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Rules of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

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.

I.

CONFERENCE ROLLS.

(a) CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL.

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| 1858 William W. Redman | 1884 William A. Wise |
| 1862 George S. Conaway | 1884 Emerson P. Roberts |
| 1866 James Esgate | 1884 Edmund H. Derrickson |
| | 1884 Thomas N. Given |
| 1868 Cornelius W. Prettyman | 1884 Daniel F. McFaul |
| | 1884 Wilmer Jaggard |
| 1869 Philip H. Rawlins | 1884 William F. Dawson |
| | |
| 1870 Joseph A. Arters | 1885 James M. Mitchell |
| 1870 Adam Stengle | 1885 James W. Easley |
| 1870 George E. Reed | 1885 Robert Watt |
| | 1885 James D. Reese |
| 1871 William E. Tomkinson | 1885 George W. Bowman |
| 1871 Levin W. Layfield | 1885 Daniel H. Willis |
| 1871 Thomas H. Harding | 1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield |
| 1871 Franz O. B. Wallin | 1885 Oscar L. Martin |
| 1872 John P. Otis | |
| | 1886 George E. Wood |
| 1873 Robert Roe | 1886 William W. Sharp |
| 1873 Frank C. MacSorley | 1886 William R. Mowbray |
| 1873 William M. Greene | 1886 Henry S. Dulaney |
| | 1886 William G. Koons |
| 1875 Walter W. White | 1886 Clinton T. Wyatt |
| | 1886 James T. Prouse |
| 1876 George W. Townsend | 1886 Benjamin F. Jester |
| 1876 Louis E. Barrett | 1886 William P. Taylor |
| 1876 Wilbur F. Corkran | |
| 1876 John M. Collins | 1887 Ralph T. Coursey |
| 1876 Thomas E. Terry | 1887 Zach H. Webster |
| 1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker | 1887 James H. Wilson |
| | 1887 John H. Bickford |
| 1878 Robert K. Stephenson | |
| 1878 Howard T. Quigg | 1888 George T. Alderson |
| | 1888 John F. Anderson |
| 1879 Olin S. Walton | 1888 Frank F. Carpenter |
| 1879 Alfred Smith | 1888 William P. Compton |
| 1879 Joshua M. Lindale | 1888 Wesley W. Chaires |
| 1879 Gordon R. Neese | 1888 Warren Burr |
| | 1888 Joshua W. Gray |
| 1881 Frederick J. Cochran | 1888 George W. Stallings |
| 1881 Louis P. Corkran | |
| 1881 Sewall N. Pilchard | 1889 Vinal E. Hills |
| | 1889 Truston C. Smoot |
| 1882 Allison P. Prettyman | 1889 James W. Fogle |
| 1882 Charles H. Williams | 1889 Leonidas I. McDougale |
| | 1890 George W. Bounds |
| 1883 William B. Guthrie | 1890 Melvin D. Nutter |
| 1883 George L. Hardesty | 1890 Julius A. Brewington |
| 1883 Vaughan S. Collins | |
| | 1891 Edwin Gardner |
| | 1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan |

1891 George A. Cooke
1891 George P. Jones

1892 Van P. Northrup
1892 William S. H. Williams
1892 William O. Hurst
1892 Theodore F. Beauchamp
1892 Clarence W. Strickland

1893 William L. White
1893 John P. Outten
1893 James T. Richardson
1893 Herbert F. Randolph

1894 Henry G. Budd
1894 John H. Beauchamp
1894 Charles W. Moore
1895 Edward H. Collins
1895 Daniel J. Givan

1896 Edward H. Dashiell
1896 Luther E. Poole
1896 George P. Smith
1896 Leolan Jackson

1897 John W. Prettyman
1897 Thomas S. Holt
1897 William O. Bennett
1897 Harry Taylor

1898 Omar E. Jones
1898 John W. Jones
1898 Frederick X. Moore
1898 Hugh B. Kelso
1898 George R. Ellis

1899 John L. Johnson
1899 George W. Dawson

1900 Howard Davis
1900 Clarence N. Jones
1900 William C. Poole
1900 Frank N. Faulkner
1900 Goldsborough W. Hastings
1900 William E. Greenfield
1900 John A. Hudson

1901 William H. Kenney

1902 Milton McCann
1902 William E. Matthews
1902 George C. Williams
1902 James H. Gardner
1902 Oram T. Baynard
1902 James W. Colona
1902 Edward H. Marshall

1903 Arthur W. Goodhand
1903 George S. Thomas
1903 Walter E. Gunby

1903 William E. Habbart
1903 Charles T. Jones
1903 Joseph T. Herson

1904 Joseph A. Buckson
1904 John M. Kelso
1904 Edwin B. Taylor

1905 Lewis B. Morgan
1905 Elwood W. Jones
1905 Daniel J. Ford
1905 Jesse C. McCoy

1906 Daniel Wilson
1906 William G. Harris
1906 John L. Sparklin
1906 John H. Warren
1906 Emory W. McDowell
1906 Carlisle L. Hubbard

1907 William H. Briggs
1907 Tilghman Smith
1907 Oden E. James
1907 John R. Bicking
1907 Cyrus P. Keene
1907 William H. Revelle
1907 Ransom P. Nichols

1908 John W. Sutton
1908 Leonard White
1908 James T. Price

1909 John J. Bunting
1909 Edgar C. Prettyman
1909 Frank Herson

1910 John C. B. Hopkins
1910 Melvin E. Wheatley
1910 Thomas J. Sard
1910 Harry C. Shipley
1910 William M. McCann
1910 Harry E. Reed

1911 Oren B. Rice
1911 David J. Moore
1911 Charles W. Spry

1912 George S. Allen
1912 Olie H. Connelly
1912 George E. Sterling
1912 George F. Newton
1912 Ivanhoe Willis

1913 Disston W. Jacobs
1913 James A. Leach
1913 Zach W. Wells
1913 John W. Chappell

1914 Frank White
1914 Norman C. Benson

1914 Marion W. Marine
1914 Essell P. Thomas

1915 Ralph C. Jones
1915 Luther M. Broadway
1915 John L. Prettyman
1915 Claude W. Clark

1916 Roy T. Thawley
1916 Charles C. Harris
1916 Lester E. Windsor
1916 Raymond W. Cooke
1916 Otis B. Reed

1917 Walter A. Hearn
1917 Blanchard P. Moore

1917 Charles H. Atkins
1917 William T. McGuire
1917 William S. Grant
1917 Harry D. West
1917 Joseph A. Pignatiello
1917 William F. Godwin

1918 William H. Alderson
1918 Wade H. Cummings
1918 Edmund W. Hervis
1918 Robert S. Hodgson
1918 Willard V. Moore
1918 John T. Rowlenson
1918 John W. Wootten
1918 August F. Zimmerman

(b) ALPHABETICAL ROLL AND DIRECTORY.

Note:—In column headed "Relation," the following abbreviations are used: "E" denotes Elder; "D," Deacon; "P," Probationer; "R," Retired; "Sy," Supernumerary.

The figures in the first column indicate the year of admission on trial; those in the last column, the year of appointment or relation.

	Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1888	Alderson, G. T.	E Wilmington, Del.	6
1918	Alderson, W. H.	P Somewhere in France	1
1912	Allen, G. S.	E Powellville, Md.	1
1888	Anderson, J. F.	E Cherry Hill (P.O. Elkton, Md.)	4
1870	Arters, J. A.	R Chestertown, Md.	10
1917	Atkins, C. H.	P Lincoln, Del.	1
1876	Barrett, L. E.	E Townsend, Del.	1
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E Rehoboth, Del.	1
1892	Beauchamp, T. F.	E Chestertown, Md.	3
1894	Beauchamp, J. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1897	Bennett, W. O.	E Berlin, Md.	1
1914	Benson, N. C.	E Georgetown, Del.	3
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E New Castle, Del.	1
1887	Bickford, J. H.	E North East, Md.	1
1890	Bounds, G. W.	E Richardson Park, Del.	2
1885	Bowman, G. W.	R Laurel, Del.	11
1890	Brewington, J. A.	E Quantico, Md.	1
1907	Briggs, W. H.	E Selbyville, Del.	3
1915	Broadway, L. M.	D Wilmington, Del.	2
1904	Buckson, J. A.	E Whitesville, Del.	4
1894	Budd, H. G.	E Dover, Del.	8
1909	Bunting, J. J.	E Ridgely, Md.	1
1888	Burr, Warren	E Harrington, Del.	1
1888	Carpenter, F. F.	E Laurel, Del.	3
1888	Chaires, W. W.	E Bozman, Md.	3
1913	Chappell, J. W.	D U. S. Army	1
1915	Clark, C. W.	D Brack Ex (P.O. Marshallton, Del.)	1
1881	Cochran, F. J.	E Hockessin, Del.	1
1876	Collins, J. M.	R 1607 W. 13th St., Wilm., Del.	13
1883	Collins, V. S.	E Salisbury, Md.	2
1895	Collins, E. H.	E Wilminton, Del.	2
1902	Colona, J. W.	E Dover, Del.	1
1888	Compton, W. P.	R 6726 Lansdown Ave., Phila., Pa.	11
1862	Conaway, G. S.	R Smyrna, Del.	10
1912	Connelly, O. H.	E Roxana, Del.	2

	Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1891	Cooke, G. A.	R 311 S. Jackson St., Wilm., Del.	2
1916	Cooke, R. W.	P U. S. Army	1
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E Crisfield, Md.	1
1881	Corkran, L. P.	R Sudlersville, Md.	2
1887	Coursey, R. T.	E Wyoming, Del.	2
1918	Cummings, W. H.	P Ebenezer (P. O. Newark, Del.)	1
1896	Dashiell, E. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1900	Davis, Howard	E Chaplain in U. S. Army	1
1884	Dawson, W. F.	E Tangier, Va.	1
1899	Dawson, G. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	6
1884	Derrickson, E. H.	E Odessa, Del.	1
1886	Dulaney, H. S.	E Felton, Del.	2
1885	Easley, J. W.	E Cape Charles, Va.	1
1898	Ellis, G. R.	E Magnolia, Del.	2
1866	Esgate, James	R Los Angeles, California	32
1900	Faulkner, F. N.	E Delmar, Del.	6
1889	Fogle, J. W.	R Seaford, Del.	1
1905	Ford, D. J.	E Nanticoke, Md.	2
1891	Gardner, Edwin	E Chestertown, Md. (Pomona)	2
1902	Gardner, J. H.	E Seaford, Del.	1
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.	E Newark, Md.	2
1895	Givan, D. J.	E Milton, Del.	2
1884	Given, T. N.	E Lewisville, Pa. (St. John's)	1
1917	Godwin, W. F.	P Bishopville, Md.	1
1903	Goodhand, A. W.	E Still Pond, Md.	1
1917	Grant, W. S.	P Houston, Del.	3
1888	Gray, J. W.	E Charlestown, Md.	1
1873	Greene, W. M.	R Wyoming, Del.	14
1900	Greenfield, W. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1903	Gunby, W. E.	E Cambridge, Md.	1
1883	Guthrie, W. B.	E Kenton, Del.	2
1903	Habbart, W. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1883	Hardesty, G. L.	R Seaford, Del.	5
1871	Harding, T. H.	R Wilmington, Del.	12
1906	Harris, W. G.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1916	Harris, C. C.	D Wilmington, Del.	1
1900	Hastings, G. W.	E Hebron, Md.	2
1917	Hearn, W. A.	D Somewhere in France	1
1918	Hennis, E. W.	P Elk Mills, Md.	1
1903	Herson, J. T.	E Salisbury, Md.	3
1909	Herson, Frank	E Newark, Del.	1
1889	Hills, V. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1918	Hodgson, R. S.	P Canterbury, Del.	1
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	R Bellevue, Md.	1
1897	Holt, T. S.	R Federalsburg, Md.	9
1910	Hopkins, J. C. B.	E Dagsboro, Del.	3
1906	Hubbard, C. L.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1900	Hudson, J. A.	E Ewell, Md.	2

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Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1892	Hurst, W. O. E Pocomoke City, Md.	4
1896	Jackson, Leolan E Princess Anne, Md.	2
1913	Jacobs, D. W. E Bridgeville, Del.	1
1884	Jaggard, Wilmer R Millsboro, Md.	3
1907	James, O. E. E Colora, Md.	2
1886	Jester, B. F. R Wilmington, Del.	2
1899	Johnson, J. L. E Crisfield, Md.	1
1891	Jones, G. P. E Elkton, Md.	4
1898	Jones, J. W. E Wilmington, Del.	1
1898	Jones, O. E. E Lewes, Del.	4
1900	Jones, C. N. E Clayton, Del.	3
1903	Jones, C. T. E Tilghman's, Md.	2
1905	Jones, E. W. E Wilmington, Del.	3
1915	Jones, R. C. D At School	1
1907	Keen, C. P. E Michigan	1
1898	Kelso, H. B. E Mt. Pleasant (P.O.Edgemoor,Del.)	3
1904	Kelso, J. M. E Crapo, Md.	1
1901	Kenney, W. H. R Cheswold, Del.	1
1886	Koons, W. G. R Rising Sun, Md.	3
1871	Layfield, L. W. E Chester-Bethel (P.O.Boothwyn,Pa.)	1
1913	Leach, J. A. E Sudlersville, Md.	2
1879	Lindale, J. M. E Wye Mills, Md.	2
1902	McCann, Milton E Smyrna, Del.	5
1910	McCann, W. M. E Girdletree, Md.	2
1905	McCoy, J. C. E Zion, (P. O. North East, Md.)	4
1889	McDougle, L. I. E Perryville, Md.	2
1906	McDowell, E. W. E Hillsboro, Md.	2
1884	McFaull, D. F. R Wilmington, Del.	1
1917	McGuire, W. T. P At School	1
1873	MacSorley, F. C. E Federalsburg, Md.	4
1914	Marine, M. W. E Stockton, Md.	1
1902	Marshall, E. H. E Reliance (P. O. Oak Grove, Del.)	2
1885	Martin, O. L. E Annamessex (P.O. Crisfield,Md.)	1
1902	Matthews, W. E. E Cordova, Md.	2
1885	Mitchell, J. M. R Millington, Md.	1
1894	Moore, C. W. E Hurlock, Md.	1
1898	Moore, F. X. E Port Deposit, Md.	4
1911	Moore, D. J. E Millington, Md.	1
1917	Moore, B. P. P Church Creek, Md.	1
1918	Moore, W. V. P Mardela Springs, Md.	1
1905	Morgan, L. B. E Chincoteague, Va.	5
1886	Mowbray, W. R. E Dover, Del.	3
1879	Neese, G. R. E Greensboro, Md.	1
1912	Newton, G. F. E Fairmount, Md.	1
1907	Nichols, R. P. E Wilmington, Del.	1
1892	Northrup, V. P. E Middletown, Del.	1
1890	Nutter, M. D. E Chesapeake City, Md.	5
1872	Otis, J. P. E Marshallton, Del.	3

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1893	Outten, J. P. E Deal's Island, Md.	2
1917	Pignatiello, J. A. E Wilmington, Del.	2
1881	Pilchard, S. N. E Georgetown, Del.	1
1896	Poole, L. E. E Snow Hill, Md.	4
1900	Poole, W. C. E Parsonburg, Md.	1
1868	Prettyman, C. W. R Carlisle, Pa.	3
1882	Prettyman, A. P. R Galena, Md.	2
1897	Prettyman, J. W. E Sharptown, Md.	1
1909	Prettyman, E. C. E Wilmington, Del.	4
1915	Prettyman, J. L. D Cecilton, Md.	2
1908	Price, J. T. E Camden, Del.	2
1886	Prouse, J. T. R Edgemoor, Del.	6
1878	Quigg, H. T. E Newport, Del.	1
1893	Randolph, H. F. E Wilmington, Del.	3
1869	Rawlins, P. H. R Seaford, Del.	8
1858	Redman, W. W. R Greenwood, Del.	17
1870	Reed, G. E. E Harrisburg, Pa.	3
1910	Reed, H. E. E Rising Sun, Md.	2
1916	Reed, O. B. D Church Hill, Md.	1
1885	Reese, J. D. E Oxford, Md.	1
1907	Revelle, W. H. E Somerset (P. O. Chance, Md.)	1
1911	Rice, O. B. E Mt. Vernon, Md.	1
1893	Richardson, J. T. E Preston, Md.	3
1884	Roberts, E. P. R Middletown, Del.	1
1873	Roe, Robert R Oxford, Md.	7
1918	Rowlenson, J. T. P Crumpton, Md.	1
1910	Sard, T. J. E Wilmington, Del.	1
1886	Sharp, W. W. E Frederica, Del.	3
1910	Shiple, H. C. E Onancock, Va.	1
1879	Smith, Alfred R Wyoming, Del.	2
1896	Smith, G. P. E Cheswold, Del.	2
1907	Smith, Tilghman E East New Market, Md.	1
1889	Smoot, T. C. E Rock Hall, Md.	1
1906	Sparklin, J. L. E Millsboro, Del.	2
1911	Spry, C. W. D Farmington, Del.	1
1888	Stallings, G. W. E Marydel, Md.	1
1870	Stengle, Adam R Wilmington, Del.	9
1878	Stephenson, R. K. E Milford, Del.	3
1912	Sterling, G. E. E Ocean View, Del.	2
1892	Strickland, C. W. E Frankford, Del.	3
1885	Sunfield, E. C. R Barnegat, N. J.	2
1908	Sutton, J. W. E Hopewell, Md.	1
1886	Taylor, W. P. E Grace (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)	1
1904	Taylor, E. B. E Greenwood, Del.	3
1897	Taylor, Harry E Bethel, Del.	1
1916	Thawley, R. T. D At School	1
1876	Terry, T. E. R Bridgeville, Del.	4
1903	Thomas, G. S. E Kent Is. (P.O. Stevensville, Md.)	4

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1914	Thomas, E. P. E Ocean City, Md.	1
1871	Tomkinson, W. E. R Rehoboth Beach, Del.	19
1876	Townsend, G. W. R Ridley Park, Pa.	4
1871	Wallin, F. O. B. R Sweden	19
1879	Walton, O. S. R Red Lion, Del.	12
1906	Warren, J. H. E Seaford, Del.	1
1885	Watt, Robert L Wilmington, Del.	3
1887	Webster, Z. H. E St. Michael's, Md.	2
1913	Wells, Z. W. E Wilmington, Del.	2
1917	West, H. D. P Fairlee, Md.	1
1910	Wheatley, M. E. E Concord (P. O. Hobbs, Md.)	3
1875	White, W. W. E Fown Point, Md.	1
1893	White, W. L. E Easton, Md.	5
1908	White, Leonard E Centreville, Md.	2
1914	White, Frank E Galena, Md.	2
1882	Williams, C. H. R Snow Hill, Md.	4
1892	Williams, W. S. H. R Georgetown, Del.	2
1902	Williams, G. C. E Smyrna, Del.	3
1885	Willis, D. H. R Cambridge, Md.	6
1912	Willis, Ivanhoe E St. George's, Del.	2
1887	Wilson, J. H. E Bethel Ct. (P. O. Pivot, Md.)	4
1906	Wilson, Daniel E St. Peters (P. O. Oriole, Md.)	4
1916	Windsor, L. E. D Mt. Pleasant (P. O. Laurel, Del.) . .	1
1884	Wise, W. A. E Smyrna, Del.	3
1886	Wood, G. E. E Mt. Lebanon (P.O. Rockland, Del.) . .	2
1918	Wootten, J. W. P Westover, Md.	1
1886	Wyatt, C. T. E Denton, Md.	3
1918	Zimmerman, A. F. P Nassau, Del.	1

SUPPLIES.

Name.	Appointment.	Year.
Adams, R. H.	Wilmington, Del.	4
Atkinson, W. F.	Phoebus, Va.	2
Barrett, T. S.	Ellendale, Del.	2
Byrd, E. M.	Elliott's Island, Md.	1
Brisbin, Frank	Queenstown, Md.	3
Buckson, W. C.	Vienna, Md.	1
Conaway, W. N.	Burrsville, Md.	3
Covington, Henry	Salem Ct. (P.O. Centreville, Md.) . .	3
Dean, John	Elk Neck (P. O. North East, Md.) . .	1
Derrickson, J. L.	Pittsville, Md.	3
Dixon, T. S.	Ayres' Chpl. (P.O. Leemont, Va.) . .	1
Elzey, R. C.	Gumboro, Del.	1
Graham, J. T.	Claremont, Va.	3
Horner, W. B.	Delaware City, Del.	1
Horseman, S. T.	Holland's Island, Md.	3
Hubbard, E. L.	Beckwith & Spedden	4
	(P. O. Cornersville, Md.)	

Name	Appointment	Year
Hudson, C. H.	Williamsburg, Md.	1
Kelly, J. P.	Galestown (P. O. Seaford, Del.) . . .	2
McLain, L. T.	Zoar (P. O. Georgetown, Del.) . . .	3
Mills, R. W.	Blades, Del.	1
Parker, J. E.	Marion, Md.	1
Pardee, Thos.	Armory (P. O. Dover, Del.)	2
Rutter, C. S.	Edgemoor, Del.	1
Sharpless, C. D.	Henderson, Md.	2
Shockley, E. M.	Bayside (P. O. Sherwood, Md.) . . .	2
Thornton, J. H.	Red Lion, Del.	1
Travers, Alonzo	Salem, Md.	2
Truitt, Horace	Leipsic, Del.	1
Whedbee, J. H.	Trappe, Md.	1
White, John	Christiana, Del.	1
Williams, G. W.	Royal Oak, Md.	1
Wilson, R. H.	Little Creek, Del.	1

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Oscar L. Martin (Located, Wilmington Conference, 1913).
4. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**
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5. **Who have been Received on Trial?**
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Wade H. Cummings, Edmund W. Henvis, Robert S. Hodgson, Willard V. Moore, John T. Rowleson, John W. Wootten, August F. Zimmerman.
 - (b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.
None.
6. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**
 - (a) In Studies of First Year.
William H. Alderson, Raymond W. Cook.
 - (b) In Studies of Second Year.
Charles H. Atkins, William F. Godwin, William S. Grant, William T. McGuire, Blanchard P. Moore, Joseph A. Pignatiello, Harry D. West.
 - (c) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
 - (d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
Walter A. Hearn.
7. **Who have been Discontinued?**
None.
8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
Charles C. Harris, Otis B. Reed, Roy T. Thawley, Lester E. Windsor.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
None.

9. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
 (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
 Charles C. Harris, Otis B. Reed, Roy T. Thawley, Lester E. Windsor.
 (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
 Claude W. Clark, Ralph C. Jones.
10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
 Luther M. Broadway, John L. Prettyman, Charles W. Spry.
11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
 (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
 Norman C. Benson, Marion W. Marine, Essel P. Thomas, Frank White.
 (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
 None.
 (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.
 None.
12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
 (a) As Local Preachers.
 None.
 (b) Under Missionary Rule.
 None.
 (c) Under the Seminary Rule.
 None.
13. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
 (a) As Local Deacons.
 None.
 (b) Under Missionary Rule.
 Joseph A. Pignatiello.
14. **Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**
 It was strictly done in open Conference.
15. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**
 Joseph H. Gray, Gulf; Arthur H. Thompson, Puget Sound; Hugh Strain, Central Pennsylvania; Isaac S. Whittaker, Philadelphia.
16. **Who have Died?**
 Asbury Burke, John W. Poole, Harry A. G. Westerfield.
17. **Who have been Located at their own Request?**
 C. A. Hill.
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?**
 None.
24. **Who are the Retired Ministers?**
 J. A. Arters, G. W. Bowman, J. M. Collins, G. S. Conaway, W. P. Compton, G. A. Cooke, L. P. Corkran, James Esgate, J. W. Fogle, W. M. Green, T. H. Harding, G. L. Hardesty, E. L. Hoffecker, T. S. Holt, Wilmer Jaggard, B. F. Jester, W. H. Kenney, W. G. Koons, D. F. McFaul, J. M. Mitchell, C. W. Prettyman, A. P. Prettyman, J. T. Prouse, P. H. Rawlins, W. W. Redman, E. P. Roberts, Robert Roe, Alfred Smith, Adam Stengle, E. C. Sunfield, T. E. Terry, W. E. Tomkinson, G. W. Townsend, O. S. Walton, F. O. B. Wallin, C. H. Williams, W. S. H. Williams, D. H. Willis.
25. **Who are the Triers of Appeals?**
 T. E. Terry, J. P. Otis, E. L. Hoffecker, H. T. Quigg and F. F. Carpenter. Reserves, Leolan Jackson and G. T. Alderson.
26. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?**
 See Report.
27. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?**
 See Report.
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. (a) **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
 \$54,830.
 (b) **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
 \$11,213.
31. **What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**
 \$33,467.
32. (a) **What has been Received on these Claims?**
 \$20,738.
 (b) **How has it been Applied?**
 See report of Conference Stewards.

33. 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 9½ % of cash salary for current year.

34. What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?

\$605.

35. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See List of Appointments.

36. Where shall the Next Conference be held?

Invitation received from Asbury Church, Wilmington, and referred to Bureau of Sessions.

VI.

APPOINTMENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

W. R. Mowbray, District Superintendent, (P. O. Dover, Del.).

Armory & Asbury, (Sup.) Thomas Pardee P. O. Dover, Del.	Hooper's Island, To be supplied P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.
Beckwith & Spedden, (Sup.) E. L. Hubbard P. O. Cornersville, Md.	Houston, Del. W. S. Grant Hurlock, Md. C. W. Moore Lakesville, To be Supplied P. O. Golden Hill, Md.
Bethel, Del. Harry Taylor	Laurel, Del. F. F. Carpenter
Blades & Epworth (Sup.) R. W. Mills P. O. Blades, Del.	Leipsic, Del. (Sup.) H. E. Truitt Lewes, Del. O. E. Jones
Bridgeville, Del. D. W. Jacobs	Lincoln, Del. C. H. Atkins
Camden, Md. W. E. Gunby	Little Creek, Del. (Sup.) R. H. Wilson
Canterbury, J. T. Price R. S. Hodgson P. O. Viola, Del.	Magnolia & Barrett's Chapel G. R. Ellis P. O. Magnolia, Del.
Church Creek & Taylor's Island, B. P. Moore P. O. Church Creek, Md.	Milford, Del. R. K. Stephenson Milford Neck & Williamsville To be Supplied P. O. Milford Neck, Del.
Crapo, Md. J. M. Kelso	Millsboro, Del. J. L. Sparklin
Dover, Del. J. W. Colona	Milton, Del. D. J. Given
East New Market, Md. Tilghman Smith	Mt. Pleasant, L. E. Windsor P. O. Laurel, Del.
Ellendale, Del. (Sup.) T. S. Barrett	Nassau, Del. A. F. Zimmerman
Elliott's Island, Md. (Sup.) E. M. Byrd	Rehoboth, Del. O. T. Baynard
Farmington, Del. C. W. Spry	Reliance, E. H. Marshall P. O. Oak Grove, Del.
Federalsburg, Md. F. C. MacSorley	Salem, Md. (Sup.) Alonzo Travers
Felton, Del. H. S. Dulaney	Seaford, Del. J. H. Warren
Frederica, Del. W. W. Sharp	Seaford Circuit J. H. Gardner P. O. Seaford, Del.
Galestown & McKendree, (Sup.) J. P. Kelly P. O. Seaford, Del.	Vienna, Md. (Sup.) W. C. Buckson +
Georgetown, Del. S. N. Pilchard	Williamsburg, Md. (Sup.) C. H. Hudson
Georgetown Circuit, N. C. Benson P. O. Georgetown, Del.	Wyoming, Del. R. T. Coursey
Greenwood, Del. E. B. Taylor	Zoar Circuit (Sup.) L. T. McLain P. O. Georgetown, Del.
Harrington, Del. Warren Burr	
Hickman & Epworth To be Supplied P. O. Hickman, Del.	

EASTON DISTRICT.

W. A. Wise, District Superintendent, (P. O. Smyrna, Del.)

Bayside, (Sup.) E. M. Shockley	Millington & Dulaney D. J. Moore
P. O. Sherwood, Md.	P. O. Millington, Md.
Bozman, Md. W. W. Chaires	Odessa, Del. E. H. Derrickson
Burrsville, Md.	Oxford, Md. J. D. Reese
(Sup) W. N. Conaway	Pomona, Edwin Gardner
Cecilton, Md. J. L. Prettyman	P. O. Chestertown, Md.
Centreville, Md. Leonard White	Preston, Md. J. T. Richardson
Chestertown, Md. T. F. Beauchamp	Queenstown, Md.
Cheswold, Del. G. P. Smith	(Sup.) Frank Brisbin
Church Hill, Md. O. B. Reed	Ridgely, Md. J. J. Bunting
Clayton, Del. C. N. Jones	Rockhall, Md. T. C. Smoot
Concord, M. E. Wheatley	Royal Oak, Md. G. W. Williams
P. O. Hobbs, Md.	St. Michaels, Md. Z. H. Webster
Cordova, Md. W. E. Matthews	Salem Circuit,
Crumpton, Md. J. T. Rowleson	(Sup.) Henry Covington
Denton, Md. C. T. Wyatt	P. O. Centreville, Md.
Easton, Md. W. L. White	Sassafras, (Sup.) A. P. Prettyman
Fairlee, Md. H. D. West	P. O. Galena, Md.
Galena, Md. Frank White	Smyrna, Del. G. C. Williams
Greensboro, Md. G. R. Neese	Smyrna Circuit Milton McCann
Henderson, Md.	P. O. Smyrna, Del.
(Sup.) C. D. Sharpless	Still Pond, Md. A. W. Goodhand
Hillsboro, Md. E. W. McDowell	Sudlersville, Md. J. A. Leach
Kent Island, G. S. Thomas	Tilghman's, Md. C. T. Jones
P. O. Stevensville, Md.	Townsend, Del. L. E. Barrett
Kenton, Del. W. B. Guthrie	Trappe, Md. (Sup.) J. H. Whedbee
Marydel, Md. G. W. Stallings	Wye Mills, Md. J. M. Lindale
Middletown, Del. V. P. Northrup	

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Vaughan S. Collins, District Superintendent, (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)

Annamessex, O. L. Martin	Immanuel, J. L. Johnson
P. O. Crisfield, Md.	Dagsboro & St. George's Del.
Ayres' Chapel, (Sup.) T. S. Dixon	J. C. B. Hopkins
P. O. Leemont, Va.	P. O. Dagsboro, Del.
Berlin, Md. W. O. Bennett	Deal's Island, Md. J. P. Outten
Bishopville, Md. W. F. Godwin	Delmar, Del. F. N. Faulkner
Cape Charles, Va. J. W. Easley	Fairmount, Md. G. F. Newton
Chincoteague, Va. L. B. Morgan	Frankford, Del. C. W. Strickland
Claremont, Va. (Sup.) J. T. Graham	Fruitland, Md. To be Supplied
Crisfield, Md.:	Girdletree, Md. W. M. McCann
Asbury, W. F. Corkran	Gumboro, Del. (Sup.) R. C. Elzey

Hebron, Md. G. W. Hastings	Princess Anne, Md. Leolan Jackson
Holland's Island, Md.	Quantico, Md. J. A. Brewington
(Sup.) S. T. Horseman	Roxana, Del. O. H. Connelly
Mardela Springs, Md. W. V. Moore	St. Peters, Md. Daniel Wilson
Marion, Md. (Sup.) J. E. Parker	P. O. Oriole, Md.
Mt. Vernon, Md. O. B. Rice	Salisbury, Md.:
Nanticoke, Md. D. J. Ford	Asbury, J. T. Herson
Newark, Md. J. H. Geoghegan	Grace & Stengle W. P. Taylor
Ocean City, Md. E. P. Thomas	Selbyville, Del. W. H. Briggs
Ocean View & Millville, G.E. Sterling	Sharptown, Md. J. W. Prettyman
P. O. Ocean View, Del.	Smith's Island, Md. J. A. Hudson
Onancock, Va. H. C. Shipley	P. O. Ewell, Md.
Parsonsborg, Md. W. C. Poole	Snow Hill, Md. L. E. Poole
Phoebus, Va. (Sup.) W. F. Atkinson	Somerset, Md. W. H. Revelle
Pittsville, Md.	P. O. Chance, Md.
(Sup.) J. L. Derrickson	Stockton, Md. M. W. Marine
Pocomoke City, Md. W. O. Hurst	Tangier, Va. W. F. Dawson
Pocomoke Circuit, To be Supplied	Venton, Md. To be Supplied
P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.	Westover, Md. J. W. Wootten
Powellville, Md. G. S. Allen	Whitesville, Del. J. A. Buckson

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

Bethel Circuit, J. H. Wilson	Hopewell, Md. J. W. Sutton
P. O. Pivot, Md.	Kirkwood, (Sup.) O. S. Walton
Charlestown, Md. J. W. Gray	P. O. Red Lion, Del.
Cherry Hill, J. F. Anderson	Marshallton, Del. J. P. Otis
P. O. Elkton, Md.	Mt. Lebanon, G. E. Wood
Chesapeake City, Md. M. D. Nutter	P. O. Rockland, Del.
Chester-Bethel, L. W. Layfield	Mt. Pleasant, H. B. Kelso
P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.	P. O. Edgemoor, Del.
Christiana, Del. (Sup.) John White	Newark, Del. Frank Herson
Claymont, Del.	New Castle, Del. J. R. Bicking
(Sup.) G. W. Townsend	Newport, Del. H. T. Quigg
Colora, Md. O. E. James	North East, Md. J. H. Bickford
Delaware City & Port Penn.	Perryville, Md. L. I. McDougale
(Sup.) W. B. Horner	Port Deposit, Md. F. X. Moore
P. O. Delaware City, Del.	Red Lion, Del. (Sup.) J. H. Thornton
Ebenezer, W. H. Cummings	Rising Sun, Md. H. E. Reed
P. O. Newark, Del.	Stanton, Del. To be Supplied
Elk Mills, Md. E. W. Henvis	St. George's & Summit,
Elk Neck, (Sup.) John Dean	Ivanhoe Willis
P. O. North East, Md.	P. O. St. George's, Del.
Elkton, Md. G. P. Jones	St. John's, T. N. Given
Hockessin, Del. F. J. Cochran	P. O. Lewisville, Pa.

