the work in splendid condition:

At Newark, Md., F. J. Cochran, will long be remembered as the preacher, who with saw and axe, felled the three large poplar trees that overshadowed and endangered the parsonage and converted them into fire wood. His field has been just a little difficult to work, but the soil is good, and the seed sown, will in time yield a harvest.

In his report last spring, the District Superintendent recommended that Synepuxent be detached from Berlin and annexed to Ocean City, Md., "for the purpose of organizing our Methodists already there and providing for them a pastor." Bishop Cooke, acting upon the recommendation, appointed C. W. Spry to Ocean City. The Assembly Room in the Public School Building was secured for the services; on April 24, 1915, the organization of Atlantic M. E. Church was affected, when 8 persons were received by letter. The first Quarterly Conference composed of the official members of Synepuxent, held at Ocean City, Md., April 24, 1915, elected Stewards and Trustees for the new Society, and confirmed the election of the Sunday School Superintendent. The pastor's salary was fixed at \$650, an increase of \$350, Ocean City taking \$350 and Synepuxent, \$300. The trustees organized by electing president, secretary and treasurer, and have secured a splendid lot on which to build a church. There are certain funds belonging to Ocean City Methodism, which, by action of this Conference, were placed in the hands of the trustees of Berlin M. E. Church, which, at the proper time, we shall ask this Conference to authorize the trustees of Berlin to pay to the trustees of Atlantic M. E. Church, at Ocean City, Md. The outlook for Methodism in this growing town by the sea is bright; \$150 collected for improvements.

At Ocean View and Millville, J. W. Fogle has had a good year. During the coming year he contemplates building an annex to the church at Ocean View to accommodate the growing Sunday Schools.

At Onancock, things were getting a little blue, but when O. T. Baynard drove into the "Old Town" in his "New Ford" the natives said, "We never saw it on this wise", nor had they. Then when the District Superintendent arrived and it became known that he was from the "South Land", they said, "This is the beginning of a new day for the old-side Methodist Church", and so it was; for the congregations have greatly improved; the Sunday School has taken on new life; the salary was increased \$100; 109 souls found peace in believing in Jesus Christ; and when we came to Sunday night, December 18th, the church was packed to the doors, with every foot of standing room taken, while in the pulpit beside the popular pastor sat the pastor of the M. E. Church, South, and the Rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the town, to hear the Mezicks sing and the District

Superintendent preach. There was a great time in the Old Town that night, the people shouted and praised God for real joy. The trustees have obtained an order from the Court to sell half of the parsonage lot and are going to build, for their pastor, a new, modern home, to cost about \$2,500; \$328 paid on improvements. The pastor writes: "Total increase in the collections will be \$110 or more. Brother Dixon has made good this year, reporting 49 conversions and \$27 increase in collections".

E. C. Sunfield, has had a very full year at Parsonsburg. Two camp-meetings and three protracted meetings, in which 57 souls were saved; \$279 paid on improvements, including \$125, the price of a lot, for a new parsonage fronting on the State Road, gives you some idea of the work this good man has been doing.

At Phoebus, L. T. McLain is closing his fifth year of splendid service. The church and parsonage property are in good condition and the people are wide awake and up to date Christians. When they sing, "I'm a soldier of Jesus", the uniform of many of the men indicates that they are also in Uncle Sam's Army.

The church at Wango, Pittsville charge, destroyed by fire a few days before Conference last spring, has been replaced with a new building, costing \$2005. \$900 of which, provided for by the insurance on the burned building, was promptly paid. September 26th was the day set for the dedication; H. S. Dulaney, R. T. Thawley and the District Superintendent assisted the pastor, E. P. Thomas. The writer preached at 2.30 P. M., and H. S. Dulaney, at 7.30 P. M., after which the District Superintendent, assisted by the Pastor and R. T. Thawley, dedicated the new house to the worship of Almighty God. The collections before and on the day of dedication amounted to \$904 in cash, leaving \$201 unprovided for. On October 1st, E. P. Thomas was excused to attend Drew Seminary, and R. T. Thawley, a student at the Wilmington Conference Academy was secured to take his place; the work has gone on without a break.

Pocomoke City and W. O. Hurst are greatly in love with each other. The salary, fixed at \$1,200, an increase of \$200, has been paid monthly; the very last of the old debt \$460, has really been paid; and the labors of this devoted man of God have been crowned with a blessed revival in which 275 souls were saved. The pastor writes: "The town has been made over and can truthfully be called by its original name. "Newtown". Drunkenness, illicit sale of liquors, gambling and profanity have been reduced to a minimum. For a month religion has been the chief topic of conversation in office, store, factory, barber-shop, every where. A moral and spiritual work has swept over us. Two afternoons, factories, shipyards, and various other places suspended business that the employees might attend the meetings. Places of amusement closed of their own accord. From 800 to 1000 thronged the church almost every night during the week, hundreds were turned away on Sundays. Fully 20,000 were in attendance during the four weeks." The Berge Sisters assisted the Pastor and when the meetings closed the Official Board gave him a "Mileage", and sent him to the "Soul Winner's Conference in Baltimore. The conferring of the degree of Doctor of Divinity, by an Ancient and Honorable Institution of Learning, upon

a man, who has the spirit of the Master in him, does not prevent him from winning souls.

James L. Derrickson, who is closing his second year on Pocomoke Circuit, has again shown himself to be a master builder. He was the leading spirit, and master mechanic in the building of the beautiful little church at Williams'. It cost \$2,200 and was dedicated Sunday, January 23rd, the District Superintendent assisting the Pastor. Cash collected before and on day of dedication amounted to \$1468, leaving \$732 to be provided for. The salary, advanced \$50 has been paid in full.

W. V. Harris, has had all the work, and more, than he could do on Powellville Circuit. Two churches, Willards and Powellville, have been rebuilt and completely renovated at a cost of \$1,000 each. W. E. Greenfield, assisted the Pastor at the re-opening at Willards, June 13, 1915, when the total cost of improvements was paid in cash. At the re-opening at Powellville, December 19th, the Pastor, not being able to secure help, did his own preaching and collecting, and closed the day with \$600 cash, leaving \$400 to be provided for. The camp at Willards, which was destroyed by fire, was rebuilt at a cost of \$800, \$380 of which has been paid, making \$1980 paid for improvements, on Powellville Circuit this year.

The new Antioch church at Princess Anne, a handsome stone building (93x72 feet) made of Beaver Dam Stone, trimmed and furnished throughout in metal and hard-wood, with cathedral glass memorial windows, will cost, when completed, from \$27,000 to \$30,000. There are three departments; the main auditorium 45x52 feet, with a recess back of the pulpit for organ and choir gallery; the Sunday School Room 46x52 with 7 class rooms splendidly adapted to the conduct of a modern Sunday School, so arranged that, when necessary, they may be made a part of the auditorium and the social hall, with a modern kitchen, pantry, cloak rooms, and everything pertaining thereto. At the corner stone laying July 28th, 1915, the Pastor, D. J. Givan, was assisted by Dr. T. E. Martindale and the District Superintendent. Dr. Martindale delivered the address, which was great and greatly appreciated; the District Superintendent looked after the collection; and the pastor placed the stone. The dedication has been deferred from March 26th to April 30th. Last spring my predecessor reported \$10,000 cash in hand; this year we have raised \$12013 leaving from \$6,000 to \$8,000 to be raised on the day of dedication. That princely man, Thomas H. Bock, "blessings on him", is paying half or more of the cost of this magnificent building, from start to finish. Brethren, the generalship displayed by the sweet spirited, peace-loving pastor in the conduct of this enterprise, from first to last has been perfectly marvelous, and without the leadership of some such man, I do not now see how the work could have been done. The congregations are growing, new members being received almost every Sunday; the Sunday School is almost double what it was two years ago; the pastor and people are happy and working like beavers.

So far as I know T. N. Given, in doing the work on Quantico Circuit, has traveled more miles in his carriage; taken meals and had his horse fed away from home more times than any pastor on Salisbury District; \$1482 has been expended for improvements on three of the four churches and par-

sonages; \$1,317 of which has been paid in cash. T. E. Terry and the District Superintendent assisted the Pastor at the re-opening at Quantico, September 5th, and G. R. Neese, at Wetipquin, September 19th. 11 conversions.

At Roxana, J. A. Brewington is closing his first year. He is very popular, hence, notwithstanding, in October, he met with an accident, which has caused him weeks of suffering, and came near costing him his life, the work is in good shape.

Daniel Wilson and St. Peters have worked together like true yoke-fellows. The salary fixed at \$1,000, has been paid in full; \$650 paid for improvements; 61 conversions. Little Bethel, that stood on the road between St. Peters and Dames Quarter has been taken down, hauled up to St. Peters, and put up to be used for social purposes.

Dr. T. E. Martindale is closing his tenth year as Pastor of Asbury Church, Salisbury, and his 52nd year of effective service, without a break, in this and the Philadelphia Conferences. He was never more popular than today; the people of Salisbury look upon him, and speak, as belonging to the town. In addition to the regular and routine duties of his church he has preached at one dedication, delivered two corner-stone addresses, one address before the Wicomico County Sunday School Association, one before the Salisbury District Epworth League Convention, one for the Red Men of Salisbury at their Wigwam, one at the dedication of the New Dormitory at Princess Anne Academy, by appointment of the Conference, and one at the Pine Bluff Sanatorium in Salisbury, of which he is President. He has had a great year; 48 conversions; \$500 paid on improvements, and the largest contribution to the benevolent causes in the history of the church. This good man, who has stood with us so long, because of failing health will ask to be placed on the retired list.

H. S. Dulaney, is closing his fourth year at Grace Church, Salisbury. The first year his salary was fixed at \$700, this year, by taking on Bethel and Riverside, the salary was fixed at \$1,000, an increase of \$75, and has been paid in full. He has been a good pastorate, and the people love him dearly. He reports \$318 paid on old debts; \$83 on improvements; 62 conversions.

V. E. Hills was returned to Selbyville last spring for the sixth year; and served until December 15th, when he was appointed by Bishop Berry to Asbury, Crisfield, and C. H. Williams was secured to supply Selbyville until Conference. The church is in good shape and collections are up to the usual high standard. Salary advanced \$100, paid in full; 7 conversions.

At Sharptown, J. P. Otis is closing his second year. He is held in high esteem by his people as a sweet-spirited, godly man, and an able expounder of the Word.

H. E. Reed, has had a good year at Smith's Island; \$1,000 paid on improvements; 200 conversions; the collections up to previous years; and the Pastor has secured such a grip upon the children and young people as no man has had for years.

At Snow Hill, L. E. Poole, pastor, the church is making splendid ad-

vances. The new Financial Plan, the "Duplex System", is working well. The "Finance Committee" has full charge of all collections, and no collection is taken by the pastor, or others, either in or outside of the church. The Committee reports the Benevolent Collections the same as last years. The pastor writes: "We are closing a splendid year, and we are all happy; \$600, paid on debts; \$350, on improvements; the largest Sunday School and congregations in the history of the church; 185 conversions, many of them heads of families. The Pastor was his own evangelist, preaching every evening for five weeks. The meetings grew to such proportions, that, finally, the places of business and amusement closed of their own accord. The outlook for next year is good, and we are praying to that end."

E. W. McDowell, has put in a year of hard work at Somerset, reorganizing, reconstructing, debt paying, and building. The salary was fixed at \$1,000, paid in full; \$235, paid on old debts; \$1,650, for improvements on the new church at Dames Quarter, which is in process of construction. This pastor has done much to create sentiment in favor of a good road from Deals Island to Princess Anne. He writes: "We are to have the road across the marsh from Dames Quarter to "Little Bethel" straightened, and \$7,500 spent out of the 1916 "Road Levy" on the road. The County Commissioners are going to introduce a bill in the Legislature bonding the County for \$20,000 to build the Deals Island Bridge." When this work is completed, the whole of Somerset County, should give E. W. McDowell and Dr. E. P. Simpson, who assisted him in this good work, a standing vote of thanks.

The new church at Stockton, Md., E. B. Taylor, pastor, referred to in the report of the District Superintendent last spring, was dedicated July 11th, Dr. T. E. Martindale, Geo. W. Townsend, and the District Superintendent did the preaching. The church cost \$5,600; \$1,200 of which was paid last year, \$3,896, this year, leaving \$504 covered by good subscription, to be paid later. Geo. W. Townsend, assisted by the pastor conducted the dedicatory service. It was a great day for Stockton Methodism, and the people were happy. Paid this year for building and improving \$4,035; 78 conversions.

Tangier and T. J. Sard live as brothers. Everything is running as smoothly as the new light plant, which is almost perfect; \$900 paid on improvements; 75 conversions.

No pastor has had a better time or done more work than W. F. Atkinson at Westover. He reports salary paid in full; \$125 paid on old debts; \$50 on improvements; \$102 for the collections; 27 conversions; and 53 received by letter. The church at Westover is so crowded at almost every service that the pastor and his officials are planning to enlarge it.

J. A. Buckson has proved himself to be the right man for Whitesville. The salary, fixed at \$1,000, an advance of \$100, has been paid in full; \$73 increase in the collections; \$159 paid on improvements; 128 conversions. Everything is lovely at Whitesville and the pastor drives a new five passenged Dodge.

The collections have all been carefully looked after by all the pastors, and their reports will show an increase over last year.

Recapitulation.

Apportioned for pastoral support, including house rent, last year \$48,314, this year \$50,654, increase \$2,340.

Paid for old debts, building and improving last year \$33,980, this year \$46,502, increase \$12,522.

Conversions, last year 2252, this year 2533, increase 281.

Now, a personal word: Forty years ago, I came to this territory from the mountains of East Tennessee, was introduced to the Wilmington Conference by Bishop Scott, and with eleven other young men, was received on trial in this church, and sent to Snow Hill Circuit as Junior Preacher, with P. H. Rawlings in charge. That year, I slept in 64 different beds. This year, I have been away from home 234 days, and have slept in 181 beds. I have traveled 10,568 miles, crossing the Tangier Sound, the mouth of the Chesapeake and Chincoteague Bay's 32 times; held 186 Quarterly Conferences; preached 154 times; attended Sunday School, Class, Prayer, and Epworth League Meetings 118 times, and prayed in 250 homes. And with it all, this has been one of the most delightful years of my ministry. My health has been all that one could wish. I have not had an ache nor a pain in my body, and have slept like a baby. And Oh! the kindness, the loving kindness of God, and the people,—ministers and laymen, I shall never, no never, no never forget.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. H. O'BRIEN.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Diligence, firmness, self control, clear vision and practical efficiency have marked the policy of the administration of the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of the Wilmington District. There has been no uncertainty as to this policy. It has been adhered to strictly, and the effect has been wholesome and satisfactory. Pastors and people have been contented and the churches have prospered.

The story of our achievements for the year is most interesting. The new church at Brac-Ex was dedicated May 2, 1915. The building cost \$5400, exclusive of the lot, which has a value of \$1000. The debt remaining on the property is about \$3000, of which \$2000 is interest bearing. We have a growing Sunday School and congregation. Rev. P. R. Talley has been pastor during the year.

Elk Mills has paid a debt of years standing, is now ready to enlarge the church to accommodate the crowds attending the services. Rev. C. D. Sharpless is the pastor.

Ebenezer has built sheds for the comfort of teams and has safely financed the enterprise. Rev. H. O. Klug is the pastor.

Scott Church spent \$1600 in metaling and decorating and has paid the bill. The pastor W. A. Wise, led the movement and success followed. Dr. R. K. Stephenson of Dover District preached the sermon on the day of re-opening.

Mt. Lebanon was thoroughly repaired, improved and beautified at an expense of \$1500. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Geoghegan, was most active during the progress of the work and was very happy at its conclusion; bills are all paid.

Newark Church has added a heating plant and other facilities at an outlay of \$1650. Rev. E. P. Roberts and his people are to be commended for making these most needed improvements.

Grace Church has installed a new pipe organ at an expense of \$13,000, and purchased the house next door to the church on West St. at a cost of \$10,250, the same to be used as a Parish House. These additions to the splendid property have put Grace Church in the front rank of places of worship in our city. The new pastor, Rev. H. F. Randolph, is meeting the exigencies of the situation in a splendid manner. The congregations grow and the income of the church increases, and the spiritual interests improve steadily.

Union Church has purchased the dwelling on Washington St. next door to the parsonage for \$5000, which has been converted into a home for pastor Rev. W. F. Corkran, and the old parsonage will be used as a Parish House. This property adds to the equipment of the church by providing much needed facilities for present day church work.

Perryville has enlarged her borders by making an addition to the church property. The improvements cost \$9,500. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Beauchamp, led his people in the work and they responded to every demand made upon them, and on the day of re-opening, Bishop Berry preached the sermon and managed the finances. The giving was generous and a sufficient amount was received in cash and subscriptions to cover the debt. Pastor and people rejoice together over their victory.

A new pipe organ has been placed in North East Church. The pastor, the Rev. Asbury Burke, prompted the donors to make the generous gift to the beautiful church. We have in North East a new modern church, with a congregation and Sunday School large enough to inspire any pastor to do his best.

Delaware City has made improvements and paid debts amounting to \$700, and the pastor, Rev. O. B. Rice, has abounded in activities along all lines for the good of his flock.

Claymont has prospered. The pastor, Rev. C. C. Harris, who is applying for admission on trial in the Conference, has made proof of his quality. Souls have been converted and added to the church and improvements amounting to \$388 have been made and paid for.

Richardson Park has a new parsonage and the pastor, the Rev. L. I. McDougle, occupies it. It is a beautiful brick house built on a lot adjoining the church at a cost of \$3000. It is safely financed. The house warming came off in the good old-fashioned style, but your reporter was not able to be on hand. Richardson Park is a very desirable appointment, but hands off this year. The pastor and people dwell together in sweet accord and the work prospers. The salary will be \$1000, possibly \$1200 next year.

On February the eighth we elected a board of trustees and appointed a building committee to erect a new church at Town Point on Bohemia Manor, Cecil Co., Md. This is near the spot where the first Methodist Church was built in Cecil Co. In the early days the Barratts, Bassetts, Bouchelles and Bouldens lived on Bohemia Manor, and were among the converts of Benjamin Abbott, Francis Asbury and Thomas Ware. The present population is Methodistic and feeling the need for a new church, they have taken up the matter energetically and expect soon to have a church building sufficient for their needs for years to come. The congregation and Sunday School have worshipped for years in a stable left belonging to an estate which is in process of settlement.

The Rev. J. T. Richardson, pastor of Mt. Pleasant, is a diligent, successful and far-seeing pastor. He has opened preaching services at Bellefonte and a Sunday School, and the enterprise prospers. The latest movement under his fostering care is at Holly Oak. It began as a cottage prayer meeting and developed into a Sunday School Jan. 2nd. At both Bellefonte and Holly Oak new churches will be needed in the near future.

The Epworth League Convention was held in Mt. Salem Church in October. The pastor, Rev. T. R. VanDyke, is the District President and furnished the program with the aid of his cabinet. It was an event in the lives of many, and was a convention worth remembering. The Epworth League City Union is doing good work in this city. Its meetings are an inspiration.

The Philadelphia Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met in our city October 6th-8th, 1915 in St. Paul's Church. It was largely attended by elect ladies from all parts of the territory of this division of the work. It was interesting and educative to listen to the reports and to hear the discussions. Their coming was a distinct benefit to our work.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Wilmington Conference met in Union Church Nov. 11th-12th, 1915. It was well attended and all reports showed a healthy growth of the work. The Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home is under the patronage of this society and is a most worthy charity and is doing a blessed work. It is worthy of the generous support of our people.