Town Point, Md.	W. W. White	Harrison Street,	G. T. Alderson
Zion Circuit,	J. C. McCoy	Hillcrest	(Sup.) J. M. Collins
P. O. North East, Md.		Italian Mission,	J. A. Pignatiello
Wilmington:		Kingswood,	C. C. Harris
Asbury,	G. W. Dawson	Madeley,	L. M. Broadway
Brandywine,	W. E. Greenfield	McCabe,	J. W. Jones
Brack Ex.	C. W. Clark	Mt. Salem,	W. E. Habbart
P. O. Marshallton, Del.		Richardson Park,	G. W. Bounds
Cedars,	To be Supplied	Scott,	T. S. Sard
Cookman,	W. G. Harris	Silverbrook,	E. W. Jones
Eastlake,	E. H. Collins	St. Pauls,	Carlisle L. Hubbard
Edgemore,	(Sup.) C. S. Rutter	Trinity	(Sup.) R. H. Adams
Epworth,	R. P. Nichols	Union	(Assistant) V. E. Hills
Grace,	H. F. Randolph	Wesley	Z. W. Wells

- H. G. Budd, President, Wesley Collegiate Institute, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.
- J. H. Beauchamp, Secretary, Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, McCabe Quarterly Conference.
- E. H. Dashiell, Secretary, Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference.
- E. C. Prettyman, Superintendent of the Peninsula District of the Maryland-Delaware Anti-Saloon League, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference.
- G. E. Reed, President, National Society for Broader Education, Grace Quarterly Conference.
- C. P. Keen, Associate State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Michigan, Asbury Quarterly Conference.
- Howard Davis, Chaplain in the United States Army, Bridgeville Quartely Conference.
- W. A. Hearn, Y. M. C. A. work with United States Army, Somewhere in France, Grace Quarterly Conference.
- W. Hulburd Alderson, Soldier in the United States Army.
- R. W. Cooke, Soldier in the United States Army.
- J. W. Chappell, Soldier in the United States Army.
- R. T. Thawley, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.
- W. T. McGuire, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.
- R. S. Hodgson, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.
- R. C. Jones, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

VII.

JOURNAL.

FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—The Fiftieth Session of the Wilmington Annual Conference convened in Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, Dover, Del., March 20, 1918, at nine o'clock.

PRESIDING OFFICER.—Bishop Frank M. Bristol of Chattanooga, Tenn., as presiding officer, called the Conference to order.

LORD'S SUPPER.—After the singing of familiar hymns the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Bishop Bristol, assisted by the District Superintendents and the pastor of the church.

ADDRESS BY BISHOP BRISTOL.—When concluding the Sacramental service the Conference was addressed by the Bishop in a very brotherly way.

ROLL CALL.—After the singing of a hymn Rev. Alfred Smith led the Conference in prayer, after which the Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, one hundred and forty-two members and probationers answering to their names.

DECEASED MEMBERS.—At the request of Bishop Bristol the Conference arose and stood while the names of our recently deceased brethren were called and we joined in singing an appropriate hymn.

ORGANIZATION:—Secretary.—On motion of R. K. Stephenson, Disston W. Jacobs was unanimously elected Secretary, and named as his assistants, J. R. Bicking and Tilghman Smith.

Treasurer.—J. W. Colona was unanimously elected Treasurer and named as his assistants, V. E. Hills, J. T. Richardson, E. W. McDowell, W. H. Revelle, W. P. Taylor, J. J. Bunting, E. C. Prettyman, Daniel Wilson, J. L. Sparklin, L. B. Morgan, E. B. Taylor, L. T. McLain, O. E. Jones, T. J. Sard.

Statistician.—W. E. Gunby was unanimously elected Statistician and named as his assistants, J. H. Geoghegan, A. W. Goodhand, I. S. Whittaker, W. M. McCann, G. R. Ellis, G. S. Thomas, N. C. Benson, R. P. Nichols, A. R. Brown, G. E. Sterling, J. W. Wootten, R. T. Thawley, Leolan Jackson, J. M. Kelso and H. B. Kelso.

Postmaster.—On motion, J. T. Prouse was unanimously elected postmaster.

Conference Bar.—The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the twelfth row of pews from the chancel.

RULES.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson the rules governing the last session were adopted for this session.

HOURS OF BUSINESS SESSIONS.—It was decided, on motion, that Conference convene at 8.30 A. M., the first half hour to be given to religious devotions, adjournment to be at 12 o'clock.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—W. A. Wise presented and read nominations for standing committees and they were adopted as read with the following exceptions: The name of T. E. Terry was substituted for that of J. W. Colona on committee of Ministerial Qualifications.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—On motion of Robert Watt the following brethren were nominated as members of the committee on Conference Relations:—G. P. Jones F. F. Carpenter, T. C. Smoot and F. X. Moore, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.—G. T. Alderson nominated the following brethren as members of the Bureau of Sessions, and they were elected:—1919, G. T. Alderson, W. L. White, H. P. Cannon; 1920, W. E. Greenfield, Milton McCann, W. O. Hoffecker; 1921, T. F. Beauchamp, R. K. Stephenson, A. L. Johnson. The following were appointed to receive from pastors their apportionment of 1% for the expenses of the Bureau: Easton District, Milton McCann; Dover District, R. K. Stephenson; Salisbury District, W. E. Greenfield; Wilmington District, T. F. Beauchamp.

The motion of G. T. Alderson instructing the Secretary to have printed an extra column in the minutes for the reporting of these sums was substituted by a motion of E. L. Hoffecker requesting the Bureau of Sessions to incorporate in a report this information, said report to be published in the Conference minutes, the Bureau to pay for any and all extra space required for publication.

ANTI-RACE TRACK LEGISLATION.—On motion of G. P. Jones the following telegram was sent to Senator Orlando Harrison and Delegate Frank P. Covey of the Maryland Legislature:

Representing more than twenty thousand Methodists, owning church property valued at approximately Two Millions of Dollars, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference hereby earnestly petition the Senate and House of Delegates to pass the Crothers Anti-Race Track Gambling Bill. We especially appeal to the nine Senators and twenty-six Delegates of the Eastern Shore.

MARYLAND MARRIAGE LAWS.—G. P. Jones presented and read certain resolutions relative to the marriage laws of Maryland and moved their adoption. A motion by V. S. Collins to postpone immediate adoption, making their consideration an order of the day for ten o'clock tomorrow morning was, on motion of E. L. Hoffecker, laid on the table. After some debate, H. G. Budd moved that further consideration be postponed until 11.45 o'clock of the present session and it was so ordered.

DELAWARE MARRIAGE LAWS.—Bishop Bristol read a letter received by him from Dr. A. E. Frantz, Registrar of Vital Statistics of the State of Delaware, urging entire conformity to the marriage laws of Delaware.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—The following brethren were nominated by the District Superintendents as ministerial members of the Board of Stewards:—Dover District, L. W. Layfield; Easton District, J. W. Jones; Salisbury District, W. O. Hurst; Wilmington District, E. W. Jones, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

DRAFT.—Dr. John Krantz, representing The Methodist Book Concern, was introduced and presented a draft amounting to \$3,180, and same was ordered in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

METHODIST REVIEW.—On motion, W. P. Taylor, at the request of Dr. Krantz, was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the Methodist Review.

REFUND.—Bishop Bristol presented and read a letter from Dr. Hingley of the Board of Conference Claimants, Chicago, in which he enclosed a draft for \$3 covering refund of amount over paid by the Wilmington Annual Conference on 1917 apportionment. The draft was properly turned over to the Treasurer.

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

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. W. R. Mowbray, Superintendent of Dover District, was called, his character passed and he read a report of the work of the District. The Effective Elders of this District were called, their characters passed and they reported all collections taken.

ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following resolutions were presented and read by G. P. Jones and they were adopted:—

WHEREAS, by reason of the difference in the marriage law of the State of Maryland from that of its neighboring states, in that non-residents may obtain a marriage license and immediately have the ceremony performed, while in states adjacent thereto non-residents are required to procure license a specified number of hours in advance of the marriage ceremony; and,

WHEREAS, in the State of Maryland the minimum marriageable age for a woman is sixteen years; and,

WHEREAS, an unusually large number of persons evade the marriage laws of their respective states and turn to the State of Maryland for a refuge; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference now in session at Dover, Del., that we most earnestly urge the members of the Legislature now in session at Annapolis that they so amend the present marriage law to conform to the bill now before the Senate known as the Senate Bill No. 76, and to raise the age of consent of the woman to eighteen years; and, Be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Senator

P. D. Crothers and the three members of the House of Delegates from Cecil County at Annapolis with the urgent request that they use their influence with other members of the Assembly for relief of conditions herein named.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—On motion of V. S. Collins an executive session was ordered immediately after the reading of the Journal on Friday morning.

TEMPERANCE.—Robert Watt moved that the Committee on Temperance be instructed to convey by letter to the Governor of our State, Hon. John G. Townsend, and Governor of the State of Maryland, Hon. E. C. Harrington, and the members of the Legislatures of both Delaware and Maryland, the appreciation of this Conference for their efforts in behalf of temperance legislation.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. Daniel W. Howell, Corresponding Secretary of the General Deaconess Board; Edgar H. Rue, representing the World Outlook; Rev. F. Ferwerda, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, this town; Rev. Hugh Strain, member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference; Dr. Homer Smith of the Ohio Conference; Rev. J. H. Bickford formerly of the Baltimore Conference; Rev. Claude W. Clark of the Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference; Rev. W. Spencer Skinner, pastor of the Baptist Church, this town, and Rev. Leon S. Moore of the Delaware Conference, were introduced, the first two named addressing the Conference.

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

SECOND SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop Bristol presiding and conducting the devotions.

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

GREETINGS FROM RESIDENT BISHOP.—Bishop Bristol read a letter of greetings from our resident Bishop, W. F. McDowell, and on motion of G. W. Dawson the Secretary was instructed to send to Bishop McDowell greetings from the Wilmington Annual Conference.

BARRETT'S CHAPEL.—The following resolution was presented by F. J. Cochran and on motion of W. A. Wise it was adopted:—WHEREAS, the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Church extension has had in hand the Barrett's Chapel endowment fund for five years and more and so far as we know has not invested the same; **RESOLVED**, that we as a Conference request that the money be returned to us at once and deposited with the Wilmington Conference Trustees for immediate investment.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. W. A. Wise, Superintendent of the Easton District, was called, his character passed and

he read a report of his work. The Effective Elders of this District were called, their characters passed and they reported all collections taken.

LETTERS OF SYMPATHY.—The Secretary was instructed to send to the brethren of the Conference detained at home on account of illness an expression of sympathy, by motion of W. A. Wise.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. V. S. Collins Superintendent of the Salisbury District, was called and his character passed. He presented and read the following resolution which was adopted, and then read a report of the work of his District:

Space allotted reports:—**RESOLVED**, that all space required in the Minutes for the publication of the District Superintendents' reports exceeding seven pages each shall be paid for by the Superintendent requiring the extra space.

The Effective Elders of Salisbury District were called, their characters passed and they reported all collections taken.

Robert Watt, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, was called, his character passed and he read his report. The Effective Elders of the District were called, their characters passed and they reported all collections taken.

QUESTION 1.—The First Question, "Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline?" was taken up. "It is."

CHANGE OF RELATION.—On motion of their District Superintendents, E. L. Hoffecker, J. M. Mitchell, W. H. Kenney, D. F. McFaull and E. P. Roberts asked that they be granted a change of relation from Effective to Retired. Their cases were referred to the committee on Conference Relations, and those of J. M. Mitchell, W. H. Kenney, D. F. McFaull and E. P. Roberts were also referred to the Board of Stewards. On motion of his District Superintendent, C. A. Hill requested a Certificate of Location and his case was also referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

STATISTICAL CALL.—The Treasurer and Statistician called for reports not yet received.

CHANGE IN STANDING COMMITTEE.—On motion of W. A. Wise the name of C. W. Moore was substituted for that of O. E. Jones on the standing committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

INTRODUCTION.—Dr. Edgar Blake, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools was introduced and addressed the Conference.

EXTENSION OF TIME.—Time was extended on motion of W. F. Corkran.

INTRODUCTION.—Hon. John G. Townsend, Governor of the State of Delaware, and Hon. Arley B. Magee, Mayor of Dover, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—For the perfecting of the charter of Wesley Collegiate Institute in the election of seventeen ministerial Trustees and a committee of five as official visitors to that institution, Hon. John G. Townsend, President of the Board of Trustees, assumed the chair. On motion of Tilghman Smith the following were nominated as ministerial Trustees:—For the term of one year—F. C. MacSorley, C. T. Wyatt, E. L. Hoffecker, R. K. Stephenson, J. T. Herson and W. E. Gunby; for the term of two years—G. P. Jones, W. L. White, Robert Watt, W. A. Wise, R. P. Nichols, and J. W. Colona; for the term of three years—G. T. Alderson, V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran, W. R. Mowbray, and T. F. Beauchamp. The following tellers were appointed:—L. E. Poole, J. H. Beauchamp, E. H. Dashiell and G. W. Dawson. All the ballots—130 in number—being cast for the above nominees, Governor Townsend declared them unanimously elected.

O. E. Jones, G. C. Williams, E. B. Dennis, G. W. Dawson and H. T. Quigg were unanimously elected to compose the official visitation committee to this institution.

CHAIR.—Bishop Bristol resumed the chair.

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTION—A. B. MAGEE.—V. S. Collins offered the following resolution and it was adopted:—WHEREAS, the Honorable Arley B. Magee, Mayor of Dover, has given of his valuable time, without money and without price, to the service of Peninsula Methodism for all the intricate legal work involved in the changing of the Wilmington Conference Academy to the Wesley Collegiate Institute, a task involving weeks of work and would have cost hundreds of dollars had we been compelled to have paid for it; therefore, **RESOLVED**, that we hereby express by a rising vote our appreciation of his valuable services, and will pray the divine blessing of the Heavenly Father to rest mightily upon him.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD WORKER.—The following resolution was presented and read by V. S. Collins and adopted:—**RESOLVED**, that we urge Dr. Blake to set apart one of their best workers to devote his entire time to developing the Sunday Schools within the bounds of our Conference, pledging him our best endeavor to secure the full apportionment for the Board of Sunday Schools in every charge in the Conference.

ORDER OF DAY.—On motion of E. H. Dashiell, the report of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission was made the order of the day for ten o'clock Saturday morning. On motion of Robert Watt the report of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society was made the order of the day on Saturday morning immediately following the reading of the journal.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. C. H. Woolston, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and Rev. E. L. Hubbard of the Baltimore Conference, were introduced, the first named addressing the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made and on motion Conference adjourned, Dr. C. H. Woolston pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop Bristol presiding and conducting the devotions. At the conclusion of the Bishop's remarks a hymn was sung and Dr. C. W. Prettyman offered prayer.

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

QUESTION 2.—The Second Question, "Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?" was taken up. Bishop Bristol announced the transfer into this Conference of John H. Warren and Claude W. Clark from the Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference, Hugh Strain and William F. Godwin from the Central Pennsylvania Conference, Carlisle L. Hubbard from the Baltimore Conference, Frank Herson from the Philadelphia Conference and William Hulburd Alderson from the St. John's River Conference. William F. Godwin and William H. Alderson enter on trial in Studies of the First Year.

QUESTION 15.—The Fifteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?" was taken up. Bishop Bristol announced the transfers of Arthur H. Thompson to the Puget Sound Conference, Joseph H. Gray to the Gulf Conference, Hugh Strain to the Central Pennsylvania Conference and Isaac S. Whittaker to the Philadelphia Conference.

CASE OF OSCAR L. MARTIN.—Robert Watt moved that the case of Oscar L. Martin, who holds a Certificate of Location be referred to the committee on Conference Relations with a view to his being admitted into full membership, and it was so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—Conference entered into execution session.

DOORKEEPERS.—J. A. Leach, R. T. Coursey and J. H. Geoghegan were appointed doorkeepers.

CASE OF J. W. FOGLE.—The case of J. W. Fogle was referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

DISPOSITION OF PROPERTIES.—On motion of V. S. Collins a commission composed of District Superintendents W. A. Wise, Robert Watt, V. S. Collins as well as C. T. Wyatt and J. H. Beauchamp was appointed with power to act to satisfactorily adjust with the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church the three properties involved; namely, Harmony on Easton District, Second Methodist Protestant Church in Wilmington, and Methodist Protestant Church on Chincoteague Island.

QUESTION 5.—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. The Secretary read the recommendations in due form for admission on trial of Wade H. Cummings, Robert S. Hodgson, August F. Zimmerman, John T. Rowleson, Willard V. Moore, John W. Wootten and Edmund W. Henvis and they were introduced to the Conference after which they retired from the session. In the cases of R. S. Hodgson, A. F. Zimmerman, J. T. Rowleson, W. V. Moore, J. W. Wootten and E. W. Henvis the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the Superintendents represented and they were received on trial and

placed in Studies of the First Year. W. V. Moore and J. W. Wootten, on motion of V. S. Collins, were advised to go to school. Robert Watt moved that the Conference through his District Superintendent advise A. F. Zimmerman of the wisdom of continuing his education. In the case of Wade H. Cummings the Registrar and Committee reported, the Superintendent represented and he was received on trial and placed in the Studies of the First Year.

QUESTION 24.—On motion of E. H. Dashiell the Twenty-fourth Question, "Who are the Retired Ministers?" was taken up. J. A. Arters, G. W. Bowman, W. P. Compton, G. S. Conaway, J. M. Collins, L. P. Corkran, James Esgate, W. M. Green, T. H. Harding, G. L. Hardesty, T. S. Holt, Wilmer Jaggard, B. F. Jester, and W. G. Koons were called, their characters passed and their relation continued. On motion of Zach Wells the case of G. A. Cooke was referred to the committee on Conference relations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCLUDED.—The Executive Session was concluded.

CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.—F. C. MacSorley presented and read the following nominations for Managers of the Wilmington Conference Education Society to serve for a term of three years:—Ministerial, C. W. Prettyman, G. C. Williams, D. W. Jacobs; Lay, W. O. Hoffecker, J. T. Taylor and E. B. Dennis and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson a delegation of the laymen were invited to attend our session at eleven o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) morning.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. P. J. Maveety, Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, Dr. J. O. Spencer, President of Morgan College, Dr. C. M. Boswell, Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia, Dr. J. H. Morgan, President of Dickinson College, Dr. J. F. Heisse, Editor of The Methodist, Dr. Frank P. Parkin, Secretary, Atlantic Agency, American Bible Society, L. W. Munhall, Editor of The Eastern Methodist, were introduced and addressed the Conference. Dr. John S. Burnett of the Holston Conference, Rev. L. S. Matthews of the Michigan Conference, Dr. J. P. Jenkins of the Dakota Conference and Miss Carrie Barge, Field Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society were introduced to the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made and after the singing of the doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction by Dr. John S. Burnett, on motion of W. A. Wise, Conference adjourned.

FOURTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened in devotional services at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop Bristol presiding. W. L. White offered prayer and after

the remarks of Bishop Bristol and the singing of a familiar hymn, G. L. Hardesty led the Conference in prayer.

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

WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.—The order of the day was announced and J. H. Beauchamp, Corresponding Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society read his report and it was adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—On motion of W. A. Wise it was ordered that when we adjourn we do so to meet this afternoon at two o'clock.

QUESTION 3.—The Third Question, "Who have been Readmitted?" was taken up. The committee on Conference Relations recommended that Oscar L. Martin, who holds a Certificate of Location, be readmitted, and it was so done.

QUESTION 4.—The Fourth Question, "Who have been Received on Credentials and from what Churches?" was taken up. None.

QUESTION 18.—The Eighteenth Question, "Who have been Located?" was taken up. None.

QUESTION 19.—The Nineteenth Question, "Who have Withdrawn?" was taken up. None.

QUESTION 20.—The Twentieth Question, "Who have been Permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?" was taken up. None.

QUESTION 21.—The Twenty-first Question, "Who have been Expelled?" was taken up. None.

QUESTION 17.—The Seventeenth Question, "Who have been located at their own request?" was taken up. In the case of C. A. Hill the committee on Conference Relations recommended with great reluctance that he be granted a Certificate of Location at his own request. On motion of V. S. Collins it was decided to postpone action until after the report of the committee appointed on motion of W. E. Tomkinson, consisted of R. K. Stephenson and C. W. Prettyman, to convey the sentiments of the Conference to Brother Hill and, if possible secure his consent to accept a retired relation.

GREETINGS.—Secretary announced greetings from the Central Pennsylvania Conference and he was instructed to return greetings to said Conference.

EPISCOPAL FUND.—Announcement was made of apportionments for Episcopal Fund totaling \$3,567, being distributed as follows:—Dover District, \$830; Easton District, \$766; Salisbury District, \$900; Wilmington District, \$1,071, and they were approved.

CHANGE OF RELATION.—Robert Watt moved that the case of G. W. Townsend be referred to the committee on Conference Relations with a view to his relation being changed from Retired to Effective.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.—The order of the day was announced and E. H. Dashiell, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission presented and read his report and it was adopted. The following recommendations were read and on motion of E. H. Dashiell they were adopted seriatim and then adopted as a whole:—First, That our Secretary be instructed to call, as soon after Conference as practicable, a meeting of our Commission for the purpose of perfecting plans for a simultaneous conference-wide campaign to secure the remaining amount necessary to close our Claimants' Endowment. Second, That the Conference, by unanimous rising vote, pledge itself to get back of this campaign to the utmost of its energy, that we may, as Bishop McDowell says, "Cross the line with a shout." V. S. Collins moved that the name of Henry J. Bailey be added to the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission and it was so ordered. Dr. John Krantz was presented and addressed the Conference, being requested by Dr. J. B. Hingeley to represent him in connection with this fund.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. E. S. Tipple, President of Drew Theological Seminary, Dr. D. D. Forsyth, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and Bishop Theodore S. Henderson were introduced, the first two named addressing the Conference.

RESOLUTION.—Robert Watt read the following resolution and it was adopted: We have heard with pleasure, as we always do, the Rev. Dr. E. S. Tipple, President of Drew Theological Seminary, who has served the Church with honor and distinction, and we pledge anew our loyalty to the cause of Christian Education.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—The motion to convene in Conference session at two o'clock was reconsidered, and on motion of V. S. Collins it was decided that when we adjourn we do so to meet at 3.30 o'clock.

QUESTION 11.—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Norman C. Benson, Marion W. Marine, Essel P. Thomas and Frank White were called, their characters passed, they made a report of their work, the Registrar reported and, on motion, they were graduated from the Conference Course of Studies and elected to Elder's Orders.

QUESTION 10.—The Tenth Question, "What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. Luther M. Broadway, John L. Prettyman, and Charles W. Spry were called, their characters passed, they made a report of their work, the Registrar reported and, on motion, they were advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year; Charles W. Spry being conditioned in one study. Ralph C. Jones and Claude W. Clark were called, their characters passed, they made a report of their work, the Registrar reported and, on motion, they were continued in the Studies of the Third Year.

G. W. TOWNSEND.—The committee on Conference Relations recommended that the relation of G. W. Townsend be continued at his own request.

QUESTION 24.—The Twenty-fourth Question, "Who are the Retired Ministers?" was resumed. A. P. Prettyman, J. T. Prouse, C. W. Prettyman, P. H. Rawlins, Robert Roe, W. W. Redman, Alfred Smith, Adam Stengle, E. C. Sunfield, W. E. Tomkinson, T. E. Terry, G. W. Townsend, F. O. B. Wallin, O. S. Walton, D. H. Willis, C. H. Williams and W. S. H. Williams were called, their characters passed and their relation continued.

CHANGE OF RELATION.—On recommendation of the committee on Conference Relations and after representation by their District Superintendents, W. H. Kenney, E. P. Roberts, J. M. Mitchell, D. F. McFaull, E. L. Hoffecker and J. W. Fogle were granted the Retired Relation at their own request. The committee recommended that the case of J. W. Fogle be referred to the Board of Stewards and a special collection be taken by the Conference for his aid, and it was so ordered.

EXTENSION OF TIME.—On motion of the Secretary time was extended.

SPECIAL COLLECTION.—An offering was taken for J. M. Mitchell and J. W. Fogle and, on motion, L. E. Poole for the Salisbury District, G. C. Williams for the Easton District, F. F. Carpenter for the Dover District and G. W. Dawson for the Wilmington District were elected District Treasurers, and W. J. Downing, Treasurer, for this special fund.

EXAMINERS.—To fill vacancies and increase the number of Examiners, Bishop Bristol appointed the following: John L. Johnson, R. P. Nichols, Milton McCann, John J. Bunting and W. H. Briggs.

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

FIFTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 3.45 o'clock, Bishop Bristol presiding. V. S. Collins offered prayer.

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

INTRODUCTIONS.—Rev. James H. Hyatt, representing the Maryland Bible Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

SPECIAL COLLECTION.—V. S. Collins announced that the special collection in the morning session amounted in cash and subscriptions to \$1149.75. He presented and read the following which, on motion, was adopted:—The District Treasurers of the special offering for Brothers J. W. Fogle and J. M. Mitchell are hereby instructed to urge the collection of the pledges within one month after adjournment of the Conference and forward the same to the treasurer, W. J. Downing, immediately after collection. The Treasurer is hereby instructed to forward the amounts col-

lected to Brothers Fogle and Mitchell in the proportion of Two Dollars to Brother Fogle and one Dollar to Brother Mitchell.

THE MINISTER'S RELIEF COMMISSION.—G. C. Williams presented and read the following resolutions and they were adopted:—WHEREAS, it frequently happens that, on account of illness, ministers of our Conference are compelled to give up their work in the interim between the sessions of the Conference, being thereby suddenly deprived of an income adequate to meet the needs of their families, bringing upon themselves and their dependent ones hardships and privations such as faithful servants of the Church should not be compelled to endure; and,

WHEREAS, in the direction given by the Discipline to guide the Board of Stewards in the distribution of the Conference Funds, no provision is made for the assistance of such cases; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, First, that a commission to be known as The Minister's Relief Commission be and is hereby created.

Second, that The Minister's Relief Commission shall be composed of the Superintendents of the several Districts of the Conference, together with one layman from each District, who shall be nominated annually by the District Superintendents and elected by the Conference, and one minister appointed annually by the Presiding Bishop.

Third, that the Commission shall meet as soon as practicable, and organize by electing one of their number as President, one as Vice-President and one as Secretary-Treasurer, and shall proceed at once to provide the necessary funds for which the Commission is created, and by such methods as their judgment may suggest.

Fourth, that the said Commission shall formulate a set of by-laws to govern the conduct of the business entrusted to them, and shall submit the same to this Conference at the next annual session for confirmation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—In behalf of the committee on Conference Relations, on motion of G. P. Jones the last fifteen minutes of this session were ordered to be an Executive Session.

INTRODUCTION.—W. W. Davis, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance was introduced, addressed the Conference and read the following resolutions, and, on motion, they were adopted:

WHEREAS, Race Track Gambling with its more than \$25,000,000 passing yearly through the Pari-Mutuel machines of the tracks in Maryland has become a foul corrupter of the morals and politics of this State,

WHEREAS, there is now pending in the General Assembly of Maryland a Bill that is to all intents and purposes, a duplicate of the Hughes Law now in force in New York State.

WHEREAS, in our judgment no man who is a candidate for any position in public life should receive the support of the Christian voter, unless he actively opposes this monstrous iniquity and uses every honorable means to remove this foul blot from the fair name of our State; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church representing a Maryland membership of 21,232, owning property to the value of \$1,950,350, that we earnestly call upon Governor Harrington that, following the splendid example of other Governors, like

Hughes of New York and Folk of Missouri, he use his high power in every honorable way to help free his State from this monster; be it further

RESOLVED, that we record it as our profound conviction that the Governor in complying with this request will meet the earnest desire and wish of every member of our Communion on the Eastern Shore, many of whom have been and are his supporters, friends and neighbors; be it further

RESOLVED, that we call upon the nine (9) Senators from the Eastern Shore, six (6) of whom are members of our own Church and upon the twenty-six (26) Eastern Shore members of the House of Delegates, twenty (20) of whom are either members of or affiliated with the people called Methodists that they, with all possible diligence and determination, speedily enact into law the Bill now before the General Assembly that prohibits Race Track Gambling in Maryland; be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Governor Harrington, President Peter Campbell of the Senate and Speaker Herbert Wooden of the House of Delegates.

BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The following resolution was presented and read by C. T. Wyatt and, on motion, was adopted:—RESOLVED, that in the interest of public morality and good citizenship, the Wilmington Annual Conference now in session in Dover, Delaware, representing a constituency of more than 200,000, urges the passage of the bill now pending before the Maryland Senate relative to the reading of the Holy Scriptures in the Public Schools of the aforesaid State.

QUESTION 13.—The Thirteenth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up. (b) Under Missionary Rule. Joseph A. Pignatiello.

QUESTION 12.—The Twelfth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up. None.

QUESTION 6.—The Sixth Question, "Who have been continued on Trial?" was taken up. Charles H. Atkins, William S. Grant, William T. McGuire, Blanchard P. Moore, Joseph A. Pignatiello, Harry D. West and William F. Godwin were called, their characters passed, they reported their work, the Registrar reported, and they were continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the Second Year.

Walter A. Hearn was called, his character passed and he was continued on trial and advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year. Raymond W. Cooke and William H. Alderson were called, their characters passed and they were continued on trial in the Studies of the First Year.

QUESTION 8.—The Eighth Question, "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Charles C. Harris, Otis B. Reed, Roy T. Thawley and Lester E. Windsor were called, and after an inspiring address by Bishop Bristol their characters were passed, they reported their work, the Registrar and Committee reported, the District Superintendents represented and after satisfactorily answering the Disciplinary questions, on

motion, they were admitted into Full Membership, elected to Deacon's Orders and advanced to the Studies of the Third Year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—Conference convened in Executive Session.

DOORKEEPERS.—J. H. Geoghegan and Harry Wilson were appointed doorkeepers.

G. A. COOKE.—The committee on Conference Relations recommended that G. A. Cooke be continued in the Retired Relation, and he was so continued.

PRESERVATION OF RECORDS.—The Secretary announced that suitable provision had been made by him for the safe preservation of the Conference records in the First National Bank, Dover, Del., and the bill for the expense incurred was ordered submitted to the Bureau of Sessions for payment, on motion of G. T. Alderson.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made, doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, G. A. Cooke pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened in Memorial Session at 2.30 o'clock R. K. Stephenson, presiding. An appropriate hymn was sung, after which Rev. John White offered prayer.

MEMOIRS.—The memoir of Mrs. Annie Todd Barrett was presented and read by T. E. Terry; that of Mrs. Nancy Smith Arters, by T. F. Beauchamp; that of Mrs. Henrietta Morris was read by W. E. Gunby, having been prepared by Dr. George T. Hillman; that of Mrs. Rebecca M. Brandreth was read by D. W. Jacobs, having been prepared by Dr. John D. Fox.

Announcement was made that suitable memoirs would be prepared and published in the minutes for Mrs. Mary F. Thomas and Mrs. Martha S. Williams.

F. J. Cochran read the memoir of John W. Poole; G. W. Townsend, that of Asbury Burke, same having been prepared by W. F. Corkran; and R. K. Stephenson presented and read the memoir of Harry A. G. Westfield.

On motion, the memoirs were adopted.

ORDINATION SERVICE.—At 3.45 o'clock Conference convened in Ordination Session, Bishop Frank M. Bristol presiding.

DEACONS.—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders, and Bishop Bristol Ordained as Deacons, Charles C. Harris, Otis B. Reed, Roy T. Thawley and Lester E. Windsor.

ELDERS.—The names of those elected to Elder's Orders were called, the Secretary presented and Bishop Bristol, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, ordained Norman C. Benson, Marion W. Marine, Joseph A. Pignatiello, Essel P. Thomas and Frank White as Elders.

ADJOURNMENT.—After the singing of a familiar hymn Conference adjourned, W. A. Wise pronouncing the benediction.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that on the Twenty-fourth day of March, Nineteen Hundred and Eighteen, I ordained Charles C. Harris, Otis B. Reed, Roy T. Thawley and Lester E. Windsor as DEACONS; and assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, I ordained Norman C. Benson, Marion W. Marine, Joseph A. Pignatiello, Essel P. Thomas and Frank White as ELDERS in the Church, they having been duly elected to the above orders respectively by the Wilmington Annual Conference.

Dover, Delaware.

FRANK M. BRISTOL,
Bishop.

SEVENTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8.30 A. M., E. H. Dashiell, at the request of Bishop Bristol, presiding and conducting the devotions. A hymn was sung and W. L. White offered prayer.

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

CENTENARY.—T. E. Terry presented and read the following resolution, and after being amended, by motion of W. E. Tomkinson, to include Home as well as Foreign Missions, it was adopted:—WHEREAS, the Methodist Episcopal Church contemplates a world-wide celebration of the Centenary of Home and Foreign Missions by our Church during the year 1918 and 1919, including the raising of a great fund for the purpose of the further propagation of the Gospel of Salvation in all the earth; therefore,

RESOLVED, that we, as the members of the Wilmington Conference, hereby pledge to the Missionary Secretaries and the various committees associated with them in the promotion of this great undertaking our most earnest and hearty co-operation in an effort to raise our proportionate share of the Centenary fund.

RESOLVED, that the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to our honored and beloved Bishop Wilson S. Lewis, D. D., L. L. D., for his instructive and inspiring address delivered before our Conference during this session, praying also that he may realize the coming of the Kingdom of our Lord in his beloved China, for whose salvation he is so earnestly and devotedly giving his best endeavor.

RESOLVED, that the District Superintendents of our Conference be a committee to arrange for the organization necessary for the carrying on of an intensive Missionary Campaign.

WAR COUNCIL PROGRAM.—The following resolutions were presented and read by G. W. Dawson and they were adopted:—WHEREAS, we have heard of the work contemplated by our Church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we heartily recommend that the War Council Program of our Church as outlined by Bishop Theodore S. Henderson be endorsed by this Conference, and we hereby pledge ourselves to cooperate therewith.

We also recommend that there be a committee of twenty appointed, composed of the four District Superintendents, eight pastors and eight laymen, to ask our people to furnish proper support and supplies for our Chaplains and the War Council of our Church.

Committee.—A committee, as follows, was nominated and elected:—Dover District:—J. W. Colona, W. E. Gunby, Henry P. Cannon, G. Layton Grier; Easton District:—L. E. Barrett, C. T. Wyatt, W. O. Hoeffcker, Col. J. J. Mulliken; Salisbury District:—J. T. Herson, W. O. Hurst, Orlando Harrison, L. Atwood Bennett; Wilmington District:—H. F. Randolph, G. W. Dawson, Henry P. Scott, John F. Porter.

CHANGE OF RELATION.—QUESTION 17.—The recommendation of the committee in the case of C. A. Hill granting his location with reluctance was adopted on motion of C. W. Prettyman.

COURSE OF STUDY.—G. A. Cooke presented and read the following and it was adopted:—WHEREAS, there is considerable unrest and much apprehension throughout the Church in reference to the Course of Study for the ministry as prescribed by the commission appointed by the last General Conference;

RESOLVED, First, that we are convinced that there is reasonable ground for suspicion that unsound doctrines are taught in some of the books in these courses. During the past ten years the Wilmington Annual Conference has protested repeatedly against rationalism and the destructive criticism of the Bible. We are on record as being loyal to the doctrines of Evangelical Christianity.

RESOLVED, Second, that we appoint the District Superintendents of our Conference a committee with instructions to investigate this whole subject and report at the next session of the Conference what should be done in regard to the Courses of Study for our ministry so as to maintain the integrity of Wesleyan Orthodoxy.

REPORTS.—Reports were received and adopted from the following committees:—Auditing, Periodicals, Temperance and Prohibition.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.—The report of the Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference, and report of Treasurer of said Trustees were presented, read and adopted. On motion of R. K. Stephenson the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the following persons as Conference Trustees:—C. T. Wyatt, J. T. Richardson and Leolan Jackson, and they were elected.

DEACONESS BOARD.—The report of the Conference Deaconess Board was read and adopted, and the nominations therein made were approved.

LETTER TO PRESIDENT WILSON.—The following was adopted and forwarded to President Woodrow Wilson on motion of F. C. MacSorley:—

To His Excellency, Hon. Woodrow Wilson,
President of the United States of America,
Washington, D. C.

The Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assembled in Annual Session at Dover, Delaware, unanimously and urgently requests, in view of the scarcity of food among our Allies and of the congested conditions of transportation, that you exercise the authority vested in you as War President to order the breweries to cease manufacturing intoxicating liquors, and turn their establishments into factories that will minister to the general necessities of the people, help supply our army and navy with military necessities, and thus help win the war. We urge this remembering that our Lord said, "It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the" brewers.

REPORTS.—Reports were received and adopted from the following committees:—Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Wilmington Conference Education Society, Bible, Sunday School, Sabbath Observance, Epworth League, Methodist Episcopal Hospital and Woman's Home Missionary Society.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR.—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, Hon. W. O. Hoeffcker, Treasurer of the Wilmington Conference Education Society, was granted the courtesy of the floor.

EPPLER SUNDAY BASE BALL BILL.—The following telegram, on motion of H. G. Budd, was ordered sent to Senator Orlando Harrison:—The Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in session at Dover, Del., respectfully petitions you to use all your influence to have the Eppler Sunday Base Ball Bill, Senate Bill #352, defeated.

MARYLAND BONE DRY LAW.—C. T. Wyatt read the following resolution and it was ordered telegraphed to Hon. Peter Campbell, President of the Maryland Senate:—**RESOLVED**, that the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, including the nine Eastern Shore Counties as well as the State of Delaware, now in session in Dover, Delaware, urgently requests the Maryland Senate to pass the pending Bone Dry Law for the increased protection of the counties now free from the saloon.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN.—Conference adopted the following resolutions as read by R. K. Stephenson:—WHEREAS, our nation is now plunged in a struggle for world-wide democracy, and the sermons, addresses, discussions, at this session of the Conference have shown that the Methodist Episcopal Church is vitally interested in winning this war; and

WHEREAS, on April 6th there is to be launched the Third Liberty Loan canvass; and

WHEREAS, the leaders in charge of this work are asking and depending largely on the ministry for their heartiest co-operation in meeting this call of our nation and her allies; therefore,

RESOLVED, that every minister in charge of work in the Wilmington Annual Conference be and is hereby urgently requested to hold a patriotic service on Sunday, April 7th, and preach a sermon in keeping with the occasion, and in every other way aid the nation in meeting this call.

APPORTIONMENT—W. C. M. & CH. EXT. SO.—On motion of G. T. Alderson the same amounts are to be apportioned for the support of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society to the several Districts as were apportioned last year, and the District Superintendents were instructed to make the distribution to the respective charges.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.—The following recommendations of the Bureau of Sessions were presented and read by G. T. Alderson:—First, that an amount equal to 1% of the cash salary of the pastors shall be apportioned to the various charges for Conference entertainment, and shall be raised and reported to the Annual Conference exactly as any other benevolence.

Second, the amount thus raised shall be paid by the Conference Treasurer annually to the church entertaining the Conference and the church extending the invitation shall accept this amount as the sole obligation of the Conference for its entertainment. There shall be no accounting for this fund to the Conference other than the receipt of the entertaining church.

Third, the District Superintendents are requested and are hereby authorized to annually make such apportionments.

Fourth, the Conference hereby repeals all previous action contrary to these enactments.

Fifth, the further necessity of the Bureau of Sessions no longer existing, that Bureau is hereby disbanded.

After some discussion, the motion of H. T. Quigg to consider these recommendations seriatim was, on motion of G. P. Jones, reconsidered, and H. G. Budd moved as a substitute for the original motion, that the recommendations be published in the Conference minutes and action be deferred until the next Annual Conference Session, and it was so ordered.

G. T. Alderson made the following motion:—That an amount equal to 1% of the cash salary of the pastors shall be apportioned to the various charges for Conference entertainment, and shall be raised and reported to the Annual Conference exactly as any other benevolence. An amendment to this motion by J. W. Colona, directing that these amounts be reported to the Treasurer of the Bureau of Sessions, was, on motion of T. E. Tomkinson, laid on the table. The original motion was then adopted.

PRAYER.—On motion of C. T. Wyatt, Conference joined in fervent prayer for the triumph of democracy, being led by T. E. Terry and L. E. Barrett.

INTRODUCTION.—Rev. J. M. Arters, representing the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

CHAIR.—Bishop Bristol assumed the chair.

QUESTION 25.—The Twenty-fifth Question, "Who are the Triers of

Appeals?" was taken up. Bishop Bristol appointed the following:—T. E. Terry, J. P. Otis, E. L. Hoffecker, H. T. Quigg, and F. F. Carpenter.

Reserves: Leolan Jackson and G. T. Alderson.

MINISTER'S RELIEF COMMISSION.—T. E. Terry was appointed by Bishop Bristol as a member of The Minister's Relief Commission.

The District Superintendents nominated the following as members of this Commission, and they were elected:—Dover District, E. J. Winder; Easton District, W. O. Hoffecker; Salisbury District, R. F. Powell; Wilmington District, J. S. Mullin.

RECOMMENDATIONS.—W. A. Wise announced the Conference recommendations to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension as follows:—Home Missions: English-speaking People, \$6,750; Italian Mission, \$400. Church Extension \$1,000, and they were approved.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.—Members of the various Boards and Committees were nominated by W. A. Wise and they were elected.

FEDERAL AMENDMENT.—H. G. Budd submitted the following resolution and it was adopted by rising vote:—We, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Annual Session, record our high appreciation of the action of Governor John G. Townsend, Jr., in calling an extra session of the Delaware Legislature for the purpose of ratifying the Federal Amendment to the Constitution, and passing other war measures.

By this action of our honored Governor, Delaware has the distinction of being the ninth state to ratify the Federal Prohibition Amendment, a distinction of which the Methodist Episcopal Church and all good people are proud.

CENTENARY COMMISSION.—On recommendation of the Cabinet, Robert Watt presented and read the following recommendations:—In view of the opportunity offered by the action of the General Conference in providing a plan for launching a drive throughout the Church in the interest of Christian Stewardship; and,

In view of the further fact that the Church will shortly be engaged in our Missionary Centenary, and desiring to put our Conference in line with this epochal movement; we recommend,

First, that we create a Centenary Commission in accordance with the legislation referred to, to make and prosecute plans for carrying out the directions of the General Conference; and,

Second, that we urge our pastors and churches to heartily co-operate in the Christian Stewardship drive.

Third, we recommend that the District Superintendents be members of this Centenary Commission, the remaining members to be chosen from the ministers and laymen in equal numbers.

Commission:—President, Mr. Melville Gambrill, Wilmington, Del. Vice-President, Rev. J. T. Herson, Salisbury, Md.

Dover District:—Superintendent, W. R. Mowbray. Ministerial—J. W. Colona, Dover, Del., and W. E. Gunby, Cambridge, Md. Lay—H. P. Cannon, Bridgeville, Del., and Geo. W. Tebo, Dover, Del.

Easton District:—Superintendent, W. A. Wise. Ministerial—W. L. White, Easton, Md., and G. C. Williams, Smyrna, Del. Lay—M. B. Burris, Middletown, Del., and H. R. Lewis, Denton, Md.

Salisbury District:—Superintendent, V. S. Collins. Ministerial—L. E. Poole, Snow Hill, Md., and W. O. Hurst, Pocomoke City, Md. Lay—R. F. Powell, Berlin, Md., and N. L. Williams, Salisbury, Md.

Wilmington District:—Superintendent, Robert Watt. Ministerial—H. F. Randolph, Wilmington, Del., and G. P. Jones, Elkton, Md. Lay—John S. Mullin, Wilmington, Del., and W. H. Cole, Jr., Perryville, Md.

QUESTION 36.—The Thirty-sixth Question, "Where shall the Next Conference be held?" was taken up. G. W. Dawson, Pastor of Asbury Church, Wilmington, Del., on behalf of said church extended to the Conference an invitation to hold its next session in that historic church on the self-entertainment plan, and on motion of G. P. Jones the invitation was referred to the Bureau of Sessions.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.—W. A. Wise presented a request for certain special appointments. (See list of appointments).

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. None.

EXTENSION OF TIME.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson time was extended.

QUESTIONS 26 and 27.—The Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Questions were taken up. (See Reports).

QUESTIONS 28 and 29.—Questions Twenty-eight and Twenty-nine were taken up. The Statistician and Conference Treasurer read their reports and they were adopted. (See Reports).

QUESTIONS 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34.—Questions Thirty, Thirty-one, Thirty-two, Thirty-three and Thirty-four were taken up. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—W. O. Hurst read the report of the Board of Stewards and it was adopted together with the following recommendations, and on motion of V. S. Collins the Trustees nominated therein were elected:—

1. That the list of Memorial Funds for Conference Claimant Endowment be printed in the minutes.
2. That the sum of \$8,545 be taken from the collection for Conference Claimants and placed to the credit of the Annuity Fund.
3. That the apportionment to the pastoral charges to be raised for the support of Conference Claimants be an amount equal to 9½ % of the estimates for cash support for pastors for the current year.
4. That the report of Steward's distribution of Claimant Fund be adopted without being read.
5. That the following persons be elected Trustees of Claimant Funds: Rev. G. C. Williams for Mrs. Anna D. Chatham; Mrs. Jeannie R. Fields for Mrs. Sarah V. Creamer; Thomas Esgate for Rev. James Esgate; Mrs.

Pauline Murray for Edwin Nelson Murray; Mrs. H. A. G. Westerfield for Jeannette and Harry Westerfield; Mrs. Annie Jaggard for Rev. Wilmer Jaggard.

COLLECTION.—A collection was ordered and taken to defray necessary incidental expenses.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—On motion of T. E. Tomkinson it was decided that when we adjourn it be to meet at two o'clock this afternoon.

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

EIGHTH SESSION—MONDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened at two o'clock, Bishop Bristol conducting devotions.

STATE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.—The following was adopted, being presented and read by E. C. Prettyman:

We, Wilmington Annual Conference in Session, commend Governor Townsend in his firm stand taken in the bill now before the General Assembly, providing, at the request of the National Government, for the establishment of a State Council of Defense.

We resent the workings of the Liquor Lobbyists in using the term "useful occupation" as being against honest labor, fearing that it would react against their own interests. While the term "useful occupation" should apply to those engaged in the traffic, it was never so intended in the Act now pending. Liquor politics has again deceived the public as will soon be known—and at the sacrifice of the National Interest.

We resent the attitude of the Press who have co-operated with those interests to hoodwink the public. The subtle methods of the usual Liquor Lobby in false interpretation, and not in the provisions as actually exists, are the cause of the inflamed public mind.

We commend its passage, thus upholding the rightful intent of the Governor, and maintaining the honor of our State in National service. Only by so doing can we defeat the propaganda being spread by German interests right in our own State. The Press must align itself actively with our National interest rather than aiding those influences which so much assist the enemy.

OFFICIAL VISITORS.—The following Official Visitors were nominated by G. C. Williams, Secretary, Wilmington Conference Education Society, and they were elected:—Dickinson:—J. W. Colona and O. E. Jones; Drew:—R. K. Stephenson and D. W. Jacobs; Groucher:—F. X. Moore and C. T. Wyatt; Morgan:—L. I. McDougale and G. P. Jones; Princess Anne Academy:—W. P. Taylor and A. W. Goodhand.

COLLECTION.—The collection taken at the morning session amounting to only \$83.50, on motion of C. T. Wyatt another collection was ordered to make up the deficiency. The sum of \$13 still not provided for by the collections, was, on motion of V. S. Collins, ordered paid to the Secretary of the Conference by the Treasurer of Bureau of Sessions.

EDUCATION APPORTIONMENT.—The apportionments for Education were ordered to be made by the District Superintendents to the various charges on motion of H. G. Budd.

W. C. I. CONTRIBUTIONS.—The contributions to Wesley Collegiate Institute made by the various charges were, on motion of H. G. Budd, ordered published in the minutes.

THANKS.—The committee on Thanks submitted its report and it was adopted.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson the Secretary was instructed to edit the minutes and they were made the Official Journal of the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT.—It was ordered that after the reading of the minutes, appropriate devotions and the announcement of the appointments, Conference stand adjourned.

JOURNAL.—The minutes of today's sessions were read and approved. On motion, the minutes of the entire session of the Conference were approved.

DEVOTIONS.—That appropriate and familiar hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have," was sung, and L. E. Barrett offered prayer.

APPOINTMENTS.—Bishop Frank M. Bristol announced the appointments and Conference adjourned.

As President and Secretary we hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings and business of the Fiftieth Session of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

DISSTON W. JACOBS,
Secretary.

FRANK M. BRISTOL,
President.

VIII.

REPORTS.

(a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

W. R. MOWBRAY, District Superintendent.

With profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father for health and ability to work, we come again from the fields of toil to tell of some of the things which have been done in His name and for His sake.

It is cause for rejoicing that the working ranks of the ministers on Dover District have not been broken by death this year. We are all here.

Shadows deep have fallen upon the heart and home of our beloved brother Dr. L. E. Barrett. The messenger of death came suddenly in the early morning of April 18th, 1817, and beckoned sister Barrett out of her earthly home and transferred her to her Father's house—her eternal home. Dr. Barrett dwells in sad loneliness, and we try to help him a little by our sympathy and love. A suitable memoir will be presented by Rev. T. E. Terry.

The brethren today are coming up from fields which have been storm swept, snow blocked and ice bound to an unusual degree. Not in the memory of the oldest inhabitant have these untoward conditions existed for such a protracted period. We have seen as much snow and experienced colder weather, but for days and weeks, yea, even months, conditions have been such that not even a single service has been held in many of the country churches, and the town churches have had hard rowing. They could get to church but scarcity of fuel, Dr. Garfield's orders which strangely enjoined on churches to conserve fuel by having fewer church services and allowing saloons full time, broken down or frozen up heating systems, practically put the town churches out of the running. The tide water section, where they depend largely on what comes out of the water for their living has been paralyzed for weeks on end. If results are not up to the high water mark there's a reason. Under these conditions the brethren have met well nigh insurmountable difficulties. It will not be surprising if there shall come from these places stories of unpaid salaries and benevolences at the minimum.

Changes.—On the adjournment of last Conference we found ourselves without sufficient force to man the district. Seaford Circuit was left to be supplied and a day or two after that, Crapo was left without a pastor by the transfer of Rev. W. E. Matthews, at his own request, to Cordova on Easton District. Rev. J. M. Kelso of Farmington was in early June transferred to Crapo and Rev. R. S. Hodgson of the Wesley Collegiate Institute was appointed to supply Farmington. Seaford Circuit was filled by the transfer of Rev. Hugh Strain from Austin, Central Pennsylvania Conference. In November Rev. A. C. Smith, who was appointed at last Confer-

ence to Blades,, decided to part company with us, leaving the charge on Nov. 15th. Rev. R. W. Mills, a local preacher of Crapo, has been placed in charge of that work. Governor J. G. Townsend, appointed Rev. Howard Davis, pastor of our church at Bridgeville, as Chaplain of the First Delaware Regiment, and Rev. T. E. Terry, one of our highly esteemed retired ministers, has since been taking care of the interests of Bridgeville. Brother Terry proposes to make his future home with these delightful people.

Salaries.—The matter of ministerial support has received considerable attention this year, but the results are not yet what they ought to be. There have been increases more or less in several charges as follows:—Milford heads the list with an increase of \$300; Dover, Harrington, Seaford Circuit and Rehoboth each, \$200; Houston and Magnolia, \$150 each; Bethel, Camden, Felton, Galestown, Lewes, Cambridge, Mt. Pleasant, Seaford and Williamsburg each \$100; Hooper's Island and Zoar, \$50 each; making a total increase of \$2,450. Several charges have indicated their intention to make increases next year.

While these are considerable and we are thankful for the evidence of increased liberality among the laymen, yet we are in no adequate measure keeping pace with the swiftly up-soaring price of the cost of living. More than a month ago government statistics declared that the cost of living had increased 88½ per cent since 1914, and since those statistics were given out there has been an additional increase which will easily bring it up to 100 per cent. That is, a salary of \$500 would buy as much to supply the living needs in 1914 as \$1,000 will buy now, and yet there are many charges on this District which are paying the same salary they did twenty years ago. These places are asking the minister to do all the sacrificing, they fully content to sit with their drowsy conscience while sacrificing, they are fully content to sit snug with their drowsy conscience while their pastor must do all sorts of things in order to keep out of their debt. I have ten charges on this District which are paying or promising to pay \$600 or less—mostly less—for their pastor's support, and these men are facing the problem of keeping themselves, their families, feeding a horse or buying gasoline in order to properly look after their work. One brother who must keep a horse told me that he was paying \$2.10 a bushel for corn and \$35 per ton for hay, and his salary is \$500. Besides this he has himself and wife to feed and clothe. Will some long headed business layman figure that out, please, without an entry on the debit side of the ledger?

In some instances this condition seems well nigh inevitable because the country churches are being depleted and the folks who were one time their support in both attendance and material things are going to the towns, or elsewhere, on Sunday through the increased means of transportation. Sunday is a gala day and gasoline receives the contribution which once went into the Lord's treasury, and the people who filled the pews are on the go. This is no complaining note nor yet is it a fairy tale, but a stern and solemn fact which confronts us and the rural church. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension allows to me on this District the sum of \$57 with which to supplement these inadequate salaries in these hard pressed missionary fields.

Benevolences.—I am unable to make a complete report on the bene-

volences as quite a few of the brethren have not forwarded to me the facts. From those received, I am persuaded that, despite the very hard conditions, we shall be well up to former years for these causes. The reports received on the missionary offerings indicate that we shall be ahead of last year, by at least \$400. The statistical tables will give the complete record. What with Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and numerous and sundry other calls occasioned by the the great war, the giving of the people will be far ahead of former years. There will perhaps be no place in which to record the various gifts.

Improvements.—No great things have been done this year in the way of improving church property. The condition of the country, being at war is, perhaps, in part responsible for this. The long delayed work of rebuilding the church at Ellendale was begun in the late fall and was being pressed with vigor, but it was too late to complete the work in this Conference year. However, had the winter been one of only ordinary severity the work would have been done in time to dedicate the church before Conference. Brother Barrett, the pastor, has done splendid service here, and by his straight-forward, wise and brotherly spirit has won all hearts and made possible the splendid work on the church building. They have paid \$3,477 on church building this year.

At Magnolia the good people have added greatly to the comfort of their pastor, Brother Ellis, by adding a back building to the parsonage, wiring the house for electric light, and various minor improvements, at a cost of \$787 all paid.

Spedden church on Beckwith and Spedden Charge has built a community house in connection with the church at a cost of \$1,000, at the dedication of which Bishop J. W. Hamilton of Washington, D. C., preached to the great delight of the people.

Taylor's Island on Church Creek charge has been repaired and beautified at a cost of \$1,443, all paid. Brother Truitt has done yeoman service here, and the consumation of this work was made possible by his efforts.

Other improvements made are, Armory (Dover), \$190; Nassau, \$114; Rehoboth, \$170; Lewes, \$504; Bethel, \$155; Reliance, \$136; Mt. Pleasant, \$175; Linkwood, \$185; Milford, \$125; Dover, \$150; Greenwood, \$200; Zoar, \$156; Lakesville, \$100; East New Market, \$140; Felton, \$229; Houston, \$225; Milton, \$225; Georgetown, \$665; Seaford, \$550. Minor improvements have been made on other charges amounting in the total to \$558.

Debts.—At Rehoboth they have paid this year \$700 on indebtedness, which is the final dollar of debt on our splendid property at this place. Wyoming, under the leadership of Brother Coursey, has finally seen the last of the troublesome debt which has been on their church property for a long time. The amount paid this year is \$1,000.

In May last, at the Anniversary of the building of the new church, Lewes, Del., saw consumed all evidence of the debt upon their beautiful church. The writer was permitted to turn the first shovelful of earth at the beginning of this enterprise, and by the courtesy of Rev. O. E. Jones, the pastor, was also permitted to apply the match to the mortgage. The amount paid this year is \$1,825 which is the last dollar of the \$30,000 expended in the erection and completion of the church. This has been a

great achievement—thirty thousand dollars paid out by these loyal people in a period of seven years. They are justly proud of their splendid church home.

Other charges have paid the following amounts:—Dover, \$250; East New Market, \$120; Georgetown, \$275; Laurel, \$2000.

Other debts have been paid amounting to \$407.

Fire.—Our church at Linkwood, Salem Circuit, was totally destroyed by fire on the morning of October 4, 1917. There were something over \$800 insurance on the property. Despite this fact and the additional fact that I was well on the way to find help for them by donation and loan, they positively refused to undertake to rebuild; would not even sign a paper asking for a gift outright, the reason given being that they were not able to maintain a church after it was rebuilt. They have only twelve members at that point. After consultation with Bishop McDowell it was decided not to press the rebuilding of the church any further. I still feel that where we are we ought to stay, even if it costs the church at large a little money to keep us there.

Sunday Schools.—The Sunday Schools are for the most part in good condition so far as I am able to determine by reports received. One of the difficulties I have encountered is the new system of reporting as provided in our present Quarterly Conference Records. For ordinary country work, with the scattered condition of the people, this so-called improved record is, in my humble judgment, an abomination. I have talked with all the District Superintendents of our Episcopal Area and I have not found a single one who has a word of commendation for this intricately contrived bundle of elaborate contractions. This is not a contradiction of terms for items have been elaborated and space so contracted that any ordinary heavy fisted man has difficulty in keeping within the prescribed meets and bounds, and the average Quarterly Conference Secretary gives it up.

Our Sunday School work received quite an impetus by the coming to us of the Sunday School Institute which was under the direction of Rev. Harry Wilson of the Board of Sunday Schools. Bishop W. F. McDowell honored us with his presence and delivered an excellent address. Some difficulty was experienced in finding a place in which to hold the Institute, but Georgetown came to our rescue and right royally did she entertain us. The registration showed that we had 452 in attendance, and among these were 31 of the ministers of the District. We believe that the Institute was profitable in every way and hope we may have another soon.

Educational Campaign.—The Wilmington Conference Academy is now a matter of history—history replete with sacrifices and heroic endeavors, with untold good as a result. It was found that this institution long supposed to be a child of the Methodist Church was not really so after all. The Church as such held no title in the property. This has been remedied through the efforts of Hon. A. B. Magee, President Budd and others, and it has been christened the Wesley Collegiate Institute.

It has been the dream of President Budd ever since he came to the school to secure an endowment which would certainly and securely provide for its future. After many delays and disappointments this campaign was started in the early Fall under the direction of the Jubilee Commission

of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. W. E. Blackstock and Dr. C. E. Leitzell were the leaders who represented the commission at the beginning, and Dr. Leitzell continued in charge of the work throughout the campaign.

The story of this achievement is too long to be embodied in this report—a story of the greatest material achievement ever yet brought to a successful issue by the Wilmington Conference. It was put forward with many questionings, doubts and fears. Some said it could not be done, others said it was not an opportune time; war, war claims all the time, and people generally upset and uncertain as to financial conditions, but the leaders went forth with faith in God and the people, confident that it could and would be done. The call was for \$210,000. A great mountain; an Herculean task! It was done! On the night of December 20, 1917,—a memorable night for the Institute and Peninsula Methodism,—the forces went “over the top” to the tune of \$260,000 amidst shouts of rejoicing. We can hardly make special mention of individual local workers, though some richly deserve special mention, but with few exceptions the ministers of the Conference put themselves into the work body and soul, and many of our prominent laymen laid aside their business and gave time, strength and it goes without saying, their money. Their reward will be in the future work of the school which thus endowed will go forth to enlarged usefulness and be a mighty bulwark for God and Methodism on this Peninsula. The workers of our District secured the sum of \$85,087.

Christian Literature.—I have in the Quarterly Conferences through the year tried to impress upon the people the importance of Christian Literature, the great need for scattering it among our people, specially the Christian Advocate. The response has not been marked. It is amazing how few of our people, even officials of the church, take the Advocate. Most of them take one or more of the daily papers at a cost of from \$3 to \$6 per year, but comparatively few feel able to invest \$2 in so valuable a paper as the Advocate which, for solid worth as compared to the average daily paper, stands as the mighty rock compared to the froth and foam of the sea which is thrown against its sides by the winds. The banner charge this year for subscriptions to the Advocate is Crapo, which heads the list with fifty-four as compared to a possible four last year. Will pastors please note the silent comment. The interest of our Conference paper, The Methodist, has been pressed but no detailed report of subscriptions has been received by me.

Temperance.—I shall not speak of the temperance fight last Fall, which directly affected the territory of the two Districts in the upper part of our Conference. This will, no doubt, be done by the brethren who represent them. But I do desire to speak of that which has taken place within our city in the past few days. Nothing has transpired in late years in connection with the temperance cause of more vital importance and far reaching possibilities, than the legislation enacted by the Delaware Legislature, when it ratified the proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, transportation, importation, exportation of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes in the United States and territories.

The House ratified this amendment on Thursday, March 14, by a vote of 27 to 6, and the Senate followed by concurring therein on Monday March

18th by a vote of 13 to 3. Delaware is still one of the original thirteen States. Her Governor needs no word of commendation from us, but we feel ourselves highly honored in being privileged to count him as one of our religious family, and further to say that it is our conviction that without his deep personal interest, untiring and unfaltering activity in promoting it, the above consummation, so ardently desired and so devoutly prayed for could not have been accomplished. We are also glad for the opportunity to express our esteem and very high regard for the man in public life who puts principles and the welfare of humanity above personal advancement by way of political preferment.

All honor to the men in both branches of the Legislature who stood true in the face of tremendous opposition, and made it possible for the good people of Delaware to hold up their heads before the world unashamed. The day dawns, deliverance is nigh, we are "going over the top."

Revivals:—There have been in several of the charges revivals which have resulted in a goodly number of conversions, and greatly quickened churches. Perhaps the most remarkable one was at Blades. Rev. R. Ward Mills the pastor, did not arrive on the scene of action until about the middle of January, the charge having been without a pastor for two months. The people soon rallied around him and the revival fires began to burn. The town has been deeply stirred, 80 persons have professed conversion. Felton reports 32; Georgetown 31; Houston 42; Nassau 41; Zoar 33. Other charges reporting less numbers, making a total of about 518 conversions on the District this year. There is a reason why the results are somewhat limited. The time in the fall of the year which by many of our men is devoted to this work was taken up by the campaign for the Wesley Collegiate Institute. Word was passed all along the line, "Let nothing interfere with this one task; let all local work stand aside." This was the expressed wish of the church from the head thereof on down and the ministers, loyal to the core, gave this business the right of way. Of course, no one could foresee what a winter we were going to experience, not even the weather bureau, but when it shut down upon us with its icy grip, the work ceased without orders from anywhere. We have done what we could, and are content to leave the results with the Lord.

Epworth League.—After the resignation of Chaplain Howard Davis from the presidency of the Dover District Epworth League, the District Cabinet unanimously elected Dr. R. K. Stephenson to fill the vacancy and arrange the program for the Convention which was held at East New Market, Md., Oct. 31st to Nov. 1, 1917. This proved a very successful and helpful season. The evening meetings were addressed by Dr. H. F. Randolph and Dr. Charles M. Boswell.

Dr. Stephenson was the unanimous choice of the Convention as president for the ensuing year. This seems very fitting and fortunate since he represents our General Conference District on the Board of Control of the Epworth League. We are looking forward to a year of great success in our District League.

In concluding this report I desire to record here my very great appreciation of the fraternal spirit manifested to me and the hearty co-operation with me of the pastors of the District in my efforts to promote the work committed to my care. I am deeply sensible of my indebtedness to them and my grateful thanks are hereby extended.

EASTON DISTRICT.

W. A. WISE, District Superintendent.

In rendering this report of the work on Easton district it is fitting our first acknowledgment should be of Him whose sustaining hand and guiding skill have been ours in all the travel, trial and triumphant of the year. We are profoundly grateful to the Great Head of the church for privilege, place and strength necessary to another year's work, as well as for many other blessings vouchsafed to the writer and his brethren, while sowing and reaping our respective fields through the past twelve exceptionally strenuous and labor filled months.

Peace and harmony having prevailed throughout the district, we have consequently known something of what the Psalmist meant when he sang, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity", we therefore make grateful mention of the uniform consideration and kindness of the ministry and laity, as abundantly manifested by the hearties co-operation and unstinted support from every charge.

One year ago, when the appointments were read, 43 of 44 charges comprising this district were announced as being supplied with pastors, Cordova being the exception, and this was soon filled by the transfer of W. E. Matthews from Crapo, with the sanction of Bishop McDowell.

The "shadows of the valley" have not fallen upon any member of our ministerial rank during the year, while good health, with possibly two exceptions, has generally been enjoyed by the brethren and their families. Early in the summer J. M. Mitchell, because of throat and voice affection, was obliged to step aside for a few weeks in hope of obtaining relief; but the subtle ailment would not yield to a period of rest and treatment. With that heroism and resolution characteristic of many another faithful pastor under similar trial, brother Mitchell returned to his work, and for more than six months has personally and acceptably supervised the pulpit supply of the charge. W. T. Watson, a most acceptable and efficient local preacher of Smyrna, was secured to care for Dulaney's church; while various members of the Conference willingly came to the help of "a worthy brother in distress" and regularly filled the pulpit at Millington. With considerable reluctance brother Mitchell comes to this session of Conference asking the Retired relation.

In November, while in the midst of perhaps the most promising pastorate of his ministry, W. H. Kenney was painfully stricken, and soon thereafter compelled to surrender his post for the remainder of the Conference year. For nearly three months he continued seriously ill, being wasted and worn by the most excruciating pain, but, under care of competent physician and nurse, the much feared result was apparently averted, and it was fondly hoped that he would soon be able to resume work. Ten days ago however, having suffered a slight relapse, brother Kenney now deems it best also to ask for the Retired relation.

On Tuesday, October 23rd last, at Chestertown, Mrs. Nancy S. Arters, wife of our aged and much beloved brother J. A. Arters "was not; for God

took her." A suitable minute has been prepared by brother T. F. Beauchamp to be read at the Conference Memorial service.

Among the laity the "grim reaper" has frequently swung the keen-edged sickle with telling effect. Hitherto strong men and women, for years staunch and outstanding in their loyalty to the church, always to be counted upon for support of the pastor in every worthy cause he might advocate, some of them prominently identified with our Peninsula Methodism, have, in the closing year, transferred their membership to the roster of the Church Triumphant. Notably among such thus reckoned are Joseph Smithers and Rev. William Faries of Smyrna, Hon George L. Townsend of Odessa, John Mc. Rochester and Miss Winnie Diggins of Church Hill and Mrs. Eliza Seigler of Ridgely, the latter leaving \$2500 to the Trustees for investment, the interest to be applied toward pastoral support.) The churches from which these have gone hence feel most keenly the great loss sustained.

With an ever increasing number of worthy interests being committed to them, the men of this district have wrought hard, unceasingly and well. All that was hoped has not been realized, but purpose and effort to achieve have not been wanting, and, in spite of a variety of circumstances for which no man among them was responsible, the results of the year's work will be surprisingly good when the final tabulation is completed and announced.