The Methodist Forward Movement had its day in Wilmington December 15th, 1915. Bishops J. F. Berry and T. S. Henderson were present. The attendance was large; representatives from all parts of the conference were present. Bishop Henderson is most energetic in his presentation of the subject, and gave evidence of power and reserve force in an eminent degree. Our resident Bishop was at his best, and we dare say that probably he never produced a deeper impression on his hearers. His words were powerful and thrilling. This day was a fitting preparation for the Union Revival Campaign which began Jan. 2d, 1916 under the leadership of the Rev. Milford H. Lyon. This campaign continued from Jan. 2d to Feb. 20th inclusive. The total attendance has been estimated at 450,000 and the decisions numbered about 5,000. Our pastors and churches took a worthy part in the work, and have shared in the spiritual benefits of this great meeting.

As a mass movement, the meeting was impressive, vast congregations filled the tabernacle, the singing and preaching deepened the impression made upon the hearers, and the coming forward of many declaring their willingness to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior affected all who were present. It was interesting to study the crowd psychology. The meetings from start to finish were the greatest demonstration that Wilmington ever saw, and prove that religion is the most popular subject that can be presented to our people. The churches co-operating in the campaign merged their identity, and with their pastors labored unselfishly for the salvation of souls. This fact, it seems to me, is most impressive, showing that in essentials we are one.

Some of our churches have had blessed revivals, notably Newark, Port Deposit, Elk Mills, Hockessin, Neward Union, Colora, Chester-Bethel and Madeley, while New Castle, thought no great revival demonstration has been seen, yet the pastor informs me that more than one hundred have been added to the membership of the church by letter and from conversions. All our pastors have labored faithfully and have been worthy of the largest success.

The salaries of our pastors are too small. No one of them in these days should be paid less than first class mechanics receive. We regret to say some of these worthy, god-fearing men are not paid more than hod carriers; as a demonstration, we ought to be ashamed of ourselves, and should repent, do better and remove the reproach at the earliest possible moment. The following churches have increased salaries the past year, namely:—Perryville \$100, Delaware City \$100, New Castle \$100, Cherry Hill \$50, Elk Neck \$50, Ebenezer \$50, Hockessin \$25, McCabe \$200, Cookman \$200, Grace \$600, making a total of \$1475. Eastlake desires to retain the services of Rev. W. W. Sharpe and will pay \$1000 next year, and Kingswood has added \$150 for next year, making the salary \$750 and Rev. L. M. Broadway is wanted for another year.

This year has brought sorrow and trouble into some of our parsonage homes. Early in April, at his reception in his church at Marshallton, Del., Rev. Wilmer Jaggard was stricken with paralysis. The attack came with startling suddenness. Since then he has not been able to preach or care for the work.

He is a brother beloved and has a host of friends. He has borne his affliction with the fortitude and patience of a saint, and his wife has maintained a courage and composure beautiful to see. They will make their home in Millsboro, Del. The good people of Marshallton have been most considerate and helpful. We shall ever pray for the presence of God to be with them. They deserve the best treatment the conference can give.

Soon after Conference Rev. Wm. L. S. Murray took some months off for rest and recuperation. He returned and took up his work the latter part of August. The Rev. Adam Stengle supplied Epworth pulpit in the absence of the pastor. Brother Murray continued to do his work until Saturday, Feb. 26th, when shortly after nine o'clock in the evening God called him from labor to reward. He ceased to work and to live at the

same time. He was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and faith, a good minister of Jesus Christ, and his labors were crowned with success. His loved ones have the memory of a blessed husband and father. He was loved by his brethren in the ministry and by hosts of friends among the laity, and was one of the best known and highly respected ministers of our church.

Rev. J. H. Geoghegan has suffered the loss of his father. He was a useful official in the church for many years.

The Rev. J. H. and T. F. Beauchamp mourn the loss of one of the best of mothers, one of those old style mothers and her children rise up and call her blessed.

Jan. 7th the wife of the Rev. C. N. Jones passed to her reward after an illness of one week. She left her husband and three beautiful boys when they needed her so much. She was an excellent wife and mother, and was very popular in all the churches where she labored with her husband. Our brother sits in the shadow of this great bereavement. May the comforts of God cheer him in his desolation.

The Rev. William G. Koons was compelled to give up his work as Corresponding Secretary of the Endowment Commission in early autumn last and is now hunting health in the mountains, living at Saranac Lake, N. Y. He reports improvement and hopes a year hence to stand in the ranks with his comrades. We miss his genial presence at our session and devoutly pray for his recovery.

Mrs. Josephine Hunter, the widow of the Rev. Thos. B. Hunter, passed to her reward during this year and joins the company of dear ones who went before.

What of the future for our church in this city and vicinity. The day of little Wilmington has passed. The larger Wilmington will probably include the territory from below New Castle across to Newport, Marshallton and Rockland and all Brandywine Hundred to the Pennsylvania line. This city will become a great industrial, commercial and financial centre, with an immense population numbering a million in the next century. The city will have great docks on the Delaware River and foreign commerce will thrive. There is nothing more certain written in the book of fate. From her location Wilmington must grow and in a few years have a commanding place among the commercial cities on the Atlantic seaboard. Some of her industries are already the largest on earth. As a church we should plan comprehensively and wisely so as to command strategic positions as the population grows. If we could acquire and hold an acre of land for every square mile of this region, it would be wise ecclesiastical statesmanship, and would put us in a position to advance the Kingdom of God in the coming years. We have a line of churches either built or projected from Wilmington to Marcus Hook, namely:—Hillcrest, Bellefonte, Mt. Pleasant, Holly Oak and Claymont, and as the territory fills up with people, they will find us on the ground ready to supply the Gospel of God's grace.

On the west of Wilmington we have Richardson Park, Elsmere, Brack

Ex, Cedars, Marshallton, Stanton, and Newport. These churches promise to become centres of usefulness to a greater degree in the near future, and will grow to be large and flourishing congregations under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and the fostering care of godly pastors. We need a Sunday School and church at Yorklyn, Del. The matter should be taken up without delay. The writer has spent much time planning for a large future for our cause, and the record will disclose how successful he has been.

There are wars and rumors of wars. The world is on fire and no man living can tell where it may spread and when it may end. This fact solemnizes the thoughtful men of all nations. We fain would ask why this cataclysm should come and deluge the world in blood? No answer occurs to us better than the one given by St. James who says:—"Whence cometh wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, he answers, even of your lusts that war is your members?"

We are guiltless before God. Vice and crime abound in our land, and unless our repentance shall be immediate and sincere, we are in danger of punishment. The wages of sin is death.

The liquor traffic with evils that follow in its train, divorce laws making it easy to destroy conjugal ties; and the injustice framed in statutes giving one class of persons advantages not enjoyed by all, will call down upon us the wrath of Almighty God.

"These things has thou done and I kept silence; thou thoughtest I was altogether such an one as thyself; but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes. Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces and there be none to deliver."

Delaware three years ago reformed her marriage laws, taking her place by the side of the great states, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and the marriage mill with its infamy was banished from our fair city, we hope never to return. Maryland is making an effort at this time to amend her law, and we trust the legislature will purge the state of the evil.

Easy marriage and divorce is one of the dirgraces of our civilization, and the church should speak with no uncertain sound. We want no trial marriages, and the state should protect society from those treacherous persons who flaunt their shame shamelessly in the face of decency. Society in this country is almost as corrupt as it was in Rome in the age of the Caesars. There have been five hundred nineteen (519) divorce cases in the courts of New Castle County in the last six years, and from these court records we get a view of public morals. Every minister "should cry aloud and spare not; for righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Moral purity must be maintained if the nation would live. From all over the land comes the story of the divorce evil. Our courts are choked with cases of the kind, and the church must take her position as a protector of public morals and create healthy public sentiment against this portentous evil. The growth of this evil may be due in part at least to the rapid increase of wealth in our country and to the bad

example set by the wealthy class, some of whom secure divorces and marry again the same day before the sun goes down.

"Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
When wealth accumulates, and men decay."

We should never forget that the dynamic of destruction inheres in sin, and sooner or later the individual and the nation sinning will be involved in ruin. There is no escape from this universal law in its application.

We commend the plan to observe self-denial week. The General Committee of Foreign Missions has called the attention of the church to a week of self-denial, April 13-23. The world is sorely stricken and needy and we should willingly make sacrifice for Jesus' sake to help the suffering. We trust the churches and pastors will observe Passion Week Self-Denial.

The Rev. E. H. Dashiell, the Corresponding Secretary of our Conference Endowment Commission, is meeting with a hearty response to his appeals for funds. We commend him and the cause that he represents to all our churches and people.

The church is prospering in the District as our statistical reports will show. Worthy pastors have labored successfully during the year, while we may not have the time and space to mention their victories, we may say their record is on high kept in God's book of remembrance. It is fact worthy of note that our church is in the best condition it has ever been in the District. We have rejoiced as we have read the reports from the pastors showing the general prosperity of the Churches. We have better church property, pay pastors larger salaries; we have the largest Sunday Schools, and the largest enrollment of church members ever reported, and we believe that for spirituality they will compare favorably with the past, and they are giving more money for benevolences than at any other time. We have reasons for gratitude when we review the record.

In closing this report we would thank God for the health which has enabled us to do the work and carry the burdens of the year. We thank the brethren of the ministry for sympathy and courtesy shown us. We thank the laity of our churches for every kindness extended. We thank the gentlemen of the press for their uniform, generous and unqualified support; they have been sympathetic and helpful to us, and we take this opportunity to express publicly our appreciation of their services.

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 R. K. Stephenson for Dover District, -352.00; to Robert Watt for Easton District, \$350.00; to T. A. H. O'Brien for Salisbury District, \$370.00; to E. L. Hoffecker for Wilmington District, \$329.00. Total \$1,401.00.

Report of R. K. Stephenson: Received from T. E. Terry \$352.00, from W. J. Downing, Home Missionary Society, \$70.00, balance in hand, \$1800. Total \$440.00. Paid to Armory, \$100; to Church Creek \$90.00; to Hickman and Epworth \$71.00; to Canterbury, \$45.00; to Nassau, \$50.00; to Salem, \$30.00; to Williamsburg, \$30.00; to Elliott's Island, \$24.00. Total \$440.00.

Report of Robert Watt. Received from T. E. Terry, \$350.00, from W. J. Downing, Home Missionary, \$72.00. Total \$422.00. Paid to Wye, \$60.00; to Oxford, \$90.00; to Cheswold, \$50.00; to Queenstown, \$45.00; to Henderson, \$25.00; to Pomona, \$25.00; to Odessa, \$25.00; to Millington, \$30.00; to Fairlee, \$15.00; to Church Hill, \$20.00; to Marydel, \$10.00; to Royal Oak, \$32.00. Total \$427.00.

Received from R. M. Cooper, \$200.00 for Mrs. Annie Chatham, \$50.00 for Francis Bloxton. Sums were properly distributed as shown by vouchers from Wm. M. Walters, Bursar.

Report of T. A. H. O'Brien. Received from T. E. Terry \$370.00, from W. J. Downing, Home Missionary Society, \$108.00. Total \$478.00. Paid to Claremont, \$50.00; to Holland's Island, \$100.00; to Hebron, \$50.00; to Mardella Springs, \$100.00; to Pheobus, \$25.00; to Pittsville, \$50.00; to Pocomoke Circuit, \$25.00; to Powellville, \$25.00; to Westover, \$25.00; to Ocean City, \$27.00. Total, \$477.00. Balance in hand \$1.00.

Report of E. L. Hoffecker. Received from T. E. Terry, \$329.00. Paid to Kingswood, \$50.00; to Port Penn, \$50.00; to Hockessin, \$54.00; to Claymont, \$30.00; to Charlestown, \$25.00; to Town Point, \$25.00; to Big Elk, \$25.00; to Hillcrest, \$20.00; to Stanton, \$20.00; to Brack Ex, \$30.00. Total, \$329.00

The accounts of J. W. Colona, the Conference Treasurer, were audited. Balance from 1914, \$89.15; deposits, \$54,584.31. Total \$54,673.46. Paid out for miscellaneous expenses \$6.78; to various Benevolent Boards, as shown by cancelled checks, and receipts from such Boards \$54,536.10. Total expenses \$54,542.88. Balance in hand \$130.58.

Stewards Endowment.

Report of THOS. R. INGRAM, Treasurer.

Year 1915-1916.

April 1, 1915.

Balance cash in hand—audit Conf. Committee 1915.....\$ 41.70
April 8th Received from J. W. Colona, Conf. Treasurer 2,761.00

June 5th Received from M. Gambrill account of subscription...	1,000.00
July 1st Received from Interest on bank balance (3rd inst'lt)	.60
Nov. 15th Received from R. M. Cooper for cr. L. I. McDougle..	5.00
Dec. 8th Received from R. M. Cooper collections at office in Wilmington	373.82
Dec. 9th Received from Caleb Burchenal collections at office in Wilmington	126.00
Dec. 21st Received from D. W. Jacobs, personal acct.	5.00
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Jan. 10 Received from Caleb Burchenal—home off. collections	584.00
Feb. 7th Received from Caleb Burchenal—home off. collections	1,033.83
Feb. 8th Received from D. W. Jacobs, personal acct.	5.00
Feb. 14th Received from E. H. Dashiell, cr. Asbury, Crisfield	54.00
Feb. 23rd Received from R. M. Cooper—home off. collections	500.00
March 2nd Received from R. K. Stephenson, personal acct. ...	25.00
March 7th Received from D. W. Jacobs, personal acct.	6.00
March 10th Received from Richardson Park Church or L. I. McDougle	5.00
March 18th Received from Caleb Burchenal—home off. coll'n..	855.75
March 20th Received from E. H. Connelly, personal	6.00
March 24th Received from M. Gambrill, 4th installm't of sub...	1,000.00
March 28th Received from O. E. Jones, personal acct.....	12.00
March 28th Received from W. P. Taylor, personal account....	5.00
Total.....	\$8,406.70

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April 9th, Paid R. M. Cooper as per voucher.....	\$ 200.00
April 12th Paid R. M. Cooper as per voucher	1,700.00
April 12th Paid R. M. Cooper as per voucher	60.00
June 9th Paid R. M. Cooper as per voucher	1,160.00
July 29th Paid R. M. Cooper as per voucher	650.00
Dec. 21st Paid R. M. Cooper as per voucher	389.00

1916

January 31st Paid R. M. Cooper as per voucher	287.18
February 10th Paid R. M. Cooper as per voucher ..	34.95
February 10th Paid R. M. Cooper as per voucher..	1,350.00
February 23rd Paid R. M. Cooper as per voucher..	500.00
March 25th Paid R. M. Cooper as per voucher	700.00

Total disbursement	\$7,031.13	\$7,031.13
Balance in hands of Treasurer at setting of 1916 Conference....	\$1,375.57	
Amount previously reported as receipts on account of Gambrill		
Proposition at sitting of Conference 1915	13,967.70	
Amount received since last report	8,365.00	
Total receipts to March 28th, 1916	\$22,332.70	

Bible.

We note with great pleasure the ever increasing usefulness and progressive efforts of the American Bible Society in giving to the world a larger knowledge of the blessed Word of God.

Our increasing opportunities for spreading the precious story of our Lord Jesus Christ, both in the home land and abroad, bring to us greater responsibilities to this most worthy cause.

Your committee recommends that our pastors present this Bible cause to every congregation and Sunday School within the territory and thereby give opportunity to the children, young people and all, to make their 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.

Only one meeting seemed to be needed during the past year for the work runs along so smoothly under the supervision of the Local Board.

We are pleased that our faithful Superintendent is still in charge of all affairs in the Home and gives most satisfactory service, the influence of her motherly care, is felt wherever she comes in touch with those who need her. We have now in the family, Mrs. Margaret A. Sweet, Superintendent. Mrs. Charlotte Arnold Parish Deaconess at Grace Church. Mrs. Lorena Finley, Preceptress at Wilmington Conference Academy. Mrs. Minnie C. Cole who gives 5 days of the week to parish work in Scott Church and 2 days in settlement work in the Home. Miss Lillie C. Dickerson, (Student) employed in settlement work. Miss Mazie Weber, Miss Statira Wilson. The work of the Parish Deaconess is best known by the Churches which they serve. Their work is of many kinds. The sick and shut-in are not overlooked. Strangers are visited, scholars brought into the schools, church letters secured, and in many ways they serve the churches as no one else could. We think it due Mrs. Finley to speak of her most efficient work among the young ladies of the Conference Academy.

Miss Wilson, our latest accession, is doing fine kindergarten work. We find each of these every day, tireless workers each employed in some Sunday School, each week. And what shall we say of our Superintendent, besides having the care of the family, also teachers classes in garment making, embroidery, and English. Miss Weber has entered the Homeopathic Hospital for training for Nurse Deaconess. Miss Benson who last year was with us in the Home is now in the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School in Washington, D. C. Miss Dickerson expects to enter there in October to complete her training. The figures which follow will convey some idea of the work these busy women do. For lack of space we will total much of the report. Number of calls made, 4062; number of meetings attended, 1088; number of meetings conducted or addressed, 132; letters and postals written, 294; Church letters secured, 38; number of children taught, 2449; young people and adults, 119; children brought into Sunday School, 99; children taught in Junior League, 953; young people and adults taught in Bible Classes, 82.

In industrial work number taught, 3236; in kindergarten work, number taught, 7981; number of families given material relief, 35; mother's meetings held, 9; families reached by the work carried on in the Home, 125 each week. Much is crowded out that would interest many, through the Conference.

The supplies still come to us from churches throughout our bounds for which we are most grateful, but much more could be used if we had it. It is a marvel that such a hive of industry can be so well conducted with the amount of money at hand. We still need more room for expansion, and we are still asking for an increase in our Endowment Fund, it could be such a comfort to those who carry the burdens.

TREASURERS REPORT.

From March 1915 to March 1916.

By balance March 1915	\$ 38.91
By voucher	363.80
By Cash	1874.82
	\$2,277.53

Disbursements to March 1st, 1916.

To current expenses	1853.34
By voucher	363.80
	\$2,217.14

Education.

The Conference year has brought much of encouragement to our Church along Educational lines.

Beginning with our own Academy we learn of another successful year. President Saulsbury and Principal Budd in their reports submitted to Conference indicate a rising tide of prosperity.

The Princess Anne Academy, a part of Morgan College, work for colored people, is likewise increasing its vigor and efficiency.

Goucher and Dickinson Colleges seem to be in the high tide of their History, Goucher having recently been amply endowed and Dickinson being this year in the midst of an intensive Campaign.

Drew, The Theological Seminary and Boston University School of Theology were never better prepared for the instruction of the young preachers.

All these institutions of Learning are rejoicing in increased and increasing student enrollments and we exhort every Preacher to use his influence to send our Methodist Young People to our own Schools.

1. We are gratified by the splendid work done by our Board of Education. Through its co-operation more than \$13,000,00 have been added to the permanent funds of our colleges and an increase of more than six

thousand students has been recorded during this quadrennium. The counsel given regarding standardization of faculties, curricula, plants, equipment, and endowment, has been eminently helpful.

2. To the Jubilee Campaign for Christian Education, so admirably planned by the Board, we pledge our hearty and enthusiastic co-operation.