Certainly the supreme longing of every pastor's heart is that for the his chief aim, his loftiest ambition, his greatest joy, and, short of this goal salvation of precious souls. For this he plans, prays and preaches. This is he cannot, yea, will not be content. Plausible reasons are assignable for the small number of conversions reported this year, and the figures are not representative of any degree of indifference, neglect or failure on the part of our men to wisely plan for this all important end. The months of October and November usually set apart for special evangelistic effort, were practically requisitioned by the Wesley Collegiate Institute campaign, and when January and February arrived, with them came also the unusually stormy weather and intense cold, these, together with a shortage of fuel every where, and the utter impossibility of securing the necessary supply, literally forestalled all well laid plans for revival work. Nevertheless, some persisted and succeeded. Kent Island reports 108 conversions; Cecilton, 70; Chestertown, 63; Marydel, 42; Tilghman, 34; Henderson and St. Michaels, 30 each; Sudlersville, 25; Concord, 24; Bayside, 18; Bozman, 12; Rock Hall, 11; Hillsboro and Burrsville, 10 each; other charges less than 10, make a total reported to the writer of 450.

The new church at Kent Island, reported last year as having been begun, has made substantial progress notwithstanding exceptional hindrances. Just after the new building had received its roofing, further work thereon was halted by the alarming information that the United States Government would take over the entire Island area for an Ordinance proving ground. For weeks this question was debated, and the attendant uncertainty hung like a mantle of gloom over the hearts and homes of our people there; the Government ultimately deciding upon another site. Next came the wage allurements of Munition and Cantonment quarters, so strongly appealing to mechanics and laborers as to make it more difficult to retain

any for work on the church. Then came an embargo on certain building materials and a commandeering of others, and withal, winter set in hard and almost unprecedented, the result being that the fine new church stands about half completed, forced to wait a more convenient season which it is hoped will not be much longer deferred. However, Kent Island has added to its list of property a neat and needed chapel, mainly for Sunday School purposes, located in the midst of a growing and thickly populated section of the Island known as "Dominion". This building was dedicated November the 25th with the cost provided.

Perhaps one of the most comfortably housed pastors in the Conference is the fortunate occupant of the fine parsonage at Easton. A profitable disposition of the old parsonage enabled the Trustees to secure the present house, formerly known as the "Bush property", a corner site, located on Brooklet's avenue, one of the main residential streets of the town. This was completely transformed on the interior, ten rooms were created, handsomely fitted and furnished from kitchen to attic, and when the proposed porch additions are made and the exterior becomingly painted, this home will ask no odds of any within the Conference bounds. Hillsboro has secured a most desirable property in the very center of the town. Modernizing the interior, adding numerous comforts and conveniences, and when the work now being done is finished, another of our parsonage families will be added to the number of those whose hearts have been made happy.

At Cecilton, the pastor has diligently applied himself. Here the parsonage has not only been repaired and very greatly beautified by a course of painting but both churches have enjoyed splendid revivals resulting in 70 conversions. Johnstown, the outlying church of the charge, for many years very indifferently attended and supported, has been very graciously revived, 43 of 48 converts there being added to the membership, helps materially to solve a trying problem, and gives promise of a new era of life and usefulness for a society that has long struggled for mere existence.

At Bayside, Cordova, Henderson, Marydel, Middletown, Preston, Ridgely, Royal Oak, Smyrna, Sudlersville, Tilghmans, special activities and successes are indicated in reports of property improvement, payment of old debts, advance in support and benevolences, helpful revivals.

Fully a score of other charges have done as well as those named, in that under quite adverse conditions they have brooked no backward step from one year ago. From data furnished for this report the general benevolences will make a commendable showing. Charges reporting all apportionments met in full include Centerville, Denton, Greensboro, Middletown, Salem Circuit, Smyrna, Tilghman and Galena.

Those reporting having advanced over last year's figures are Bayside, Burrsville, Chestertown, Concord, Fairlee, Henderson, Hillsboro, Odessa, Rock Hall, St. Michaels, Still Pond, Townsend, Clayton, Ridgely, Royal Oak and Cordova.

For special appeals, figures given by 25 of the pastors indicate the following totals, Home Mission work among the soldier boys \$690, Belgian, Armenian and Syrian relief, \$650; Red Cross, \$4233; Y. M. C. A. \$2600; while by 41 of the 44 charges on the district the modest sum of \$49258,

was cheerfully subscribed toward the Wesley Collegiate Institution endowment. Of this sum, but two subscriptions were as large as \$1000, the balance representing hundreds of mites reaped and gleaned by seven tireless and determined group leaders, royally supported by as faithful a corps of enthusiastic ministers and layment as might be found anywhere within our Conference territory.

Charges reporting funds raised for building and improving are Easton, \$4500; Kent Island, \$4500; Hillsboro, \$2250; Smyrna, \$2000; Greensboro, \$900; Cecilton, \$735; Sudlersville, \$500; Chestertown and Preston \$400 each; Still Pond, \$385; Ridgely, \$300; Bozman, \$226; Royal Oak, \$215; Denton, \$168; Bayside, \$140; Henderson and Wye Mills, \$125 each; Rock Hall and Tilghman, \$100; Odessa, \$98; Marydel and Smyrna Circuit, \$85 each; Trappe, \$75; Millington, \$50; Concord, \$32; Townsend, \$195—Total, \$16,435.

On old indebtedness Middletown reports having paid \$1375; Tilghman, \$1300; Still Pond, \$650; Royal Oak, \$107; Clayton, \$220—Total \$3,222.

Quarterly Conferences to the number of 20 have favorably considered the pressing needs of their pastors. Estimates of support involving advance this year are:—Fairlee, \$40; Townsend, Trappe, \$50; Smyrna Circuit, \$65; Marydel, \$75; Cecilton, Church Hill, Concord, Denton, Hillsboro, Kenton, Kent Island, Millington, Queenstown and Sudlersville, \$100; Cordova, Preston, \$200; Galena, \$225; Smyrna, \$300; total, \$2365. While eight other charges have already indicated their intention of advancing support next year. There is no system of church finance known to the writer that proves superior, if equal, to that of the Discipline, and were more of our officials to believe this, and permit a fair try out of that plan, doubtless questions of ministerial support, benevolence and current expense that now trouble some of them would be quickly and happily answered.

In the regular call of Quarterly Conference business appears the question, "Who are the custodians of the deeds and other legal papers affecting the church property, and are such documents in their hands?" All too many of our Trustees know absolutely nothing either of the existence or whereabouts of the documents in question. Terms of deeds and Articles of Incorporation concern them but little, until some blunder is made affecting church property, possible through action taken in sheer ignorance of the provisions of their characters. Funds bequeathed for investment in behalf of pastoral support, parsonage upkeep and other vital interests of the church, have been placed in jeopardy this year, by failure of Trustees to incorporate as advised by our Discipline and obliged by the States. The lack of pure business principle and policy here, as in some other particulars, is quite glaring on the Easton District.

The Ladies Aid Society has made its presence felt this year also. Almost every church is favored with a band of these noble women. With their multitudinous cares, in these latter days and in some places, these elect workers are voted the added honors of making "the every member canvass", collecting the entire amount needed for ministerial support, soliciting funds for paying notes of long standing, sharing their mites with the overworked fathers in Israel to paint and recarpet churches, besides being elected Sunday School superintendents, appointed Class leaders, and

doing many other things for which their self-centered and semi-consecrated brothers apparently have no conscious fitness or obligation. But, withall, the average Ladies Aid Society of today seldom falters, and has never yet quite learned how to fail. \$5225, have been gathered and expended for the care and needs of the parsonage, while there is scarcely a society that does not have a neat balance in hand.

Two very helpful and well attended meetings were held within the district lines during the year, the Epworth League convention at Still Pond, October 23-25, and the Sunday School Institute at Middletown, November 8-9. By the former our delegates from the various chapters were given much valuable instruction and inspiration that has quickened the life of not a few of our Leagues and league workers, while from the latter, something new for our Methodist circle in this Conference, quite a number of our schools obtained visions of methods and means that were clearly and impressively brought to them by Dr. Harry C. Wilson and his two associate instructors. The Leagues and Schools of the district have, nevertheless, felt quite keenly the handicap imposed by the severity of the winter and the accompanying shortage of fuel, but with the return of milder weather and good roads the interest in both of these departments have been getting back to something normal.

On November 6th last, rural New Castle joined forces with those of Wilmington City for the purpose of freeing the entire upper county of the State of Delaware from the lecherous grip and withering traffic of the saloon. The well known result of that struggle makes interesting reading and tells a hopeful story. Six of the churches of this district lie within the county mentioned, namely, Friendship, Blackbird, Townsend, Union, Middletown, Odessa. The members of these gave an honorable account of themselves as the vote in their respective district well indicates. Yet three months and Easton district will be rid of its last legalized booze joint. Middletown's better citizenship even now wear something of "the smile that won't come off". In July next the notorious saloon in that long rum ridden town is marked to close its front and side doors forever to the drink trade. May God hasten the day when the knell of the saloon's doom will be sounded also for Delaware's chief City, Wilmington.

We close this brief and very imperfect recital of effort and achievement on the district with the great satisfaction that "the Lord of Host" has been our chief helper in all the good that has been done. Surely, "He hath strengthened the bars of our gates." For two years without vacation we have devoted our whole time and attention to the interests of this district and have endeavored to be "instant in season and out of season". There yet remains much work to be done. New problems and difficulties, no less in number or gravity, await the workers who may be assigned to the district for the coming year. No small degree of grit and grace will be needful for every man. However, knowing that "hitherto the Lord hath helped us", and confidently believing with Paul that "we can do all things, through Christ who strengtheneth us", we sincerely thank God for what is past, and implicitly trusting Him for what is to come, we face the future in the blessed assurance, "that all things work together for good to them that love God."

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

V. S. COLLINS, District Superintendent.

When on the second day of April, 1917, Bishop McDowell appointed me to superintend Salisbury District, he assigned me to a kingdom that would make a German princeling turn green with envy. Wilmington may boast that it possesses the majority of wealth of the Peninsula, as it does; Dover may boast it has the brains and the one Christian school of the Peninsula; and Easton may boast that it has the whole-hearted hospitality which has made the Peninsula famous; but Salisbury District modestly claims that she has all three, wealth, culture, and heart. More than that, Salisbury District has religion,—religion of the old fashioned Methodist sort, that begins with poignant conviction for sin; sincere repentance from sin; prayerful waiting before God until the answer comes, an answer of peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. On Salisbury District still may be heard the rapturous shouts of victory when newborn souls are ushered into the kingdom, and there are still among us those who are not ashamed to show their holy joy by leaping in ecstasy when filled by the great Unseen.

From the questions that have been asked me during the year I find so much ignorance on the part of the many otherwise intelligent people as to the metes and bounds of Salisbury District, it may be well to spend a moment in outlining the geography of the territory. Draw a line from about four miles north of Sharptown, Md., on the Nanticoke River eastward to the Delaware Line; thence to a point about three miles south of Laurel; thence to a point about two miles south of Millsboro; then eastwardly to the Atlantic; and this will give you the northern boundary of the District. From this north line, everything southward on the Peninsula between the Nanticoke River and the Chesapeake Bay on the West and the Atlantic Ocean on the east, clear down to the point of Cape Charles is all a part of the District. Nor does it stop there; for looking at your map you will see that Cape Charles is the shape of an index finger, pointing directly to the Southland that lies beyond. So we must take the steamer at Cape Charles and sail 24 miles southwest to Old Point Comfort; and just on its border, a five minutes' ride by trolley, brings you to Phoebus, where we have a Church of great possibilities as yet almost untouched.

From Old Point the Virginia Navigation Company steamer will take you across the beautiful blue waters of Hampton Roads of Civil War fame; past Newport News, the rapidly growing city, whose ship yards are increasingly famous and where "Uncle Sam" is building cantonments to hold 150,000 soldiers at a time for embarkation to the seat of the great war; and still on up the James River we go, leaving Smithfield, home of the celebrated "ham", on our port side; on past Jamestown Island, where John Smith landed; and on to Claremont, our most distant point on the District. Claremont, you will thus see, lies 184 miles to the southwest of the District Parsonage, while Ocean View lies 50 miles to the Northeast of the District Parsonage. To make the round trip to Claremont involves a rail ride of 178 miles, and a steamer ride of also 178 miles, a total of 356 miles. A round trip to Ocean View involves an 80 mile rail ride and a 20 mile carriage ride. Besides these more distant points we have Deal's

Island, which lies 20 miles from the railroad station at Princess Anne; and Holland's Island that nestles in the placid waters of Tangier Sound nine miles beyond Deal's. Chincoteague Island lies six miles from Franklin City and the railroad, across the bay of the same name. Smith's Island lies 12 miles due west from Crisfield, and Tangier Island lies a little further, due south from Smith's Island.

If a map is used in connection with this description of our territory it will readily be seen that the physical difficulties of keeping appointments on schedule time are not few. Difficulties it would be under the best of circumstances; but still more difficult to me because of the peculiar circumstances under which I succeeded to the District work. Brother O'Brien's and Brother Martindale's sudden release from labor to reward, and then the five weeks or so of Brother Dashiell's interregnum left me with no schedule of appointments for my guidance. Arranging the schedule as best I could and starting in to follow it I soon found that so much time was spent in waiting for trains it seemed to me that an automobile would greatly aid me in my work. Then when I commenced to get in touch with my Island work, and found that there were 21 appointments that could be comfortably worked from a boat, I thought it might be wise to build a comfortable cruiser to do that work in proper style. But when this winter's freeze began to break up and miles on end of our roads became impassable; when it was a common sight to see from three to five automobiles in one day stuck hopelessly in the mud and temporarily abandoned, because the roads had become neither land nor water, I concluded that nothing less than a modern hydro-aeroplane would meet the needs of the Superintendent of this District.

But notwithstanding the difficulties Salisbury District is both progressive and progressing. Those who have gone before me in this great work have builded wisely. Brother O'Brien's name is spoken with reverence all over the District, as a wise counselor and brave leader. Brother George P. Jones is still spoken of as a man of tireless energy and faithful service who left his impress for good. Brother Stengle and Brother Martindale are spoken of as Fathers in Israel upon whom all could lean with confidence because of their purity of life and nobility of character. The greatest compliment that could be paid an ex-District Superintendent has just been conferred on Dr. Wilbur F. Corkran in that the Quarterly Conference of one of the largest Churches on the District, viz., Asbury, Crisfield, has unanimously invited him to become their Pastor for the ensuing Conference Year. The work of these noble men of God had so prepared the way that I have found a body of ministers and laymen in charge of the work of the church on the District with whom it has been a pleasure to serve.

The first item of work to which I directed my attention was that of increased support for the Pastors of the District. It is a disgrace to the great church of which we form a part that in these days of high costs for everything we eat and wear that so many of our people are content to pay their Pastor a pittance that would make a hod carrier or a railroad brakeman quit the job in disgust. Then, too, the pittance that is promised is seldom paid at regular intervals, so that for nine or ten months of the

Conference year the minister must live almost entirely on credit or else borrow money and pay interest charges.

So on my first official round I talked, and preached, and prayed for increases in salaries; and nobly did the laymen respond. Twenty-nine charges responded with increased estimates for pastoral support to the amount of \$4476.00 as follows:—

Annessex, \$200; Berlin, \$100; Chincoteague, \$100; Snow Hill, \$100; Newark, \$50; Pocomoke Circuit, \$200; Pocomoke City, \$200; Girdle-tree, \$300; Stockton, \$100; Onancock, \$60; Cape Charles, \$200; Claremont, \$50; Deal's Island, \$200; Fruitland, \$100; Gumboro, \$300; Hebron, \$100; Holland's Island, \$50; Mardela Springs, \$175; Ocean View, \$150; Onancock \$60; Pittsville, \$200; Powellville, \$100; Quantico, \$50; Roxana \$300; Asbury, Salisbury, \$200; Selbyville, \$100; Smith's Island \$100; Tangier, \$300; Venton, \$50; Whitesville, \$100. This handsome advance is but the prelude of what we shall yet see on the District. I have set for the minimum salary to be paid any married man on Salisbury District at \$1000 and a well furnished home; and for a single man \$800 minimum, and all salaries to be paid in full monthly. I believe our big-hearted people will gladly aid in reaching this standard when once they understand the needs of the minister and the joy of consecrated giving. It will be a joy to me when I shall be able to report this standard fully reached by every charge on the District.

District Sunday School Institute.

According to Bishop McDowell's request a District Sunday School Institute was held Nov. 1-2, 1917, in Asbury Church, Salisbury. We were delayed in launching the enterprise because the Board of Sunday Schools at Chicago kept trying to get into communication with dear Doctor O'Brien, until it left me very little time to plan for the preliminary work. However, notwithstanding this handicap we divided the District into eight sub-Districts, and with the Chairman of these sub-Districts to aid us we succeeded in enrolling 356 attendants at the Institute. The whole program was a very high order; those who came as instructors were evidently masters of their several departments; and the after effects of the institute have been excellent. Several of the Sunday School Superintendents have told me that they caught a new vision of what their work really is; and not a few have set about transforming their schools so as to make way for use of the higher ideals and improved methods. I certainly hope that the District Institute shall be made a regular annual affair. Dr. H. C. Wilson who was in charge of the Institute was a charming co-laborer with whom it was a delight to work.

Titles to Property.

The general conference of 1912 made it one of the duties of the District Superintendent to examine titles by which the property of the Church is held. In attempting to carry out this provision of the Discipline, I have found not a little difficulty. There are 107 Churches on the District and 47 Parsonages. Several of these charges own cemeteries and camp grounds,

and other pieces of real estate; so I estimate we must have at least 175 separate pieces of real estate whose title papers I should examine. Although I began on my first round to inquire into the matter, and requested that committees be appointed to bring all deeds, or copies of them, to the next Quarterly Conference, at this writing but 53 deeds have been produced for examination. Of these 43 were in due form; 5 lack the trust clause; and 5 have a revision clause. One deed that was executed in 1860 was not yet recorded in January, 1918; while some of our strongest Churches, like Asbury, Salisbury, can produce no evidence of any title except that of adverse possessions. The parsonage at Berlin is in the same fix.

This is a matter of grave moment. We ought to set ourselves resolutely to build no church on land that is not deeded in fee simple to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with the formal trust clause as a part of the deed. To build on land virtually owned by others is a perversion of a sacred trust, and ministers and laymen ought to take a firm stand against it. I will do what I can to secure the property we now hold, and to see that during my incumbency of this office that Methodist money is not invested in buildings on land to which we have only a partial title.

Revivals.

The combined influence of war, fuel and weather conditions have interfered well nigh disastrously with special services throughout the District. Some pastors, however, had hearts so brave and warm and people so sympathetic that they achieved the success denied to others. Roxana charge, Rev. O. H. Connelly Pastor, reports the largest number of converts on the district, viz., 80; closely followed by Pocomoke Circuit, Rev. C. A. Vandermeulen, Pastor, reporting 75, and Girdle-tree, Rev. W. M. McCann, 70; Dagsboro, Rev. J. C. Hopkins reports 54; Parsonsburg, Rev. D. J. Moore, Pastor, 42; Whitesville, Rev. J. A. Buckson, pastor, 41; Stockton, Rev. O. B. Rice, Pastor, 38; Berlin, Rev. W. E. Greenfield, pastor, 30; while Tangier, Rev. T. J. Sard, pastor, and Quantico, Rev. W. P. Taylor, pastor, tie at 23 each. At the time this report was written (Monday, March 18th), but 25 of the 48 Appointments had reported to the writer; but judging by the returns at that date the conversions on the District will approximate 1,000 for the year. I rejoice with the brethren to whom God has granted the greatest measure of success; and my heart goes out in sympathy to other toilers, equally faithful, yet working under adverse conditions, weather, roads, lack of fuel, and a non-sympathetic set of officials who have "toiled all the night and caught nothing."

Report of Charges.

I am aware that every pastor will have opportunity to make his report through the statistical columns of the Minutes; but I am also aware that a column of statistics is dry reading for most people, so that what is reported in the statistical column is virtually buried to nine-tenths of the Methodists of the territory. I am also aware that to report in detail all the work done on every charge on the District would exhaust the patience of the listeners, and give heart failure to the secretary of the Conference.

Yet some mention of extraordinary good work ought to find recognition in the report of the District Superintendent both for the work's sake, and also that others may strive to win this badge of merit for "Conspicuous and gallant conduct on the field."

I begin with Berlin, my native town. I am glad I was born in Berlin—Maryland, not Germany. I am also glad that as a boy of thirteen I knelt at the plain, old mourner's bench in old Stevenson Church and prayed until I knew my sins were forgiven. From then until now I have intimately known Berlin, and Stevenson Church; and how glad I am to be able to report that Berlin, under the sane, yet vigorous leadership of Rev. W. E. Greenfield, is in the most flourishing condition it has ever been in all the fifty years I have known it. Revival fires still burn on her altars, as witness the 30 conversions during this past year; notwithstanding they had a big revival two years ago when more than a hundred were converted. The kind of pastoral oversight given by Bro. Greenfield is attested by the fact that he was able to report 98½ per cent. of the converts of two years ago still in the church and at work for God. Berlin also reports \$115.00 paid on old debts; \$425.00 on Church and cemetery improvements, and \$558.00 paid to Red Cross and similar war work. Stevenson has advanced her salary twice already during the pastorate of Brother Greenfield and will make another handsome advance next year. The Quarterly Conference voted unanimously to urge the re-appointment of Brother Greenfield for the ensuing Conference year. Stevenson is blessed with one of the most progressive bodies of official men on the Peninsula. They stand for every good thing in church and state.

Deal's Island has had a wonderful year. Starting the new year with an advance of \$200 on salary, they then set about renovating the parsonage and did not stop until they had made a cozy home of which any pastor might justly be proud. Then the Ladies' Aid Society started in to furnish it. So the parsonage at Deal's is now blessed with a convenient kitchen, front and back porches, nicely screened, a bath room, and out-buildings both pleasing to the sight and comfortable for use. When Brother Outten seats himself at the steering wheel of his beautiful Country Club Overland, and glides over the fine shell roads of the Island over which he rules as spiritual monarch he looks every inch a King. Deal's has paid this year about \$400 on Church improvements in installing a new lighting system, and spent about \$1200 on the parsonage. The Camp-meeting was quite a financial success.

During the year Delmar has completed her beautiful parsonage and Rev. F. N. Faulkner has moved into this palatial residence which is valued at \$10,000. In November the pastor held a big rally and secured the assistance of that wizard of finance, Rev. Dr. John Krantz, of the Newark Conference. As a result about \$4,000 was secured in subscriptions, \$2000 of which have been paid; leaving a total indebtedness of \$2,600, partly covered by subscription. Delmar has now a parsonage second to none in the Conference.

The parsonage at Newark, Md., Rev. J. H. Geoghegan, pastor, has been enlarged and beautified at a cost of \$450.00, of which \$305 have been paid. In addition the pastor has secured benevolent offerings 30 per

cent. in advance of any former year in the history of the charge, and pledges for \$1,500 for Wesley Collegiate Institute.

Fairmount, under the inspiring leadership of Rev. A. W. Goodhand, has paid \$500 on old debts, and spent \$189.00 on improvements. All benevolent offerings up to last year and beyond. This, too, in spite of conditions that all the tide water sections of the District have never known in all their history. The freeze absolutely ruined the oyster business on which so many depend for livelihood; and the high wages away from home made certain sections about Fairmount and Deal's Island and such places seem deserted; but by getting the collections in time, and with his executive skill and his grip on the people, Bro. Goodhand has achieved a great victory.

Frankford has had a mixed year because the pastor, Rev. C. W. Strickland, holds ideas concerning war which are not in accord with what some of his men think are just to the country of his adoption; but however, much I may regret that the pastor of any Methodist Church shall so speak in public and in private as to make men doubt his patriotism, I, for one, shall be slow to condemn him when he has sent two of his own sons, one into the army and one into the Navy, where they have already served jointly fourteen years in the service of the country; has sent 6 enlisted men from his Churches; and raised \$450 for Red Cross and other war work relief.

Five of the forty-eight charges on the District were disgruntled last spring because of appointments. Girdletree and Claremont were left without a pastor, and Gumboro, Mardela Springs, Venton and Westover needed adjustment for good and sufficient reasons. Finally all was settled satisfactory by taking W. Vaughan Moore from Westover and returning him to Mardela Springs; taking John T. Graham from Pocomoke Circuit and returning him to Claremont; taking W. F. Atkinson from Westover and sending him to Phoebus, where the pastor had been called into the regular army; sending W. M. McCann from Gumboro to Girdletree and securing C. A. Vandermuelen from the Genessee Conference for Pocomoke Circuit; and from the Holston Conference, Roland C. Elzey and sending him to Gumboro. It has been a source of much gratification that this first attempt at appointment making succeeded so well. Mardela Springs has had the best year in its history. It advanced the salary from \$425 to \$600 and paid every dollar; Churches have been renovated and beautified at a cost of \$700 all paid; and pledges totaling \$910 were secured for Wesley Collegiate Institute. Too much credit cannot be given the energetic young pastor, Rev. W. Vaughan Moore, who has been the centre of activities and the inspiration of his people.

Equally successful has been the work of Rev. W. M. McCann at Girdletree. So favorably did he impress his people on his arrival that they advanced his salary \$300, and have paid it; they have paid \$450. on old debts, some of it four years old; and with 70 conversions as the result of three revival meetings it is not surprising that Girdletree wants their pastor for another year.

Gumboro without even waiting to have a pastor appointed to them authorized me to send them a good man and promised they would pay \$1000 cash salary in addition to improving their parsonage home. In

Rev. Roland C. Elzey they have the man they needed; and right royally has Gumboro kept the faith by paying what she had promised. I have not the full reports yet in hand but Gumboro takes her rank now as a regular \$1000 appointment.

Pocomoke Circuit was pleased with Rev. Chester Arthur Vander-muelen, who came to us from within the bounds of the Genesee Conference. Pluckily setting their salary at \$800, an advance of \$200, even before the pastor arrived, the arrival of this bundle of energy and activity soon started all the church wheels of Pocomoke Circuit moving at a gait they had never before traveled. The new financial plan was introduced at three of the four churches on the charge, and when well under way the pastor planned for a tabernacle meeting on a scale that staggered even the most sanguine of his members. At a total cost of \$882 he built a tabernacle of the Billy Sunday variety that would seat 1000 comfortably; secured his evangelist and chorister; and carried on a seven weeks' campaign which resulted in 75 conversions and 76 being reclaimed. Subscriptions to the amount of \$750 on the old church debt at Williams' has been secured; new stained glass windows for Cokes-bury has been bought and the cost, \$130.00, paid in full. New hymnals bought and paid for, \$56.00; \$335 was pledged on Wesley Collegiate Institute; Parsonage furniture has been improved \$20.00; and the benevolent offerings this year will far exceed anything ever known in the history of the circuit. Pocomoke Circuit will never again be willing to live the old, slow, indifferent church-life after the taste of the whirlwind of progress that has throbbled through them this year.

And Westover, with Rev. J. W. Wootten as pastor, and Phoebus, with good Brother W. F. Atkinson, as pastor, were happier and more prosperous than they have been for some time past. So much for the points that were in trouble one year ago.

The constructive statesmanship of Dr. W. O. Hurst has so effectively organized Salem Church, Pocomoke City, that its power for good is felt not only throughout the city but through all that section of the County. A preacher of marked ability, scholarly, thoughtful, earnest, he weekly feeds his people with the bread which came down from heaven—the Word of God. A patriot, whose every heart throb is for his country's weal, Salem Church under his guidance is a staunch supporter of the President and the Flag. No wonder Salem has raised \$153.00 for Red Cross, and sent 12 of her sons to fight for God and Home and Humanity. Salem shows her appreciation by advancing the pastor's salary \$200 and unanimously requesting his return for another year.

Hebron, Rev. George W. Hastings, Pastor, leads the District in debt-paying, having canceled \$1450 during the past year. Working under disadvantages which I need not here enumerate, the pastor has so succeeded in uniting his people they advanced his salary \$100 this year and paid it; have made a notable advance in all benevolent offerings; and to show their still further appreciation of their pastor they have promised an additional advance of \$100 for next year, and unanimously ask for his return.

To my mind Quantico has one of the most remarkable pastors among us in the person of Rev. W. P. Taylor. Not only has he paid debts to

the amount of \$130.00 and raised \$30.00 for parsonage improvements; but by some power well-nigh miraculous he secured from his circuit a total of \$1150 in pledges for Wesley Collegiate Institute. This in itself was no ordinary feat; but when a man has the nerve to try to drive a Ford car over the highways of his Circuit which only by straining the truth can be called roads, and which in fact, are but trails of mud, of softest consistency and deep as a woman's love; not only thus dares the impossible, so that even his Ford rebels, and back fires and strips its gears, and does a lot of other things which no minister's machine should ever do, especially on Sunday; and when all this happens, and he fails to keep his appointment with his District Superintendent who is compelled to preach in his absence, and comes to the rescue in another car three hours later; and finds the pastor, muddy to the knees, with his best Sunday pants only fit for the wash tub; when all that happens, and the pastor greets the rescue party with a cheery "Well, here we are, waiting for you. Where is Will." I say, when a man can be cheery under such circumstances I take off my hat to him. Truly did one of his leading parishoners say to me, "Brother Taylor has one of the sweetest dispositions I ever saw. Nothing ruffles him."

Whitesville, Rev. J. A. Buckson, pastor, is another circuit that deserves especial mention. Four rural churches, two of them quite weak, under the magnificent leadership of this man of God have won 41 souls for the Master; secured 38 of them on probation; paid \$182 church improvements; and pledged \$1390 for Wesley Collegiate Institute. At the very end of the year, without ever promising to do so, his people paid him \$100 extra on salary, and have promised \$200 advance next year if Brother Buckson is returned to them. He will return all right, if only I can persuade the Bishop to see the case as I do.

Now, we come to Tangier, where the Methodist preacher if he is wise, and good, and brave, is truly "Monarch of all he surveys." For four years Rev. T. J. Sard has held before this generous, sincere people the highest ideals of Christian teaching and life. Nobly have they responded to all his appeals. Notwithstanding all the unusual weather that has struck Tangier as hard, perhaps, as any other section,—frozen up for forty-eight days straight, without communication with the mainland; with all business at a standstill, and enforced idleness on the part of so many; yet this noble people advanced their pastor's salary \$300, and have paid every cent of it, together with the Bishop's and District Superintendent's claim in full; have this year paid \$550 for missions, beside \$63.00 to Wilmington City Missionary Society; paid on debts \$500 and pledged \$1115.00 on Wesley Collegiate Institute. Wonderful Island! A Sunday School of 786 enrolled and I have seen 590 in actual attendance. The only place on the District where at the right season of the year I find 450 to 500 men actually present at a Sunday morning service. Is it any wonder that I love Tangier, and look forward with inexpressible delight to my quarterly visit there?

Step back now to Selbyville, just across the Maryland line in Delaware, and look at the record of Salem Church, Rev. W. H. Briggs, pastor. Beautiful stone Church; fine, new, modern parsonage—a church plant to be proud of; and better still, a band of official men worthy to be officials

in such a Church. See the record of the year: pastor's salary advanced at the fourth Quarterly Conference \$100. and paid in full for the past year, including District Superintendent and Bishop's; \$3,100 given for Red Cross and kindred work; and \$3,200 pledged on the Wesley Collegiate Institute. With such a record are you surprised at the smile the pastor wears as he listens to the praise of his noble men? And his people are just as proud of their pastor, have unanimously requested his return for next year, and promised an additional \$100 on salary.

Antioch Church, Princess Anne, Md., Rev. Leolan Jackson, pays \$1000. on indebtedness this year; and leads the District on Church improvements by installing a fine pipe organ and other improvements to the amount of \$2145.00, all of which has been paid. Antioch has given 18 of her sons to the holy war in which our country is now engaged; has unanimously requested the return of their pastor and promised an advance of \$200.00 in salary.

Snow Hill, Rev. L. E. Poole, pastor, is increasingly prosperous and increasingly useful. Under Brother Poole, whom one of his officials calls "The greatest hustler we ever had," Whatcoat Church is steadily advancing in all good works. She has sent 10 of her sons to the flag, has advanced her salary \$100; has pledged \$2955 to Wesley Collegiate Institute; paid \$20. to Red Cross; and is full of good deeds as well as faith. The church unanimously requested that Brother Poole be reappointed.

The last town I shall mention in this list is Salisbury, the southern metropolis of the Peninsula,—a beautiful little city of 12,000 prosperous, happy souls. We have three churches here, Asbury, Grace and Stengle. Stengle and Grace have joined into one appointment during the past year under the pastoral care of Rev. C. W. Moore, who has done most faithful work, making 1200 pastoral calls; paying \$587 on church debts; raised \$39.00 for Red Cross, and has collected a total of \$169.00 for benevolences.

Asbury Church, the mother Church, under the heroic leadership of Rev. Dr. J. T. Herson, is just beginning to awaken from her comfortable slumber of years past, and is girding herself for the fight for God and Methodism such as she has never before waged. With a membership approximating 900, (123 of whom have been received this year) much above the average in intelligence and wealth; with business men in her official board second to none in ability; with 150 men enrolled in her Men's Bible Class; with a Sunday School so large that the present Sunday School room is not sufficient for its needs; with congregations so large that the main audience room is frequently inadequate;—with all these advantages and assets Asbury Church, Salisbury, has possibilities of usefulness of which she has not even dreamed. But, thank God, her pastor has caught the vision. He will show it, by God's help, to the people. Already we see signs of the coming.

This year Asbury advanced \$200 on pastor's salary, the first church outside of Wilmington to set a salary of \$2,000 cash salary, and the third Church in the history of the Wilmington Conference to do so. Last year her Sunday School gave \$860.00 for missions; the largest gift of any Sunday School in the Conference, and this year will exceed last year's splendid gift. She has contributed \$562 to the other benevolences

of the Church, \$139.00 to the Anti-Saloon League; and how much to Red Cross, Army Y. M. C. A. and other funds, I am unable to state, but it reaches into the thousands. The young women's Red Cross Society alone has paid \$5,800. Asbury has 435 members enrolled in her own Red Cross work, and has sent 42 of her sons to fight for God and humanity, 35 of whom are out of one Sunday School Class—a record for any Sunday School class of which I have knowledge. The fact is, that the Captain, First and Second Lieutenants, and five non-commissioned officers of Co. "I" are honored sons of Asbury. In addition to all this Asbury has pledged \$200 for Domestic Missions for next year, and subscribed \$19,321.25 for the Wesley Collegiate Institute. Truly this record is one of which the whole conference may be justly proud; and surely it is one that cheers the heart of the pastor.

And, pardon me, if I say a word about this pastor of Asbury. He came to us two years ago a perfect stranger, everyone was asking "Who is this man Herson?" No one could answer, except to say he was an Irishman, imported from Philadelphia. He has been with us but two years, and in that time his energy, his loyalty to truth and to God, his ability as a preacher, his zeal as a patriot, his heart-stirring power as an evangelist, have not only stirred Asbury and its clientele, but makes all Salisbury honor the man and the message of salvation he brings. Combined with his jovial Irish comradeship is the blood-red earnestness of his race; and to every pastor on the District he has made himself a brother beloved. Such success has attended his ministry that even Wilmington Methodism turned its smile toward Salisbury, and with beckoning hand whispered "We want Herson"; but Salisbury replied, none too sweetly, I fear, "Get thee behind me, Wilmington." So I thank God to-day for Dr. Herson's life and work among us. Such a transfer to us comes as a valuable asset to our conference forces of righteousness.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

It seems strange that so important a work as this society is doing has not stirred the women of Salisbury District to have organized long ago and had at least 2,000 members on the District. Many pastors have not yet learned the great assistance that this band of holy, devoted women can be to the local church, and discourage the organization instead of encouraging it. But a better day is dawning. Asbury, Salisbury, has just organized an auxiliary with 42 members; Phoebus with 10; Princess Anne has 19 members who have signed the pledge to organize but the organization has not yet been effected. Doubtless this will be done in the near future. I would like to see an auxiliary of this society in every charge on the District.

Epworth League.

This body of young Methodists are under the care of Rev. George E. Sterling as District President, and in many churches are doing really good work. In some Churches the atmosphere is not conducive to a flourishing organization; and unless the young folks have the sympathetic help of the pastor in almost every case it falls flat to earth. The District Convention held last October in Antioch Church, Princess Anne, was

rated as one of the very best yet held. Young people from all over the District are still speaking of the inspiration of the convention.

Wesley Collegiate Institute.

The campaign for the endowment of our Wesley Collegiate Institute was the crowning event of the year's work on the District. Salisbury District loyally adopted in full the plans suggested by the Jubilee Commission of the Board of Education and set about making plans become actual facts. The District was divided into eight sub-Districts, and chairmen appointed to lead the hosts to victory. Revs. J. T. Herson, W. E. Greenfield, L. E. Poole and W. O. Hurst did all that men could do to bring success; and witness what their own Churches did in the campaign, and the group of Churches under their leadership. Rev. Leolan Jackson was sadly handicapped by the serious illness of his daughter right in the midst of the campaign, but devoted what of time and strength was at his command. Rev. Vinal E. Hills put much time and effort in the work, but found the inertia of the neighborhood for the cause too powerful to be fully overcome. How every pastor on the District actually got into the work is indicated by the subjoined list of pledges written. The amounts subscribed do not represent accurately the toil and energy of the pastor; for some charges had big-hearted, enthusiastic laymen who helped to plan the campaign and to push it, while in other charges the leading officials sulked or actively opposed the movement, but in every case, as the figures show, where the pastor put his soul in the work a few of the faithful ones at least followed his example of consecrated giving.

PLEDGES WRITTEN.

Annessex, \$245.00; Asbury, Crisfield, \$400.00; Berlin, \$3210.00; Bishopville, \$260.00; Cape Charles, \$535.00; Chincoteague, \$115.00; Claremont, —; Crisfield, \$910.00; Deal's Island, \$800.00; Dagsboro & St. Georges, \$1925.00; Delmar, \$410.00; Fairmount, \$280.00; Frankford, \$310.00; Fruitland, \$1000.50; Girdletree, \$221.00; Gumboro, \$100.00; Habnab, —; Hebron, \$996.00; Holland's Island, —; Mardela Springs, \$910.00; Marion, \$548.50; Mt. Vernon, \$151.50; Nanticoke, \$120.00; Newark, Md., \$1500.00; Ocean City (Sinepuxent), \$5.00; Ocean View & Millville, \$505.00; Onancock, \$845.00; Parsonburg, \$195.00; Phoebus, \$25.00; Pittsville, \$130.00; Pocomoke City, \$1402.00; Pocomoke Circuit, \$372.50; Princess Anne, \$585.00; Powellsville, \$415.00; Quantico, \$1150.00; Roxana, \$415.00; St. Peters, \$75.00; Salisbury, \$19,321.25; Salisbury, Grace & Stengle, \$300.00; Selbyville, \$3230.00; Sharptown, \$365.00; Smith's Island, —; Snow Hill, \$2952.50; Somerser, \$85.00; Stockton, \$567.00; Tangier, \$1015.00; Westover, \$280.00; Whitesville, \$1390.00—Total for District, \$50,572.75.

I believe this list of figures will prove what I stated in the beginning of this report, viz.: that Salisbury District leads in wealth, culture, and religion. For notice, if you deduct from the pledges for the Institute the large gifts donated by liberal friends of large wealth, you will find three things to be true:

1. That the Methodists of Salisbury District have subscribed more money to the Wesley Collegiate Institute Endowment than the Methodists of any District in the Conference.

2. That Asbury Church, Salisbury, gives the largest amount of any church in the Conference.

3. That to Salisbury District belongs the honor of the largest individual gift to the endowment made by any Methodist in the Conference, viz.: the \$10,000 gift of Hon. W. P. Jackson, at present Treasurer of the State of Maryland.

This proves that Salisbury District has wealth. Why down on Salisbury District our gentlemen farmers would go out in the morning in their automobiles, gather up helpers, take them to their homes at close of the day and pay them \$5.00 per day to pick potatoes.

Oh, we have money on Salisbury District.

That we have culture is proven by the fact that the Methodists of Salisbury District have pledged nearly \$51,000 to maintain our Methodist school of learning. Only cultured people are willing to pay for education and educational facilities.

That we have religion is proven by the fact of the liberal giving upon the part of our people. For me the test of a man's religion is not so much how loud he prays but how liberally he pays. Try us by this test. We will doubtless hear today of the wonderful advances in pastoral support of three of our great churches which have advanced, or propose to advance \$1000 or more on pastor's salary. Good! fine! I rejoice at it. They are now advancing into the Salisbury District class. But even with these great advances they can not quite walk beside us; for when our great metropolitan cathedral pays \$5,000 to one of the biggest and brainiest preachers in Methodism it is paying but \$5.33 per member; while the good people of Chincoteague Island have paid their pastor \$7.33 per member.

I must not leave this subject of the Endowment Campaign without recording my high appreciation of the services rendered by Rev. Dr. Henry G. Budd, the honored President of the Institute. The Board of Education sent us two excellent men in Drs. W. E. Blackstock and C. E. Leitzell. Their work among us will never be forgotten, because they were adepts at this business, and knew how to start us going; but the services of Dr. Budd was equal to the best of the best of them. Pains-taking, indefatigable, wise to plan, persevering in action, he made an ideal captain for the local forces, and we were all glad to rally to the standard he lifted.

The story of that endowment campaign will never be truthfully written if we omit the names of our Methodist Governor, John G. Townsend, Governor of Delaware, and State Senator Orlando Harrison of Berlin, Md. In my judgment these were the two men of all others that made victory possible; and both are honored laymen of Salisbury District. Every one remembers there was a time in the campaign when the leaders became dismayed at the prospects, and even the redoubtable Budd, worked to the limit of endurance, was about to collapse; then these two noble laymen said—"It must be done. It shall be done. Methodism shall not lose out on this proposition." So they started out in their masterful way

to line up laymen from Wilmington to Cape Charles. They encouraged the discouraged pastors, by giving hundreds of dollars scattered through other charges to get them started aright. One Sunday afternoon they wrote up \$1700 on a charge where the campaign was not yet started, and they never stopped in their self-appointed task until that midnight rally of December 20th, when in the assembly hall of the Institute, at Dover, Del., we joyfully sang, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

That was a night never to be forgotten by those who were privileged to be present.

While speaking of laymen of whom we should be proud, permit me to mention the Hon. L. Atwood Bennett, State Senator of Maryland, an able lawyer and a member of Asbury Church, Salisbury, and Superintendent of her Sunday School. Senator Bennett is the acknowledged leader of the temperance forces in the Senate of Maryland; and was ably seconded by Senator Harrison, Senator Parsons and other Methodist statesmen of the Maryland Legislature. Governor Townsend, Senator Harrison and Senator Bennett form a trio of Christian statesmen who are as much "at home" in a Methodist prayer or experience meeting as in the councils of state. Thank God for such laymen, and thank God for the Church that can take plain farmers' boys and train them to so nobly fill such positions of honor and usefulness.

But while most of the work of the year has been successful I have had one serious disappointment and one sincere regret. The disappointment is that we still have no Church at Ocean City. So near my home town and personally acquainted with the place from its very inception, I was enthusiastic from the very start of the movement, and gladly joined hands with the Pastor to accomplish the task. My colleagues in the Superintendent's office kindly yielded to my entreaties, and voted \$2,000 from the first money set apart to our Conference by the Board of Church Extension for that purpose; and the Board of Church Extension looked with favor upon my plea, and set apart \$1000 to be paid this year and will doubtless set a like sum aside for next year, to complete the donation of \$2,000 for which we asked. But the Church is not built, not even started. As to why it is not started there is a wide difference of opinion between the Pastor and the District Superintendent. But Ocean City, a town of 1100 inhabitants, largely Methodists, needs a Methodist Church; and doubtless a way will be found to accomplish what is so badly needed.

The one regret of the conference year is in connection with the church at Crisfield, Immanuel. Dr. Hill, the courtly, scholarly pastor of that great Church, teeming with possibilities, is closing the fifth year of a most successful pastorate. He reports all obligations met; benevolent offerings away ahead of any former year; and places his reports in my hands, as he will not be present at the Conference session. To my profound regret Dr. Hill requests me to ask for him a change in conference relation; and that he be granted a certificate of location according to paragraph No. 169 of the Book of Discipline.

If time permitted I would be glad to relate some of the unusual incidents of the year's work; about waiting all night at a wharf on the bank of the James river for a steamer that did come, and eating breakfast

with a tramp next morning; of tossing about in a small open canoe in half a gale, with a dead engine, while the water poured over the side of the frail craft; and about that cold ride the last Sunday in December, when I became so chilled I became unconscious. But no time for these things except to say it was worth an all night vigil on the river bank to hear the great morning choral of the feathered songsters of the hillside. Mocking-bird, thrush, Carolina wren and the fiery colored cardinal all joined in the peon of praise to the Almighty. It was worth such slight discomfort as moist clothes in the canoe to catch the glint of sunlight on the foam crested billow and feel the lift of the heaving sea that always reminds me of the boundless love of God. And it was well worth while to come so near freezing to death as I did to find how faithful, and tender and helpful a Methodist preacher can be to his brother as was dear brother Marine to me. So like Paul "I count it all joy" to go on these errands for my Master.

This report brings but a very incomplete sketch of what has been attempted for the Master on Salisbury District. I have not sought to impress the idea that I have done the work. I have honestly tried to do my part. You will not care how many miles I have travelled nor how many times I have preached. My one thought throughout the year has been to make God and Heaven wonderfully real to every preacher and to every layman; to teach and preach, that nothing is worth while that leaves God out. If I have helped, even in some small measure to bind up wounded hearts and give the "wine of gladness for the spirit of heaviness," and to help burdened souls find the great Burden-bearer, I am well content. As I have mingled with my brethren in the ministry and seen their difficulties and also their courage in facing them; their besetments and also their triumphs; and viewed the hard and stony ground that many of them have been compelled to till, and yet noted the good seed yielding fruit, some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred fold, my own heart has felt a great throb of holy purpose to do my very best to hasten that day when in truth "Thy kingdom shall come and thy will be done, on Salisbury District, as it is in heaven."

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

ROBERT WATT, District Superintendent.

I count it no small honor to be permitted to present even in brief outline the achievements of another year. How eventful has the year been! Shadow and sunlight have been strangely interblended. The rude alarms of war have disturbed our accustomed quiet. Our streets have been filled with marching hosts. Faces wet with tears have testified to an agony of apprehension. Yet smiles mingled with the tears. There are men sitting in this quiet church who have already passed through their Gethsemane, but without complaint they have offered their sons to "make the world safe for Democracy."

Early in the year the District gave two of its choicest young men to the service, Revs. John W. Chapple, and Raymond W. Cooke. These young men have already come to distinction, both send love and greetings to the conference, and bespeak our prayers that they may honor their profession, and "quit themselves as good soldiers of Jesus Christ."

It may sound like a truism to say that the conditions under which we have cared for the interests of the King during the year were unprecedented, but to those who manned the far flung battle line it but faintly expresses the facts. What with conditions born of this world war, and the bitterest winter for many years, fuel shortage, impassable roads, an almost constant appeal for sacrifice and self denial, and money, it was a year in which hardship was the rule, not the exception. In some instances men tramped miles through the snow and mud only to find churches closed and no congregation. Yet no grinch was apparent, no grumbling heard, only a steady going down the line to win. Who says the days of heroism is passed speaketh neither wisely nor well. Association with these men has made the year worth while.

That "there is no discharge in that war" was vividly brought home to us in the going away of two of our number, the Revs. H. A. G. Westfield and Asbury Burke, one from the retired ranks, the other from the midst of the fray. Both made brave but unavailing struggles against the inroads of fatal maladies. They wrought well their part, they were "good soldiers of Jesus Christ." Appropriate memoirs will be presented at the Memorial Session.

In the death of Francis W. Heisler, Esq., Grace church has lost one of its most useful officials. A man of gracious and charming manner, a devoted and loyal Methodist, brother Heisler will be missed from the councils of the church he loved. It is eminently fitting that a brief memoir grant him a place among the heroes enthroned.

For the most part the health of the ministers has been preserved. Dr. Emerson P. Roberts, pastor at Newark, has evinced the traits of a hero. With a throat ailment that would have justified his release from active service he tarried by the staff. It is with deep regret that he feels compelled to ask for the retired relation. He leaves the active ranks with the esteem and respect of the conference.

The past year has been the most eventful in the history of the district.

To begin with, Wilmington Methodism is in the midst of a forward movement the possibilities of which are well nigh limitless. The commercial development of the past three years has made the City bulk big in the eyes of the world. Methodism must be prepared to take full advantage of this situation, for "the tide taken at the flood leads on to fortune."

Within the past four years through various financial drives Wilmington has raised over \$3,000,000, its offering to the Red Cross exceeding \$1,000,000.

Within shouting distance of these various drives came the campaign to endow our Collegiate Institute. A multitude of things made against hope of success. Many felt that it was inopportune. The needs born of the war made folks impatient with any other appeal, but when they be-

came convinced that this appeal was based in a real patriotism their response was prompt and generous as is shown by the offering of \$66,385, \$47,000 being contributed by the City, \$19,000 outside the City. Could the district have received credit for all contributed by Wilmingtonians the amount would have reached \$80,000 for the city and nearly \$100,000 for the district.

Upon the group heads, Revs. G. P. Jones, Ivanhoe Willis, G. W. Bounds, H. B. Kelso, F. X. Moore, G. W. Dawson, G. T. Alderson, W. F. Corkran, J. L. Johnson, J. Howard Gray, E. W. Jones, the chief burden fell. These men by unremitting effort put the program across. It is but simple justice to include the name of Rev. H. F. Randolph of Grace church, for it was the way he lined up his church that made success possible, \$23,000 coming from that source. To these men and their churches I desire to make record of my official as well as my personal appreciation. With workers like them toil is a pleasure, and hardship a delight.

In addition to the endowment campaign there has been a perfect deluge of calls for funds, and the total outside of the benevolences will approximate nearly \$100,000.

Wilmington District is doing its share to lift the average support of the ministry. It not only led the Washington Area, but so far as the figures are ascertainable, it led every Area in the church in salary advances. The total advance for the year is \$7,500, as follows:

Grace church leads with an increase of \$1200, and an increase for next year of \$1000, making its salary \$5000 and an assistant; St. Pauls comes next with \$1000, and an increase for next year of \$500, making its salary \$3000; St. Georges and Summit follow with \$500, Kingswood \$450, Bethel \$400, Brack-Ex \$250; Cookman, Wesley, Zion, Trinity, Richardson Park, Claymont, Chesapeake City and Union \$200 each, and Union gives notice that its salary next year will be \$3000; Madeley, McCabe, Hopewell, Hockessin, Cherry Hill, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Lebanon, Christiana, Stanton, \$100 each; Rising Sun, Ebenezer, and Colora \$50 each, Silverbrook \$100 and a purse of \$300. Mt. Salem and Harrison St. and Brack-Ex and Scott indicate advances for the ensuing year. As it looks at this writing the advance next year will equal, if not exceed, that of the present year.

Several of the churches have presented purses to their pastors, among which are Mt. Salem, St. Pauls, Kingswood and Epworth.

Fine as is the financial showing it might have been far better had more of the churches had the vision, and adopted a plan commensurate with the vision. The good is coming when Christian Stewardship will be synonymous with a Christian profession. In this lies the secret of church finance. One of our most capable and conservative business men is authority for the statement that if a good majority of our people were tithing we would have an income of a million and a half dollars. What could not the church do with an income like that?

Because of a rapidly growing community owing to the expanding character of the work of Delaware College, our church in Newark is putting on a program that will meet these new conditions. That this church goes beyond our borders for a minister should not in any sense be con-

strued as a reflection on our own men. Conference boundaries are for convenience of administration and should never be a Chinese wall. Personally I believe that exchanges between conferences are beneficial to both conferences and men. In many instances it materially extends the effective period of a man's ministry. If there be those among us who think that we have suffered any injustice in this matter, a study of the record for the past thirty years including the present year will convince them of their mistake. The balance is largely in our favor.

The material interests have not been neglected. In the dedication of the new Sunday School building at Mt. Salem the value of the property is not only increased by \$16,000, but it furnishes an adequate equipment for a modern Sunday School and a means by which the recreational life of the young people can be cared for. Rev. T. R. VanDyke and the writer were the preachers. The response to the appeal for funds was so liberal that more than enough was subscribed, \$11,000 of which are already paid, to cover the debt of the improvement. The pastor, Rev. W. E. Habbart, is a worthy successor to Brother VanDyke.

The completion of the Italian church at a cost of \$12,000 realizes a long cherished dream of those who are in touch with our foreign problem. The chief credit for the building of this church belongs to the corresponding secretary of the City Missionary Society. It was due largely to his optimistic persistence that the project was started this year. The conference made no mistake in the appointment of brother Beauchamp to this important work as his report will abundantly show. And but for our educational drive the results would be still better.

The completion of a new parsonage at Eastlake at a cost of over \$5000 gives to this church one of the best parsonages in the City, and no man deserves it more than the present pastor, Rev. E. H. Collins.

Early in the year in order to house the new minister at Kingswood I had to go on the market and purchase a house on my own responsibility. The generous action of McCabe church in relinquishing its claim to \$700 Church Extension money, and aid from Cookman, Wesley and Richardson Park, as well as personal gifts of individuals who always respond to the call of need, made the purchase possible.

Town Point rejoices in the dedication of a beautiful little church costing \$4000, an evidence of their loyalty, and of the unwearied diligence of the Rev. J. H. Thornton, who would not be disheartened.

Wesley, Wilmington, has undergone extensive repairs and now has one of the most attractive auditoriums in the City. The Rev. Zach Wells was the inspiration of the movement, and by his own efforts raised a goodly share of the money needed. Bishop John W. Hamilton, and the Rev. Adam Stengle, were the reopening day preachers.

Charlestown church has been completely renovated at a cost of \$8000, every dollar of which is paid. Rev. W. B. Horner never does things by halves. Hockessin has installed a new heating plant at a cost of \$300. It would be difficult to find a more beautiful rural church property than the Hockessin church and parsonage. It is ideal. Rev. D. F. McFaul, its revered and beloved pastor, comes to the session of the conference seeking the retired relation. He is by far the oldest man

among us active or retired. He closes his ministry with the respect and love of his own flock and of the entire community.

Extensive improvements are reported also at Scott, St. Pauls, Cookman, Claymont, St. Georges, New Castle, Grace, Newport, Brandywine, Silverbrook, Harrison St. and Cherry Hill.

Substantial progress has been made also in the payment of debts. Perryville leads with its \$5000 debt provided for. The pastor was assisted by that wizard of church finance Dr. John Krantz. I commend him to any of the brethren who have money to raise, he surely knows how. The success of this enterprise was due in a large measure to the generosity of Wm. H. Cole, Jr., a consistent tither. May his tribe increase.

The parsonage debt at Madeley is a memory and a new church a necessity in the near future. Brother Broadway is king in South Wilmington. Cookman pays \$1275 on its debt and the benevolences are 100% in advance of last year. Brother Bennett is a winner. North East reports \$685, and Newark \$400.

St. Pauls takes another thousand dollars from its debt. The largest part of this amount was raised by the calender club of which Mrs. Mayrice Alexander is president. The Sabbath School aided also, led by its Superintendent, Mr. A. F. Jervis.

Other debts are as follows:

Mt. Pleasant \$200, and a large increase in the benevolences added to a 120% last year.

The elect women of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, and the Ladies Aid Society continue to be influential factors in the work of the church. They conduct their affairs with a zeal according to knowledge. Without reserve they can say "this one thing we do." The churches that do not avail themselves of these agencies are standing in their own light, for these consecrated women are always to be depended on for any possible service they can render.

One of the criticisms most frequently heard against the church is that it fails too often to make a distinctive appeal to men. The best answer to this criticism is the Brotherhood and the men's movement in the Sunday School. In the beginning these organizations were largely social in their activities, but in the new vision that has come to the church they have become direct and powerful adjuncts to the spiritual life of the church and community. No single agency promises larger spiritual results than these organizations.

In our recent wet and dry campaign they were invaluable, especially in our street and theatre meetings. In the presence in considerable numbers of these militant Christians had much to do with almost uniform good order that prevailed.

Among the churches that are making large use of these organizations are Grace, Mt. Salem, Madeley, Scott, Harrison St., Union, St. Pauls, Cookman, Brandywine, Silverbrook, Eastlake, Elkton, North East, and Rising Sun. Operating under the direction of the pastor they strengthen the church where it was failing to make its influence felt.

Just a word relative to the annual meeting of the District Stewards. These meetings for the most part have been largely for the transacting of routine business. This year a radical change was made. The business

was transacted in the committee of the whole. This conserved time and gave much greater satisfaction than the old method. The afternoon and evening were devoted to a discussion of personal evangelism. Dr. Geo. B. Dean of the Department of Evangelism of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was with us. He is a master of assemblies, and his messages inspired and profited. By a formal resolution unanimously adopted the District Stewards requested that a similar plan be followed this year. All agreed that it was the most helpful District Stewards meeting they had ever attended.

That any charge has succeeded in advancing its offerings to the Benevolences in the face of the conditions that grew out of the multiplied demands for money seems well nigh incredible, yet the honor list that follows bears eloquent witness to the loyalty of both people and pastors. The charges advancing their offerings from the data at hand, are: Cookman, Brandywine, St. Pauls, Scott, Silverbrook, Kingswood, Eastlake, Zion, North East, Christianna, Chesapeake City, Hockessin, the largest advance being at Brandywine, Cookman, Richardson Park, and St. Pauls respectively.

The supreme business of the church, the perfecting of the saints and the conversion of sinners, has occupied the chief place in the work of the year. For a variety of reasons the visible results are not as striking as they were last year, but the toil of the reapers was not in vain.

The largest number of conversions reported are from Scott and Madeley, nearly a hundred in each case. There have been few services at Asbury this year that have not witnessed conversions.

Special services in which the spiritual life of the church was greatly quickened, were held at Union, Harrison St., Mt. Salem, Kingswood, Trinity, Perryville, North East, Colora, St. George and Summit, and Rising Sun. The number of accessions will appear elsewhere.

McCabe and Brandywine united in one of the best revival services that either church has known. Not in the number of conversions, perhaps, but judged by the inspiration and blessing that came to the churches it was glorious.

Elkton has been mightily stirred by a union meeting in which the Presbyterian and Methodist churches united. The two churches worked together like true yoke-fellows, and the Spirit set the seal of His approval upon their united efforts. It was a modern Pentecost that Elkton will not soon forget. The services were held in the State Armory, and were under the management of the Johnson Evangelistic party. All speak in the highest terms of the entire party. About 200 persons indicated a preference for our church.

When wisely used the Epworth League is an effective agency for the training of our young people in Christian service. Mr. T. B. Ely, our District President, is a consecrated, capable leader, an inspiration to district force. He has large things in mind for the coming year. The District Convention was in every sense a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The evening speakers, Drs. Geo. B. Henson and W. L. McDowell, brought us great messages.

Closely related to this organization is the Sabbath School. A new vision of the purpose and possibilities of this institution has come to

the church. The institutes held last fall were well forth while, and Bishop McDowell has large plans in mind for the coming year.

There is, however, a danger against which we should guard. Training can never be substituted for a vital religious experience that has its origin in saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Nor can the Sabbath School in any sense be a substitute for the church. Pastors, Superintendents and teachers have a responsibility here that cannot be ignored except at the peril of the church.

It is not a far cry from 1903 to 1918, but measured by the progress of the war against booze it might cover the period of a generation. The contest in Rural New Castle and Wilmington has become history. We won in the County but lost in the City, but the liquor men knew that something was doing every day of the campaign. By the aid of after dark voting and immense sums of money they succeeded in keeping the City wet. That royal Methodist layman, Caleb E. Burchenal, Esq., supported by the Anti-Saloon League and the Protestant clergy of the City gave the rum men a run for their money. There was no jubilation, no parade, they had had enough. Thank God for a Governor like John G. Townsend, Jr., and thank God for a Legislature that did not flinch nor yield to pressure.

Personally the year was the most strenuous of my ministry. For four months I gave myself almost exclusively to the two campaigns that engrossed thought and time and attention night and day. The drafts made on the participants were such that the limits of human endurance were almost reached. But these exacting and exhausting labors had their compensation, among which was another nail driven in coffin of king alcohol, and the permanent endowment of our institution of learning, and the unflagging zeal and steadfast loyalty of my brethren will linger as one of the sweetest memories of my life.

Better by far were "toils like these, than waking dream, or slothful ease." With gratitude "to Him Whose we are and Whom we serve," and to all who any way contributed to the victories of the year, this review is respectfully submitted.

(b) STANDING COMMITTEES.**AUDITING COMMITTEE.**

Rev. T. E. Terry, Treasurer of the Conference Board of Domestic Missions, has paid out the following amounts: To W. R. Mowbray, for Dover District, \$235; To W. A. Wise, for Easton District, \$230; To V. S. Collins, for Salisbury District, \$355; To Robert Watt, for Wilmington District, \$360.

Report of W. R. Mowbray: Received of T. E. Terry, Treas. Domestic Missionary Society, \$235; received of W. J. Downing, Treas. Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, \$57 and from J. W. Colona, Conference Treas., \$5—Total, \$297. Paid to: Church Creek \$40; Lakesville \$50; Armory and Asbury, \$100; Salem \$30; Vienna, \$35; Hoopers Island, \$10; Hickman, \$15; Williamsburg, \$17—Total, \$297.

Report of W. A. Wise: Balance in hand March 28, 1917, \$8.50; received of T. E. Terry, Treas. Domestic Missionary Society, \$230; received of W. J. Downing, Treas. Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, \$58; received of C. T. Wyatt, \$15—Total, \$311.50. Paid to: Fairlee, \$25; Cheswold, \$30; Wye Mills, \$40; Royal Oak, \$28; Oxford, \$60; Queens-town, \$25; Henderson, \$25; Marydel, \$25; Piney Neck, \$15; Dulaney's Church, \$15; Church Hill, \$5; Sherwood, \$5; Balance in hand, \$13.50—Total, \$311.50.

Report of V. S. Collins: Received from T. E. Terry, Treas. Domestic Missionary Society, \$355; received from W. J. Downing, Treas. of Home Mission and Church Extension Society, \$85; from various pastors, \$179—Total, \$619. Paid to: Mardela Springs, \$100; Grace & Stengle, \$181; Phoebus, \$100; Claremont, \$75; Ocean City, \$100; Venton, \$50; Powellville, \$16; Holland's Island, \$50—Total, \$672. Overpaid, \$53.

Report of Robert Watt: Received from T. E. Terry, Treas. of Domestic Missionary Society, \$360; received from J. W. Colona, \$30—Total, \$390. Paid to: Kingswood, \$200; Chesapeake, \$100; Delaware City, \$40; Hockessin, \$40; Colora, \$40; Mt. Lebanon, \$40; Cherry Hill, \$40; St. Johns, \$40; Christianna, \$30; Town Point, \$25—Total, \$595. Overpaid, \$205.

Received from R. M. Cooper, Treasurer, for Mrs. Annie Chatham, \$200. This amount was properly applied as per voucher.

All accounts of Rev. J. W. Colona, Conf. Treas., examined by Auditing Committee found correct as follows—Total in cash receipts for 1917 from all sources, \$57,677.17. Disbursements to all causes, \$57,665. Balance in Treasury from 1917, \$12.17. Total balance on hand \$142.17.

TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION.

The change in the attitude of the public mind from indifference, to open hostility, and to aggressive action, against the drink evil, is one of the most remarkable moral phenomena of modern times. This change is

not an accident, but is the direct result of the persistent agitation of the evils of the legalized liquor traffic, and of instruction in the public schools as to the evils of the use of alcoholic beverages upon the human body. So effective has been this work that today the aroused sentiment of the people, like a swelling torrent, is sweeping away the refuges of lies built up by the liquor people, and is driving from their hiding places these destroyers of manhood of the nation.

When Mark Antony was preparing to uncover the wounds of Caesar he said to the people, "If you have tears to shed prepare to shed them now."

Let those who have grown rich through the liquor traffic, filling their coffers with wealth coined out of the prosperity of others, prepare to weep for their occupation is going.

John Barleycorn, the modern Caesar, who has torn the crown of sobriety from the brow of American youth, and who has aspired to the throne of kingly power among us, is being slain in the Senate of Public Opinion, and will soon lie dead at the feet of the statue of Public Conscience. Already in twenty-seven states the people by their ballots have said, "We will not longer have this evil monster to rule over us;" and have driven him from their midst, and placed at their gates guards with flaming swords to prevent his return. And many other states are largely prohibited territory through local option enactment.

One of the greatest victories for temperance and prohibition which has been achieved was the passage by the Congress of an amendment to the national constitution forbidding within the United States of America, the manufacture, sale, importation or exportation of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes. One year from the date upon which two-thirds of the states through their legislatures shall have ratified this amendment it will become the law of the land. Already ten states have ratified this amendment. The significance of their action is increased by the fact that three of these states were claimed by the "wets."

There are at Washington three U. S. Senators and two Congressmen from our Conference territory. These five men all voted for the prohibition amendment to the national constitution.

We hereby express our profound appreciation of the fact that through the prompt action of their legislatures the states of Maryland and Delaware have placed their names on this new honor roll of the states, being among the first ten to ratify the national amendment, this new declaration of independence. One great factor toward securing the splendid majorities for the amendment in these two states was the personal and official attitude of their respective governors, the Hon. Emerson C. Harrington of Maryland, and the Hon. John G. Townsend of Delaware. As a conference we deeply appreciate the courageous stand taken by these two men relative to the nation-wide prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The recent "wet and dry" election held in New Castle County, Del., brought a well earned victory to the "dry" forces of Rural New Castle County, and a costly victory to the "wet" forces of Wilmington. All honor to the ministers and laymen of all the churches who joined in this splendid fight for better moral conditions in Delaware.

The organized forces joining in the contest in Delaware, and working harmoniously for victory, were the W. C. T. U., the Anti-Saloon League, and the Church Temperance Society. Among those persons who rendered effective service were Dr. Clarence True Wilson, Rev. E. C. Prettyman and the Rev. J. N. C. Coggin. The last named man did splendid service among the colored people.

In this day of victory we will not falter. There can be no peace without victory. The autocracy of the liquor traffic must be destroyed. The morning breaks bringing in the day when "Old Glory" shall float a "stainless flag" over a "saloonless nation."

BIBLE.

The Bible is God's great message to man. It is in a peculiar sense the inspired Word of God. It is the one authority both for our faith and for our conduct, teaching us how to live and how to die.

In this hour of crisis for the whole world, it is to the Bible that the multitudes are turning, for guidance, for comfort, for hope.

In the trenches and cantonments the brave lads who are called to the colors have two wars to engage their attention and call forth the powers of their being. In the war against the lust of flesh and the wiles of the tempter, the Bible is in their hands as indeed the sword of the Spirit. From May 1st to December 31st, 1917, the American Bible Society sent out from its presses nearly 1¼ million copies of Scripture for soldiers, marines and sailors. This Society is now engaged in a campaign to raise \$400,000 for further supplying soldiers and sailors with the Scripture, \$200,000 of which has already been expended in the purchase of 1,000,000 copies of the khaki Testament for the Y. M. C. A. This is a free gift to that organization.

While the Society has been thus pressed to provide for our boys in army and navy, increased demands have come from the homes, out from which these boys are going. Fathers and mothers, wives, children and friends are turning in increasing numbers from the words of man to the blessed Book that they might thereby come into more intimate touch with the God of all comfort.

The Society is to be congratulated for erection of the Bible House at Christobal, Panama, Canal Zone. This is a strategic situation and makes possible a distributing depot for the Pacific world. Ships passing through the Canal are now visited by colporteurs in employ of the Society.

Ever since the General Conference of 1836 the Methodist Episcopal Church has officially recognized the American Bible Society. We appeal to the pastors in this Conference not to neglect the claims of this Society.