3. The action of the Board employing a Director of Religious Work in our own colleges and for co-operation with our religious workers at State institutions, is especially commendable. Excellent results already appear.

4. The thorough investigation of education conditions throughout the country conducted by the Survey Department of the Board of Education, is of unusual value. We could wish that the results of these studies might have the widest publicity.

5. The Children's Day Collection, which has aided from the beginning 23,386 students, last year 2,288, continues to be of great value and is worthy of most loyal support.

6. We commend and approve the apportionment of the One Public Educational Collection by the Commission on Finance in accordance with the Discipline, 80% at the order of the Annual Conference and 20% for the Board of Education.

7. "The Christian Student", the Board's quarterly publication, improves constantly and should be widely read. We urge all our pastors to secure from the office of the Board of Education the recently published series of leaflets, many of which embody valuable information gathered by the Survey Department.

Conference Education Society.

"The Wilmington Conference Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church" begs leave to report that during the past year they have aided more students than any year in the history of the Society. Not only is this encouraging, but we have a larger number taking a college course in proportion to the whole number aided than ever before.. This speaks well for the future standing of the men of this Conference.

During the past year we have aided students as follows:

At the Wilmington Conference Academy	7 students	\$250
At Dickinson College	7 students	475
At Drew Seminary	4 students	275
Totals		18 students \$900

Of the \$900 thus paid out to students \$200 is from the estates of the late James Riddle, to keep in Drew Seminary one student for the Methodist ministry within the Wilmington Conference, and one student for the foreign mission field of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The other \$700 was from our General Fund, arising from the collection in the several Churches. The total offerings placed in the treasury of the Managers last year by this Conference was \$404. You thus see, brethren, that we have actually paid out \$296 more than you placed in our hands for

this purpose. This was possible last year because we had on hand some money from returned loans; but brethren, your managers will be embarrassed in the near future if more liberal provision is not made by the Conference. We need at least a thousand dollars a year for the aid of these worthy young men who at great sacrifice are preparing for the ministry of our own Conference. All the aid is granted as loans, and only those students who are present at school and receive high endorsement of the head of the institution twice each year are granted aid; and yet because of the meager resources at our disposal we can not loan exceeding \$50 per year to a student at the Academy, \$75.00 per year at Dickinson or at Drew (except the senior year), when we try to loan \$100 if we have the money. These are the same figures adopted by your Society years ago, when all school charges were much lower. We ought to be in position at the largely increased prices of this day to loan a maximum of at least \$75.00 at the Academy, and \$100 per year at Dickinson and Drew, and \$125.00 for Senior year. But this is impossible for us unless the members of the Conference individually see to it that the money is placed in our treasury for this purpose.

Last year this Conference ordered a new plan of apportionment for all education collections. How well the instructions of the Conference have been carried out it will be impossible for us to know in time to insert in this report. We hope for the best; for if the brethren have not brought to this Conference at least twice as much as they did for 1915 some of our worthy men now in school will be unable to secure the help they most fully deserve. Brethren, remember your Education Society, and secure for it a liberal offering.

Epworth League.

The Church has no substitute for the Epworth League. For training, and efficiency in systematic Christian work no force is more needed, or can be used to produce greater results.

Cooperation among the District Leagues is resulting in a unified interest in working ideals. Conventions were a great success. Training in Rural Church work is receiving much attention. Rural Church Conferences and Institutions are great assets and worthy of support.

The second Sunday in May will be observed as Anniversary Day. The program, which has been arranged to coincide with Mothers' Day, is called, "Tribute of Epworthians to their Mothers." We advocate its wide use.

The course of study proposed for the ensuing year covers a wide field. It includes the following books: "Teacher of Galilee"; "Redemption of the South End"; "Taking Men Alive"; "Problems of the South"; and a book on South America by Bishop Stuntz.

"Win my chum campaign" is set for Nov. 12-19. The use of the "Gospel Team" is urged. Programs may be procured from the Central Office.

The Junior League is doing most efficient work, and is increasing in

number and activity. Unification of lines of work, and a program of study based on the courses adopted by the Board are recommended.

A club of subscribers to the Epworth Herald is urged for each charge.

All chapters, both Junior and Senior, are urged to make complete reports of their work, using the official blanks which will be provided for the purpose.

The desire is to systemize the work and make possible a uniform report for use in the District and Conference Leagues.

Freedman's Aid.

The work of the Freedman's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has been carried on during the past year in twenty-two schools with 351 teachers and 5,804 students. The year has been one of unusual difficulty, principally because of the war conditions in European countries.

The cotton crop of the southern states is a chief source of income for almost the entire negro population. Last year, many millions of dollars worth of this product were sold at a price which left the negro farmers no surplus out of which to contribute to the Conference collections, to help maintain our schools, nor to pay the expenses of their children who sought an education.

There is every indication that these conditions of financial stringency will continue throughout the coming year, and that there will be urgent necessity for a large increase in the offerings from the General Church, in order to carry the schools over the present crisis. We therefore recommend:—

That during the coming year, each pastor shall take special pains to present the work of the Freedman's Aid Society to our congregation, and that an earnest effort be made to increase the collections, at least ten per cent over the preceding year. If this increased amount is reached, it will avoid the necessity of an indebtedness to the Society, and make possible the continuance of the moral, industrial, and intellectual work so necessary in the present stage of the development of the ten millions of people of African descent, who look to the churches for a trained Christian leadership. We further recommend:—

That each pastor observe the Lincoln Day Anniversary, February 11, 1917, and send to the Society, 220 W. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, for a sufficient number of copies of the Lincoln Day program to supply the members of his congregation and Sunday School. These programs are furnished free on request.

Periodicals.

The press is a mighty factor in the world, for good or evil. The evils of bad literature must be overcome by the good, and in order to maintain the highest ideas of efficiency the mind must be informed.

So the press must stand with the pulpit and school to reach this end. "The Christian Advocate" is endeavoring to meet every need of our

Methodism and is contributing to the building of the Kingdom on earth. We heartily urge all our pastors to recommend this great paper which gives such general knowledge of Church work, both home and foreign, to our people, and seek to place it in the homes. We commend "The Methodist" as a happy medium for Conference information. The Epworth Herald as a fine paper for the young people of our Church, and we urge a more extensive circulation of this paper.

Hospital.

The Methodist Episcopal Hospital in the city of Philadelphia ranks high among the institutions of that city. Its doors are open to the rich and poor alike. We congratulate the Hospital upon the success of its efforts to remove a troublesome debt of \$40,000.00 and trust that the last \$5000.00 needed will be speedily secured.

We also wish to congratulate Dr. J. D. Martin, the very efficient Corresponding Secretary upon the splendid achievements of the ten years of his incumbency of that position. We would recommend:—

1. That our pastors call the attention of all their parishioners, why may need hospital service, to the merits and splendid equipment of our own institution.
2. That we cordially invite Dr. Martin to visit our churches.
3. That we urge each charge in the Conference to send a donation of linens bedding groceries, canned fruits, jellies, preserves and vegetables for the use of the hospital, for the value of which a Conference voucher will be sent to the pastor of such charge.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has done a splendid work abroad. Its beneficial influence penetrates many places into which the Board of Foreign Missions has not been able to enter. It has been an excellent helper to the Missionaries of the Parental Board and along with the Woman's Home Missionary Society is every way worthy of the continued support of our denomination.

We are therefore glad to commend this organization to the Conference and support of our people. May our Heavenly Father graciously and constantly bless and make eminently successful this company of loyal devoted laborers in the vineyard.

Womans Home Missionary Society.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society continues to give evidence of abundant life and vigor. The offerings within our Conference shows a decided increase over those of last year. They total \$3,675 exclusive of the offerings to the Deaconess home. These offerings bring up the total to \$4,335. A membership campaign is soon to be begun which we hope may be productive of great results.

The society at large has increased its membership by more than one thousand and has supported schools and missions among Highlanders, Negroes, Indians, Mormons, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese and others. Its increase of receipts over the preceding year is \$21,000.

The society is doing a great work of bearing the gospel to them who have never heard, beginning at our own home, which is our Jerusalem.

Sunday School.

The year 1915 closed with 4,598,000 in our Sunday Schools. The statistics show that our increase since 1908 equals the entire Sunday School membership of either of the three following denominations. The Northern Baptist, Presbyterians of the United States, or the Disciples, and more than equals the combined Sunday School membership of the congregational and Protestant Episcopalians.

The outlook promises that within two more years our membership will reach the 5,000,000 mark.

Thus we have before us great opportunities for evangelistic missionary and educational activities.

Therefore we recommend that the District Superintendents, and pastors give special attention to the state of the Sunday Schools within the bounds of our Conference.

That they may see that only such materials or periodicals be used for the instruction of our young people be used so that the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church may be inculcated into their minds.

That they emphasize the necessity of training these young people for efficiency in our churches by organizing Teachers Training Classes.

That we give special attention to the claims of our Sunday School board to support our Denominational work, not to divert any money for Sunday School purposes to outside organizations until our Denominational work has been adequately provided for.

Temperance.

The saloon is going. The entrance of the truth concerning this great evil into the mind and conscience of the people of the United States, as well as in other lands, is hastening the end of the legalized liquor traffic everywhere. Christ said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." No finer illustration of the power of this statement can be found than the effect upon the legalized liquor traffic in this and other nations which has come about by the revelations concerning its effect upon industry, economics, science and morals.

The drift toward constitutional prohibition is gathering momentum with each passing hour. Panic has seized upon the ranks of the leaders of the liquor forces, and many of the politicians who heretofore have climbed into political power through the aid of the liquor traffic have either been related to political oblivion or have seen a great light and cut loose from their former associations.

Nineteen states have barred the liquor traffic from their borders and

six additional states are voting within the year 1916, while in nine others plans are being perfected for the securing of a state-wide vote in 1917. Thus it will be seen that the tide of temperance sentiment is sweeping onward with increasing momentum, and, in all human probabilities, the time is not far distant when it will have swept over this entire country and the legalized saloon will be forever banished from our land.

Since 1907, the Church in Maryland, through its recognized agency, the Anti-Saloon League, has been conducting an uncompromising fight upon the intrenchments of the liquor traffic in this state. The past two years have witnessed a great advance of the temperance forces, for in that time four additional counties have been captured from the liquor traffic: namely, Carroll, Charles, Garrett and St. Mary's. Three of these closed the saloons on the first day of May, 1915, and the last named, St. Mary's, will close hers on May 1, 1916. This gain has added 1,600 square miles of territory to the dry area of the state, about 80,000 to the population living in dry territory and closed 160 saloons.

We rejoice that the enemy in Maryland has at last been forced into the open, and that under recent legislation the opportunity has been given for a vote in every wet unit of the state; and, in the effort to close all the saloons in Maryland, we not only pledge our hearty co-operation, but "our fortunes, our lives and our most sacred honor."

The fight in Delaware has narrowed down to three concrete propositions: first, resubmission in the wet districts of the state; second, the election of a United States Senator pledged to vote for national prohibition; and, third, the submission of a constitutional amendment for state-wide prohibition.

We recognize the Anti-Saloon League as the servant of the Church in the prosecution of this great endeavor, and to it and its workers we pledge fullest confidence and our cordial co-operation.

We commend most heartily the great work done by our Church Temperance Society during the past year and pledge it our cordial co-operation for the future.

It is with great pleasure that we witness the manner in which the several temperance organizations of the country are co-operating in the movement for national prohibition and we fervently pray that such harmony and unity of effort may continue until national prohibition is achieved.

Home Missions and Church Extension.

This Conference can scarcely need any exhortation from its local Board with respect to the claims of Home Missions and Church Extension. The very mention of the subject is itself an appeal. This conception of reaching every soul and every section of our land with saving truth and of so extending the Church of Jesus that it may shelter all the weary and heavy laden of these States is a noble dream which every patriot and every Christian must long to see realized. The task of this and other kindred organizations is gigantic but that is no disheartening fact. The Church has grown tired of little campaigns and she is calling for great enterprises

which are worthy of her metal and her manhood. And because this one is immense, she will wake to it and leap to it in the spirit of the age and of the other vast achievements which are pushing their way in these ardent days. Moreover the need is urgent, the issue cannot wait. The menace of ignorance, spiritual destitution and foreign ideals requires instant treatment. The men who are in the watch towers see this as we do not, and are pleading for an immediate response. Tardiness and the withholding of the Lord's portion are criminal. It is the hour for the whole burnt offering and uttermost heroics for Christ. The present conditions are almost without parallel. The heartsickness of these times, the rush of bereaved peoples to our shores, the rising misgivings of men who cannot see their way through this world-fog of blood and terror, all these call for a fresh sight of the face of God and a new grasp of the Pilot's hand. These chosen agencies must therefore crowd our Gospel upon the attention of disturbed and bewildered populations. The door is wide open and the challenge of the Home Missionary and Church Extension Board is for a leadership of holy daring and a Treasury equal to the pressing need. Let us do our part, and help to anchor this century and this country to the Hill of Calvary.

Home Missions. Received from Philadelphia, \$1250. This was disbursed as follows:—Wilmington City Missionary Society, \$1000; Royal Oak, \$32; Oxford, \$40; Church Creek, \$40; Williamsburg, \$30; Mardela, \$81; Ocean City, \$27. Total \$1250.

Church Extension. Received from Philadelphia, \$1050. Disbursed as follows:—Epworth, Rehoboth, \$500; Shepherds, \$350; First Italian, \$200. Total \$1050.

The Church Extension account of the Conference has \$700.23 to its credit, March 16, 1916.

Sabbath Observance.

We deeply deplore the tendency that is abroad among us to secularize and pleasurize the Lords Day, commonly known as the Sabbath. We believe that it is for our best interests physically as well as morally to preserve this day as a holy day; a day of rest and worship, that it be not degraded into a holiday.

Afreeing with Abraham Lincoln who said as we keep or break the Sabbath, we nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope by which humanity rises, we hereby pledge ourselves to the great work of preserving the Lords Day for the home and the church.

We endorse the Lords Day Alliance of Maryland and the good work it is doing, and we will welcome to our churches, not only of our Maryland territory but of our Delaware territory as well, Dr. W. W. Davis, the General Secretary of this Alliance.

We heartily commend Dr. Howard Kelley for the sacrifice of his valuable time and of his means in the interest of this cause.

We recommend that a committee of one minister and one layman for each District be appointed, by each District Superintendent, to cooperate with Dr. Davis in this work of the Lords Day Alliance and that the Superintendent also be a member of said committee.

Thanks.

Our sojourn to the city of Wilmington has been so pleasant and profitable that we desire to express our gratitude, First, Unto our Heavenly Father for His kindness during the past year in honoring our work and sacrifices by the ingathering of many precious lives for worship and work in the Kingdom of God, for the delightful fellowship we have enjoyed during the conference session, and for the bright anticipations we have of engaging in another year of fruitful toil. Second, To our honored Bishop, Joseph F. Berry, for his able and impartial administration in the work of the conference and for his strong and forcible sermon on conference Sunday morning. We pray that God may abundantly bless him in all his labors and give him many years of ministry in the office of a bishop of the church. Third, To the pastor, Dr. W. F. Corkran, and the officers, the members and friends of Union church and the co-operating churches of the city for their hospitality in opening their homes for our entertainment and extending to us the privilege of spending a week in the beautiful city of Wilmington. Fourth, To the committee on entertainment for arranging to make our visit so enjoyable by giving such painstaking care to all the details of our several needs. Fifth, To the efficient corps of conference officers for their unremitting attention to all the business of the conference. Sixth, To the gentlemen of the press for their ample and accurate reports of the conference proceedings and for their uniform courtesy in all their relations with us. Seventh, To all others who have contributed to our happiness and comfort during these days of our sojourn in Wilmington we offer our heartfelt thanks.

Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

Your Trustees would report that during the past year the funds in their hands have been safely handled, and that the increased earning power of money has enabled them to make larger returns on the investments than heretofore.

There has been placed in our hands by Rev. E. C. Sunfield, from the estate of John W. Wimbrow, of Parsonsburg, Maryland, a check for \$750. for investment for the benefit of the Trustees of Jerusalem Methodist Episcopal Church of Parsonsburg, Md., with conditions attached the details of which we are unable to state at the writing of this report, as a copy of the will has not yet been placed in our hands. An extract will be furnished for the Minutes of 1917.

This makes the fourth trust your Trustees have been called upon to administer since the incorporation nineteen years ago. During this time not one cent has been lost of our invested funds, nor have we lost a cent of interest on investment. Your trustees feel that the Conference is to be congratulated upon such a showing.

The term of our charter of incorporation expires April 1917. In order that there may be no lapse of the corporation, which would necessarily en-

danger the funds placed in our care, we would recommend that the Conference authorize the trustees to secure articles of incorporation under the new incorporation laws of Delaware and to make the corporation perpetual; and that they also be empowered to employ the necessary legal assistance to carry this into effect.

The report of the Treasurer is attached hereto.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES.

1915	Dr.	1915	Cr.	
Mar. 26,	Balance on hand..	\$232.35	Mar. 27, paid order No. 29	\$ 2.00
Mar. 26,	Deferred interest		April. 21, paid order No. 30	50.00
	due June, 1914	75.00	April 21, paid order No. 31	25.00
Apr. 12,	Int. on investment	90.00	April 21, paid order No. 32	3.00
July 1,	Int. on account.....	6.71		
Oct. 5,	Int. on investment..	90.00		
1916.				
Jan. 1,	Int. on account....	6.68		
Feb. 18,	House Rent, net..	46.00		
Apr. 1,	Int. on account ...	4.15	1916.	
Apr. 1,	Int. at Artisan's ..	.10	Apr. 4, Balance on hand..	470.99
		\$550.99		\$550.99

STATEMENT OF FUNDS IN HANDS OF THE TRUSTEES.

THE THEODORE C. CAREY FUND.

1915	Dr.	1915	Cr.	
Mar. 26,	Balance on hand..	\$ 2.71	Apr. 21, paid for box rent..	\$ 1.50
Mar. 26,	Deferred interest		Apr. 21, paid order No. 30	50.00
	due June, 1914	50.00		
Apr. 12,	Int. on investment	60.00	1916.	
Oct. 5,	Int. on investment.	60.00	Apr. 4, Balance on hand ..	121.21
		\$172.71		\$172.71

THE M. FANNIE THOMAS FUND.

1915	Dr.	1915	Cr.	
Mar. 26,	Balance on hand..	\$.29	Apr. 21, paid for box rent..	\$ 1.50
Mar. 26,	Deferred interest		Apr. 21, paid order No. 31	25.00
	due June, 1914	25.00		
Apr. 12,	Int. on investment	30.00	1916.	
Oct. 5,	Int. on investment.	30.00	Apr. 4, Balance on hand ..	58.79
		\$85.29		\$85.29

THE MARY J. CLIFTON FUND.

1915	Dr.	1915	Cr.	
Mar. 26,	Balance on hand..	\$ 25.37		
1916.				
Feb. 18,	House rent, net per		1916.	
	W. J. Dayett, Jr. Agt	46.00	Apr. 4, Balance on hand..	\$ 71.37
		\$71.37		\$71.37

SUMMARY.

1916.	
April 4, Balance on hand in Theodore C. Carey Fund	\$121.21
April 4, Balance on hand in M. Fannie Thomas Fund	58.79
April 4, Balance on hand in Mary J. Clifton Fund	71.37
April 4, Balance on hand in General Fund	219.62
Total cash on hand, as per cash account above	\$470.99

Endowment Commission.

Dear Brethren:

Seeing no useful end to be served by extended notice of detail, we beg to confine ourselves in this report to essential facts, with such brief observations as seem pertinent and necessary.

Unfortunate physical affliction compelled the retirement of Rev. W. G. Koons from the Secretaryship of the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund Commission in the midst of the year. By election of the Commission, our own concurrence, and appointment of the Bishop, we entered upon the duties of the office September 15, 1915, establishing headquarters at Wilmington.

After becoming acquainted with the general situation, corresponding with all our ministers, and representing the Cause at the Dover and Easton District Epworth League Conventions, we entered the field at Sudlersville, Md., on October 31st. From that date until the last Sunday in February, we have been steadily engaged, with the following result in subscriptions: Sudlersville, \$566; Salisbury, \$1007; Poconoke City, \$1095; Ridgely, \$324; Easton \$840; Smyrna, 1605; East New Market, \$215; Delmar, \$448; Milford, \$1832; Chestertown, \$542; Lewes, \$537; Seaford, \$760; Hurlock, \$575; Federalsburg, \$1500.

These sums, with subscriptions from other sources, including a \$5,000 conditional subscription from W. P. Jackson, aggregate \$17,599.

Ministerial subscriptions to date, including Bishop Berry's gift of \$1,000, aggregate \$12,924. The whole is \$30,523.

From this subscription list about \$4,000 has been received in cash during the last five months.

The Annuity Bond does not seem to make particular appeal to our people; but not a few are preparing to have the aged ministers benefit under their wills. Under this head we are able to report as follows:

Bequest, available, Dec. 22, 1915, \$3770, Available 1916, \$3254.

Total bequests, reported and available at death of testators, \$10,000. It should be an incentive to the entire Conference to know that the \$5500 bequest mentioned above is made by one of our own retired ministers.

The total from all sources is \$46,968. Mrs. Wm. A. Clash of Cambridge, Md., \$2,000. To this must be added the \$17,500 already in hand at our last Conference on the Gambrill Proposition, making a grand total of \$64,475. And this, it will be understood, is over and above the \$13,423 held and invested prior to the present campaign.

In the beginning of this great movement among us, there seemed to be some question in the minds of laymen as to the support of the ministry; but that has faded with the passing of the months. Ministers are God's leaders in all matters pertaining to the Divine Kingdom and as a class, they do not fail. They have not fallen below their high calling in this particular undertaking. Nearly two-thirds of the Conference have already subscribed ten per cent. of one year's cash support, and others are rapidly following. Unvarying courtesy and brotherly consideration have been shown your Secretary by them; and we confidently expect that, during the early part of the approaching year, every man among us will take his place in the line that we may present a solid front on one of, if not the most important work, ever attempted by our church.

On the other hand, it is only fair to state that, in the beginning, not a few ministers were inclined to doubt whether the laity were back of the movement as solidly and enthusiastically as was generally represented. But that feeling, also, has largely faded with time. The facts seem to be

1. That numbers of our laymen are enthusiastic in their support and ready to give their money.
2. That many are non-committal, but open to conviction.
3. That a few are actually hostile. This presents a situation in which it is necessary to patiently instruct, and, like our Lord, "wait for the precious fruit".

The idea that this movement is purely material and mercenary is as far from the truth as the heavens are from the earth, and should be strenuously combated. Its foundations are securely laid in the Will of God, as disclosed by Revelation, and certainly nothing divinely decreed is open to so harsh a charge. The world's idea of ministerial support has been so utterly unworthy that it with difficulty expands to the Divine conception.

Laymen and ministers together, like Nehemiah at the walls of Jerusalem, have undertaken in this a great work, a work the consequences of which are far reaching. The hour for questionings and suspicion has past, and the hour for concerted and whole-hearted action is here. When about to enter the conflict at Trafalgar, on which the fate of his Empire hung, Nelson flung to the breeze, "England expects every man to do his duty." The hour has come in the life of our Conference when every man, be he layman or minister, is expected to do his duty. And out of duty done, here as there, shall come the gladness and rewards of Victory.

Nothing God has commanded is too large for accomplishment. God's command is tantamount to His promise, and "All things are possible to him

that believeth". Let us, therefore, dismiss all fear, move steadily forward, and boldly emblazon upon our banners the sublime language of the Creed, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty."

Board of Stewards.

The velocity of a moving body may be determined by the objects which it passes, more accurately by dividing the distance by the time required to pass between two points. The cause of the veteran minister, long neglected by both the ministry and laity, given a strong impetus by the General Conference of 1907 in the organization of the Board of Conference Claimants and the election of Dr. J. B. Hingley, Corresponding Secretary; in our Conference in 1913 by the generous offer of Mr. Melville Gambrill to give \$1000 for every \$4000 raised by the Conference to the sum of \$25,000, and more recently, in making this the Jubilee Year for the Conference Claimant cause, has set the claim of the retired minister in motion, so that now a glance backward makes the years of the last two quadrenniums appear like the telegraph poles as seen from the window of an express train.

In 1908—Total amount distributed to claimants, \$7042; in 1912—Total amount distributed to claimants, \$9483—Increase, \$2441.

In 1916—Total amount distributed to claimants, \$17,612; Increase during the quadrennium, \$8129—Increase since 1908, \$10,570.

1908—The largest amount paid retired minister, \$285; 1912—The largest amount paid retired minister, \$485—Increase, \$200.

1908—The largest amount paid a widow, \$225; 1916—The largest amount paid a widow, \$325—Increase, \$100.

Annuities: 1909, rate of annuity paid, \$3.75; 1910, rate of annuity paid, \$5; 1911, rate of annuity paid, \$6; 1912, rate of annuity paid, \$8; 1915, rate of annuity paid, \$10; 1909, the largest annuity paid, \$160; 1916, the largest annuity paid, \$468—Increase, \$302.

This shows decided progress, but the goal is not yet reached. We are paying our retired ministers an annuity of only \$9.00 for each year of service, when the discipline requires \$13.80. A just claim, with 65c on the dollar. When our \$200,000.00 endowment is completed, we can pay our honest debts.

There were claimants last year, 23 ministers, 46 widows and one orphan. This year there are 28 ministers and 47 widows. While we have \$912.00 more for distribution this year, the large increase in the number of claimants requires \$2057.00 to meet the annuities alone, and necessitates not only the lowering of the annuity rate from \$10.00 to \$9.00, but in some instances, a slight cut in the allowance from the Necessaries Fund. That many of our worthy claimants will not receive as much as last year has brought intense sorrow to the Board of Stewards a sorrow that I am sure is shared by every minister of the Conference.

A generous gift of \$2000.00 by Mrs. William A. Clash of Cambridge, Md., has been received. This added to the sum previously donated by this noble woman makes a total of \$4000.00. Present and future generations will call her "blessed".

The Board has received a bequest from the estate of Mrs. Annie C. West, late of Middletown, Delaware, being an amount bequeathed in trust, the income of which to be paid to the support of Miss Carrie Tumlin her lifetime and at her death to be given to the Board of Stewards. Miss Tumlin died August 6, 1915, and the Board of Stewards now received the interest from Martin B. Burris, Trustee, principal to be paid within ninety days from date.

A number of wills have been written during the year with bequests to the Board of Stewards. To avoid the expense of litigation and possibly of bequests being set aside by the Court, it is absolutely important that the legal form as printed in the minutes of 1914 be used.

There has been received during the year \$10,204 of \$200.00 Endowment ordered by the Conference a year ago. Our Treasurer's report shows that we have \$37,804.00 invested, the income of which goes toward the support of Conference Claimants. A part of the money has been so recently invested that little interest has accrued. The returns from invested funds amount to \$1,872.00. Receipts from all sources for distribution \$17,612.00.

Annuity Fund: Book Concern Dividend \$3027.00; Interest on Investments, \$1872.00; Amount of Collections from Churches set over to Annuity by vote of the Conference, \$6825.00; Total \$11,724.00.

Special Fund: Dividend from Board of Conference Claimants, \$200.00; Remainder of Collections from Churches after taking \$11,724 for Annuity Fund, \$5688; Total, \$5888.00.

Distribution of Annuity Fund: 27 Retired Ministers, 789 years of service at \$9.00 per year, \$7101.00; 47 Widows, 1027 years of service at \$4.50 per year, \$4623.00; Total, \$11,724.00.

Distribution of Special Fund: 15 Retired Ministers, \$1665.00; Supernumerary, \$415.00; 39 Widows, \$3808.00; Total, \$5888.

Total collection from Churches, \$13,207.00, of which Conference Treasurer will forward to the Board of Conference Claimants 5% or \$660, leaving for distribution \$12,547.

Collection by Districts: Dover, \$3105.00, Increase, \$127.00; Easton, \$2914.00, Increase, \$262.00; Salisbury, \$3636.00, decrease, \$56.00; Wilmington, \$3552.00, Increase \$96.00. Total Increase \$429.00.

MEMORIAL FUNDS FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT.

To Wm. A. Clash, husband; Eben E. Payne, father; and Maria Cooke Payne, mother. By Mrs. W. A. Clash, Cambridge, Md.	\$4000.00
To Mrs. Eliza P. Clark, Milford, Del. By action of the Conference in recognition of bequest	\$7100.00
To Mrs. Annie C. West, Middletown, Del. By action of the Conference, in recognition of bequest	\$3254.35
To Wm. Chance, father; and Susan Chance, mother. By Charles B. Chance, Sudlersville, Md.	\$ 100.00

LAY CONFERENCE.

MINUTES.—Of Lay Electoral Conference held at Union Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., March 31—April 1, 1916.

Members. Dover District.—Armory and Asbury, B. P. Moore; Beckwith, Benjamin Wilson; Bethel, E. R. Hastings; Bridgeville, H. P. Cannon; Cambridge, J. E. Drennen; Camden, Prof. C. S. Conwell; Canterbury, G. H. Thomas; Church Creek, J. M. Richardson; Crapo, B. O. Murphy; Dover, T. C. Roe; Epworth and Hickman, M. T. Smith; East New Market, A. M. Sard; Ellendale, J. A. Ellegood; Elliott's Island, G. H. Van Note; Farmington, F. J. Prettyman; Federalburg, Mrs. S. E. Williams; Felton, Robert Friedel; Frederica, J. S. Reynolds; Georgetown, J. F. Sharp; Georgetown Ct., M. S. Isaacs; Greenwood, C. H. Kinder; Harrington, L. L. Sappe; Hooper's Island, Howard Simmons; Houston, G. E. Roach; Hurlock, R. H. Hurlock; Lakesville, Rev. C. C. Gore; Leipsic, E. B. Morris; Laurel, V. C. Hitchens; Lewes, C. W. Johnston; Little Creek, G. L. Turner; Magnolia, G. W. Collins; Milford, J. P. Pierce; Milford Neck, S. C. Thomas; Millsboro; W. P. Prettyman; Milton, G. E. Magee; Mt. Pleasant, E. T. Hastings; Nassau, S. P. Marsh; Rehoboth, F. S. Williams; Reliance, F. L. Williams; Seaford, E. J. Winder; Seaford Ct., James Friedel; Wyoming, I. R. Jackson; Zoar, F. W. Lawson.

EASTON DISTRICT.—Bayside, W. F. Rowelenson; Bozman, J. E. Mortimer; Cecilton, W. H. Alderson; Centerville, Mrs. C. M. West; Chestertown, J. C. Davis; Cheswold, J. H. Anderson; Church Hill, J. Mc. Rochester; Clayton, J. W. Houston; Concord, T. H. Everingam; Cordova, J. L. Gardner; Crumpton, J. T. Smith; Denton, H. R. Lewis; Easton, N. E. Clarke, Fairlee, B. F. Rash; Galena, W. T. Caldwell; Kent Island, J. B. Cook; Kenton, Rev. D. S. Clarke; Marydel, S. C. Faulkner; Middletown, M. B. Burris; Millington, Joseph Mallalieu; Odessa, Wm. Bogenschutz; Piney Neck, Rev. A. Travers; Pomona, W. J. Maslin; Preston, C. E. Andrews; Queenstown, J. K. Wrightson, Royal Oak, J. A. M. Denney; St. Michaels, H. C. Dodson; Smyrna, L. M. Price; Symrna Ct., Thomas Jones; Still Pond, J. N. Bennett; Sudlersville, Spencer Walls; Tilghman's Island, Sid Covington; Townsend, D. B. Maloney; Trappe, J. E. Tarbutton; Wye, M. M. Price.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—Annamessex, H. I. Powell; Asbury, W. E. Ward; Bishopville, F. M. Moore; Berlin, R. F. Powell; Chincoteague, C. O. Disbrow; Chrisfield, Dr. C. E. Collins; Deal's Island, D. J. Webster; Delmar, W. B. Stephens; Fairmount, S. D. Parks; Frankford, P. C. B. Hudson; Gumboro, W. R. West; Hebron, H. S. Phillips; Holland's Island, S. T. Horseman; Mardela Springs, Luke Shockley; Marion, E. T. Landon; Millville and Ocean View, T. C. Short; Mt. Vernon, W. T. Holland, Sr.; Nanticoke, J. W. T. Robertson; Ocean City, I. S. Mumford; Onancock, C. F. Watson; Parsonburg, L. J. Powell; Phoebus, Rev. L. T. McLain; Pittsville, J. L. Truitt; Pocomoke City, Jno. Grande; Pocomoke Ct., Wood Long;

Princess Anne, T. H. Bock; Quantico, C. R. Hayman; Roxana, C. R. Savage; St. Peter's G. A. Somers; Salisbury—Asbury, A. G. Starr; Salisbury—Grace, J. W. Gordy; Selbyville, Rev. W. A. Law; Sharptown, N. W. Owens; Smith's Island, J. A. Bradshaw; Stockton, C. C. Pilchard; Tangier Island, Carey Crockett; Westover, N. J. Brittingham; Whitesville, W. C. Truitt.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.—Bethel Ct., W. S. Dean; Charlestown, S. C. McCaulley; Cherry Hill, Arthur Harvey; Chesapeake City, W. J. Morris; Chester-Bethel, S. L. Hanby; Christiana, H. E. Tomlin; Claymont, J. L. Graham; Delaware City, Wm. Anderson; Ebenezer, F. H. Buckingham; Elk Mills, G. B. Murry; Elkton, Henry Vinsinger; Hockessen, F. E. Walker; Hopewell, H. H. Kirk; Marshallton and Cedars, W. A. Mullin; Mt. Lebanon, E. C. Evans; Mt. Pleasant, W. A. Lodge; Newark, C. A. Short; New Castle, Rev. J. M. Wise; Newport, W. A. Weldin; North East, R. C. Larzalere; Perryville, W. H. Cole, Jr.; Port Penn, Mrs. J. K. Davis; Red Lion, W. T. Dayett; Rising Sun, W. M. Pogue; Stanton, Wm. Southgate; St. George's, H. L. Gray; St. John's, J. W. Ewing; Zion, W. D. Ewing; Wilmington-Asbury, W. B. Genn; Brack-Ex., P. R. Talley; Brandywine, R. S. Loomis; Cookman, C. C. Lynch; Eastlake, J. A. Smith; Epworth, G. W. Booker; Grace, Mrs. J. R. Feild; Harrison St., W. B. Lenderman; Hillcrest, Mrs. Alice Carter; Kingswood, J. T. Eichholz; Madeley, C. W. Hill; McCabe, C. F. Davidson; Mt. Salem, C. A. Beck; Richardson Park, H. L. Roop; St. Paul's, J. C. Boyer; Scott, W. F. Drummond; Silverbrook, J. W. Coley; Trinity, W. E. Carr and Charles H. Clouser; Union, M. F. Alexander; Wesley, W. T. Nickerson.

FRIDAY MORNING—FIRST SESSION.

OPENING—The Lay Electoral Conference met in general session at Union Methodist Episcopal Church, March 31, 1916. The Conference was called to order at 9.30 a. m. by the Enrolling Secretary, C. A. Short. The meeting was opened by a testimony meeting led by Bro. G. E. Megee. Prayer was offered by Bro. E. J. Winder.

ORGANIZATION—On nomination of W. F. Drummond, seconded by Rev. J. M. Wise, E. J. Winder was made temporary chairman and on nomination of J. A. Ellegood, C. A. Short was made temporary secretary. After roll call, to which one hundred and fifty-two delegates responded, the acting chairman and secretary were made permanent chairman and secretary respectively and A. G. Starr was elected assistant secretary.

COMMITTEES—After a brief address by the presiding officer in which he outlined the work before the Lay Conference, the following committees were appointed:—Resolutions, Dover District, H. P. Cannon and J. E. Drennen; Easton District, J. H. Anderson and Mrs. C. M. West; Salisbury District, L. T. McLain and W. C. Truitt; Wilmington District, W. H. Cole, Jr., and C. F. Davidson and At Large, C. A. Beck. Credentials, N. E. Clark, J. P. Pierce, W. A. Mullin, and R. F. Powell. Relations with Annual Conference, J. W. Coley, J. A. Ellegood, M. B. Burris, Mrs. J. R. Field and T. H. Bock.

INTRODUCTIONS—Dr. T. M. Hare, Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League, was introduced and outlined the work being done in Maryland and Delaware and discussed the results of the Campaign in Maryland during the past year. He was followed by Dr. C. T. Wilson, who told of the work being done by the General Conference in promoting sentiment for temperance in the United States.

REPORT ON CREDENTIALS—The Committee on Credentials reported that the Committee recommended

That those answering to the roll as called be recognized as authorized delegates;

That in the case of Georgetown and other charges whose delegates are prevented by sickness or other causes from attending; but from which charges there are laymen in attendance at the seat of Conference, these laymen be allowed to select a delegate who upon presentation to this Lay Electoral Conference may be seated as delegates in good standing from said charge. Upon motion, of Bro. N. E. Clark this report was adopted.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS—Bishop T. B. Neely was introduced to the Lay Electoral Conference and upon request explained the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Constitutional Amendments, proposed by the session of General Conference in 1912, were then taken up;

The Colorado Memorial relating to Mission Conferences, vote, ayes, 0, nay, 147.

The Mississippi Memorial relating to Race Bishops, vote, aye, 2, nay, 148.

The Wilmington Memorial relating to veto power of Bishops, vote, aye 149, nay 2.

METHOD OF ELECTING LAY DELEGATES—Upon motion of C. A. Short, the following resolutions prepared by Hon. T. N. Rawlins were adopted.

WHEREAS, In the past all elections of delegates to the General Conference by this Lay Electoral Conference have been by a majority vote, and

WHEREAS, Since the year 1900, when this Conference was first entitled to four delegates, at each election of lay delegates one has been chosen from each of the four districts of the Conference; therefore, in order that there may be no question as to the intention of this lay electoral conference or to the right of those chosen by it to sit as members of the next General Conference, be it resolved

That a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election of lay delegates and reserve lay delegates to the General Conference, and be it further resolved,

That the four lay delegates to be elected shall be chosen according to the established precedent, i. e., one delegate shall be chosen from each of the four districts. On motion the meeting adjourned to meet at 2.00 o'clock this afternoon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—SECOND SESSION.

OPENING—The afternoon session was opened by singing, followed by prayer by Rev. J. M. Wise. A collection for expenses, printing of minutes, janitor, etc., was taken, amount \$31.47.