A fact of very great interest to us is that the American Department of Labor has chosen the Bible as the standard for a reading test for immigrants. It is the People's Book, Humanity's Book, being now published in at least 700 languages, reaching the people of nearly every race, color and religion.

This great Book of books is indeed leading the nations of the earth out of the darkness and superstition of the ages, unto Him who is the Light of the World, and we should continue to spread it abroad until the "knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

We believe that religious education is the great bulwark of nations, and that we should hold fast to the Bible as the anchor of our liberty. We therefore declare it our conviction that the best system of education gives a large place to the study of the Bible, and a curriculum that entirely ignores the Bible should not have our approbation; while the continuance in this country of leniency of thought and action toward the efforts of those who would bar from our public school even the reading of the Word receives our strongest condemnation.

It is a matter of peculiar gratification to note at this time that the Maryland Legislature has passed to third reading a bill providing for the reading of the Bible in the Public Schools at the opening of each morning session. We hope this bill will become the law of the state of Maryland, and that similar laws will be enacted until every Public School under the stars and stripes will begin the days work with the open Bible.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The stress of war has compelled the readjustment of almost every human activity and the orderly observance of the Sabbath in many parts of the world seems to be impossible. The Hun halts not for the Lord's day and those who stand for the protection of human liberties must resist his aggression seven days a week. To these heroic men we give our most loyal support and we believe fighting for God and for humanity to be as religious as preaching and praying.

Many of the industrial phases of war, however, are mistakenly condemning men to perpetual toil. It has been well established that brain and brawn, beast of burden, machinery and the very soil were created for periodic rest. Therefore the British Government has commanded such modification of war industrial life as may be possible in conformity to the Sabbath Law written, not by Moses, but written in all created things by God himself.

We commend the action of the other great English speaking nation and bespeak the highest productiveness of our own national energies by a proper respect for God's and Man's day.

We especially condemn the greed and godlessness which takes advantage of these times to force upon all our communities violations of the Sabbath laws.

One year ago this Conference ordered the appointment of a Committee consisting of the District Superintendent and one minister and one layman in each District to co-operate with the Lord's Day Alliance. It further recommended that the District Superintendents and the Ministers preach at least once a year in each charge on the subject of Sabbath Observance and that special days with special speakers be observed in every Sabbath School.

This recommendation which was intended to unify the action of our church has produced only sporadic effort. With the hope of better results we earnestly recommend the adoption of last years plans and we beseech the brethren not to allow their own towns and neighborhoods to be the nullifying influence to other communities efforts. Let every preacher find himself challenged to heroic action when his neighborhood is advertised by Sabbath breakers as a reason for relaxation in other and better regulated places. Let us preserve the Sabbath with its sanctities for our own children and for the future generations.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is the greatest adjunct to the Christian church. The strenuous efforts of the present, both to gather all the people and to properly instruct in the word of God, is hailed with joy. The church or pastor who neglects this indispensable feature of church work is destined to be relegated to obscurity.

The Word of God is being read and studied as never before. The soldier, sailor, farmer, mechanic and laborer is earnestly seeking this "wisdom that cometh down from above." We are pleased to note the many forms of teaching the Scriptures, viz., blackboard, stereopticon pictures or any form that fastens the truth on the mind of the people.

We recommend that a special drive be made by all the churches for the enlisting of the many who are not attending Sunday Schools. And last but not most important that we teach, with special emphasis, the good old orthodox truths, viz., repentance and faith and the infallibility of the Scriptures.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL.

In making our report for the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., we have just cause to commend it for its great and noble work.

It has so prospered from time to time that it is now one of the foremost institutions of its character. It not only is capable of administering to the physical but spiritual needs of mankind.

The Committee wishes also to commend the efficient and successful work of the Secretary, Dr. C. M. Boswell, pledging him our interest and support in his great work.

We recommend that all our churches so far as possible remember the Hospital by their contributions and donations not only of money but of canned fruits, vegetables, etc.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

There should be no conflict in missionary work. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is a strong arm of the church. We believe in helping those women which labor in the Gospel. We commend it to the

church, and urge all of our pastors as far as practicable to have an auxiliary in every charge.

May our Heavenly Father constantly bless this noble band of devoted women who labor so zealously in God's vineyard.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Without any attempt to enumerate the many good deeds of the past, or to compile statistics setting forth the sum total of monies raised or goods sent, by this worthy band to be found here and there and scattered abroad even to the utmost bounds of Methodism, we simply desire to urge anew and afresh upon our minds and hearts the debt of gratitude the church in general owes the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

"Her lines, truly, have gone out through all the earth."

This society has been the Dorcas Club, the glad and welcome Santa Claus and the Good Samaritan, in the home field of woman's activities.

Let us see to it that this column is not left blank in our Conference reports.

PERIODICALS.

In every calling in life, in order to come to his best, man has ever striven to make the best possible use of chosen agencies within his reach. The business man, the farmer, the politician,—yea, all who are ambitious to succeed in their various callings, gladly apply the greatest means at their command in order to win out.

The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, having at heart a purpose more noble, broader, and better fitted to bless men everywhere than has any other calling or profession, should NEVER fail to make use of any and all means at hand to lift mankind from sin to God, and to safeguard every soul brought into the Kingdom of Grace.

Our own Church papers and literature should appeal to every ideal in our christian experience. We recommend to our people the Christian Advocate as a paper well calculated to strengthen every holy ambition, and to give inspiration to any who will carefully read its well written contributions. The average official of our Church ought not to think of being at his best without reading the Christian Advocate any more than he would expect to be physically strong without bread. Just as farming implements are made for the planter's special use, and the carpenter's tools are absolutely necessary for the achievements of the house builder, so are the Advocate, The Epworth Herald, the Methodist, World Outlook and the many other Methodist publications great helps to our people in building them into large, holy, enduring Methodists, and in giving them a vision of the Christ.

But few of our people take the trouble to inform themselves concerning the magnitude of the publishing interest of our great Methodist Book Concern, the most unique business proposition in this country. It was established in 1789, on a borrowed capital of \$600, but since has

climbed to the high point of over six millions of dollars. Of the 1100 persons employed in running this great concern, whose output in 1917 was \$3,333,873, not one of them owns one dollar of stock, but the entire plant belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. The publications are made for us and our children. Let us use them.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League is both Pioneer and Reserve. In the hands of a skilled officer, its possibilities are immeasurable.

The conventions held on the several Districts revealed progress in all departments. The Junior League showed marked advancement in the use of the Graded Work.

Serious handicap sometimes results from lack of attention to prompt payment of per capita tax to the District Leagues and the Central Office. Such tax must be promptly paid.

Definite plans have been made to hold an Epworth League Institute at the Wesley Collegiate Institute July 8-14, 1918. The program has been prepared, and a splendid corps of workers secured. Each Chapter is expected to send at least two delegates to the Institute.

Each Charge is requested to pay for one registration, \$2.00, which will be credited to the delegate named by that Charge. The District Superintendents are directed to include this item in their apportionment sheets, said amounts to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Conference Board of the Epworth League during the second week in May.

Each Pastor is urged to see that proper attention is given to this important feature made necessary by the exigency of the times.

THANKS.

The 50th session of the Wilmington Annual Conference will soon be a memory.

It has proven a session of pleasure and profit, marked by a spirit of brotherly kindness and consideration.

We desire to express our sincere gratitude to Almighty God for His goodness and love which have been manifest during the Conference.

We record with gratitude our debt of appreciation to Bishop Frank M. Bristol. The manner with which he has conducted the business of the Conference has been eminently fair and brotherly. His lecture, addresses and sermons have heartened and inspired us. His personality has engendered enthusiasm and loyalty.

We desire to express our appreciation for the visits of Bishops Theodore S. Henderson and Wilson S. Lewis. Their presence proved to be inspiring and their messages thrilling. The visits of the representatives of our several boards of denominational activity are noted with gratitude.

We are proud of the fact that His Excellency, the urbane Governor of Delaware, John G. Townsend, Jr., and his Honor, the brilliant Mayor

of Dover, Arley B. Magee, honored us with their presence and counsels.

We tender our sincere thanks to the Rev. W. E. Gunby, the pastor of Wesley Church, and to the officials, members and friends of the same, to the President and Trustees of Wesley Collegiate Institute and to the citizens of Dover. By their kindness and hospitality all have made this Conference most pleasant and profitable.

The music rendered by the magnificent choir under the leadership of Miss Elsie Bishop, Chorister, and Miss Edna Carin, Organist, has been enjoyable and soul stirring. The press correspondents have been courteous and unfailingly helpful. The Delaware Trust Company and other business concerns of Dover have placed for our use their equipments, thereby greatly facilitating the work of the Conference. The churches of the city have opened their doors and placed their pulpits at the disposal of the brethren, thereby exhibiting a fraternal and Christian spirit. To all we give our hearty thanks.

As we come to the close of the Conference session and leave for our various fields of labor, we pray the Father's continued love and guidance for the Churches and people of Dover.

(c) SPECIAL AND FINANCIAL.**WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY & CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.**

As Corresponding Secretary of your Society, I am here to sound a note of warning. In these days of unprecedented experiences, one of the most weighty matters to engage our attention, is the consideration of caring for the people of other tongues in this country.

Our country is growing, not from immigration, in these war times, but from multiplication, with the foreigner as the multiplier. The earlier immigration was from countries intimately connected with the struggle for civil and religious liberty which prepared the way for American civilization. They were fitted to understand and appreciate our institutions. The reverse is now true. The people now represented most largely in our rapid growth did not actively pass through the great spiritual upheaval that made the modern world. The Great God of our Universe has picked them up from the raw sections of His World and put them on our doorstep with the message: "Teach the gospel to every creature."

Our danger lies deeper than in the fact they are Jews, Roman and Greek Catholics, or even that they are largely illiterate; the peril lies in their mental and spiritual awakening under the stimulus of their new surroundings unless we give them intelligent guidance.

The proportion of children in our immigrant families is about two to one against the native element. As children are the source of future church members, as well as future citizens, we must either open the way to the supply or lose out for lack of material. So that selfish as well as benevolent reasons demand that we heed the rapidly changing conditions.

If ever patriotism had a mission on earth it is to meet the sore need of these people as they break from their ancient spiritual moorings to make a new world for themselves and their children. It is our opportunity. The Roman Catholics who came to us in earlier years had been in touch with Protestantism and had deliberately chosen their faith; those who have come in later years have not vitally and intelligently made their choice. Their chance to choose comes in America. They are open to our message when we learn to translate it in terms that meet their condition.

I have enjoyed the years work. I have traveled 14,000 miles, preached 126 times, waited on 230 individuals.

The society has received in cash from all sources not counting the \$5,000.00 received from the sale of the West Street property, \$6582.81. In pledges, \$2000.—Total, \$8582.81.

In this amount the following churches are credited in excess of their apportionment: Chestertown, \$25; Cookman, \$25; Delaware City, \$25; Eastlake, \$25; Ebenezer, \$20; Epworth, \$25; Grace, \$25; Greensboro, \$25; Harrington, \$25; Harriston Street, \$25; Italian Sunday School, \$50; Lincoln, \$50; McCabe, \$75; Milford, \$50; New Castle, \$600; New Port, \$75; Perryville, \$185; Red Lion, \$125; Richardson Park, \$190; Rising Sun, \$45; Rock Hall, \$25; St. George's, \$225; Still Pond, \$100; Sherwood, \$25; St. Michaels, \$25; Silverbrook, \$35; Union, Wilmington, \$25; Wesley, Dover, \$25; Fairlee, \$25; Individuals not Methodists, \$700.

The following preachers have met their apportionment in full: Earl Shockley, Z. H. Webster, Howard Davis, L. I. McDougle, T. J. Sard, L. E. Barrett, D. W. Jacobs, Thomas Pardee, H. C. Shipley, G. E. Wood, R. T. Thawley, A. R. Brown, G. C. Williams, F. J. Corkran, W. O. Hurst, Hugh Kelso, G. W. Bounds, E. P. Roberts, W. E. Habbart, Frank Brisbin, F. F. Carpenter, J. L. Sparklin, J. P. Outten, E. H. Collins, W. E. Greenfield, T. C. Smoot, Melvin Wheatley, J. H. Whedbee, J. M. Mitchell, H. D. West, C. C. Harris, F. D. McFaul, H. S. Dulaney, R. K. Stephenson, W. L. White, Warren Burr, John White, C. D. Sharpless, H. C. Reed, J. H. Gardner, J. C. McCoy, I. S. Whittaker, A. H. Thompson, J. L. Johnson, J. T. Alderson, J. H. Warren, J. T. Rowlenson, J. W. Gray, H. B. Kelso, J. C. B. Hopkins, H. F. Randolph, Ivanhoe Willis, G. S. Allen, C. T. Wyatt, L. W. Layfield, G. W. Dawson, J. H. Bickford, C. W. Clark, F. C. MacSorley, J. F. Anderson, G. P. Smith, T. N. Given, E. W. Hennis, G. R. Neese, W. O. Bennett, L. M. Broadway, Tilghman Smith, S. N. Pilchard, J. M. Kelso, W. W. Sharp, J. W. Colona, E. L. Hubbard, O. E. Jones, D. J. Givan, Hugh Strain, W. H. Cummings, W. N. Conaway, Leonard White, W. E. Matthews, G. W. Stallings, Frank White, H. T. Quigg, G. S. Thomas, O. B. Reed, J. W. Jones, Henry Covington, V. E. Hills, J. D. Brown, J. L. Derrickson, J. A. Buckson, J. W. Wootten, E. W. McDowell, C. A. Vandermulen.

The New Italian Church is ready for dedication, at a cost of twelve thousand dollars, including lot and furniture. The society now has property with approximate value of \$17,000. Mortgage indebtedness, \$3,000, Haddock & Co., note \$6,500.00; cash in hand, \$1557.00, pledges to be paid in twelve months, \$2,000, equity not counting pledges, \$9,057.

The Italian minister, Rev. J. A. Pignatiello, has done good work; but has been handicapped in not having the church ready for night school. He expects to accomplish more this new year.

The Sixth Avenue Mission is prospering under the leadership of Miss Lillian B. Carter with two efficient helpers, Miss Elizabeth McClelland and Mrs. Irwin. This is a graded School with ninety scholars, with an average attendance of fifty-five. Also an industrial school, self supporting except a small salary for Miss Carter and rent for the building. Miss Carter is praying that some rich Methodist will give us a building better equipped for the work. The room will seat forty-five yet I have seen one hundred and twelve in the room at one time and the leader trying to take care of the crowd and hold service. This Mission is doing a great work in the section where it is situated.

I want to thank the brethren for their hearty co-operation with me in this work. All have treated me with respect and courtesy. I have had no trouble whatever in getting in the pulpits of our Conference, and a large number have sent me their apportionment without my going to them, making it possible for me to put that time in somewhere else for the constructive work.

Please bear in mind that I am not in this work because it is my choice, but I am afraid to say no to the All Wise Father.

J. H. BEAUCHAMP,

Corresponding Secretary.

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.

The Conference Deaconess Board held its annual meeting February 28 at the Home, 307 West St. Members present, Dr. H. F. Randolph, I. E. Perry, Mrs. C. W. Weldin, Mrs. Geo. M. Fisher, Mrs. M. R. Lincoln. Mrs. M. A. Sweet was invited to remain with us and did so. Dr. E. L. Hoffecker was prevented by illness from being present, and Dr. Randolph presided.

As in former years there is much evidence of progress in the plans of work laid down and executed. It is often the wonder of the Local Board how so much can be accomplished with the means available, but careful management by the Superintendent brings her to the end of each month without a deficit. Those composing the family at this time are, Mrs. Margaret A. Sweet, Superintendent; Mrs. Lorena Finley, Preceptress of the Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover; Mrs. Minnie E. Cole, on leave of absence at Bancroft Rest Home, Ocean Grove, N. J.; Miss Statira Wilson, in our Settlement work; Miss Blanch Compton and Miss Ruth Benson, Probationers. Miss Marian Smith of St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, will graduate from our Training School in Washington, D. C., in May and will be available for service. The work done by these faithful women has been most valuable and the influence far reaching. The efforts of Mrs. Finley in the Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dr. Budd says can not be computed, because of her influence on the young women under her care.

Our report one year since spoke of Miss Charlotte Arnold being absent on leave of absence. She has since at her own request had an Honorable Discharge. There is always some interesting event in prospect for the children which helps to keep an interest in the teaching given. In the early school year a patriotic service was rendered by the boys and girls, which planted seed for future reaping, as the parents in attendance were mostly foreign born. At Christmas time there were the tree, and the usual festivities. The program was the Christmas story, rendered by our Jewish boys and girls. Patriotic holidays are always observed by social gatherings, thus providing for the several needs of the children. Special religious seasons are observed with suitable exercises. The above items are selected for report because we have not space for so many more that could be mentioned and as this will go all over the Conference, we want those who read to know a little of our activities. The Settlement work has been done as formerly. Five mornings of the week there are classes in Kindergarten, a class in Industrial Sewing for small girls; three classes in machine sewing for larger girls; three in garment making for older ones and one art needle work for young women; a class in knitting and Red Cross work, one in Kitchen-garden, one in Basketry for older girls; one in Chair Caning for the boys. In Epworth League study two classes, two classes in English for young women. The outside work includes visiting in the homes of the children, gaining an insight into domestic conditions, giving help when needed and establishing a friendship with the mothers.

Each member of the Home teaches in the Sunday School of the church to which she belongs. The members of the family have taken a course in surgical dressing. 30 of our Italian girls have been taught

knitting, and have made articles for the Red Cross. 113 sewed garments and 40 knitted articles have been sent to Headquarters since December.

Outside efforts have been: Calls made, 1,704; Received 106; meetings attended, 790; Bibles given, 5; meetings addressed, 89; letters and postals written, 194; number of children taught, 924; young people and adults taught, 83; number of children brought into Sunday School, 21; number taught in S. S., 1151; total number of children taught, 4,197; number of different children, 85; total children and adults, 652; number of Y. P. and adults, 35; children taught, 10,612; average attendance, 27; families given material relief, 11; number taken for days outing, 150; values of supplies given, \$23.00. Mothers meetings, 9; hours spent in class work, 5,697. Graduated from educational sewing, 10.

That this work may not seem to be charity the scholars are expected to pay a small fee, and from them have been received \$131.08, of which has been expended in material for class work \$109.54, leaving a balance \$21.54. Since Mrs. Sweet has had charge of this I do not recall a deficit in her class expenses. Always a matter of much import is our Treasurer's Report:

Mar. 1, 1917 to Mar. 1, 1918.

Balance on hand March 1, 1917, \$16.60; Receipts during year, \$1,805.74—Total, \$1,822.34. Disbursements, \$1,811.60—Leaving a balance March 1, \$10.74.

M. R. LINCOLN.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

It is not a new thing under the sun for some one to appear before this body at the annual session, and call attention to the importance of the work of the Wilmington Conference Education Society. It has been the custom for years to do this. But we note that the appeals, thus far made, have not met with the liberal response we have good reason to expect. We fear the members of the Conference do not realize the importance of this work.

Brethren the call of today is for a well prepared ministry for our pulpits; and this call should stir the church to vigorous action in the interest of this Society. It is not enough that men shall have gifts and graces in order to be most effective in the ministry. The maximum of power is reached through the proper training of the native talents.

The Managers of the Conference Education Society have ample reason to believe that many of our young men who stop school after completing the course at Wesley Collegiate Institute, or when only half through the course at College, and enter the pastorate only partially equipped, would gladly go on through College and to the Theological Seminary, if only they could have the encouragement of a small amount of financial assistance.

It would be a source of great pleasure to the managers of your Society if we could make it possible for every worthy young man who may apply to us for help, to obtain the very best preparation for his life

work; and if we could it would greatly strengthen the ranks of our ministry.

From the three sources of income from which money is obtained for the work of your Society the Treasurer's report shows that we have aided 14 men this year to the amount of \$1130.00 with a small balance in the bank at this time.

At our last Conference session you will recall that we made a special effort in the interest of this work, with the result that the various charges of the Conference pledged us \$604.00 to meet immediate needs. Our records show that only \$250.00 of that amount has reached the Treasurer of the Society. This may be accounted for in part by the different methods of reporting. But the facts are clear that the Society did not receive the full amount pledged at that time.

Will the members of the Conference remember that we have carefully considered the needs, and are asking only for the amount that is necessary in order to do the work the Society is supposed to do. Will you please take your collection for this cause early in the year and send the money to the Secretary who will gladly send a vouches for the same by return mail.

GEORGE C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

TRUSTEES OF THE WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The death of Dr. S. M. Morgan, who was up to that time the Treasurer of the Board, and the inability of the Board to hold a meeting and get in hand the accounts of the Treasurer, left the Board without a report at the last session of the Conference and in the minutes.

We did, however, hold a meeting April 23rd and elected Dr. J. W. Easley to fill the vacant Treasurership, and the investment committee audited the accounts of the deceased Treasurer and found them correct and all funds and accounts were turned over to the newly elected Treasurer.

During the year Dr. V. S. Collins, the President, found it necessary to resign because of the press of District work. A meeting was held on the first day of the session of this Conference when W. F. Corkran was elected President; John M. Kelso, Secretary, and Robert K. Stephenson, Treasurer.

The report of the retiring Treasurer, Dr. J. W. Easley, herewith submitted, will show the status of investments, the receipts and disbursements of the Board. Respectfully submitted,

W. F. CORKRAN, President.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1917: Amount available for prorata distribution to annuitants, \$200.72 Plus amount from Clayton property, \$49.67—Total, \$250.39.

1917: Disbursements—To Goshen M. E. Church, \$100.00; Beckwith M. E. Church, \$48.00; Jerusalem M. E. Church, \$30.00; St. Pauls M. E.

Church, \$47.00; Security Trust (Box Rent), \$5.00; Laird & Co. (part of check 14), \$10.00; Protest on Beckwith Check, \$2.09—Total, \$242.09.

Securities—Golstein Mortgage, Int. April and May, \$1800.00; United States National Utilities Co., Int. March and Sept., \$1000.00; Atlas Powder Co., Int. Quarterly, \$400.00; Monmouth Lighting Co., Int. Mar. and Sept., \$1000.00—Total, \$4,200.00.

1918: Available for Distribution to Annuitants—In Artisans Savings Bank, \$132.02; Bal. in Security Trust, \$6.40; United States Lighting Co., \$60.00—Total, \$198.42.

Clifton Property, Clayton, Dayett Agt, now due.

Monmouth Lighting Co. (small am't).

Charge Overdraft \$2.09, for protest of check, to Beckwith M. E. Church account.

JAMES W. EASLEY, Treasurer.

March 21, 1918.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.

Dear Brethren:

At the opening of the Conference year last Spring our work began auspiciously, the Churches responding nicely, and by June 30th an additional \$10,000.00 had been pledged to the Fund. During July and August we revisited nearly every community which had been officially canvassed, and gave ourself to collecting overdue subscriptions. Commencing with the Fall we again began visiting the Churches, and by the middle of October had gathered another \$5000.00. All plans for the year, however, had focussed upon a contemplated Fall and Winter campaign in Wilmington. This campaign,—although the backbone of our year's work—when the Wesley Collegiate Institute campaign was projected, we voluntarily cancelled in the interest of Christian harmony, expecting to resume active field duty on Jan. 1st. But at that time almost unprecedented weather conditions developed. Many of the Churches had little coal, could hold only one service a Sunday, were contending with unusually small congregations, and all had just emerged from a strong financial drive. In the midst of this we addressed letters to our pastors in different sections asking their judgment as to the wisdom of a visit from us. Without exception they replied that it would certainly jeopardize the Fund to go to them before this Conference. With this general belief of the brethren before us, instead of attempting open field work, we occupied ourself in conserving what had already been done and in such private solicitation as seemed promising. Thus the year has been spent, and—we say with gratitude to God—not without results that, under all the circumstances, are gratifying, the net gain being \$29,286.00.

Of the Churches visited Port Deposit gave \$1000.00; Dover, \$900; Berlin \$1300; Immanuel, Crisfield, \$1000; Asbury, Crisfield, \$100 additional, making \$2,200; Fairmount, \$1200; Tangier \$1830; North End of Smiths Island \$340; Somerset \$656; Cape Charles \$690; Hillsboro \$750; St. Michaels \$700; Preston \$1046.

A brother-in-law of Rev. W. G. Koons has promised a gift of \$1,000 in memory of his mother and in honor of his father, one of the loyal members of our Church at Rising Sun, Maryland.

Rev. George W. Townsend, retired, makes now a bequest of \$1,000 and expects to add to it each year of his life the amount paid him by the Conference as Annuity. If Brother Townsend lives ten years—and let us trust he may—this bequest will grow to between \$4,000 and \$5,000. It is, of course, however, entered upon the record only at its present value.

Brother Webster Kinder, of Bethel Church, Seaford Circuit—residing at Federalsburg, Md.—has increased his direct bequest from \$1000 to \$2000; and has made such other provision in his will as promises to ultimately bring to the Endowment an additional \$12,500. Brother Kinder's example ought to, and doubtless will, serve as an incentive to others who have money to dispose of. More and more deeply are such Christians becoming impressed with their financial responsibility to God, and that they should not leave this world without some practical recognition of that responsibility.

The Fund stands now about \$58,600.00 actually invested, and between \$90,000 and \$95,000 additional pledged. The total from all sources is approximately \$160,000.00.

This has been a year of unusual difficulty; but difficulties, when analyzed, are only challenges to faith and purpose. If the Conference keeps steadily on its way in the matter of this Endowment nothing can prevent its consummation. When road builders encounter obstacles, they do not halt their work, but surmount the obstacles. They bridge wide rivers and dig through mountains of solid rock. Our people, after two years of education and giving, are much more strongly determined to create this Endowment than in the beginning. And, as we contemplate the situation, the familiar lines of a famous poem stir our hearts:

"Behind him lay the gray Azores,
Behind, the Gates of Hercules;
Before him not the ghost of shores,
Before him only shoreless seas.
The good mate said: 'Now must we pray,
For lo! the very stars are gone.
Speak, Admiral, what shall I say?'
'Why say, Sail on! Sail on! And on!'"

The year that confronts us is one of increased opportunity. Beyond the Ocean of Effort lies the new continent of Rest for our Aged Ministry; and before us no longer roll "only shoreless seas." Already we behold the other shore!

The campaign, having gradually done its educational work, and having brought us within sight of the goal, it is the opinion of your Commission and Secretary that the time is ripe for a radical change in method. We should now abandon what seemed absolutely necessary at the beginning, and launch upon a simultaneous Conference-wide campaign for the money that remains to be secured. Our people have received sufficient light, they are ready to give, the faith of the Conference has

been greatly quickened by the accomplishments of this and of the Wesley Collegiate Institute Campaign—and we see no valid reason why we should not, in 1918-19, push the Claimants' Endowment to a glorious consummation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. DASHIELL,
Corresponding Secretary.

MEMORIAL FUNDS FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT.

To Wm. A. Clash, husband; Eben E. Payne, father; and Maria Coke Payne, mother. By Mrs. W. A. Clash, Cambridge, Md.	\$5000.00
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
To Rev. John Hough and Rebecca E. Hough. By their daughter, Mrs. James P. Hoffecker	\$ 500.00
To Margaret Layton Grier. By her sons, Drs. G. Layton and Frank L. Grier	\$1000.00

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

The Board of Stewards congratulates the Conference upon the largest increase in pastoral support in its history. Last year the average salary passed the \$1,000 mark, and this year has gone "Over the Top." The average salary for members of the Conference in 1913 was \$910; in 1917, \$1036; an increase in four years of fourteen per cent. The increase this year is probably as large as that of the last four years. While this advance is by no means in proportion to the increased cost of living, yet it is a mark of appreciation for which we are profoundly grateful.

This also is the banner year in the amount contributed to the Claimant Cause. Every hundred dollars added on pastors salary means, by order of the Conference, nine dollars and one half more for Conference Claimants.

Paragraph 336 in the Discipline says, "It shall be the right and duty solely of the Annual Conference to make its own apportionment." We have exercised that right in making the apportionment 9½% of the estimates for cash support of pastors for the current year. As no church, pastor or superintendent has any right to change this apportionment, it is quite evident that a number of pastors have either misunderstood or

thoughtlessly disregarded the action of the Conference, in making their apportionments from five to one hundred dollars less than that fixed by the Conference. From the reports of charges paying all other ministerial claims in full there is a shortage in this claim of one thousand five hundred or two thousand dollars.

Five years ago only half of the charges met their apportionments. This year about three-fourths have paid in full. If every minister knew as the Board of Stewards know how great are the needs and how urgent are the claims, we would not have to call attention to this matter again. Every charge that pays its pastor, superintendent, and episcopal claim in full would pay the Claimants Cause its prorata share.

Brethren, please give us the full nine and one half percent of cash salary next year. Our annuity rate is fifteen dollars and sixteen cents. We can pay only eight dollars, or fifty-three cents on the dollar. Not one of us in the active ranks would like to be paid that way. Unless we prorata for this cause, secure our endowment, all now in the active ministry when they retire will receive no better treatment.

Collections by District:

- Dover, \$3514, Increase, \$237.
- Easton, \$3264, Increase, \$122.
- Salisbury, \$4125, Increase, \$315.
- Wilmington, \$4565, Increase, \$389.

Total, \$15,468; Total Increase, \$1063.

Received from all sources: Book Concern Dividends, \$3180; Overdraft from Connectional Funds, \$3; Interest from Invested Funds, \$2692; Collection from the Churches, \$14,863—Total, \$20,738.

Distributed to thirty-five retired ministers, forty-seven widows and three children, \$20,738.

There have been a number of changes among our claimants. Two men and four women have died. Five men, three women and two children have been added. We start the new year with thirty-eight men, forty-eight women and three children.

We wish to mention those who have generously relinquished their claims: Mrs. Araminta Merrill of Upper Fairmount, for 29 years; Rev. Philip Rawlins, for seven years; Rev. T. S. Holt, for six years. The Rev. T. E. Terry, supplying a part of the year, relinquishes one third of his claim, and the Rev. E. L. Hoffecker, retiring at this session relinquishes his entire claim. These names are placed in the list and due credit given.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM O. HURST,
Chairman.

APPROPRIATION TO CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

The following tables indicate the amounts apportioned by the Board of Stewards to the Claimants upon the Conference funds. They were approved by the Conference.