TELLERS—The Chair appointed two sets of tellers for election of Lay and Reserve Lay Delegates. V. C. Hitchens, J. A. M. Denny, W. E. Ward and Arthur Harvey; F. S. Williams, L. M. Price, H. C. Dodson and W. F. Drummond.

DELEGATES—Wilmington District—Nominees, Melville Gambrill and I. M. Lenderman. Melville Gambrill was elected. Easton District—Nominees, M. B. Burris and W. O. Hoffecker. M. B. Burris was elected. Salisbury District—Nominees, T. H. Bock, L. E. P. Dennis and W. J. Downing. T. H. Bock was elected. Dover District—Nominees, E. J. Winder, Judge H. C. Conrad and J. W. Fletcher. E. J. Winder was elected. I. M. Lenderman, W. O. Hoffecker and L. E. P. Dennis were elected reserve lay delegates. The elected delegates were introduced to the Conference.

DR. T. E. MARTINDALE—A set of resolutions congratulating Dr. T. E. Martindale upon his long and useful career as a minister in the Wilmington Conference and expressing the appreciation upon the part of the laymen for this service so lovingly and freely given and their regret at Dr. Martindale's retirement, were presented by Bro. A. G. Starr. By an unanimous rising vote the sentiments expressed in the resolutions were concurred in by the members of the Lay Electoral Conference.

Adjourned to meet at 9 a. m., Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING—THIRD SESSION.

OPENING—The morning session opened at 9.00 a. m., with love feast in charge of Rev. J. M. Wise. A full hour was spent most enthusiastically, nearly every delegate testifying to the saving and keeping power of Christ. A collection of \$20.08 was taken making a total of \$51.55.

RESOLUTIONS—The Committee on Resolutions reported on eight resolutions; III, V, VI, and VII favorably and I, II, IV, and VIII unfavorably. Upon motion the report of the Committee was received and the several items ordered to be given consideration. The resolutions were taken up in order.

Resolution I—Time limit restoration, lost; yea, 36; nay, 50.

Resolution II—No election of Bishops, lost; yea, 7; nay, 72.

Resolution III—Retaining Amusement clause, adopted; yea, 72; nay,

3.

Resolution IV—Separation of Executive and Legislative Departments in Church Government. Laid on the table.

Resolution V—Maryland Anti Gambling Bill. Adopted unanimously.

Resolution VI—Resolution of Thanks to Union Church. Passed unanimously with rising vote.

Resolution VII—Wilmington Annual Conference Memorial on Church Union. Adopted unanimously.

Resolution VIII—Illinois Memorial on Division of Book Concern Dividend, laid on the table.

Special Resolution on Temperance presented by Bro. W. H. Anderson was passed unanimously.

MINISTERIAL ENDOWMENT COMMISSION—Rev. E. H. Dashiell, Secretary of Ministerial Endowment Commission presented a report of the work done by the Commission to date and the present condition of the Endowment. Lay subscriptions from 14 charges \$17,599. Ministerial subscriptions \$12,924. Annuity bonds and bequests \$16,445. On Gambrill proposition \$17,500. Previously invested \$13,423. Total \$77,898. Nearly two-thirds of the ministers have subscribed ten per cent of one year's pastoral support. By a rising vote the Lay Electoral Delegates pledged unanimous support to the Endowment Commission in their efforts to raise the endowment to \$200,000. On motion of Bro. W. Poole Prettyman, the report of the Secretary of Endowment Commission was received and a summary ordered spread upon the minutes.

Dr. T. E. Martindale spoke to the laymen expressing his appreciation of the good will of the laymen towards him and exhorting the laymen to continued efforts in advancing Christ's kingdom.

The minutes of the session were read and approved. On motion, the Lay Electoral Conference adjourned, sine die.

E. J. WINDER, President.

C. A. SHORT, Secretary.

A. G. STARR, Assistant Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

I.

WHEREAS, The enforced itineracy of pastors was one of the distinctive features of polity for more than 100 years and was one of the causes of our great efficiency during those years, and

WHEREAS, The removal of the time limit has so changed the character of the itinerant feature of our ministry as to make it optional instead of compulsory; therefore

RESOLVED, That we memorialize the General Conference, which meets in Saratoga, N. Y., to restore the time limit to the pastorate, making four years the limit, and to make this law binding on all pastors and churches.

II.

WHEREAS, The constitution of the church, paragraph 42, section 1, says "the General Conference shall elect by ballot from among the traveling elders as many general superintendents as it may deem necessary," which makes it plain that the necessity of the office is the only consideration that should have weight, and

WHEREAS, It has been repeatedly demonstrated that one bishop can attend to the presidency and oversight of 10 or 12 conferences, which proves that there is no necessity for the election of bishops at Saratoga; therefore

RESOLVED, That we memorialize the General Conference to elect no bishops this year, and we instruct our delegates to exert their influence to this end.

III.

WHEREAS, The founders and builders of Methodism were strong in their opposition to worldly and sinful amusements, and

WHEREAS, Such amusements are dangerous to morals and destructive to spirituality when practiced by members of the church; therefore

RESOLVED, That we memorialize the General Conference to retain paragraph 271 unchanged and to make more adequate provision for its enforcement throughout the connection; and

RESOLVED, That we instruct the delegates from the Wilmington Lay Electoral Conference to labor and vote for the object set forth in this memorial.

IV.

WHEREAS, In harmony with the rapidly spreading spirit of demoracy it is desirable to have a large representation of pastors in the law-making body of our church; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the fundamental principles of our national government it is well to separate the administrative and legislative departments of our Church governments making the administrative department advisory to the department of legislation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we of the Wilmington Lay Electoral Conference do hereby memorialize the General Conference of the Methodist Church, meeting in Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May, 1916, praying for the enactment of legislation prohibiting the Secretaries of Benevolent Boards, Editors of our periodicals, and other ministers holding appointment directly under the General Conference from holding membership in that body.

V.

WHEREAS, There is now pending before the House and Senate of the General Assembly of Maryland a bill to prohibit gambling of any kind whatsoever at any race track within the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, This Bill has passed the House of the State of Maryland and is now before the Senate awaiting a vote; be it therefore

RESOLVED, By the delegates from the Eastern Shore of Maryland of the Lay Conference of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Union M. E. Church assembled, on the 31st day of

March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, that we, as representatives of the thousands of Methodists of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, do hereby present a memorial to the Senate of the State of Maryland earnestly urging the Senators of the State of Maryland to vote for the said Bill prohibiting gambling of any kind whatsoever at any race track within the State of Maryland, be it further

RESOLVED, That the President and Secretary of this Lay Electoral Conference are hereby directed to forward to the Presidents of the Senate of Maryland a copy of this Memorial.

VI.

WHEREAS, Union Methodist Episcopal Church has so generously opened its doors to this Lay Electoral Conference,

WHEREAS, We have been shown such genial hospitality on the part of this Church, the other Churches of the City, and on the part of the people of Wilmington, be it

RESOLVED, That as an expression of our appreciation, we extend to the Trustees and various other organizations of this Church, the members and their friends our thanks for their very cordial reception and our thanks to the newspapers, the reporters, and the people of Wilmington for their courtesies.

VII.

WHEREAS, We believe the kingdom of God is builded by union and love rather than by division and jealousy; and

WHEREAS, He further believe that the God of union and love would be more worthily glorified if all His Methodist Children were truly one in Him; and

WHEREAS, We still further believe, that whatever reasons seventy years ago may have been deemed sufficient to rend the Methodist Episcopal Church in twain, surely at this date both Churches would gain by reunion far more than either Church would lose; and that the reunited Episcopal Methodism of this country could much more efficiently fulfil its high destiny in the winning this land for King Immanuel than it is possible for the severed Churches to do so long as they remain separate, and therefore rivals; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we the Wilmington Lay Electoral Conference memorialize the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting in Saratoga, May, 1916.

First, To take such action, in harmony with the Constitution of the Church, as shall enable the Methodist Episcopal Church to reunite with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the earliest date practicable.

Second, To continue negotiations with the Methodist Protestant

Church, and with other branches of the Methodist family of Churches, in order that at the earliest possible date there shall be in these United States a united Methodist Church, "now and forever, one and inseparable".

VIII.

WHEREAS, There is a discrepancy in the method of the distribution of the Book Concern Dividend, arising from the fact that while it is distributed to the Conferences on the basis of the total Conference membership, it must be distributed by the Conference on the basis of years of service; and

WHEREAS, A just and consistent method of distribution would seem to require that the Conferences should have their respective shares of the Dividend apportioned to them on the same basis as that upon which they are required to disburse it; and

WHEREAS, The present method works special harshness and injustice in the older and larger Conferences, because they have a proportionately larger number of Claimants and therefore larger annuity claims than Conferences more recently organized; and

WHEREAS, The present method of distribution takes no account whatever of the annuity claim of the widows and minor children; therefore

RESOLVED, That this Conference memorialize the General Conference as follows:

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; The Wilmington Lay Electoral Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church hereby memorializes your honorable body, asking that Paragraph 383 of the Discipline be amended so as to require that the distribution of the Dividends of the Book Concern among the several Annual Conferences shall be made upon the basis of the total claims on the Annuity Distribution in the Conferences severally, as shown by the reports of the Conference Stewards, such reports to be checked up by the Board of Conference Claimants and approved by the Book Committee.

Special.

WHEREAS, There appeared some weeks ago in the daily press of Baltimore City an article signed by a large number of prominent business men protesting against the passage of the bill then pending in the Maryland Legislature, to submit the question of Prohibition and

WHEREAS, We believe this attitude to be wrong in principle and in opposition to the best and most progressive thought of the State. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That as a body of representative Laymen of the great Methodist Episcopal Church of this Peninsula we register our most emphatic protest against this action knowing it to be against the best interests of the State and the welfare of the people, economically, morally and spiritually.

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.
 1916—Pres. E. J. Winder, Secy's, C. A. Short, A. Galt Starr.

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, Chas. H. Jefferson, John G. Townsend, Wm. Saulsbury,
 Joseph W. Coley. Alternate, Mrs. Jeannie M. Field, A. W. Sisk,
 Wm. T. Records.
 1916—Delegates, E. J. Winder, Thos. H. Bock, Melville Gambrill, Martin B.
 Burris. Alternate, I. M. Lenderman, W. O. Hoffecker, L. E. P. Dennis.

PASTORIAL RECORD.

NOTE:—Sy., Supernumerary; Sd., Superannuated.

- Alderson, G. T.**—1888-9, Queenstown; 90-2, Bishopville; 93-4, Federalsburg; 95-9, Princess Anne; 00, Harrington; 1901-3, Lewes; 04-5, Snow Hill; 06-7, New Castle; 08, Perryville; 09-12, Newark; 13-, Harrison St.
- Allen, G. S.**—1912-14, Vienna; 15-, Nassau.
- Anderson, J. F.**—1888-9, Westover; 90, Parsonburg; 91, Parksley; 92, Crumpton; 93-4, Pomona; 95-7, Talbot; 98, Woodlawn; 99, Marion; 00, Powellville; 01-2, Stockton; 03-4, Sharptown; 05, Houston; 06-7, Wyoming; 08-9, Farmington; 10-11, Kenton; 12-14, St. Georges; 15-, Cherry Hill.
- Arters, J. A.**—1870-1, Gumboro; 72-4, Roxana; 75-6, Berlin; 77-8, Deal's Isl.; 79-80, Annessex; 81-2, Stockton; 83-4, Kent Isl.; 85-6, Centreville; 87-91, Church Hill; 92-6, Greensboro; 87-9, Cecilton; 01-2, Clayton; 03-4, Crumpton; 05, Charlestown; 06, Port Penn; 07-9, Middletown; 10-, R.
- Barrett, L. E.**—1876-7, Epworth; 78-9, Red Lion; 80-1, Onancock; 82-4, Still Pond; 85-7, Port Deposit; 88-91, St. Paul's; 92-7, D. S. Wil. Dist.; 94-0, Millford; 01, Middletown; 02-6, Dover; 07-8, Elkton; 09-15, Chestertown; 16-, Harrington.
- Bayard, O. T.**—1902-3, Henderson; 04, Royal Oak; 05-6, Crumpton; 07-9, Millville; 10-13, Chincoteague; 14, Armory; 15-, Onancock.
- Beauchamp, T. F.**—1892-3, Selbyville; 94-6, Smith's Isl.; 97-8, Mt. Vernon; 99-00, Williston; 01-4, Still Pond; 05-7, Federalsburg; 08-10, Berlin; 11-13, Wesley (Wil.); 14-15, Sec'y Wil. City Missionary Soc'y; 16-, Chestertown.
- Beauchamp, J. H.**—1894, Pocomoke Circuit; 95-6, Chincoteague; 97-8, Agt. Conf. Academy; 99-01, St. Michaels; 02-3, Townsend; 04-6, Harrington; 07-8, Greensboro; 09-11, Still Pond; 12-15, Perryville; 16-, New Castle.
- Bennett, W. O.**—1897-98, Queenstown; 99, Annessex; 00, Fruitland; 01-2, Ridgely; 03-10, Sudlersville; 11-13, Bridgeville; 14-, Cape Charles.
- Benson, N. C.**—1914, Queenstown; 15, Bishopville; 16-, Georgetown Ct.
- Bicking, J. R.**—1907, Elk Neck; 08-9, Cherry Hill; 10-12, East Lake; 13-, Centreville.
- Bounds, G. W.**—1890, Taylor's Isl.; 91, Church Creek; 92, Dover; 93-5, Cape Charles; 96-9, Deal's Isl.; 00-1, Tangier; 02-6, St. Michaels; 07, Harrington; 08-9, Federalsburg; 10-12, Frederica; 13-15, Dagsboro & St. Georges; 16-, Perryville.
- Bowman, G. W.**—1885, Burrsville; 86-7, Beckwith; 88-9, Parsonburg; 90-1, Mt. Vernon; 92, Bethel & Summitt; 93, Wyoming; 94-5, Vienna; 96, Crapo; 97, E. New Market; 98, Gumboro; 99-0, Woodlawn; 01, Marshallton; 02-5, Sy.; 06-, Sd.
- Brewington, J. A.**—1890, Reed's Wharf; 91-2, Gumboro; 93, Vienna; 94, Conf. Academy; 95, Hurlock; 96, Georgetown Ct.; 97-8, Lincoln; 99, Millsboro; 00-1, Cordova; 02, Girdletree; 03-4, Parsonburg; 05-6, St. Georges; 07, Ebenezer; 08-9, East Lake; 10-11, Chester-Bethel; 12, Whitesville; 13-14, Bozman & Neavitt; 15, Roxana; 16-, St. John's.
- Briggs, W. H.**—1907-9, Colora; 10-13, Zion Ct.; 14-15, Preston; 16-, Selbyville.
- Broadway, L. M.**—1915-, Kingswood.
- Buckson, J. A.**—1904-7, Galestown; 08-11, Armory; 12-14, Beckwith; 15-, Whitesville.
- Budd, H. G.**—1894-7, Perryville; 98-02, Berlin; 03-6, Centreville; 07-10, Crisfield; 11-, Principal Wil. Conf. Acmy.
- Bunting, J. J.**—1909, Mardela; 10-11, Marion; 12-14, Mt. Vernon; 15-, Seaford.
- Burke, Asbury**—1886, Elk Neck; 87-8, Bethel & Summitt; 89-90, Crapo; 91-3, E. N. Market; 94-7, Brandywine; 98-9, Onancock; 00, St. Peter's; 01-2, Frankford; 03-5, Wesley; 06-7, Perryville; 08-9, Cape Charles; 10, Nassau; 11-Bethel & Summitt; 14-15, North East; 16-, Newport.
- Burr Warren**—1888-9, Girdletree; 90-4, St. Peter's; 95, Kingswood; 96-8, Cape Charles; 99-02, Sy; 03-7, Rock Hall; 08-10, North East; 11-12, Greensboro; 13-, Townsend.
- Carpenter, F. F.**—1888-9, Bishopville; 90, Cape Charles; 91, Little Creek; 92, Leipsic; 93-4, Townsend; 95-8, Hillsboro; 99-0, Frankford; 01-3, Deal's Isl.; 04-8, Mt. Salem; 09-11, Port Deposit; 12-15, Brandywine; 16-, Laurel.
- Chaires, W. W.**—1888, Shortley; 89-90, Somerset; 91, Smith's Isl.; 92-3, Crapo; 94, Williston; 95, Sy.; 96, Crumpton; 97-0, Tilghman; 01, Rock Hall; 02-6, Sy.; 07, Roxana; 08-10, Sy.; 11, Fairlee; 12-13, Marydel; 14-15, Kenton; 16-, Bozman.
- Cochran, F. J.**—1881-2, Chesapeake; 83-4, St. George's; 85-7, Farmington; 88, Gumboro; 89-90, Trappe; 91-3, Nanticoke; 94-6, Farmington; 97-8, Williston; 99-00, Roxana; 01-3, Mt. Pleasant, Laurel; 04-6, East New Market; 07-9, Lincoln; 10-12, Magnolia; 13-14, Whitesville; 15, Newark, Md.; 16-, Chester-Bethel.
- Collins, J. M.**—1876, Sudlersville; 77, Denton; 78, Royal Oak; 79, Kent; 80, Appoquinimink; 81, Westover; 82-3, Worcester; 84, Ellendale; 85-6, Lincoln; 87, Church Creek; 88-90, Elliott's Isl.; 91-2, Talbot; 93-4, Kenton; 95-7, Ingleside; 98, Holland's Isl.; 99-00, Bethel; 01-2, Sy.; 03, Hooper's Isl.; 04, Colora; 05, R.