Date of Claim	Service	CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.	Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Fund	Amount Paid
MINISTERS.						
1910	40	Arters, Joseph A., Chestertown, Md.	592	320		320
1906	17	Bowman, G. W., Laurel, Delaware	252	136	64	200
1905	27	Collins, J. M., 1607 W. 13th St., Wilmington, Del.	400	216	84	300
1917	26	Cooke, George A., Wilmington, Del.	385	208	117	325
1913	20	Compton, W. P., 6725 Landsdowne Ave., Phila., Pa.	296	160	90	250
		Wife of W. P. Compton, 6725 Landsdowne Ave., Phila.			250	250
1906	44	Conway, G. S., Smyrna, Delaware	651	352	148	500
1917	36	Corkran, L. P., Sudlersville, Maryland	533	288		288
1871	5	Esgate, James, Riverside, Cal. (T. D. Esgate, Trustee) ..	74	40	60	100
1917	29	Fogle, J. W., Rehoboth, Delaware	389	232	268	500
1904	21	Green, W. M., Wyoming, Del.	311	168	157	325
1914	31	Hardesty, G. L., Seaford, Del.	459	248	102	350
1906	30	Harding, T. H., 1011 W. 7th St., Wilmington, Del.	444	240	160	400
1918	42	Hoffecker, E. L., Royal Oak, Md.	622	*		
1911	10	Holt, T. S., Federalsburg, Md.	148			
1916	32	Jaggard, Wilmer, Millsboro, Del. (M. Annie Jaggard, Trustee) ..	474	256	144	400
1917	12	Jester, B. F., 2304 Monroe St., Wilmington, Del.	178	96		96
1918	17	Kenny, W. H., Cheswold, Del.	252	136	214	350
1916	30	Koons, W. G., Rising Sun, Md.	444	240	220	460
1918	34	McFaul, D. F., Hockessin, Del.	503	272	228	500
1917	35	Prettyman, A. P., Galena, Md.	488	264	136	400
1916	48	Prettyman, C. W., 17 S. Hanover St., Carlisle, Pa.	518	280		280
1913	26	Prouse, J. T., Delaware City, Del.	710	384		384
1911	39	Rawlins, P. H., Seaford, Delaware	385	208	157	365
1891	28	Redman, W. W., Greenwood, Del.	577	*		
1918	34	Roberts, E. P., Middletown, Del.	414	224	197	421
1912	38	Roe, Robert, Oxford, Md.	503	272	128	400
1917	38	Smith, Alfred, Wyoming, Del.	562	304	71	375
1915	40	Stengle, Adam, 407 W. 21st St., Wilmington, Del.	562	304		304
1917	32	Sunfield, E. C., W. Bay, Barnegat, N. J.	592	320		320
1916	39	Terry, T. E., Bridgeville, Del.	474	256	114	370
1897	24	Tomkinson, W. E., Rehoboth, Del.	577	*208		208
1915	38	Townsend, G. W., Ridley Park, Pa.	355	192	183	375
1871	24	Wallin, F. O. B., 5 Marjorsgaten, Stockholm, Sweden.	562	304		304
1906	21	Walton, O. S., Red Lion, Del.	355	192	33	225
1914	31	Williams, C. H., Snow Hill, Md.	311	168	52	220
1917	19	Williams, W. H. S., Georgetown, Del.	459	248		248
1913	28	Willis, D. H., Cambridge, Md.	281	152		152
		*Relinquished. See report Board of Stewards.	414	224	26	250
WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.						
1915	43	Adams, Mary R., Dover, Del.	477	258		258
1903	21	Avery, Lydia M., 103 E. Cantonment, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.	233	126		126
1881	8	Bain, Sarah B., 709 6th Ave. Juniata, Pa.	89	48	167	215
1909	40	Bolton, Mary J., 151 Everit St., New Haven, Conn.	444	240		240
1903	9	Bovie, Selma C., 1140 44th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	100	54	96	150
1895	4	Brindle, Ellen M., Greensboro, Md.	44	24	136	160
1896	33	Bryan, Annie V., 322 Reder St., Easton, Pa.	366	198		198
1915	30	Burke, Laura W., 1103 W. St., Wilmington, Del.	333	180	35	215
1918	31	Burke, Margaret, Richardson Park, Del.	344	186	29	215
1916	10	Carroll, Mary W., Milford, Del.	111	60	65	125
1909	31	Chandler, Mary E., Crumpton, Md.	344	186	54	240
1870	8	Chatham, Annie D., G. C. Williams, Trustee	89	48	152	209
1872	17	Cremer, Sarah V., Mrs. J. R. Fields, Trustee, Wilmington, Del.	189	102		102
1905	25	Creed, Fannie, 146 3rd Ave., Ottawa, Canada	278	150		150
1872	1	Ewing, Emma D., Collingswood, N. J.	11	6	69	75
1891	17	Forman, Mary A., 614 W. 20th St., Wilmington, Del.	189	102	73	175
1914	40	Fosnocht, Bessie B., 116 Whaley Av., New Haven, Conn.	444	240		240
1891	20	Gardner, Louisa, Smyrna, Del.	222	120	100	220
1906	16	Graham, Annie M., Clayton, Del.	178	96	79	175
1893	25	Grigg, Annie G., Kenton, Del.	278	150		150
1908	26	Grise, Mary E., Berlin, Md.	289	156	44	200
1904	43	Haynes, Mrs. T. H., Smyrna, Del.	447	258		258
1900	32	Hynson, Mary A., Salisbury, Md.	355	192	83	275
1879	16	Irwin, Annie H., 325 S. Frazier St., Phila., Pa.	178	96	129	225
1917	9	Lewis, H. Bertrude, Kelso Home, Baltimore, Md.	100	54		54

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.	Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Fund	Amount Paid
		CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.				
WIDOWS AND CHILDREN—Continued.						
1915	38	McNichol, Maude, Cambridge, Md.	422	228	147	375
1917	23	Martindale, Sallie W., Salisbury, Md.	255	138		138
1893	13	Melvin, Frances M., 2601 N. Charles St., Balto., Md.	144	78	122	209
1899	18	Merrill, Araminta, Upper Fairmount, Md.	200	*		*
1917	25	Morgan, Minnie S., 913 Washington St., Wilm., Del.	278	150		150
1916	10	Murray, Pauline Nelson, Snow Hill, Md.	111	60	120	180
1916	43	Murray, Edwin N., son of W. L. S. Murray	127	69		69
1909	35	Nelson, Evelyn, Snow Hill, Md.	389	210		210
1917	33	O'Brien, Mary C., W. C. I., Dover, Del.	366	198		198
1887	21	O'Neal, Mary A., 234 N. Carey St., Baltimore, Md.	233	126		126
1918	7	Poole, Maria O., 1540 N. 60th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	78	42	108	150
1882	6	Prettyman, Emma, Salisbury, Md.	67	36	164	200
1893	14	Robinson, Martha R., Perryman, Md.	155	84	91	175
1904	35	Shepherd, Mary E., Frankford, Del.	389	210	15	225
1884	15	Shilling, Emma E., The Marion, Wilmington, Del.	167	90	95	185
1905	12	Sidell, Sarah D., 100 E. Tabor Road, Phila., Pa.	133	72	118	190
1901	12	Swain, Martha H., Dover, Del.	133	72	153	225
1903	37	Sypberd, Josephine, 22 Stenton Pl., Atlantic City, N. J.	411	222		222
1914	9	Talley, Elva, Edge Moor, Del.	100	54	121	175
1906	30	Todd, Alice C., Elkton, Md.	333	180	70	250
1918	22	Westerfield, Mrs. H. A. G., Port Deposit, Md.	244	132	68	200
1918	46	Two Children of Rev. H. A. G. Westerfield	136	74		74
1878	12	Weston, Laura E., Norwood, Pa.	133	72	128	200
1913	43	White, Eleanora, Millington, Md.	477	258	42	300
1905	20	Wilcox, Emma L., Salisbury, Md.	222	120	45	165

*Relinquished.

IX.

CONFERENCE 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 10 questions. The examination shall be marked on a scale of 100, and a mark of 70 shall be necessary to pass the candidate.

Resolutions Adopted March, 1896.

Resolved 1,—“No candidate shall be admitted or advanced in classes with conditions, who has failed in more than one study”.

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

Resolution Adopted March, 1905.

Resolved,—“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, 1917.

1. “That the Rules and Method for our Wilmington Conference Examinations be the directions and recommendations as set forth in the Discipline (1916), paragraphs 596, 597 and 598”.

2. “In accordance with Paragraph 598, section 4,—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. That this examination shall be held the first Wednesday in October of each year at Wilmington, Del., and Salisbury, Md., and undergraduates may attend that examination most convenient to them. That the President shall appoint members of the Board to conduct such examinations. The examiner in each book shall send his questions to the members of the Board thus appointed, who shall oversee such examinations and forward both questions and answers to the examiner of the book who shall mark them and notify the Registrar of the marks before October 31. The expense of postage necessary to this plan shall be given to the Registrar, and shall be added to his expense account”.

Resolutions Adopted March, 1918.

1. No correspondence shall pass between an undergraduate and an examiner upon questions of examinations, grades, certificates, etc. The Registrar, alone, is authorized to conduct such correspondence.

2. Application for acceptance of certificates in lieu of examinations shall be made to the Registrar, who in concurrence with the examiner of that subject shall have authority to decide upon the acceptance of such certificate.

3. All undergraduates shall certify whether they have carefully read all the books which the Discipline requires to be read for the year. This statement shall be given to the Registrar on the first day of the examinations.

4. All examinations will be in writing and each undergraduate will be required to find his own writing material. Pseudonym, name of examiner and subject must appear on each examination paper. In no case shall the name of the student appear on any paper.

5. The required written work shall be mailed to the Registrar not later than February 1st, and the Registrar is hereby authorized to return all such written work, without grade, mailed to him after the afore-said date. (This rule shall not apply to Candidates for Admission). "The student should note that this work is absolutely required, and that examining boards may fix the time at which it should be handed in". See "Directions and Helps", Page 10.

MID-YEAR EXAMINATION.

In accordance with the Resolution adopted March, 1917, an examination will be held at Wilmington, Del., in charge of Rev. E. W. Jones, and at Salisbury, Md., in charge of Rev. W. O. Bennett.

At this Mid-year examination, (October 2, 1918), examinations will be given on the following books:—

Admission:—

American History Z. H. Webster

Life of John Wesley T. F. Beauchamp

First year:—

New Testament History J. L. Johnson

Human Behaviour Milton McCann

Second year:—

A Short History of the Christian Church Z. H. Webster

The Way to Win T. F. Beauchamp

Third year:—

Beacon Lights of Prophecy E. W. Jones

Foundations of Christian Belief W. H. Briggs

Fourth Year:—

Paul and His Epistles J. L. Johnson

Every Day Ethics J. J. Bunting

The Board asks that the written work, required by the "Directions and Helps" on the following books selected from the "Collateral Reading and Study," be in the hands of the Registrar at this Mid-year examination (October 2, 1918).

First year:—

The Church School,—(Athearn).

Public Worship,—(Hoyt).

Second year:—

Education in Religion and Morals,—(Coe).

Life of Luther,—(McGiffert).

Third year:—

Studies in Christianity,—(Bowne).

The Fact of Christ,—(Simpson).

Fourth year:—

Outline of Christian Theology,—(Clarke).

The Church a Community Force,—(Tippy).

BOOKS IN COURSE OF STUDY WITH NAMES OF EXAMINERS.**Admission on Trial.**

1. The English Language, The Art of Writing English,—
(Brown and Barnes) T. F. Beauchamp
2. American History,—(James and Sanford) Z. H. Webster
3. Doctrines and Discipline, etc. W. H. Briggs
4. Life of John Wesley,—(Winchester) T. F. Beauchamp
5. Plain Account of Christian Perfection,—(Wesley) M. D. Nutter
6. Written Work (One Thousand Word Paper) V. E. Hills
7. Sermon V. E. Hills

First Year.

1. New Testament History,—(Rall) J. L. Johnson
2. Human Behaviour,—(Colvin and Bagley) Milton McCann
3. The Making of the Sermon,—(Pattison) V. E. Hillis
4. How to Study and Teaching How to Study,—(McMurray),
R. P. Nichols

Collateral Reading and Study:—

1. The Church School,—(Athearn) G. C. Williams
2. Public Worship,—(Hoyt) J. L. Sparklin
3. Individual Work for Individuals,—(Trumbull) J. L. Johnson
4. The Pastor-Preacher,—(Quayle) E. W. Jones
5. Winning the Fight Against Drink,—(Eaton) J. L. Johnson
6. The Life of the Spirit in the Modern English Poets,—(Scudder),
W. H. Briggs
7. Francis Asbury,—(Tipple) Milton McCann
8. The Methodist Review W. H. Briggs

Second Year.

1. (a). Dictionary of The Bible,—(Hastings) W. O. Bennett
 (b) The Bible in the Making,—(Smyth) W. O. Bennett
 (c). How We Got Our Bible,—(Smyth) W. O. Bennett
2. A Short History of the Christian Church,—(Moncrief) . Z. H. Webster
3. (a). The Pupil and the Teacher,—(Weigle) J. L. Sparklin
 (b). The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice,—(Meyer),
 J. L. Sparklin
4. The Way to Win,—(Fisher) T. F. Beauchamp

Collateral Reading and Study:—

1. The Christian View of the Old Testament,—(Eiselen) . Milton McCann
2. Education in Religion and Morals,—(Coe) M. D. Nutter
3. The Preacher, His Life and Work,—(Jowett) Z. H. Webster
4. Letters on Evangelism,—(Hughes) E. W. Jones
5. Solving the Country Church Problem,—(Bricker) W. O. Bennett
6. History of Methodism,—(Vol. I),—(Stevens) G. P. Jones
7. Life of Luther,—(McGiffert) J. J. Bunting
8. The Methodist Review T. F. Beauchamp

Third Year.

1. Beacon Lights of Prophecy,—(Knudson) E. W. Jones
2. Foundations of Christian Belief,—(Strickland) W. H. Briggs
3. The Social Problem,—(Ellwood) G. C. Williams
4. Introduction to the Study of Comparative Religion,—(Jevons),
 M. D. Nutter

Collateral Reading and Study:—

1. Studies in Christianity,—(Bowne) G. C. Williams
2. The Fact of Christ,—(Simpson) M. D. Nutter
3. Christianity and the Social Crisis,—(Rauschenbusch) ... J. J. Bunting
4. Social Evangelism,—(Ward) G. P. Jones
5. The Community Survey in Relation to Church Efficiency,—(Carroll),
 G. P. Jones
6. History of Methodism (Vol. II),—(Stevens) R. P. Nichols
7. Life of Phillips Brooks (briefer edition),—(Allen) O. E. Jones
8. The Methodist Review J. J. Bunting

Fourth Year.

1. Paul and His Epistles,—(Hayes) J. L. Johnson
2. System of Christian Doctrine,—(Sheldon) R. P. Nichols
3. Everyday Ethics,—(Cabot) J. J. Bunting
4. (a). The New Home Missions,—(Douglas) O. E. Jones
 (b). Social Aspects of Foreign Missions,—(Faunce) O. E. Jones

Collateral Reading and Study:—

1. Historical Geography of the Holy Land,—(Smith) V. E. Hills
2. The Book of Isaiah (Vol. I), Expositor's Bible,—(Smith), E. W. Jones
3. Outline of Christian Theology,—(Clarke) Z. H. Webster

4. The Call of the World,—(Doughty) O. E. Jones
5. The Church a Community Force,—(Tippy) Milton McCann
6. The Minister as a Shepherd,—(Jefferson) G. P. Jones
7. History of Methodism (Vol. III),—(Stevens) J. L. Sparklin
8. The Methodist Review R. P. Nichols

FOR LOCAL DEACON'S ORDERS.

1. Studies in Christianity,—(Bowne) W. H. Briggs
2. The Christian View of the Old Testament,—(Eiselen) .. Z. H. Webster
3. A Compendious History of American Methodism,—(Stevens),
 G. P. Jones
4. The Way to Win,—(Fisher) T. F. Beauchamp
5. Social Solutions,—(Hall) G. C. Williams

FOR LOCAL ELDER'S ORDERS.

1. Paul and His Epistles,—(Hayes) J. L. Johnson
2. The Person and Place of Christ,—(Forsyth) J. L. Sparklin
3. The Preacher, His Life and Work,—(Jowett) Milton McCann
4. Everyday Ethics,—(Cabot) J. J. Bunting
5. The Rural Church Movement,—(Earp) O. E. Jones

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X.

MEMOIRS.

H. A. G. WESTERFIELD.

Harry A. G. Westerfield, the subject of this memoir, was born in Port Deposit, Maryland, February 8, 1866. He was the son of Charles and Mary Gilmore Westerfield. He was converted and received into Tome Memorial Church, Port Deposit, Maryland, 1885, under the pastorate of the Rev. Richard C. Jones. He early felt the call to preach the Gospel, but struggled against it, which struggle doubtless accounts for the hesitancy that many ministers have experienced at this point.

After reading the life of Bishop Matthew Simpson the mist cleared away and under the pastorate of Rev. J. P. Otis he was licensed as an exhorter in 1888. He graduated from the High School of his native town and for a time studied Latin and Greek at what is now the Wesley Collegiate Institute, after which he took a course at Drew Theological Seminary and graduated with honor.

Loyal to his native heath, he cast his lot in with the brethren of the Wilmington Conference, and in 1893 knocked at our doors and was admitted. Two years thereafter he was ordained Deacon by Bishop John F. Hurst, at Smyrna, Delaware. In 1897, at the Conference, at Chestertown, Maryland, he was ordained elder by Bishop John M. Walden. In 1895 he was married to Lulu V. Gerry, of Port Deposit, Maryland, daughter of Lucius A. C. Gerry and Jane Vanneman, splendid Methodist stock on both sides, and American red blood.

Brother Westerfield served as pastor of Chesapeake City 1895-98; Rising Sun 1899-1903; North East 1904; Asbury, Wilmington, 1905-08; Elkton, 1909-10; Denton 1911-15. He served well wherever he was; his work told while he stayed and stood when he was gone. His work was never inflated, always solid and substantial.

He was cheerful and sympathetic, and very companionable. He kept open house for his brethren of the ministry and friends. The home was bright and cheerful and seldom could you find a more devoted family. It was full of music, they all inherited it. The morning prayer included one of our hymns from the Methodist hymnal, all the family taking part. No visitor was a stranger. Brother Westerfield's heart was in his hands. When you left, you wanted to return. The people of the charge enjoyed visiting the parsonage.

He was a pastor of exceptional ability. He made it his first business, after settling in a charge, to know his people and visit them in their homes. He knew the names of the children and called them by their names; he was cordial with his people without becoming familiar; if one were sick, or accident had saddened the home, or misfortune or need, had distressed them, this man of God was there with his big heart and open hand and would stay long or come often as he could serve his

Master through these needy ones. No reasonable sacrifice was too great for him to make if thereby he could help a worthy person or cause.

He was a men's man. He was so noble in character, unselfish in spirit, that all he did rang the note of sincerity and men admired him, rallied about him, and he won them to Jesus Christ and the work of the Church. Thus he became an influential leader among his officials. He became a factor in civic affairs and his advice and help were sought in all things that affected the community. With the people he served, no matter how long he stayed, it was not time to go. He was an evangelist of no mean ability, of that sort that hand picked the fruit and then took care of it. His attention to the young in league, senior and junior chapters and in the Sunday School made possible revivals and accessions among the young people, that always marked his pastorate. His devotion to the aged and his prayers with them in his pastoral calls, brought much of cheer and comfort into their homes and life and brought tenderness and power into his sermons and service. He was a good conscientious preacher. His sermons were well thought out and full of good for his people to digest; those who waited on his ministry were edified and the sincerity and devotion of his life became an inspiration to them and their work.

He was faithful to any and every trust, no charge or interest suffered in his keeping. He looked after every detail. His District Superintendent had simply to go over the plans of the work for the year, and if he did not return to the charge until the final summing up he would find everything ready and in order. He was never known to disappoint the Church when it asked of him sums large or small, many or few, service hard or long. He never knew how to say no, or possibly he might have been among us in body today. This characteristic is better known to many of the Conference through his work as Conference Statistician. The Conference elected him and he shut himself in his room with his assistants every afternoon and evening, patient and painstaking, to do his work, to correct the mistakes of his brethren. Almost never having the opportunity to attend and enjoy any anniversary service. Far into the night he would plod over figures to get ready for the Conference call. Faithful, yes, faithful! Is there an encomium we may cover from our Master's lips, worth more in Eternity, because it meant so much to his cause here? His last charge was Denton, Maryland. It was my privilege to nominate him to the Bishop for this charge because the people of Denton had said "Get the man we need". My judgment was fully justified by his service of five years as pastor of that people. A great revival, a splendid new parsonage and that paid for in thirty days from date of purchase, were among the things that marked his work at this point. In the Fall of 1916 Brother Westerfield was compelled to take, what he felt and his people hoped would be a temporary rest. The brethren filled his pulpit for a couple of months, at which time he returned to his charge, only to find that the days of his active service were drawing to a close. With his family he moved back to his native town, by the broad and quiet waters and beautiful hills of the Susquehanna to rest and to wait the Master's call. He had much to live for, a devoted and helpful wife in the work of the ministry, two fine girls and a splendid boy,

bright and attractive children. He made a noble fight, just like the splendid man that he was in all his work for God, but on June 17, 1917, the Master came and said unto him "Thou has been faithful, come." Harry Westérfield stepped into the chariot and went home. Funeral services were in charge of his pastor, Brother F. X. Moore, assisted by a goodly number of the brethren of the ministry and friends from every charge he had served. His body was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Hopewell, among the hills of Cecil County, Maryland, to await the final call.

"Servant of God well done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle's fought, the race is run,
Enter thy Master's joy."

ASBURY BURKE.

Asbury Burke came into this world Feb. 3rd, 1851, at Magnolia, Del. and went out of it Sept. 4th, 1917, 8.45 p. m., at Newport, Del. He stayed here 66 years 6 months and 1 day. I should if I could number the hours and the minutes for it is upon these rather than upon the months and years that the emphasis belongs in any life that has or would succeed. We live by the swing of the pendulum rather than by the swing of the sun.

Into the period covered by the life of Bro. Burke he put much of energy, sunshine, hope, heaven. The burdens of men are not so heavy, the clouds so dark, nor the tears so hot. The path over which barefooted people travel is not so thorny, nor the bruises of little feet so feverish, since Bro. Burke lived and wrought. He scattered light and cheer wherever he went. His handshake had the heating of an electric shock. His face radiated the springtime with its birds and flowers. His voice was attuned to the dominant chord of every heart in need and his presence was a call to look to the sunrise.

Jesus, the Master Spirit, said, "because I live ye shall live also." It may be truly said of Bro. Burke that because he lived multitudes heard the resurrection voice and all who were associated with him lived a broader, fuller life. His worth to the world cannot be measured by the coin of the Caesars, but by the joy of the angels who always behold the face of the Lamb.

The secret of every radiant, inspirational life, is a matter of moment to us all whose faces are turned to the East. It is our purpose to try to find and to plot, at least, some springs of this abounding life.

It is true of all of us that what we have and what we are began with our inheritance. Our first debt is to those before and above us. What we are is the result of the use or the abuse of what came to us in our inheritance.

Bro. Burke had a goodly heritage in his birth—he was indeed well born. William Burke, his father, and Mary Reynolds Burke, his mother, were royal people. They were not rich in this world's treasure but they

were rich in the coin of the Kingdom. They were "Israelites indeed." They believed in God and the Bible as His revelation, and they lived the letter of the Decalogue and the Spirit of the Sermon on the Mount. Added to that they were genuine Methodists, believing in the doctrine and polity of the Methodist Church as it was in their day. Father Burke was a class leader for many years and by his sweet spirit and gracious air he greatly endeared himself to his class.

Asbury was the youngest of eleven children—the child of the strong and mellow years of the parents lives, and to a striking degree bodied forth the beautiful characteristics of both father and mother. To be born of such parents and to grow to maturity in a home where the Bible has its proper place, where the voice of prayer and praise ascends morning and evening from the family altar and in a rural community where the allurements to vice are at a minimum, is a rare heritage indeed.

After he reached manhood Bro. Burke went to Wilmington and engaged in business, where his fidelity, energy and pleasing manner quickly started him on the road to a successful business career. The day that he was 21 years of age he was married by the Rev. J. E. Bryan to Miss Margaret Ackerman of Ithaca, New York. This was another step in which he was guided by the hand of the All-Father, who had larger spheres to open before him. Mrs. Burke, who survives her lamented husband, was an helpmeet indeed and in the final adjustment she will share with him the glory that is to come to the Soul winner. The wife often determines whether or not the husband shall respond to the Call of God and having accepted the call and entered upon the work, she can say whether he shall succeed or fail. Sister Burke's counsel and influence were always upon the right side and his association with her and her devotion to the work of her husband is another secret of the great success that attended Bro. Burke's ministry. When Bro. Burke in his young manhood moved to Wilmington he associated himself with the old mother church—Asbury, and this was another deciding and inspiring factor in his life and ministry. In those days old Asbury was a perennial blaze of glory, where all the churches of this region lighted their revival torches. To be associated with Asbury Church was to live in an atmosphere surcharged with spiritual light and power. Bro. Burke yielded to these gracious influences and was blessedly converted under the ministry of the sainted Enoch Stubbs. Here we come upon the main source of that river of life and healing which Bro. Burke's life became from that time. He was recreated, born again, not merely reformed, or renewed, but made a "new creature in Christ Jesus." That is the fundamental secret of all real success in the ministry. It is the beginning of the ministry. Education, culture, association, experience, can help but can't substitute this. Preachers are not made but born of both first and second birth. The ministry is not a profession but a possession. Not of the natural but of the supernatural man. An experience, a call, a commission is the divine order for the making of a minister of the gospel.

After his conversion Bro. Burke entered upon Christian work with great zeal and to those in charge it soon became apparent that his gifts, grace and usefulness demanded a wider range and he was licensed to preach by the Asbury Quarterly Conference, Jan. 30th, 1886, the Rev.

Charles Hill, Presiding Elder, and the Rev. J. E. Bryan, Pastor. At the following session of the Annual Conference Bro. Burke was admitted into the Conference on probation and assigned to Elk Neck Circuit. He was ordained Deacon and Elder in due time. The roll of his appointments is as follows: Elk Neck, Bethel and Glasgow, Crapo, East New Market, Brandywine, Onancock, St. Peter's, Frankford, Wesley, Perryville, Cape Charles, Nassau, Bethel and Summit, North East and Newport.

In his preaching Bro. Burke was orthodox and earnest. He didn't preach theories, doubts and uncertainties, but the great verities—sin, repentance, regeneration, witness of spirit, prayer, works, heaven, hell. These were the master themes that set him on fire and with which he burned his way into the hearts and transformed the lives of men. He was intensely evangelistic in his preaching, and great revivals came to all his charges. His fine native qualities, purified, enlarged and polished by divine grace gave him a winning personality and made him exceedingly popular everywhere.

Bro. Burke was assigned to Newport in the spring of 1916 and was on the second year of a most happy and successful pastorate. On the 4th of last July he began to suffer a pain in the back of his neck and in a few days a most malignant carbuncle had developed. All that could be done was done but the poison permeated his whole system and whilst he lingered for two months it was a constant drift toward the breakers upon which his normally strong body broke Sept. 4th and released its great animating spirit. Bro. Burke found that the Christ whom he preached to others in times of stress and storm was his all sufficient portion in sickness and death. He assured all who were privileged to be at his bedside that all was well.

A beautiful Sunday morning a few days before he went away, he was looking out upon nature and said to his devoted wife, who was ever at his bedside, "this would be a beautiful day to go to heaven. I love you all and should like to stay with you but I am weary and want to go to heaven." His mind seemed perfectly clear to the end and three or four minutes before he fell asleep he said to the loved ones about him, "Good bye I am going home." Thus in his death was verified the assurance of a peaceful end for the perfect and upright man. The ministry, the church, the world, are poorer for his going but we shall have him again.

"Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet,
Their Saviour and brethren transported to greet.
While the anthems of rapture unceasingly roll
And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul."

In the presence of a vast throng the funeral services were held on the evening of Sept. 7th in Newport Church and the next day the body was laid to rest in the historic Barratt Chapel Cemetery.

W. F. CORKRAN.

JOHN W. POOLE.

The subject of this sketch was born in Dagsboro, Sussex Co., Delaware, Sept. 6, 1826, and died at #1540 North 60th St., Philadelphia, Pa., on September 30th, 1917.

It will thus be seen that Bro. Poole lived 24 days beyond 91 years.

It is said that as a boy he early showed the sterling qualities of his character which after ripened into manhood. His father dying comparatively young, the mother naturally depended on him, and he devoted himself to caring for his mother till her death, as a loyal son. Most of the time he was managing the farm, but while thus engaged he found time to prepare himself for teaching the public school, and engaged therein for some years. After his mother's death, he now felt that the way being clear he ought to enter the ministry. To the call of duty he was ever obedient, and he entered the Wilmington Conference at the session at Port Deposit in 1870. For 19 years he went forth as an itinerant doing faithfully the work committed to his hands. In 1889 he took a Retired relation and made his home at Farmington, Kent Co., Del., where he had served for three years as pastor. After some years the family moved to Philadelphia, Pa., where they made their home till Bro. Poole passed to his heavenly home. Every one who knew Bro. Poole believed him to be a good man, full of faith and of the Holy Spirit.

His wife was Miss Maria O. Smith, of near Todd's Chapel, Kent Co., Delaware, who with their two daughters, Hester and Ida, are the remaining members of the family who abide, awaiting the summons from on high to meet their husband and father on the glory shore when life's fitful fever is ended.

Bro. Poole was true, faithful, energetic and earnest in all the relationships of life in church and home. After retiring Bro. Poole in his home church was a tower of strength, and for years was the main steward, and all rallied around him and were glad to labor under his direction. As the Scripture states, when it says: "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

As stated, Bro. Poole died at his home #1540 North 60th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., on Sept. 30th, 1917, where loving hands of wife and daughters were glad to do all possible to ease his passage to the tomb, and he thus passed away to the land to which he had for sometime looked longingly.

Some years ago he requested the writer, if the longer liver, to preach his funeral sermon. Being notified the writer was there with Bro. Oram Baynard of the Wilmington Conference, and Drs. W. Gray Jones, his pastor, and C. Edgar Adamson, of the Philadelphia Conference. The following morning the remains were taken down to Harrington, Del., where in the cemetery there he was laid to rest to await the resurrection of the Just. It may well be said of him:

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

F. J. COCHRAN.

NANCY SMITH ARTERS.

Mrs. Nancy Smith Arters, wife of our brother, Joseph A. Arters, passed from the labors of earth to the glories of heaven on the evening of October 24th, 1917, at the home of her husband's daughter, Mrs. W. E. Ringgold, Chestertown, Md. Her son, Rev. John M. Arters, Executive Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of our Church, had just come in on the evening train to spend the night with his parents and had been with them but one hour when his mother suddenly passed out into the larger life.

Heaven with its perennial life and angel ministries, came down and met her this side the dark river, closed in about her and bore her over so tenderly, and yet so strongly and triumphantly that she never saw death.

Mrs. Arters was born near Lowe's X Roads, Sussex Co., Del., July 2, 1840. Her parents were John and Elizabeth Jones.

At the age of fifteen she was converted and joined Jones' Church on old Laurel Circuit and thus early in life began to labor in her Master's Vineyard.

She was married to Rev. Joseph A. Arters, March 16th, 1871, while he was pastor at Gumboro, Del.

Beside this appointment she shared the joys and sorrows, the toils and tribulations of her husband, at Roxana, Berlin, Deals Island, Annessex, Stockton, Kent Island, Centreville, Church Hill, Greensboro, Cecilton, Clayton, Crumpton, Charlestown and Port Penn. After Brother Arters' retirement from the active ministry in the spring of 1910 they moved to Middletown, Del., where they expected to finish their earthly pilgrimage, but declining health made it necessary for them to break up their home and go with the daughter of Bro. Arters at Chestertown.

Sister Arters was quiet and unassuming in her manner but always keenly interested in the work of the church. She was a devoted wife, a self-sacrificing mother and a consecrated helper in the ranks of the itinerancy. In all the churches served during the forty years of her active life her influence was strongly felt and her gentle ministrations greatly appreciated. She, being what men call "dead yet speaketh". The influences started by her life will circle out farther and with accumulating results, through the ever-revolving aeons, until the nether shores of human life and destiny shall thrill with their impulses.

She is survived by her husband and one son, Rev. John Manley Arters of Washington, D. C. One son, Wm. Jones Arters, died in infancy in 1876.

The funeral services were conducted Friday, October 26th, 1917, at the home by the Rev. W. A. Wise, Superintendent of Easton District, assisted by Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D., J. W. Jones and the writer. The interment was in the beautiful Chester Cemetery, Chestertown, Md.

"God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly

What He hath given;

They live on earth, in thought and deed, as truly

As in His heaven."

T. F. BEAUCHAMP.

ANNIE TODD BARRETT.

Mrs. Annie Todd Barrett, daughter of David and Maria Todd, was born in Cambridge, Md., April 8th, 1846, and died in Harrington, Del., April 18, 1917, just on the threshold of the 72nd year of her age and the 42nd year of her itinerant life.

She was educated at the high school in Cambridge, Md., where the days of her childhood and youth were spent, and she always found great delight in recalling the fond memories that bound her to that beautiful town on the shore of the Great Choptank River.

On December 13th, 1864, she was married to our Brother Barrett, who was at that time engaged in the printing business in the town of Easton, Md., where after their marriage they set up their home with no thought of entering the Methodist Itinerancy, but expecting to pursue the less responsible course of a business life, free from the privations and cares that necessarily come to the itinerant, and not less to his wife.

But God had other work for Brother Barrett to do, and when the call to the ministry came to him, not knowing how his wife might consider the matter, and he himself hesitating to assume the responsibility, he kept it, as best he could, to himself for a while. But with that peculiar instinct that belongs to woman she suspected the hiding of some mental disturber, and on discovering what it was, thinking that, perhaps, consideration for her feelings might be the cause of his hesitation, like the true wife she always was, she immediately reinforced the call, urging him if he felt it his duty to give himself to the ministry, to do so, promising not only to go cheerfully with him, but to do her best to assist him in every way possible in his work—a promise she faithfully fulfilled during all the eventful years of their united and happy life.

To Brother and Sister Barrett six sons were born, five of whom died in infancy, only one, Dr. Walter T. Barrett, of Milford, Delaware, living to reach the age of manhood. What must have been that greeting when the mother entered the heavenly home welcomed by the sons who long time had awaited her coming.

It is a trite saying that "if you would really know a person you must live with him," and perhaps the next best thing is to live as a neighbor. This was my privilege for four years, and so I know whereof I speak when I refer to the life and character of sister Barrett. I was not only her neighbor but I was also her pastor during those years, and it is with pleasure that I bear testimony to her christian life and character.

She combined to an unusual degree the contemplative and the practical in her disposition and temperament. She was as practical as Martha of Bethany in all the details of her domestic duties, looking well to the care of her home and the comfort of her family, while at the same time she was as gentle and tender as Mary, having a kind word for every one no matter whether rich or poor, high or low in the social circle, and as a result she was deservedly popular with the people wherever her lot was cast in the rounds of her itinerant life.

Having been converted when she was a child she was all her subsequent lifetime a christian and a member of the Methodist Episcopal

Church. Her christian testimony was in her life and conduct rather than in oral expression.

Being of a modest and retiring disposition she never sought prominence in any thing pertaining to social or church work, but as a quiet worker in these respects she was always dependable.

In temperament she was not emotional but rather the opposite. She could say with the Apostle "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him." Hence the quiet of her regillious life was never disturbed by any doubts as to the truth of God's word or the trustworthiness of His promises.

There is a Chaldee paraphrase on the death of Moses which reads, "So Moses the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, as by a kiss of the Word of the Lord." What a glorious ending of this earthly life when in the midst of life's responsibilities, while in the full strength and vigor of our natural faculties, with the eye undimmed and the natural force unabated, our great Commander calls one up to the summit of some spiritual Nebo, enfolds him in the everlasting arms and kisses away the cares and sorrows of a whole lifetime with one touch of the kiss of God.

Such was the departure of our sister from earth and earthly cares. Arising in the early morning preparatory to engaging in the ordinary routine of her domestic duties and before she had completed the preparation therefor, she heard the call of the Master, and there all alone with God in the quiet of her bed-chamber she closed here eyes to earth and earthly cares, and, no doubt, with a whispered good-by that fell not on human ears, she went to be with God and the loved ones who were awaiting her in the mansion prepared for her in the Glory Land.

Appropriate funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Harrington, Del. on Friday afternoon, April 20th, conducted by the writer assisted by several of the members of our Conference who were very dear personal friends of Sister Barrett, following which we bore her body to Milford, Del., and in the cemetery there, amid the blooming of the first flowers of the springtime, we laid it to rest with appropriate burial services, where it awaits the glorious day with whose dawning those who sleep in Jesus shall hear the summoning call of the Angel of the Resurrection, and shall come forth attired, not in the sombre garments of the dead, but in the beautiful garments of immortality, and with their risen Lord, shall; soul and body, enter into the bliss and glory of the life eternal.

To live for others rather than for self;
To minister rather than to receive,
Is noblest aim of consecrated toil or wealth;
Is highest honor mortal can achieve.

Of our departed sister we can truly say
She lived for others, not for self display,
And now for her the sands of life are run:—
To her the Master must have said "WELL DONE."

THOS. E. TERRY.

REBECCA M. BRANDRETH.