- Collins, V. S.**—1883, Dover & Cambridge; 84-5, Vienna; 86-7, Felton; 88-90, Scott; 91-3, Centreville; 94-6, New Castle; 97, Georgetown; 98-0, Conf. Academy; 01-3, Smyrna; 04-8, Port Deposit; 09-12, Middletown; 13-, St. Paul's.
- Collins, E. H.**—1895, Claymont; 96-7, Stanton; 98-9, St. George's; 00, Whitesville; 01-2, St. John's; 03, Chesapeake; 04-6, Marydel; 07-8, Still Pond; 09, Fairmount; 10-12, Parsonsburg; 13-, Madeley.
- Colona, J. W.**—1902-3, Annessex; 04-6, Princess Anne; 07-10, Bridgeville; 11-, Georgetown.
- Cooke, G. A.**—1891-99, Minn. Conference; 1900-5, N. Eng. Conf.; 1906-7, Troy Conf.; 1908-9, N. Y. Conf.; 1910-11, Somerset; 12-13, Tangier; 14-, Wesley (Wil.).
- Cooke, R. W.**—1916-, Stanton.
- Compton, W. P.**—1888-90, Princess Anne; 91, Greenwood; 92-3, Bridgeville; 94-6, Chestertown; 97-8, Port Deposit; 99-00, Newark, Del.; 01-3, Zion; 04, Camden; 05-7, Nassau; 08-12, Sy; 13, R.
- Conaway, G. S.**—1862, Berlin; 63, Newton; 64, Halifax; 65-6, Birdsboro; 67, Nesquehoming; 68, Gumboro; 69, Harrington; 70, Sharptown; 71, Delmar; 72-3, Wyoming; 74-5, Gumboro; 76-7, Beckwith; 78-9, Lincoln; 80-2, Elk Neck; 83-5, Rock Hall; 86-8, Appoquinimink; 89-91, Marydel; 92-3, Trappe; 94-6, Christiana; 98-00, Bethel; 01-2, Elk Neck; 03, Wye Mills; 04-5, Piney Neck; 06-, R.
- Connelly, O. H.**—1912, Piney Neck; 13, Christiana; 14, Claymont; 15-, Colora.
- Corkran, W. F.**—1875, Millsboro; 77, Harrington; 78-9, Barrett's Chapel; 80, Leipsic; 81-2, Magnolia; 83-5, Gumboro; 86-90, Asbury, Md.; 91-6, D. S. Salisbury Dist.; 97-02, D. S. Easton Dist.; 03-4, Georgetown; 06-8, Newark, Del.; 09-Union.
- Corkran, L. P.**—1881, Sudlersville; 82-3, King's Creek; 84, Queenstown; 85-6, Oxford; 87-8, Preston; 89-90, Greenwood; 91, Lincoln; 92-3, Delmar; 94-6, Marion; 97, New Castle; 98-0, Fairmount; 01-4, Milton; 05-6, Epworth; 07-10, Hillsboro; 11, Rock Hall; 12-, Sudlersville.
- Coursey, R. T.**—1887-8, Hurlock; 89-90, Cannon; 91-2, Harrington; 93-6, Snow Hill; 97-9, Harrison; 00, Newport; 01, E. Ohio Conf.; 02-4, Fairmount; 05-7, Milton; 08-10, Cambridge; 11, Brandywine; 12-13, Hillsboro; 14-, Conf. Evangelist.
- Dashiell, E. H.**—1899-02, Rockland; 03-4, Chesapeake; 05-6, North East; 07-9, Frederica; 10-11, Federalsburg; 12-15, Asbury, Md.; 16-, Cor. Sec'y Endowment Commission.
- Davis, Howard**—1900, Little Creek; 01-2, Salem; 03-5, Powelville; 06-7, Marion; 08-9, Mt. Vernon; 10-13, Cape Charles; 14-, Bridgeville.
- Dawson, W. F.**—1884-5, Houston; 86-7, Vienna; 88-9, Millsboro; 00-2, Beckwith; 93-5, Magnolia; 96, Mt. Vernon; 97, Whitesville; 98, Chester; 99-02, Wesley; 03-7, Cecilton; 08, Church Hill; 09-12, Camden; 13, Cheswold; 14-15, Hillsboro; 16-, Nanticoke.
- Dawson, G. W.**—1899-0, Perryville; 01-2, Bethel; 03-5, Mt. Lebanon; 06-8, Wesley (Wil.); 09-10, Deal's Isl.; 11-12, Harrison St.; 13-, Asbury (Wil.).
- Derrickson, E. H.**—1884-5, Pocomoke Ct.; 86-7, Newark, Md.; 88-9, Sharptown; 90-2, Girdletree; 93-5, Mt. Vernon; 96-7, Magnolia; 98-0, Mt. Pleasant; 01, Onancock; 02-4, Nanticoke; 05, St. Peter's; 06, Cheswold; 07-8, Marydel; 09-13, Church Hill; 14-, Oxford.
- Dulaney, H. S.**—1886-7, Holland's Isl.; 88-90, Parksley; 91-4, Kingswood; 95-, Onancock; 98-9, Whitesville; 00, Millington; 01-3, Asbury, Wil.; 04-6, Asbury, Md.; 07-11, Sy.; 12-, (Grace), Salisbury.
- Easley, J. W.**—1885-6, Girdletree; 87-8, Onancock; 89-91, Federalsburg; 92-3, Chestertown; 94-7, Centreville; 98-0, Brandywine; 01, Scott; 02-4, Harrison; 05-9, Kentucky Conf.; 10-11, Cor. Sec'y Wil. City Missionary Soc'y.; 12-14, Snow Hill; 15-, McCabe.
- Ellis, G. R.**—1898, Wornton; 99-02, Kenton; 03-5, Ridgely; 06-7, Hurlock; 08, Nassau; 09-10, Rehoboth; 11, Kingswood; 12-, Millsboro.
- Esgate, James**—1866, Bridgeville; 67, Annessex; 68, Bethesda; 69, Quantico; 70, Chesapeake; 71-85, Sy.; 86, R.
- Faulkner, F. N.**—1899-04, Selbyville; 05-6, Parsonburg; 07-8, At School; 09, Bethel; 10-12, Fairmount; 13-, DDelmar.
- Fogle, J. W.**—1889, Burrsville; 90-2, Queenstown; 93-4, Oxford; 95-7, Cheswold; 98-0, Cannon; 01-2, Williston; 03-4, Quantico; 05-6, Girdletree; 07-9, Whitesville; 10, Bethel; 11-14, Onancock; 15-, Ocean View.
- Ford, D. J.**—1905, Betterton; 06, Henderson; 07, Royal Oak; 08-10, Powellville; 11-12, Cherry Hill; 13, Eastlake; 14-, Seaford Ct.
- Gardner, Edwin**—1891-3, Elk Neck; 94-5, Marshallton; 96-7, Royal Oak; 98-0, Cheswold; 01-3, Cape Charles; 04-6, Millington; 07-8, Preston; 09-11, Chesapeake; 12-13, Chester-Bethel; 14, Galena; 15-, Armory.
- Gardner, J. H.**—1902-3, Church Creek; 04-5, Marion; 06, Westover; 07-8, Onancock; 09-11, Millsboro; 12-13, Galestown; 14-, Lincoln.
- Geoghegan, J. H.**—1891, Cordova; 92, Wye; 93, Armory; 94-5, Hopewell; 96-8, Church Hill; 99-0, Cherry Hill; 01-2, St. George's; 03-4, Girdletree; 05-7, Quantico; 08-9, Houston; 10-12, Ebenezer; 13-14, Delaware City; 15-, Mt. Lebanon.
- Givan, D. J.**—1895-7, Parksley; 98, Chance; 99-0, Gumboro; 01-3, Farmington; 04-6, Hillsboro; 07-9, Odessa; 10, Madely; 11-13, Harrington; 14-, Princess Anne.

- Given, T. N.**—1884-7, Va. Conf.; 88-9, Mt. Lebanon; 90, Stanton; 91, Somerset; 92-3, Fruitland; 94-5, Millsboro; 96, Sharptown; 97, Newark, Md.; 98, Church Creek; 99-0, Burrsville; 01, Hockessin; 02, Red Lion; 03-4, Charlestown; 05, Armory; 06-10, Sy.; 11, Henderson; 12, Fairlee; 13, Wye Mills; 14, Roxana; 15, Quantico; 16-, Delaware City.
- Goodhand, A. W.**—1903-5, Cheswold; 06-7, Stockton; 08-9, Frankford; 10-12, St. Peter's; 13-14, Hurlock; 15-, Fairmount.
- Gray, J. H.**—1905-7, East Lake; 08-9, Hopewell; 10-11, Odessa; 12-13, Princess Anne; 14-15, Silverbrook; 16-, Epworth.
- Gray, J. W.**—1888, Pocomoke Ct.; 89, Powellville; 90-1, Fruitland; 92-3, Smith's Isl.; 94, Somerset; 95-6, Roxana; 97-9, Crapo; 00, Chincoteague; 01-2, Mt. Vernon; 03-4, Lincoln; 05, Cordova; 06-7, Powellville; 08, Quantico; 09-10, Newark, Md.; 11-13, Bethel; 14-15, Chester-Bethel; 16-, Ebenezer.
- Greene, W. M.**—1873, Millsboro; 74, Camden; 75, Bridgeville; 76, Felton; 77-8, Church Creek; 79-80, Bethel; 81-2, Kent; 83-4, Christiana; 85-6, Galestown; 87, Wyoming; 88-9, Beckwith; 90-1, Williston; 92-3, Farmington; 94, Nassau; 95-98, Sy.; 04, R.
- Greenfield, W. E.**—1900, Elk Neck; 01-5, Perryville; 06-13, Silverbrook; 14-, Berlin.
- Gunby, W. E.**—1903-4, Queenstown; 05-6, Odessa; 07-11, Princess Anne; 12-13, Easton; 14-, Wesley (Dover).
- Guthrie, W. B.**—1883, Pocomoke Ct.; 84-5, Westover; 86-7, Fruitland; 88-90, Holland's Isl.; 90-2, Houston; 93-4, Gumboro; 95-8, Somerset; 99-0, Rock Hall; 01, Marydel; 02, Magnolia; 03-4, Chincoteague; 05, Millsboro; 06, Roxana; 07, Burrsville; 08, Sy.; 09, Vienna; 10-11, Westover; 12-13, Powellville; 14-, Wye Mills.
- Habbart, W. E.**—1903, Little Creek; 04-5, Fairlee; 06-7, Kenton; 08-10, Ridgely; 11-12, Crisfield; 13-, Ridgely.
- Hardesty, G. L.**—1883-4, Woodland; 85-7, Magnolia; 88, Tangier; 89-90, Galestown; 91-2, St. George's; 93-4, Roxana; 95-9, St. Peter's; 00-2, Smyrna Ct.; 03, Berlin; 04-6, Whitesville; 07-9, Seaford Ct.; 10-11, Kent Isl.; 12-13, Cecilton; 14, R.
- Harding, T. H.**—1871, Denton; 72, Hillsboro; 73-4, Queenstown; 75, Church Creek; 76-7, Galestown; 78-9, Sharptown; 80-2, Gumboro; 83-4, Quantico; 85-7, Mt. Vernon; 88-9, Newark, Md.; 90- Stockton; 91-2, Ingleside; 93-6, Charlestown; 97, St. Georges; 98-00, Stanton; 01-6, Sy.; 07-, R.
- Harris, W. G.**—1906-7, Christiana; 08-9, Marion; 10-12, Bishopville; 13-15, Frankford; 16-, Sharptown.
- Harris, C. C.**—1916-, Claymont.
- Hastings, G. W.**—1899-0, Stockton; 01-2, Gumboro; 03-4, Mt. Vernon; 05-7, Frankford; 08-10, Nanticoke; 11-12, Frankford; 13-, Deals Isl.
- Herson, J. T.**—1903-15, Phila. Conf.; 16-, Salisbury.
- Hill, C. A.**—1878, Bridgeville; 79, Princess Anne; 80-1, King's Creek; 82, Sassafras; 83, Epworth; 84-6, Cherry Hill; 87-90, Centreville; 91-5, Salisbury; 96-7, Easton; 98-00, Smyrna; 01-5, Salisbury; 06-12, St. Paul's; 13-, Crisfield.
- Hill, I. J. B.**—1916-, School.
- Hills, V. E.**—E. Maine Conf.; 99-02, Lincoln; 03-4, Gumboro; 05-7, Mt. Vernon; 08-9, Parsonsburg; 10-15, Selbyville; 16-, Asbury, Md.
- Hoffecker, E. L.**—1876, Denton; 77, King's Creek; 78-9, Talbot; 80-2, Cambridge; 83-01, N. Y. Conf.; 02-4, Greensboro; 05-8, Fairmount; 09, Wesley (Dover); 10-15, D. S. Wil. Dist.; 16-, Cor. Sec'y Wil. City Miss. Soc'y.
- Holt, T. S.**—97-0, St. John's; 01-4, Federalburg; 05-6, Still Pond; 07-11, Sy.; 12-, R.
- Hopkins, J. C. B.**—1910-12, Trappe; 13-15, Greenwood; 16-, Dagsboro.
- Hudson, J. A.**—1908, Atlantic Missions Conf.; 09, Galestown; 10-11, Beckwith; 12, Blades; 13-14, Williamsburg; 14-15, Pomona; 16-, Newark, Md.
- Hurst, W. O.**—1892, Cape Charles; 93, Queenstown; 94-6, Clayton; 97-01, Odessa; 02,5, New Port; 06, Greensboro; 07-10, Seaford; 11-12, Milton; 13-14, Fairmount; 15-, Pocomoke.
- Jackson, Leolan**—1906, Holston Conf.; 07, Vienna; 08-9, Beckwith; 10-11, Wyoming; 12-14, Crapo; 15-, Magnolia.
- Jacobs, D. W.**—1913-14, Blades; 15-, Rehoboth.
- Jaggard, Wilmer**—1884, Shortley; 85-6, Ellendale; 87-8, Galestown; 89-90, Smith's Isl.; 91, Bethel; 92, Berlin; 93-4, Chesapeake; 95, Silverbrook; 96-8, Bethel; 99-00, Albuquerque, N. M.; 01-8, Rock River Conf.; 09, Bozman; 10, Millington; 11-13, Preston; 14, Zion Ct.; 15, Marshallton; 16-, R.
- James, O. E.**—1907, Queenstown; 08-9, Roxana; 10, Fruitland; 11-, Gumboro; 13-14, Farmington; 15, Annessex; 16-, Sy.
- Jester, B. F.**—1886-1901, M. P. Church; 02, Talbot; 03-4, Crapo; 05, Phila. Conf.; 06-7, Armory; 08, Trinity; 09, Wyoming Conf.; 10-13, Sy.; 14, Charlestown; 15, Burrsville; 16-, Ass't Union (Wil.).
- Johnson, J. L.**—1898-0, Galestown; 01-3, Greenwood; 04-6, Seaford Ct.; 07-11, E. New Market; 12-15, New Castle; 16-, Scott.
- Jones, G. P.**—1891-3, Chincoteague; 94, Selbyville; 95-8, Cherry Hill; 99-01, Towns- eand; 02, Hurlock; 03, Brandywine; 04-6, Milford; 07-8, Middletown; 09-14, D. S. Salisbury Dist.; 15-, Elkton.
- Jones, J. W.**—1898, Annessex; 99-3, Cookman; 04-5, Townsend; 06-7, Ridgely; 08, Ebenezer; 09-10, Rising Sun; 11-12, Deal's Isl.; 13-15, Frederica; 16-, Middletown.

- Jones, O. E.**—1898-9, Ingleside; 00-2, At School; 03-4, Delaware City; 05-7, St. John's; 08-10, Cecilton; 11-14, Seaford; 15-, Lewes.
- Jones, C. N.**—1900, Leipsic; 01-2, At School; 03, Colora; 04-5, Cookman; 06, Chesapeake; 07-8, St. Georges; 09-10, Preston; 11-12, Del. City; 13-15, Hopewell; 16-, Clayton.
- Jones, E. W.**—1905-6, Queenstown; 07, Bozman; 08-9, Kenton; 10-11, Millville; 12-15, E. N. Market; 16-, Silverbrook.
- Jones, C. T.**—1906, N. Indiana Conf.; 07, Chincoteague; 08-10, Gumboro; 11-12, Fruitland; 13, Trappe; 14-15, Crumpton; 16-, Hillsboro.
- Jones, R. C.**—1915, Vienna; 16-, Bishopville.
- Keen, C. P.**—1907-8, Claymont; 09-, Anti-Saloon League.
- Kelso, H. B.**—1898, School; 99-00, Elliott's; 01-2, Powellville; 03-5, Williamsburg; 06-9, Magnolia; 10, Galestown; 11-14, Rehoboth; 15, Concord; 16-, Mt. Salem.
- Kelso, J. M.**—1904, Mardela; 05-6, School; 07-8, Ellendale; 09, Trappe; 10, Fairlee; 11-12, Queenstown; 13-14, Nassau; 15-, Farmington.
- Kenney, W. H.**—1901, Church Creek; 02-3, Vienna; 04-5, Roxana; 06-7, Millsboro; 08-10, Girdletree; 11, Cecilton; 12-13, Chesapeake; 14-, Cheswold.
- Klug, H. O.**—1913, Elliott's; 14, Colora; 15, Ebenezer.
- Koons, W. G.**—1886, Westover; 87-91, Wesley; 92-4, North East; 95, Cookman; 96, Rising Sun; 97-0, Bridgeville; 01-2, New Castle; 03-8, D. S. Easton Dist.; 09-11, Scott; 12-14, Lewes; 15, Cor. Sec'y Conf. Claimant Fund; 16-, R.
- Layfield, L. W.**—1871, Princess Anne; 72, Claymont; 73-5, Elk Neck; 76-8, Charles- town; 79-81, Bethel; 82-4, Claymont; 85-7, St. George's; 88-90, E. N. Market; 91, Magnolia; 92-3, Zion; 94-6, Epworth; 97-9, Smyrna Ct.; 00-3, Camden; 04- 8, Greenwood; 09-14, Felton; 15-, Hurlock.
- Leach, J. A.**—1913, Church Creek; 14, Galestown; 15-, Reliance.
- Lewis, R. H.**—1902, Little Creek; 03, Bishopville; 04-5, Westover; 06-9, Selby- ville; 10-12, Galena; 13-14, Sy.; 15, R.
- Lindale, J. M.**—1879, Bridgeville; 80, Denton; 81-2, Woodland; 83-4, Fruitland; 85-7, Pomona; 88-91, Bayside & Tilghman; 92-4, Cordova; 95-8, Sudlersville; 99-0, Federalburg; 01-3, Church Hill; 04-6, Mt. Pleasant; 07-10, Bethel & Summit; 12-13, Hopewell; 13-15, Red Lion; 16-, Roxana.
- Marine, M. W.**—1914, Hickman; 15-, Powellville.
- Marshall, E. H.**—1905, Va. Conf.; 06, Claremont; 07, Ocean View; 08-10, Phoe- bus; 11-12, Hebron; 13-14, Gumboro; 15-, Girdletree.
- Martindale, T. E.**—1864, Easton; 65, Seaford; 66, Princess Anne; 67-8, Newtown; 69-70, Snow Hill; 71-3, Port Deposit; 74-6, Union; 77-9, Middletown; 80-3, D. S. Easton Dist.; 84-6, Dover; 87-90, Salisbury; 91-3, New Castle; 94-7, Milford; 98-2, D. S. Salisbury Dist.; 03-5, Elkton; 06-15, Salisbury; 16-, R.
- Matthews, W. E.**—1902, Marion; 03-4, Newark, Md.; 05-7, Bethel; 08-12, Smyrna Ct.; 13-14, Magnolia; 15-, Felton.
- McCann, Milton**—1902, Bishopville; 03-4, Pomona; 05-6, Bozman; 07-10, Ches- wold; 11-13, Stockton; 14-, Smyrna Ct.
- McCann, W. M.**—1910, Colora; 11-12, Pomona; 13, Oxford; 14-, Marydel.
- McCoy, J. C.**—1905-6, Royal Oak; 07-8, Pomona; 09-10, Tilghman; 11, Gales- town; 12-13, Marshallton; 15-, Zion.
- McDougal, L. I.**—1886-96, Kans. Conf.; 00-02, Va. Conf.; 03, Oxford; 04-5, Kings- wood; 06, Onancock; 07-10, Sharptown; 11-12, Townsend; 13, Smyrna Ct.; 14, Mt. Lebanon; 15-, Richardson Park.
- McDowell, E. W.**—1906, Elliott's Isl.; 07-9, Bishopville; 10-12, Mt. Pleasant; 13- 14, Ocean View; 15-, Somerset.
- McFarland, B. L.**—1909, Queenstown; 10, Hockessin; 11-12, Colora; 13, Bishop- ville; 14-, Wyoming.
- McFaul, D. F.**—1884, Millsboro; 85, Fruitland; 86, Leipsic; 87-8, Crapo; 89-90, Elk Neck; 91, Pocomoke Ct.; 92-3, Somerset; 94-6, Bethel; 97-8, Roxana; 99, Smith's Isl.; 00-2, Parsonburg; 03-5, Kenton; 06-7, Houston; 08-9, Wyoming; 10-12, Farmington; 13, Hebron; 14-, Hockessin.
- MacSorley, F. C.**—1873-4, Bridgeville; 75, Dorchester; 76, Royal Oak; 77, Kent; 78-80, Hillsboro; 81-2, Trappe; 83, Harrington; 84-6, Laurel; 87-9, Crisfield; 90-2, Lewes; 93-5, Cambridge; 96-8, Newark, Del.; 99-2, Pocomoke; 03-5, Kent Isl.; 06-10, Townsend; 11-14, McCabe; 15-, Federalburg.
- Mitchell, J. M.**—1885, Bridgeville; 86-7, Houston; 88-9, Vienna; 90, Woodside; 91- 3, Quantico; 94-5, Parsonburg; 96, Preston; 97-8, Cordova; 99-0, Ellendale; 01-3, Seaford Ct.; 04-6, Zion; 07-9, Galena; 10-11, Mt. Vernon; 12-13, Mt. Pleasant, Laurel; 14-, Cecilton.
- Mitchell, J. H.**—1902, Colora; 03, Bayside; 04, Armory; 05-6, Ebenezer; 07-9, Zi- on; 10-12, Newport; 13-, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Moore, F. X.**—1898, Marion; 99-0, Newark, Md.; 01, Fruitland; 02-3, Westover; 04- 7, Hopewell; 08-11, New Castle; 12-14, Still Pond; 15-, Port Deposit.
- Moore, C. W.**—1904, N. H. Conf.; 05-6, Vienna; 07-9, Millington; 10, Hopewell; 11-12, Greenwood; 13, Galena; 14, Mt. Pleasant Laurel; 12-, Crapo.
- Moore, D. J.**—1911-12, Christiana; 13, Queenstown; 14-15, Trappe; 16-, Parsons- burg.
- Morgan, S. M.**—1887-9, Townsend; 90-1, Hillsboro; 92-6, Mt. Salem; 97-01, Snow Hill; 02-3, Milford; 04-9, D. S. Dover Dist.; 10-13, Mt. Salem; 14, R.
- Morgan, L. B.**—1905, Leipsic; 06-8, Williamsburg; 09-10, Concord; 11-13, George- town Ct.; 14-, Chincoteague.
- Mowbray, W. R.**—1886, Sassafras; 87-8, Royal Oak; 89-92, Pomona; 93-6, Smyr- na Ct.; 97, Nanticoke; 98-00, Zion; 01-6, Bridgeville; 07-11, Lewes; 12-15, Milford; 16-, D. S. Dover District.

- Neese, G. R.**—1878-91, Va. Conference; 92, M. E. Church South; 93-4, Houston; 95-6, Nassau; 97, Gumboro; 98, Smith's Isl.; 99-02, Somerset; 03-4, Frankford; 05-6, Nanticoke; 07-9, Madeley; 10-11, Marydel; 12, Kingswood; 13-15, Clayton; 16-, North East.
- Newton, G. F.**—1912-14, Westover; 15-, Fruitland.
- Nichols, R. P.**—1907-12, Salt Lake City, Utah; 13-14, Newport; 15-, Still Pond.
- Northrup, V. P.**—1892-3, Quindocqua; 94, Bishopville; 95-6, St. John's; 97-00, Madeley; 01-2, Delaware City; 03-5, Clayton; 06-9, Cookman; 10, Rock Hall; 11-13, St. Michaels; 14-15, Harrington; 16-, Brandywine.
- Nutter, M. D.**—1890-2, Hurlock; 93-4, Beckwith; 95-6, Gumboro; 97-8, Marydel; 99-00, West Va.; 01-4, St. Peter's; 05, Stockton; 06-8, Tangier; 09-12, Hurlock; 13, Parsonsburg; 14-, Chesapeake City.
- O'Brien, T. A. H.**—1876, Snow Hill; 77, Fruitland; 78, Princess Anne; 79-80; Chincoteague; 81-3, Madely; 84-6, Chesapeake; 87-9, Cherry Hill; 90-2, Cecilton; 93-5, Fairmount; 96-8, Frederica; 99-00, Hillsboro; 01-3, Mt. Salem; 04-6, Lewes; 07-11, Asbury, Md.; 12-14, Port Deposit; 15-, D. S. Salisbury Dist.
- Otis, J. P.**—1872-3, New England; 74-7, Va.; 78-9, Cambridge; 80-1, Centreville; 82-4, Odessa; 85-7, Elkton; 88-90, Port Deposit; 91, Bridgeville; 92-3, Brandywine; 94-5, St. Michaels; 96-8, Crisfield; 99-00, Mt. Salem; 01-3, Newark, Del.; 04-8, Rising Sun; 09-10, Greensboro; 11-13, North East; 14-15, Sharpton; 16-, Marshallton.
- Outten, J. P.**—1893-4, Williamsburg; 95-6, E. N. Market; 97-8, Rock Hall; 99-01, Nassau; 02-3, Onancock; 04-5, Cape Charles; 06, Crisfield; 07-9, Kent. Isl.; 10, Frankford; 11-12, Madely; 13-, Cookman.
- Pilchard, S. N.**—1881-2, Wyoming; 83-4, Magnolia; 85, Stockton; 86-7, Frankford; 89-90, Delaware City; 91-5, Laurel; 96, Scott; 97-00, Chaplain U. S. A.; 01, Greensboro; 02-5, Crisfield; 06-8, Union; 09-12, Delmar; 13-, Cambridge.
- Poole, J. W.**—1870, Bridgeville; 71-2, Harrington; 73, Federalsburg; 74, Snow Hill; 75-6, Fruitland; 77-9, Holland's Isl.; 80, Woodland; 81-2, Church Creek; 83-4, Farmington; 85-7, Queenstown; 88, R.
- Poole, L. E.**—1896, Queenstown; 97-8, Charlestown; 99-02, Chesapeake; 03-5, Pocomoke; 06, Elkton; 07-10, Georgetown; 11-12, Epworth; 13-14, Newark, Del.; 15-, Snow Hill.
- Poole, W. C.**—1900-01, Queenstown; 02-3, Fairlee; 04-7, Church Hill; 08-10, McCabe; 11-12, Nanticoke; 13, Anti-Saloon League; 14, Richardson Park; 15, Galena; 16-, Ocean City.
- Prettyman, C. W.**—1868, Millington; 69-70, Dickinson College; 71-2, Leipsic; 73-4, Appoquinimink; 75-6, Sudlersville; 77-9, Centreville; 80-2, Lewes; 83-5, Union; 86-7, Newark, Del.; 88-92, Fairmount; 93-5, Seaford; 96-00, Salisbury; 01-2, Brandywine; 03-5, New Castle; 06-11, Snow Hill; 12, Snow Hill; 13-15, Smyrna; 16-, R.
- Prettyman, A. P.**—1882-3, Hillsboro; 84-5, Bayside; 86-8, Trappe; 89-91, Chester-Bethel; 92-3, Delaware City; 94-7, Zion; 98-12, Galena; 13-14, Greensboro; 15-, Rising Sun.
- Prettyman, J. W.**—1897, Piney Neck; 98, Crumpton; 99-00, Church Creek; 01-2, Crumpton; 03-4, Cordova; 05-6, Lincoln; 07, Girdletree; 08-10, Crapo; 11, Hillsboro; 12-, Rock Hall.
- Prettyman, E. C.**—1909-10, Royal Oak; 11-12, Red Lion; 13-14, Ebenezer; 15-, Anti-Saloon League.
- Prettyman, J. L.**—1915, Royal Oak; 16-, Kenton.
- Price, J. T.**—1908, Royal Oak; 09-10, Charlestown; 11-12, Tilghman; 13, St. Johns; 14, Burrsville; 15-, Blades.
- Prouse, J. T.**—1886, Quantico; 87, Ellendale; 88, Church Creek; 89-90, Nassau; 91, Annapessex; 92, Mt. Vernon; 93-4, Talbot; 95-6, Kenton; 97, Trappe; 98-9, Red Lion; 00-2, Charlestown; 03, Christiana; 04-6, Chester-Bethel; 07-8, Kingswood; 09, Hockessin; 10, Marshallton; 11, Clayton; 12, Sy.; 13-, R.
- Quigg, H. T.**—1903, Philadelphia Conference; 04-6, Georgetown; 07-11, Milford; 12, Ridgley; 13-14, Elkton; 15-, Greensboro.
- Randolph, H. F.**—1893-1914, Newark Conference; 1915-, Grace.
- Rawlins, P. H.**—1869-71, Berlin; 72-3, Annapessex; 74-6, Snow Hill; 77-9, Smyrna Ct.; 80-1, Scott; 82-4, Georgetown; 85-7, E. N. Market; 88-92, Camden; 93-5, Harrington; 96-7, Agt. End. Fund; 99-01, Sy.; 02-10, Agt. End. Fund; 11, R.
- Redman, W. W.**—1856-8, Smyrna Ct.; 59, Vernon; 60, Snow Hill; 61, Church Creek; 62, Worcester; 63-4, Frankford; 65-6, Quantico; 67, Milton; 68, Lincoln; 69, Bethel; 70-2, Church Hill; 73-5, Beckwith; 76-8, Millsboro; 79, Wyoming; 80-4, Sy.; 85-6, Woodland; 87-8, Williston; 89, Fruitland; 90, Powellville; 91, R.
- Reed, H. E.**—1910-12, School; 13-14, Girdletree; 15-, Smith's Island.
- Reed, O. B.**—1916-, Marydel.
- Reese, J. D.**—1885, Chincoteague; 86-7, Bayside; 88, Pomona; 89-90, Royal Oak; 91-2, Appoquinimink; 93, Girdletree; 94, Crapo; 95-6, Williston; 97-8, Nassau; 99-00, Mt. Vernon; 01-2, Houston; 03-4, Beckwith; 05, Tilghman; 06, Colora; 07-9, Chester-Bethel; 10, Cherry Hill; 11, Wye; 12-13, Hockessin; 14-15, Hebron; 16-, Trappe.
- Revelle, W. H.**—1907, Annapessex; 09-10, Quantico; 11-14, Newark, Md.; 15-, Mt. Vernon.
- Rice, O. B.**—1911, Powellville; 12, St. John's; 13-14, Pomona; 15, Delaware City; 16-, Stockton.

- Richardson, J. T.**—1898, E. M. Conf.; 99-00, Church Hill; 01-5, Denton; 06, Frederica; 07, North East; 08-9, Rock Hall; 10-12, Cookman; 13-15, Mt. Pleasant; 16-, Preston.
- Roberts, E. F.**—1884, Roxana; 85, Bishopville; 86, Townsend; 87-90, Oxford; 91, Preston; 92-4, Milton; 95-6, Odessa; 97, Bethel; 98-00, Still Pond; 01-3, Chestertown; 04-7, Easton; 08-10, Denton; 11-12, Elkton; 13-14, Pocomoke; 15-, Newark, Del.
- Roe, Robert**—1873, Hillsboro; 74, Talbot; 75, Sudlersville; 76, Church Creek; 77-8, Lewisville; 79, Pocomoke; 80-1, Berlin; 82-3, Sharptown; 84, Sy.; 85-7, Millsboro; 88-9, Ellendale; 90-3, Rock Hall; 94-6, Trappe; 97-8, Kenton; 99-00, Sudlersville; 01-2, Cheswold; 03, Talbot; 04-5, Trappe; 06-7, Betterton; 08-9, Stanton; 10-11, Elliott's; 12, R.
- Sard, T. J.**—1910-11, Burrsville; 12-13, Armory; 14-, Tangier.
- Sharpe, W. W.**—1886-7, Ingleside; 88-9, Kenton; 90-2, Kent Isl.; 93-4, Hillsboro; 95-8, Wesley; 99-01, Delmar; 02-3, Tangier; 04-5, Deal's Isl.; 06, St. Peter's; 07-9, Newport; 10-13, Seaford Ct.; 14-15, East Lake; 16-, Frederica.
- Shipley, H. C.**—1910, Wye; 11, Williamsburg; 12-13, Wyoming; 14-, Odessa.
- Smith, Alfred**—1879-80, E. N. Market; 81-2, Oxford; 83-5, Greensboro; 86-9, Cambridge; 90, Middletown; 91-6, D. S. Easton Dist.; 97-01, Dover; 02, Epworth; 03-10, Temperance Evangelist; 11-12, Sec'y Temperance Society; 13-, Camden.
- Smith, G. P.**—1896, Lakesville; 97, Ellendale; 98-00, Houston; 01-5, Wyoming; 06-9, Clayton; 10-11, St. John's; 12-13, Kenton; 14-, Millington.
- Smith, Tilghman**—1907, Canterbury; 08, Christiana; 09-10, Pomona; 11, Girdletree; 12-14, Marion; 15-, Bethel.
- Smoot, T. C.**—1889, Stanton; 90, Mt. Lebanon; 91, Berlin; 92, Sharptown; 93, Leipsic; 94-5, Wyoming; 96-7, Millington; 98-9, Felton; 00-1, Nanticoke; 02-3, Marydel; 04-6, Galena; 07-8, Chesapeake; 09, St. Peter's; 10-11, Whitesville; 12-14, Kent Island; 15, Newport; 16-, East New Market.
- Sparklin, J. L.**—1906-7, Farmington; 08-10, Cordova; 11, Sudlersville; 12-13, Odessa; 14-, Church Hill.
- Spry, C. W.**—1911, Marshallton; 12-13, School; 14, Mardela; 15, Ocean City; 16-, Lakesville.
- Stallings, G. W.**—1905, Virginia Conference; 06-7, Phoebus; 08-9, Chincoteague; 10-12, Roxana; 13-14, St. Peter's; 15, Bozman; 16-, Crumpton.
- Stengle, Adam**—1870-1, Chincoteague; 72, Gumboro; 73-4, Quantico; 75-6, E. N. Market; 77-9, Crisfield; 80-2, Union; 83-5, Middletown; 86-90, Union; 91-2, Port Deposit; 93-7, Smyrna; 98-02, Georgetown; 03-8, D. S. Salisbury Dist.; 09, Conference Evangelist; 10, Sy.; 15, R.
- Stephenson, R. K.**—1878, Snow Hill; 79, Annapessex; 80, Barrett's Chapel; 81-2, Appoquinimink; 83-5, Trappe; 86-8, Millington; 89-92, Smyrna Ct.; 93-5, Crisfield; 96-00, Seaford; 01-2, Elkton; 03-8, Scott; 09, D. S. Easton Dist.; 10-15, D. S. Dover District; 16-, Milford.
- Sterling, G. E.**—1912-13, Pittsville; 14, Bishopville; 15-, Marion.
- Strickland, C. W.**—1892, Little Creek; 93-4, Elliott's Isl.; 95, Pocomoke Ct.; 96-7, Parsonsburg; 98-9, Chincoteague; 00-1, Quantico; 02-4, Nassau; 05, Williston; 06, Newport; 07-8, St. Peter's; 09-10, Greenwood; 11-12, Bozman; 13-15, Nanticoke; 16-, Frankford.
- Sunfield, E. C.**—1898, N. J. Conf.; 99-00, Chestertown; 01, Millington; 02-4, Conf. Evangelist; 05-6, Felton; 09-11, Perryville; 12-13, Sec'y City Missionary Society; 14-15, Parsonsburg; 16-, Eastlake.
- Sutton, J. W.**—1908, Claremont; 09-10, Williamsburg; 11-12, Nassau; 13-14, Fruitland; 15, Sy.; 16-, Galena.
- Taylor, W. P.**—1886-92, At School; 93, Perryville; 94, St. John's; 95-6, Mt. Lebanon; 97-8, Christiana; 99-01, Beckwith; 02, Crapo; 03-4, Elk Neck; 05-6, Bethel & Summit; 07-9, Smith's Island; 10-13, Lincoln; 14-15, Georgetown Ct.; 16-, Quantico.
- Taylor, Harry**—1897, Little Creek; 98, Vienna; 99-00, Williamsburg; 01-3, Burrsville; 04-5, Georgetown Ct.; 06, Charlestown; 07-9, Mt. Pleasant; 10, St. Georges; 12-13, Crumpton; 14, Cordova; 15-, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel).
- Taylor, E. B.**—1903, M. P. Ch.; 04, Ellendale; 05-6, Pomona; 07, Fairlee; 08-10, Red Lion; 11-13, Charlestown; 14-, Stockton.
- Terry, T. E.**—1876-7, Leipsic; 78-9, Beckwith; 80-1, Seaford; 82-4, Centreville; 85-6, New Castle; 87-91, Dover; 92-5, St. Paul's; 96-8, Harrington; 99-00, Elkton; 01-3, Asbury, Md.; 04-7, Laurel; 08-11, Easton; 1-14, Federalsburg; 15-, R.
- Thawley, R. T.**—1916, Red Lion.
- Thomas, G. S.**—1902-5, Elliott's; 06-10, Georgetown Ct.; 11-14, Concord; 15-, Kent Island.
- Thomas, E. P.**—1914, Pittsville; 16-, School.
- Tomkinson, W. E.**—1871-2, N. Y. E. Conf.; 83, Chesapeake; 84, Princess Anne; 85-6, Charlestown; 87-8, Sy.; 90, Claymont; 91-3, Mt. Pleasant; 94, E. N. Market; 95-6, Houston; 97-8, Sy.; 99-, R.
- Townsend, G. W.**—1876, Claymont; 77-8, Asbury, Md.; 79-81, Salisbury; 82, Pocomoke; 83-5, Galena; 86-9, Hillsboro; 90, Bridgeville; 91-3, Denton; 94-8, Delmar; 99-00, North East; 01-2, Cecilton; 03-5, Hurlock; 06-7, Cape Charles; 08-10, Stockton; 11-12, Cheswold; 13, Sy.; 14, Rising Sun; 15, R.

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), Church Property (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), General Confer'ce Expenses (Appropriated 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, Ro I, Home Dept., Off's, Teach's, Sch's, Average Attendance of all Grades, Officers and Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers, Scholars incl. Home Dept. Ch. Mem's or Prob'ers, Members Sunday Sch. con-verted during Conf. Year, Sunday School Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.), Church (Sunday School, 10% of Sunday Sch. Miss. Offering), Collec's for Bd. of S. S.

STATISTICAL

DOVER DISTRICT.

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

TREASURER'S

DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolence (Missions, Education, Bd. of S. S., Conf. Claimants, Church Temperance Society, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Miss. Soc., Supplies, American Bible Society, City Missionary & Church Extension Society, Central Office Expenses E. I., Methodist Brotherhood), Other Benevolences (Domestic Missions, Philadelphia Hospital, Anti Saloon League).

STATISTICAL EASTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Church Membership (Probationers, Full Members), Epw'th League, Church Property (Estimated Value, Paid for Buildings and Improvements, etc.), General Conf'ce Expen's. Rows list various churches like Bayside, Bozman, Bursville, etc., ending with a Total row.

STATISTICAL EASTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAME OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools, Officers and Teachers, Home Department and Cradle Roll, Children on the Cradle Roll, Total Enrollment in all Depts., Average Attendance of all Grades, Officers and Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers, Members Sunday Sch. converted during Conf. Year, Sunday School Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc., Church, Sunday School, % of Sunday Sch Miss. Offering. Rows list various churches like Bayside, Bozman & Neavitt, Bursville, etc., ending with a Total row.

STATISTICAL EASTON 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 District Supt., Support Bishops, Support Conf. Cl'mnts, Total Paid for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency), Baptisms (Adults Baptized, Children Baptized, Baptized Children under instruction as Probationers).

TREASURER'S EASTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGE, Disciplinary Benevolences (Missions: Board of Foreign Missions, Board of H. M. & Church Extension; Education: B'd. of Education, Freedmen's Aid Society, Public Education, Children's Fund; B'd. of S. S.: Sunday Schools, B'd Conf Claimants, Annual Conference Investments, Church Temperance Society, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; Woman's Home Miss. Soc., American Bible Society, City Missionary & Church Extension Society, Central Office Exp. E. I., Methodist Brotherhood; Domestic Missions, Philadelphia Hospital, Anti Saloon League), Othe Benevolences.

STATISTICAL
SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

STATISTICAL
SALISBURY 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. Inc. Cradle Roll, Home Dept. Off'r, Teach'r, Schls., Average Attendance of all Grades, Officers and Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers, Scholars incl. Home Dept. Ch. Mem'ts or Prob'ers, Members Sunday Sch. conferred during Conf. Year, Sunday School Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.), Collec's for Bd. of S. S. (Sunday School, 10% of Sunday Sch. Miss. Offering).

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Total Claim, Total Paid, Rental Value, Deficiency), Support of Pastor, Support of District Supt., Support of Bishops, Support of Conf. Cl'mnts, Support for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency, Baptism (Adults, Children, Probationers).

TREASURER'S SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

Handwritten notes and calculations: 22, 52, 22, 51, 7, 147 amw.

STATISTICAL WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

TREASURER'S WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences (Missions, Education, Bd. of S. S., Conf. Claimants, Church Temperance Society, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Miss. Soc., American Bible Society, City Missionary & Church Extension Society, Central Office Expenses E. L., Methodist Brotherhood, Domestic Missions, Philadelphia Hospital, Anti Saloon League), Other Benevolences.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT.

Table with columns: NAME OF DISTRICT, NAME OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, Support of Pastor, Support of Conference Claimants, Support of District Bishops, Support of Ministerial, Sun's Schools, Baptisms. Includes sub-totals for Increase and Decrease.

Table with columns: NAME OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, Church Membership, Epw'rth League, Church Property, Church Expenses, General Conference Expenses. Includes sub-totals for Increase and Decrease.

Distribution of Conference Funds.

CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.

Main table listing claimants with columns: Date of Claim, Service, Estimate of Q. C., Annuity Claim, Annuity Paid, Special Fund, Amount Paid. Includes sub-sections for RETIRED MINISTERS, SUPERNUMERARIES, and WIDOWS.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION STATISTICS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Armory and Asbury—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.

Churches, \$10; Schools, \$25. \$35

Beckwith and Speddens—E. L. Hubbard, Pastor.

Beckwith Church, \$47; School, \$28; Speddens Church, \$47, School,
\$28 \$150

Bethel—Tilghman Smith, Pastor.

Bethel Church, \$24; School, \$18; Mt. Zion Church, \$12; School, \$10. . . \$64

Blades and Epworth—J. Thomas Price, Pastor.

Churches, \$10; Schools, \$40 \$50

Bridgeville—Howard Davis, Pastor.

Church, \$148; School, \$65 \$213

Cambridge—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

Church and Schools, \$335 \$335

Camden and Lebanon—Alfred Smith, Pastor.

Foreign, \$50; Home, \$50 \$100

Canterbury—A. R. Brown, Pastor.

Churches, \$10; Schools, \$50 \$60

Church Creek—Horace E. Truitt, Pastor.

Church, \$22; Schools, \$28 \$50

Crapo—C. W. Moore, Pastor.

Churches, \$49; Schools: Ebenezer, \$57, St. Thomas, \$64, Zion, \$18,
Bethany, \$2, Langrell's, \$5; Epworth League, \$5 \$200

Wesley—W. E. Gunby, Pastor.

Foreign Missions, \$150; Home Missions, \$150 \$300

East New Market—Elwood W. Jones, Pastor.

Schools: East New Market, \$60; Cabin Creek, \$30; Secretary, \$25;
East New Market Baraca Class, \$75; Epworth League, \$5; Junior
League, \$5 \$200

Ellendale—Jno. P. Kelley, Pastor.

Foreign Missions, \$60; Home Missions, \$60 \$120

Elliott's Island—George H. VanNote, Pastor.

Church and School. \$24

Farmington—John M. Kelso, Pastor.

Farmington Church, \$26; School, \$25; Prospect Church, \$22; Stay-
tonville Church, \$6; School, \$12; Todd's Church, \$18; School \$21 \$130

Federalsburg—F. C. MacSorley, Pastor.

Church, \$22; School, \$213; Special for India, \$40 \$275

Felton—W. E. Matthews, Pastor.

Felton Church, \$36; School, \$146; Masten's Church, \$2; School, \$4;
Manship School, \$12 \$200

Frederica—J. W. Jones, Pastor.

Church, \$80; School, \$244 \$324

Georgetown—J. W. Colona, Pastor.

Church, \$140; School, \$300 \$440

Georgetown Circuit—Wm. P. Taylor, Pastor.

Churches, \$70; Bethesda School, \$10; Cokesbury School, \$18; St.
John School \$25; Sand Hill School, \$17 \$140

Greenwood—J. C. B. Hopkins, Pastor.

Trinity Church, \$70, School, \$8; Greenwood Church, \$25, School, \$46;
St. Johnstown Church, \$21, School, \$5; Chaplains Church, \$22,
School, \$5 \$202

Harrington—V. P. Northrup, Pastor.

Church, \$55; School, \$195 \$250

Hickman and Epworth—M. W. Marine, Pastor.

Churches, \$42; Schools, \$18 \$60

Hooper's Island—Chas. H. Hudson, Pastor.

Church, \$40 \$40

Houston—I. S. Whitaker, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$120 \$120

Hurlock—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

Church, \$115; School, \$115 \$230

Lakesville—Robert H. Wilson, Pastor.

Foreign, \$35; Home, \$35\$70

Laurel—George C. Williams, Pastor.

Foreign, \$150; Home, \$150\$300

Leipsic—C. H. Atkins, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$30\$30

Lewes—O. E. Jones, Pastor.

Church, \$150; School, \$180; Epworth League, \$20\$350

Lincoln—James H. Gardner, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$120\$120

Magnolia and Barretts Chapel—Leolan Johnson, Pastor.Magnolia Church, \$27, School, \$75; Barretts Chapel Church, \$12,
School, \$8; Bowers Church, \$2, School, \$6\$130**Milford—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.**

Church, \$300; School, \$300\$600

Millsboro—Geo. R. Ellis, Pastor.

Churches, \$80; Schools, \$90\$170

Milton—Z. H. Webster, Pastor.

Church, \$70; School, \$130\$200

Mt. Pleasant—Harry Taylor, Pastor.Mt. Pleasant Church, \$30, School, \$10; King's Church, \$20, School,
\$5; St. George's Church, \$13, School, \$12\$90**Nassau—Geo. S. Allen, Pastor.**

Conley, \$40; White's, \$24; Zion, \$16\$80

Rehoboth—Disston W. Jacobs, Pastor.

Churches, \$75; Schools, \$45\$120

Salem—Thos. S. Barrett, Pastor.Salem Church, \$12, School, \$5; Linkwood Church, \$10, School, \$8;
Thompson Church, \$10, School, \$3; Griffith Church, \$10, School,
\$2\$60**Seaford—Jno. J. Bunting, Pastor.**

Foreign Missions, \$225; Home Missions, \$200\$425

Seaford Circuit—D. J. Ford, Pastor.

Wesley, \$100; Bethel, \$100; Brown, \$60; Concord, \$60\$320

Vienna—J. W. Nudson, Pastor.

Church, \$5; Schools, \$10\$15

Williamsville—W. T. McGuire, Pastor.

Church\$8

Williamsburg—W. H. Cummings, Pastor.

Friendship, \$30; Nichols, \$12; Williamsburg, \$13; Hynson, \$5\$60

Wyoming—B. L. McFarland, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$50\$50

EASTON DISTRICT.**Bozman—Geo. W. Stallings, Pastor.**

Bozman Church, \$4, School, \$31; Neavitt Church, \$30, School \$10....\$75

Cecilton—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$177; Jr. League, \$23; Special \$22\$222

Centreville—J. R. Bicking, Pastor.

Church, \$98; School, \$152\$250

Chestertown—Louis E. Barrett, Pastor.

Church and School \$470\$470

Cheswold—W. H. Kenney, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$154\$154

Church Hill—J. L. Sparklin, Pastor.

Church and Schools, \$100\$100

Clayton—G. R. Neese, Pastor.

Foreign Missions, \$30; Home Missions, \$35\$65

Concord—Hugh B. Kelso, Pastor.Concord Church, \$45, School, \$26; Bloomery Church, \$20, School, \$12;
Chestnut Grove Church, \$15, School, \$4; Harmony Church, \$12;
School, \$4\$138**Cordova—Frank White, Pastor.**

Foreign, \$40; Home, \$46\$86

Crumpton—C. T. Jones, Pastor.

Crumpton Church, \$5, School, \$37; Union Church, \$3, School, \$30;
Double Creek School, \$10\$85

Easton—W. L. White, Pastor.

Foreign Missions, \$183; Home Missions, \$182\$365

Fairlee—John White, Pastor.

Churches, \$70; Schools, \$20\$90

Greensboro—Howard T. Quigg, Pastor.

Church and School, \$190\$190

Golt—J. E. Horner, Pastor.

Dulaney School, \$10; Epworth League, \$2; Sassafras Church, \$10;
Massey Church, \$8\$30

Henderson—W. N. Conaway, Pastor.

Foreign, \$20; Home, \$20\$40

Kent Island—George S. Thomas, Pastor.

Stevensville Church, \$62, School, \$25; Kingsley Church, \$27; School,
\$33; Senior League, \$5; Junior League, \$5; Trinity School, \$8..\$165

Kenton—W. W. Chaires, Pastor.

Churches, \$35; Schools, \$65; Epworth League, \$25.....\$125

Marydel—W. M. McCann, Pastor.

Church, \$25; School, \$25\$50

Millington—G. P. Smith, Pastor.

Church and School \$84\$84

Odessa—H. C. Shipley, Pastor.

Church and School, \$89\$89

Oxford—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.

Church and School, \$55\$55

Pomona—J. A. Hudson, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$95.\$95

Ridgely—W. E. Habbart, Pastor.

Foreign, \$65; Home, \$85\$150

Rock Hall—J. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church, \$20; School, \$95\$115

Royal Oak—J. L. Prettyman, Pastor.

Churches, \$10; Schools, \$40\$50

St. Michaels—Leonard White, Pastor.

School, \$175; Special, \$20\$195

Salem Circuit—Henry Covington, Pastor.

Foreign, \$20; Home, \$25\$45

Smyrna—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church, \$372; School, \$274; Landing School, \$2\$648

Smyrna Circuit—Milton McCann, Pastor.

Churches, \$70; Friendship School, \$47; Severson School, \$13; Jer-
man chapel School, \$10; Epworth League, \$10\$150

Still Pond—Ransom P. Nichols, Pastor.

Foreign, \$80; Home, \$80\$160

Sudlersville—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$115; Epworth League, \$5\$120

Tilgman—Ivanhoe Willis, Pastor.

School, \$90\$90

Townsend—Warren Burr, Pastor.

Foreign, \$80; Home, \$90\$170

Trappe—D. J. Moore, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$105\$105

Wye—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.

Church, \$36; School, \$36\$72

SALISBURY DISTRICT.**Berlin—W. E. Greenfield, Pastor.**

Church, \$80; School, \$120\$200

Bishopville—N. C. Benson, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$90\$90

Cape Charles—W. O. Bennett, Pastor.

School, \$110\$110

Chincoteague—L. B. Morgan, Pastor.

School, \$144\$144

Claremont—J. T. Graham, Pastor.

School, \$55\$55

Crisfield—Charles A. Hill, Pastor.

Church, \$24; School, \$344; Junior League, \$2\$370

Dagsboro and St. Georges—G. W. Bounds, Pastor.

Churches, \$75; Schools, \$115; Special, \$40\$230

Deal's Island—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.

Churches, \$65; Schools, \$185\$250

Fairmount—A. W. Goodhand, Pastor.

Schools, \$120\$120

Frankford—W. C. Harris, Pastor.

Schools, \$118; Epworth League, \$12\$130

Fruitland—Geo. F. Newton, Pastor.

Foreign, \$65; Home, \$65; Special to India, \$15\$145

Girdletree—E. H. Marshall, Pastor.

Churches, \$27; Schools, \$57\$84

Gumboro Circuit—W. S. H. Williams, Pastor.Gumboro Church, \$10, School, \$10; Carey's Church, \$10, School, \$20;
West Wood Church, \$10, School, \$10; Bethel Church, \$5, School
\$5\$80**Hebron—J. D. Reese, Pastor.**

Foreign, \$18; Home, \$15\$33

Holland's Island—S. T. Horseman, Pastor.

Church, \$17; School, \$15\$32

Mardela Springs—Ralph C. Jones, Pastor.

Foreign, \$16\$16

Marion—George E. Sterling, Pastor.

Home, \$25; Foreign, \$25\$50

Mt. Vernon—W. H. Revelle, Pastor.

Foreign, \$50; Home, \$50\$100

Nanticoke—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.

Churches, \$100; Schools, \$50\$150

Newark—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$70\$70

Ocean City—Charles W. Spry, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$81\$81

Ocean View—J. W. Fogle, Pastor.Bethel Church and School, \$108; Millville Church and School, \$58;
Ocean View Epworth League, \$9\$175**Onancock—O. T. Baynard, Pastor.**Cokesbury School, \$60; Latherbury School, \$56; River View School,
\$14; Ayres School, \$16; Crowsentown School, \$14\$160**Phoebus—L. T. McLain, Pastor.**

Church and School, \$30\$30

Pittsville—R. T. Thawley, Pastor.

Foreign, \$12; Home, \$12\$24

Pocomoke City—Wm. O. Hurst, Pastor.

School, \$104\$104

Pocomoke Circuit—J. L. Derrickson, Pastor.

Schools, \$55\$55

Princess Anne—D. J. Givan, Pastor.

School, \$100\$100

Powellville—W. V. Harris, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$40\$40

Quantico—Thomas N. Given, Pastor.

Foreign, \$50; Home, \$50\$100

Roxana—Julius A. Brewington, Pastor.

Roxana Church, \$20, School, \$42; Sound Church, \$14, School, \$33....\$109

St. Peter's—Daniel Wilson, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$100\$100

Asbury (Salisbury)—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.

Church, \$106; School, \$767; Special, \$95\$968

Selbyville—C. H. Williams, Pastor.

Salem Church, \$35, School, \$150; Ebenezer School, \$10\$195

Sharptown—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Church, \$44; School, \$103\$147

Smith's Island—H. E. Reed, Pastor.

Churches and Schools \$220\$220

Snow Hill—L. E. Poole, Pastor.

Church, \$200; School, \$175\$375

Somerset—E. W. McDowell, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$140; Epworth League, \$10\$150

Stockton—E. B. Taylor, Pastor.Stockton School, \$100, Epworth League, \$12; Franklin City School,
\$52, Epworth League, \$10; Remson School, \$26; Klej Grange
School, \$3\$203**Tangier—T. J. Sard, Pastor.**

Church, \$100; School, \$300; Joshua Thomas School, \$40\$440

Westover—W. F. Atkinson, Pastor.

St. Paul Church, \$15; School, \$15; Mt. Olive Church, \$15, School, \$15..\$60

Whitesville—J. A. Buckson, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$115\$115

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Churches and Schools\$90

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Churches and Schools, \$66\$66

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Cherry Hill Church, \$5, School, \$70; Big Elk Church, \$5, Trustees \$5..\$85

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Chesapeake City Church, \$60; Coyats, \$5\$65

Chester-Bethel—J. W. Gray, Pastor.

Church, \$20; School, \$60\$80

Christiana—W. C. Buckson, Pastor.

Churches, \$40; Schools, \$20\$60

Claymont—Chas. C. Harris, Pastor.

School, \$30\$30

Colora—O. H. Connelly, Pastor.

Church, \$6; School, \$34\$40

Delaware City—Oren B. Rice, Pastor.

Foreign, \$75; Home, \$11.\$86

Elk Mills—C. D. Sharpless, Pastor.

Schools, \$20\$20

Elkton—George P. Jones, Pastor.Church, \$1; School, \$409; West Amwell School, \$10; Crouch's School
(special) \$10\$430**Hockessin—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.**

Church and School, \$70\$70

Hopewell—C. N. Jones, Pastor.Hopewell School, \$60; Asbury School, \$10; Hopewell League, Foreign
(special) \$20\$90**Kirkwood—O. S. Walton, Pastor.**

School, \$6\$6

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Foreign, \$20; Home, \$20\$40

Mt. Lebanon—J. H. Geoghegan, Pastor.

Church, \$52; School, \$12\$64

Mt. Pleasant—J. T. Richardson, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$164\$164

Newark—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.

Church and School, \$230\$230

New Castle—John L. Johnson, Pastor.

School, \$250\$250

Newport—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.

Church, \$20; School, \$126\$146

North East—A. Burke, Pastor.

School, \$100\$100

Perryville—J. H. Beauchamp, Pastor.

School, \$150\$150

Port Deposit—F. X. Moore, Pastor.

Church, \$40; School, \$150; Special, \$670\$860

Port Penn—Raymond W. Cooke, Pastor.

School, \$10\$10

Red Lion—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

Red Lion Church, \$5, School, \$25; Glasgow Church and School \$5....\$35

Rising Sun—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church, \$105; School, \$75; Sylmar School, \$10\$190

Stanton—C. W. Rutter, Pastor.

Church and School, \$30\$30

St. George's—Geo. E. Wood, Pastor.

Church, \$28; School, \$32\$60

Zion—J. C. McCoy, Pastor.

Zion Church, \$25, School, \$15; Calvert Church, \$15, School, \$20;
Ebenezer Church, \$20, School, \$10; Union Church, \$25, School \$10..\$140

Asbury—G. W. Dawson, Pastor.

Church, \$60; School, \$80\$140

Brandywine and Edgemore—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.

Church, \$52; School, \$165; Edgemoor School, \$23\$240

Brack-Ex—Penrose R. Talley, Pastor.

Church and School, \$10\$10

Cookman—J. P. Outten, Pastor.

Church, \$10; School, \$90\$100

Eastlake—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.

Foreign, \$50; Home, \$50\$100

Epworth—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.

Foreign, \$63; Home, \$63\$126

Harrison Street—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.

Church, \$126; School, \$324\$450

Hillcrest—T. H. Harding, Pastor.

Church, \$6; School, \$10\$16

Kingswood—L. M. Broadway, Pastor.

School, \$60\$60

Madeley—E. H. Collins, Pastor.

Church and School, \$100\$100

McCabe Memorial—James W. Easley, Pastor.

Church, \$59, School, \$110\$169

Mt. Salem—Thos. R. VanDyke, Pastor.

Church, \$187; School, \$132; Riddles Memorial School, \$281\$600

Richardson Park—L. I. McDougle, Pastor.

Church, \$20; School, \$60\$80

St. Paul's Vaughan S. Collins, Pastor.

Church, \$370; School, \$270; Christian Endeavor, \$10\$650

Scott—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Church, \$30; School, \$310\$340

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