Mrs. Rebecca M. Brandreth, widow of Rev. John Brandreth, was born May 22, 1839, and died at the residence of her daughter in Scranton, Pa., Sept. 23, 1917. She was thirty-five years a member of St. Stephen's M. E. Church, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., and during the greater part of that time had her home with her daughter in Germantown, Philadelphia.

She is survived by two sons, and two daughters.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor Sept. 26th.

We laid her beside her husband in God's acre in Mount Moriah, Philadelphia. So these companions in the ministries of mercy in the Gospel of Jesus Christ are together again in the land whose inhabitants never say, "I am sick."

JOHN D. FOX.

HENRIETTA MORRIS.

Mrs. Henrietta Morris, widow of the late Rev. S. J. Morris, of the Wilmington Conference, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Cannon on Broad St., Manasquan, N. J., January 31, 1918. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, February 3, with interment at Elizabeth on Monday. Her pastor, the Rev. George T. Hillman, spoke of her many virtues.

Mrs. Morris leaves five daughters, Mrs. Ida F. Cannon of Manasquan, Mrs. Margaret Pierce and Mrs. Elizabeth Welsh of Philadelphia, Mrs. Nottie Aaronson of Ocean Grove, and Miss Sarah Morris of Newark, and two sisters and one brother to mourn her loss.

"To know her was to love her."

GEORGE T. HILLMAN.

MARY F. THOMAS.

Mrs. Mary F. Thomas, widow of the Rev. David R. Thomas, entered into rest after a brief illness resulting from a fall that so weakened her failing physical powers that she gradually faded until, "she was not, for God took her." Sister Thomas was a devoted wife, and nobly sustained her husband in his chosen work. Unostentatious and retiring, she wrought quietly and faithfully, shedding the light of a beautiful Christian influence wherever she was placed. She loved her Church next to her Saviour. To her the Methodist Episcopal Church was God's best expression of modern, militant Christianity. Yet she was no bigot, she had a place in her heart for "all who loved the Lord in sincerity and in truth." She held her membership in Saint Paul's, and while strength permitted was a regular and consistent attendant at all the services. To her the church was "the house of God, the gate of heaven to the waiting soul."

As one watched her placid countenance revealing her faith in the eternal verities, her communion with the Father, that great word of

Scripture came to mind in which the prophet sets forth the secret of the Lord, "Thou wilt keep in perfect peace him whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee."

The weary pilgrim has reached the end of the road. She has entered the Father's house to go no more out forever. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

ROBERT WATT.

MARTHA S. WILLIAMS.

Martha S. Williams, the widow of the Rev. T. S. Williams, passed to her heavenly home during the early winter. For some years sister Williams had lived at Delanco, New Jersey, a place she dearly loved.

Mrs. Williams was an ideal helpmeet for her husband, entering heartily into the work of the ministry and proving her worth as a leader among her husband's parishoners. Gentle and persuasive in manner, she won people immediately and bound them to her "with hooks of steel."

After the retirement of Brother Williams in 1898, caused by a fatal malady that warned him of the un wisdom of continuing in the active relation, they made their home in North East, a former appointment. Here for two years she watched her loved one with the care and tenderness of a mother. After the death of Brother Williams she continued to reside in North East with her son, Paul.

During those years the writer had ample opportunity to observe the work and worth of this noble woman. She was as deeply interested in the church as though she were still the pastor's wife. She was invaluable in all that made for the building of the Kingdom. Cultured, and refined in manner, a discriminating listener, she was an inspiration to the preacher.

She was an ideal hostess and her modest little home was always open to the itinerant. As her guest it was the writer's privilege to share in an ideal hospitality, a hospitality devoid of display but mixed with grace. A sweet, womanly, gentle soul was Martha S. Williams.

After living in North East for a number of years her health became frail and she moved to Delanco, New Jersey. While frail and unable to enter as fully into the work of the church as formerly she yet maintained her keen interest in its affairs and did what she could to bring success to Zion. She leaves to her son a legacy more precious than gold, for "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." Surely this wise word is appropriate in her case.

ROBERT WATT.

XI.

ROLL OF HONORED DEAD.

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

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EP FECTIVE
1859	John E. Elliott.....	Nov. 8, 1868..	Snow Hill, Md.....	30	10
1836	Thos. J. Quigley,	Oct. 19, 1870..	Laurel, Del.	65	44
1850	Daniel Titlow	Feb. 7, 1871..	Philadelphia, Pa. ..	48	4
1867	Amos A. Ewing	Jan. 19, 1872..	Cecil County, Md... ..	30	4
1848	Alfred Cookman	Nov. 13, 1872..	Newark, N. J.....	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey..	July 9, 1871..	Royal Oak, Md.....	64	38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct. 3, 1872..	Frankford, Del.	34	13
1825	T. J. Thompson,	Nov. 29, 1874..	Wilmington, Del.	71	49
1828	Robert E. Kemp.....	Mar. 6, 1875..	Greensboro, Md.	73	32
1832	Wesley Kenney,	June 24, 1875..	Smyrna, Del.	70	42
1835	Henry Sutton.....	Mar. 23, 1876..	Philadelphia, Pa.	68	23
1871	George A. Campbell.....	Sept. 7, 1876..	Frankford, Del.....	30	4
1862	John W. Weston.....	Apr. 23, 1877..	Wilmington, Del.	33	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
1878	Thos. J. Pretyman.....	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
1839	Elon J. Way,	July 5, 1886..	Baltimore, Md.	75	26
1831	Valentine Gray.....	Jan. 21, 1887..	Gap, Pa.	72	42
1859	Isaiah D. Johnson.....	Mar. 4, 1887..	Bridgeville, Del.	33	6
1854	Wm. J. O'Neil.....	Mar. 9, 1887..	Church Hill, Md....	55	23
1886	Jos. Dare.....	Oct. 22, 1887..	Newark, Del.	56	32
1849	Frank M. Morgan.....	Feb. 11, 1889..	Philadelphia, Pa.	34	3
1873	William Merrill.....	Oct. 23, 1889..	Upper Fairm't, Md.	75	23
1841	Isaac N. Foreman.....	June 12, 1890..	Lincoln, Del.	47	17
1855	John Allen.....	Dec. 13, 1890..	Brooklyn, N. Y....	72	33
1889	Samuel T. Gardner.....	Jan. 3, 1891..	Pivot Bridge, Md....	60	33
1870	Samuel J. Baker.....	Sept. 22, 1891..	Laurel, Del.	33	2
1873	Thos. O. Ayres.....	Oct. 4, 1891..	Delaware City, Del.	53	21
1840	Thos. R. Creamer	Jan. 10, 1892..	Milton, Del.	45	19
1833	Vaughan Smith.....	Nov. 21, 1891..	Wilmington, Del.	79	43
1845	Charles Hill.....	June 22, 1892..	Salisbury, Md.	70	47
1865	James L. Houston.....	Sept. 18, 1892..	Trappe, Md.	82	32
1859	Alfred T. Melvin.....	Oct. 17, 1892..	Bel Air, Md.	52	24
1857	Alfred A. Fisher	Dec. 12, 1893..	Bridgeville, Del.	62	17
1847	Wm. B. Gregg.....	Jan. 24, 1893..	Wyoming, Del.	68	36
1835	Joseph Robinson.....	Feb. 18, 1893..	Perryman's, Md.	68	45
1843	George Barton.....	Mar. 19, 1893..	Church Hill, Md.	84	11
1860	James A. Brindle.....	Apr. 6, 1894..	Greensboro, Md.	73	48
1850	Nicholas M. Browne	Feb. 4, 1895..	Middletown, Del.	58	35
1857	James Hubbard.....	Apr. 4, 1895..	Philadelphia, Pa.	76	4
1892	James E. Bryan.....	Oct. 17, 1895..	Baltimore, Md.	64	39
1859	John D. Lecates.....	Nov. 11, 1895..	Wilmington, Del.	41	5
1859	Thomas E. Bell.....	Mar. 21, 1895..	Easton, Md.	58	
1868	James Conner	Sept. 10, 1896..	Selbyville, Del.	59	28

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EFFECTIVE
1862	Merritt Hulburd.....	Oct. 10, 1896...	Wilmington, Del.....	54	34
1873	Newton McQuay.....	May, 1887...	St. Michaels, Md.....	57	21
1896	William G. Chance.....	Sept. 13, 1897...	Quantico, Md.....	33	2
1848	Wm. B. Walton.....	June 21, 1898...	Salisbury, Md.....	77	43
1850	John B. Quigg.....	July 30, 1898...	Wilmington, Del.....	72	46
1845	John H. Caldwell.....	March 11, 1899...	Dover, Del.....	79	45
1860	Andrew D. Davis.....	April 13, 1899...	Georgetown, Del.....	72	35
1845	Henry Sanderson.....	Aug. 16, 1899...	Ridley Park, Pa.....	80	34
1859	Edwin H. Hynson.....	July 27, 1899...	Smyrna, Del.....	64	39
1845	Wm. E. England.....	Jan. 20, 1900...	Philadelphia, Pa.....	79	48
1857	Thos. S. Williams.....	Jan. 20, 1900...	Northeast, Md.....	65	41
1888	Chas. P. Swain.....	May 22, 1900...	Deal's Island, Md.....	41	12
1874	David F. Waddell.....	Dec. 20, 1900...	Westminster, Md.....	48	28
1896	Benj. F. Price.....	Mar. 22, 1901...	Elkton, Md.....	84	60
1851	Jas. W. Hammersly.....	April 19, 1901...	Brooklandville, Md.....	78	40
1877	Walter E. Avery.....	April 22, 1902...	Wilmington, Del.....	50	25
1860	J. Owen Sypherd.....	Sept. 8, 1902...	Wilmington, Del.....	69	39
1872	John D. Kemp.....	Sept. 21, 1902...	Chestertown, Md.....	65	30
1856	William F. Talbot.....	Feb. 26, 1903...	Dover, Del.....	73	27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard.....	Apr. 13, 1903...	Frankford, Del.....	65	41
1848	Thos. H. Haynes.....	May 23, 1903...	Smyrna, Del.....	81	51
1853	Geo. A. Phoebus.....	May 28, 1903...	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	74	33
1868	Jonathan S. Willis.....	Nov. 24, 1903...	Milford, Del.....	74	43
1867	John D. Rigg.....	Dec. 16, 1903...	Hockessin, Del.....	65	27
1869	Edward Davis.....	Jan. 9, 1904...	Newark, Md.....	84	28
1856	John France.....	Mar. 10, 1904...	Wilmington, Del.....	69	48
1879	E. K. Creed.....	Apr. 24, 1904...	Philadelphia, Pa.....	58	25
1890	E. R. Sidell.....	May 14, 1904...	Philadelphia, Pa.....	43	14
1853	J. B. Merritt.....	July 8, 1904...	Fairlee, Md.....	78	32
1872	G. W. Wilcox.....	Dec. 15, 1904...	Salisbury, Md.....	62	20
1889	James E. Graham.....	July 13, 1905...	Seaford, Del.....	52	16
1853	Robert W. Todd.....	Jan. 18, 1906...	Baltimore, Md.....	75	52
1858	S. T. Morris.....	Apr. 13, 1906...	Roselle Park, N. J.....	73	45
1879	C. A. Grise.....	Apr. 12, 1907...	Berlin, Md.....	51	28
1868	W. R. MacFarlane.....	Feb. 18, 1908...	Hockessin, Del.....	71	40
1898	F. E. Bloxton.....	Mar. 5, 1908...	Nanticoke, Md.....	40	10
1869	W. R. Gwinn.....	Mar. 13, 1908...	Baltimore, Md.....	67	34
1876	Albert Chandler.....	June 22, 1908...	Bethel, Del.....	53	32
1870	E. H. Nelson.....	Oct. 27, 1908...	Delaware City, Del.....	62	39
1860	H. W. Bolton.....	Jan. 8, 1909...	Camden, Del.....	69	42
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow.....	Feb. 3, 1909...	Dover, Del.....	81	42
1869	E. H. Miller.....	Jan. 22, 1911...	Sharptown, Md.....	66	43
1876	W. L. P. Bowen.....	Mar. 11, 1911...	Newark, Md.....	77	17
1866	E. E. White.....	Dec. 26, 1912...	Oxford, Md.....	69	46
1853	W. M. Warner.....	Apr. 16, 1913...	Millington, Md.....	83	41
1897	J. W. Talley.....	Aug. 9, 1913...	Near Wilm'gt'n, Del.....	42	9
1868	I. G. Fosnoecht.....	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. Maenichol.....	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
1901	R. H. Lewis.....	Aug. 30, 1916...	Fishing Creek, Md.....	31	12
1876	T. A. H. O'Brien.....	Oct. 21, 1916...	Salisbury, Md.....	63	40
1887	S. M. Morgan.....	Jan. 6, 1917...	Wilmington, Del.....	63	27
1864	T. E. Martindale.....	Feb. 16, 1917...	Salisbury, Md.....	73	52
1893	H. A. G. Westerfield.....	June 17, 1917...	Port Deposit, Md.....	51	23
1886	Asbury Burke.....	Sept. 4, 1917...	Newport, Del.....	66	31
1870	John W. Poole.....	Sept. 30, 1917...	Philadelphia, Pa.....	91	18

XII.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

No.	Date.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.
1	March 17, '69	Wilm'ton—Asbury	M. Simpson.....	S. L. Gracey.
2	" 16, '70	Port Deposit.....	E. S. Janes.....	S. L. Gracey.
3	" 8, '71	Dover.....	L. Scott.....	S. L. Gracey.
4	Feb'y 21, '72	Laurel.....	E. R. Ames.....	T. E. Martindale.
5	March 5, '73	Easton.....	L. Scott.....	T. E. Martindale.
6	" 4, '74	Salisbury.....	L. W. Wiley.....	T. E. Martindale.
7	" 17, '75	Smyrna.....	E. S. Janes.....	T. E. Martindale.
8	" 15, '76	Wilm'ton—Union	L. Scott.....	T. E. Martindale.
9	" 7, '77	Milford.....	E. R. Ames.....	T. E. Martindale.
10	" 13, '78	Chestertown.....	R. S. Foster.....	T. E. Martindale.
11	" 19, '79	New Castle.....	M. Simpson.....	T. E. Martindale.
12	" 17, '80	Dover.....	E. G. Andrews.....	T. E. Martindale.
13	" 16, '81	Lewes.....	Thos. Bowman.....	John D. Rigg.
14	" 8, '82	Middletown.....	J. F. Hurst.....	John D. Rigg.
15	" 7, '83	Cambridge.....	M. Simpson.....	John D. Rigg.
16	" 5, '84	Wilm'ton—Asbury	W. L. Harris.....	John D. Rigg.
17	" 12, '85	Snow Hill.....	S. M. Merrill.....	John D. Rigg.
18	" 4, '86	Elkton.....	W. F. Mallalieu.....	John D. Rigg.
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield.....	H. W. Warren.....	John D. Rigg.
20	" 7, '88	Wilm'ton—Union	C. D. Foss.....	John D. Rigg.
21	" 20, '89	Easton.....	R. S. Foster.....	John D. Rigg.
22	" 26, '90	Milford.....	Thos. Bowman.....	John D. Rigg.
23	" 19, '91	Centreville.....	C. H. Fowler.....	John D. Rigg.
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace	E. G. Andrews.....	A. S. Mowbray.
25	" 15, '93	Middletown.....	S. M. Merrill.....	A. S. Mowbray.
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury.....	J. H. Vincent.....	A. S. Mowbray.
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna.....	J. F. Hurst.....	A. S. Mowbray.
28	" 18, '96	Dover.....	H. W. Warren.....	A. S. Mowbray.
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown.....	J. M. Walden.....	A. S. Mowbray.
30	" 23, '98	Lewes.....	J. P. Newman.....	A. S. Mowbray.
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge.....	C. D. Foss.....	A. S. Mowbray.
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth	E. G. Andrews.....	A. S. Mowbray.
33	" 20, '01	Wilmington—Grace	Daniel A. Goodsell.....	A. S. Mowbray.
34	" 19, '02	Crisfield.....	I. W. Joyce.....	A. S. Mowbray.
35	" 18, '03	Easton.....	Earl Cranston.....	A. S. Mowbray.
36	" 16, '04	Dover.....	J. M. Fitzgerald.....	A. S. Mowbray.
37	" 15, '05	Wilmington—Grace	D. A. Goodsell.....	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	" 1, '14	Berlin.....	Earl Cranston.....	W. A. Wise.
47	April 24, '15	Laurel.....	R. J. Cook.....	W. A. Wise.
48	" 29, '16	Wilmington.....	J. F. Berry.....	W. A. Wise.
49	" 28, '17	Seaford.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
50	" 20, '18	Dover.....	F. M. Bristol.....	D. W. Jacobs

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS.

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. Martin-
dale, 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. Re-
serves—G. T. Alderson, C. T. Wyatt.

WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE ENDOWMENT.

Dover District.

Armory and Asbury, \$60.50; Beckwith and Spedden, \$800.00; Beth-
el, \$148.00; Blades and Epworth, —; Bridgeville, \$1073.50; Camb-
ridge, \$3770.00; Camden, \$181.00; Canterbury, \$170.00; Church Creek,
\$221.00; Crapo, \$467.50; Dover, \$22,622.00; East New Market, \$1315.;
Ellendale, \$233.00; Elliott's, —; Farmington, \$240.00; Federlsburg,
\$2063.00; Felton, \$526.00; Frederica, \$155.00; Galestown and McKen-
dree, \$260.00; Georgetown, \$1820.00; Georgetown Circuit, \$115.00;
Greenwood, \$1405.00; Harrington, \$365.00; Hickman and Epworth, \$177.;
Hooper's Island, \$400.00; Houston, \$490.00; Hurlock, \$1005.00; Lakes-
ville, —; Laurel, \$660.00; Leipsic, \$320.00; Lewes, \$1500.00; Lincoln,
\$490.00; Little Creek, \$115.00; Magnolia, \$115.00; Milford, \$31,996.00;
Milford Neck and Williamsville, \$397.00; Millsboro, \$391.50; Milton,
\$571.50; Mt. Pleasant, \$175.00; Nassau, \$542.00; Rehoboth, \$580.50;
Reliance, \$491.00; Salem, \$70.00; Seaford, \$2322.00; Seaford Circuit,
\$2155.00; Vienna, \$107.00; Williamsburg, \$470.00; Wyoming, \$185.00;
Zoar, \$71.00; Students, \$1280.00—Total, \$85,087.00.

Easton District.

Bayside, \$300.00; Bosman, \$259.00; Burrsville, \$352.50; Cecilton,
\$1258.00; Chestertown, \$2475.00; Cheswold, \$679.00; Church Hill,
\$577.50; Clayton, \$457.00; Concord, \$730.00; Cordova, \$820.00; Crump-

ton, \$300.00; Denton, \$2864.00; Easton, \$2315.75; Fairlee, \$75.00; Ga-
lena, \$662.50; Greensboro, \$1050.00; Henderson, \$130.00; Hillsboro,
\$636.00; Kent Island, \$1019.00; Kenton, \$603.00; Marydel, \$185.00;
Middletown, \$4042.50; Millington & Dulaney, \$785.00; Odessa, \$3375.00;
Oxford, \$250.00; Piney Neck, —; Pomona, —; Preston, \$1722.00;
Queenstown, \$615.00; Ridgeley, \$1517.00; Rock Hall, \$530.00; Royal
Oak, \$239.00; St. Michaels, \$365.00; Salem Circuit, —; Sassafras, \$75;
Smyrna, \$7683.00; Smyrna Circuit, \$958.00; Still Pond, \$1446.25; Sud-
lersville, \$2555.00; Tilghman's, \$435.00; Townsend, \$2270.00; Trappe,
\$520.00; Wye Mills, \$475.00; Centreville, \$1652.00—Total for District,
\$49,258.00.

Salisbury District.

Annessex, \$245.00; Asbury, Crisfield, \$400.00; Berlin, \$3210.00;
Bishopville, \$260.00; Cape Charles, \$535.00; Chincoteague, \$115.00;
Claremont, —; Crisfield, \$910.00; Deal's Island, \$800.00; Dagsboro &
St. Georges, \$1925.00; Delmar, \$410.00; Fairmount, \$280.00; Frank-
ford, \$310.00; Fruitland, \$1000.50; Girdletree, \$221.00; Gumboro, \$100;
Habnab, —; Hebron, \$996.00; Holland's Island, —; Mardela Springs,
\$910.00; Marion, \$548.50; Mt. Vernon, \$151.50; Nanticoke, \$120.00;
Newark, Md., \$1500.00; Ocean City (Synepuxent), \$5.00; Ocean View &
Millville, \$505.00; Onancock, \$845.00; Parsonburg, \$195.00; Phoebus,
\$25.00; Pittsville, \$130.00; Pocomoke City, \$1402.00; Pocomoke Circuit,
\$372.50; Princess Anne, \$585.00; Powellsville, \$415.00; Quantico,
\$1149.00; Roxana, \$415.00; St. Peter's, \$75.00; Salisbury, \$19,200.00;
Salisbury, Grace & Stengle, \$300.00; Selbyville, \$3230.00; Sharptown,
\$365.00; Smith's Island, —; Snow Hill, \$2952.50; Somerset, \$85.00;
Stockton, \$567.00; Tangier, \$1015.00; Westover, \$280.00; Whitesville,
\$1390.00—Total for District, \$50,440.50.

Wilmington District.

Bethel Circuit, \$55.00; Charlestown, \$60.00; Cherry Hill, \$585.00;
Chesapeake City, \$45.00; Chester Bethel, \$238.00; Christiana, \$650.00;
Claymont, \$135.00; Colora, \$121.00; Delaware City, \$86.00; Ebenezer,
\$802.00; Elk Mills, \$125.00; Elk Neck, \$70.00; Elkton, \$2786.00; Hock-
essin, \$60.00; Hopewell, \$205.00; Kirkwood, —; Marshallton & Ced-
ars, \$167.50; Mt. Lebanon, \$385.00; Mt. Pleasant, \$692.00; Newark,
\$2348.00; New Castle, \$1025.00; Newport, \$1275.00; North East, \$82.50;
Perryville, \$2960.00; Port Deposit, \$504.50; Port Penn, —; Red Lion,
\$275.00; Rising Sun, \$619.50; Stanton, \$375.00; St. George's & Summit,
\$969.00; St. John's, \$595.00; Town Point, \$15.00; Zion, \$425.00; WIL-
MINGTON:—Asbury, \$1561.10; Brandywine & Edgemoore, \$1264.00;
Brack Ex, \$500.00; Cookman, \$1059.00; Eastlake, \$718.00; Elsmere,
—; Epworth, \$622.00; Grace, \$23,571.50; Harrison Street, \$2050.00;
Hillcrest, —; Italian Mission, —; Kingswood, \$416.00; Madeley,
\$94.00; McCabe, \$1510.00; Mt. Salem, \$757.00; Richardson Park, \$637.;
St. Paul's, \$2224.50; Scott, \$2558.00; Silverbrook, \$2475.00; Trinity,
\$75.00; Union, \$5195.00; Wesley, \$387.00—Total for the District,
\$66,410.10.

**REPORT OF BUREAU OF SESSIONS FOR CONFERENCE
ENTERTAINMENT.**

Charges contributing and respective amounts.

Dover District.

Bethel, \$9.00; Blades, \$1.00; Bridgeville, \$12.00; Cambridge, \$14.; Camden, \$9.00; Canterbury, \$6.00; Church Creek, \$6.00; East N. Market, \$11.00; Ellendale, \$4.25; Elliott's, \$6.00; Farmington, \$7.00; Felton, \$10.00; Federalsburg, \$12.00; Frederica, \$10.00; Galestown, \$6.00; Georgetown, \$14.00; Georgetown Ct., \$8.00; Greenwood, \$8.00; Harrington, \$12.00; Crapo, \$5.00; Hooper's Island, \$2.00; Houston, \$9.00; Hurlock, \$10.00; Lakesville, \$2.00; Laurel, \$14.00; Lewes, \$13.00; Lincoln, \$9.00; Magnolia, \$10.00; Milford, \$18.00; Milford Neck, \$4.00; Millsboro, \$10.00; Milton, \$10.00; Mt. Pleasant, \$9.00; Nassau, \$7.00; Rehoboth, \$10.00; Reliance, \$8.00; Salem, \$5.00; Seaford, \$12.00; Seaford Circuit, \$10.00; Vienna, \$6.00; Williamsburg, \$6.00; Wyoming, \$8.00; Zoar, \$5.00; Dover, Rev. W. E. Gunby, Ck. \$16.40—Total \$383.65.

Easton District.

Bayside, \$6.00; Burrsville, \$6.00; Cecilton, \$9.00; Centreville, \$12.; Chestertown, \$12.00; Cheswold, \$7.50; Clayton, \$10.00; Concord, \$10.; Cordova, \$10.00; Crumpton, \$8.00; Denton, \$15.00; Easton, \$14.00; Fairlee, \$5.00; Galena, \$9.00; Greensboro, \$5.00; Henderson, \$6.20; Hillsboro, \$11.00; Kent Island, \$10.00; Odessa, \$7.00; Oxford, \$7.00; Preston, \$12.00; Queenstown, \$7.00; Ridgely, \$12.00; Rock Hall, \$10.00; Royal Oak, \$5.30; Smyrna, \$15.00; Smyrna Ct., \$10.00; Still Pond, \$11.00; Sudlersville, \$10.00; Townsend, \$10.50; Trappe, \$8.00; Wye Mills, \$6.00; Salem Ct., \$3.00—Total, \$299.50.

Salisbury District.

Annamessex, \$4.00; Ayres, \$5.50; Asbury, \$15.00; Berlin, \$13.00; Cape Charles, \$12.00; Chincoteague, \$10.00; Deals Island, \$8.00; Hollands Island, \$3.50; Mardela Springs, \$6.00; Marion, \$3.00; Nanticoke, \$6.00; Newark, \$9.00; Ocean City, \$7.00; Onancock, \$6.00; Parsonburg, \$9.00; Pocomoke City, \$14.00; Princess Anne, \$10.00; Powellsville, \$7.; Delmar, \$13.00 Fairmount, \$11.00; Frankford, \$10.00; Fruitland, \$8.00; Hebron, \$10.00; Quantico, \$6.00; Roxana, \$9.00; St. Peters, \$10.00; Salisbury, Grace & Stengle, \$4.00; Sharptown, \$10.00; Smiths Island, \$10.00; Snow Hill, \$14.00; Stockton, \$9.50; Whitesville, \$10.00—Total, \$281.50.

Wilmington District.

St. Georges, \$12.00; Ebenezer, \$8.00; Red Lion, \$5.00; Union, \$18.; Harrison St., \$15.00; North East, \$10.00; Kingswood, \$10.00; Mt. Pleasant, \$10.00; Brack Ex, \$5.00; Cherry Hill, \$8.00; Scott, \$14.00; Trinity, \$8.00; St. Johns, \$7.00; Rising Sun, \$10.00; Asbury, \$15.00; Grace, \$40.; Christiana, \$5.00; Charlestown, \$7.00; Chester Bethel, \$8.00; Eastlake, \$10.00; Elk Mills, \$3.00; Silverbrook, \$12.00; Elkton, \$12.00; Marshall-

ton, \$9.00; Mt. Lebanon, \$8.00; New Castle, \$15.00; Zion, \$12.00; Mt. Salem, \$13.00; Wesley, \$10.00; Richardson Park, \$12.00; Cookman, \$6.; McCabe, \$13.00; Brandywine, \$12.00; St. Pauls, \$25.00; Hockessin, \$7.; Chesapeake City, \$8.00—Total, \$402.00.

STATEMENT OF REV. W. E. GUNBY, CONFERENCE HOST.

Received from: W. O. Hoffecker, by check, \$938.75; Wesley M. E. Church, cash, \$225.00; Rev. W. R. Mowbray, \$18.00—Total, \$1181.75.

Disbursements—W. C. I. as per bill, \$667.50; Hotel Richardson, \$243.50; W. S. Hamon, \$14.00; R. M. Richardson, \$28.50; Rev. L. E. Windsor, \$5.00; Dover Inn, Mrs. Brener, \$23.00; Mrs. Angelica Jones, \$18.00; Miss Mary Saulsbury, \$19.50; Mrs. Annie Moore, \$84.60; Mrs. George Hardesty, \$18.75; Rev. Thos. Pardee, \$21.00; Capitol Hotel, Mr. Messick, \$12.00; D. W. Jacobs, by Conf. order, \$13.00—Total disbursements, \$1168.35; leaving a balance of \$13.40; Overcharge Mr. Pardee, \$3.00—Total, \$16.40. Check enclosed for \$16.40.

**REPORT OF W. O. HOFFECKER, TREASURER, BUREAU OF
SESSIONS, 1918.**

Receipts:—Easton District, \$299.50; Dover District (not including contribution of \$225.00 of Wesley Church, Dover and \$18.00 by Rev. W. R. Mowbray), \$367.25; Salisbury District, \$281.50; Wilmington District, \$402.00; Refund of excess paid Rev. W. E. Gunby, \$16.40; Balance in hand from former collections, \$131.68—Total receipts, \$1498.33.

Disbursements:—Check to Rev. W. E. Gunby, \$938.75; Balance in Treasury, \$559.58.

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Morning Session.

Opening—The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Laymen's Association was held at Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, Dover, Delaware, March 22, 1918. About 150 laymen were present for the Love Feast which was in charge of Bro. E. J. Winder. About fifty testified to the saving and sustaining power of Christ.

At 10:20 a. m. the session was called to order by the President, Andrew L. Johnson. In a brief address the president called attention to the war conditions and to the necessity of our putting forth special efforts to meet these conditions. The matter of increase in ministerial support is now an application of the Golden Rule. Innocent assessments are to be encouraged when the serious affairs of life have been looked after. But many of the amusements of today partake of the nature of license and are sapping the moral fibre of our youth. The cigarette habit among boys was to be deplored and special privileges to the tobacconist should be canceled.

Roll Call and Committees—The roll was called and 63 delegates responded. In all 74 delegates reported. The following committees were appointed:

Resolutions—Bros. E. Benson Dennis, David S. Clark, J. Edward Drennen, Ruel Loomis and John T. Taylor.

Nominations—Bros. J. Herman Anderson, W. J. Downing, J. T. Buckson and Harry Lynch.

Finance—Bros. I. M. Lenderman, J. E. Walls, R. C. Peters and J. B. Webster.

Treasurer L. M. Price presented his report which, upon motion, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Introductions—Bro. Edgar H. Rue, representative of the World Outlook presented the features and advantages of the paper as the official organ of the Missionary societies.

Dr. John Krantz then outlined the activities of the Methodist Book Concern and gave the results in dividends. As representative of Dr. J. B. Hingeley of the Ministerial Endowment Fund, he told of the results of the campaigns during the past year.

Dr. L. W. Munhall spoke of the merits of the Eastern Methodist as an organ representing true Methodism and the Wilmington Conference.

The next introduced was Dr. Robert L. Reamy, who asked for the support of the laymen in the Wilmington Conference for the Methodist.

Dr. Clarence True Wilson, Secretary of the General Conference Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, gave a most interesting account of the work done by the Board and described the proposed headquarters for the Board at Washington, also giving an account of the way in which many of the financial difficulties had been removed.

Dr. James H. Morgan, President of Dickinson College, asked the lay-

men to make sacrifices if need be to send their sons and daughters to school and college, the supreme need of the present being an educated Christian leadership.

Dr. Charles M. Boswell, Corresponding Secretary of the Philadelphia Methodist Hospital, expressed appreciation of the many donations made to the Hospital during the past year and asked that extra efforts be made the next year to take care of the greatly increased demand at the hospital, as well as support of the nurses at the front in France.

Resolution—On motion of Bro. J. Edward Drennen of Cambridge, a resolution asking the delegates to the Laymen's Association from the several counties in Maryland to telegraph their representatives protesting against the passage of the Race Track Gambling and Sunday Base Ball Bills was unanimously concurred in.

Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session was opened by singing led by the Nygren Evangelists. Rev. Leonard White led in prayer.

Address and Discussions—Hon. John G. Townsend, Jr., Governor of Delaware, addressed the Association on "Church Attendance." He said in part:

"This, to my mind, is the most critical period in the history of the State or of the church, and if the church fails at this time in her mission, we are lost. Piles of brick or stone do not make a church. We must have attendance to make a church.

"Many churches without attendance should be closed. In most of our little towns we are churching to death, trying to pay a minister a miserly salary of a few hundred dollars from each denomination, when, if we are all pulling together as one church, we could pay a decent salary to a minister and thereby eliminate a great deal of strife.

"I am a Methodist, but let us be broad enough to see the good of other denominations."

Discussing other reasons for small attendance, the governor declared one reason was because laymen placed the blame on the pastor, instead of upon themselves, whose poor management was the cause. He recommended a "checking" system to keep track of families and their church attendance.

He said: "How about the politician? Doesn't he know what every man is going to vote in his district? And here we are in the greatest business of the land, that of running a church, and don't even know all the families in our community."

He asked the laymen to set a good example by their own regular attendance. He recommended a minimum salary of one thousand dollars for preachers and told the laymen to "get down to tacks" and work, and there would be no trouble about attendance.

In the absence of Bro. Harry Mayer, Secretary C. A. Short, opened the general discussion of Church attendance, and was followed by Bros. John R. Price, E. J. Winder, Davis S. Clark, W. J. Downing and F. M. Jones.

Introductions—Rev. T. Davis Preston, General Secretary of the Delaware Sunday School Association, spoke on the conditions of the Sunday Schools in the State, and the importance of the work in Church upkeep and made a plea for more earnest intensive efforts. Bro. Harry P. Bennett, Circulation Manager of the Christian Advocate, presented a message of fraternal greetings from the Laymen's Association of New Jersey Conference. He asked for increased reading of the Christian Advocate. Dr. J. T. Herson, Salisbury, was introduced to the laymen and spoke encouraging words for the layman's activities. Secretary P. J. Maveety of the Freedmen's Aid Society asked for more generous consideration for the cause on the Peninsula.

Collection of \$18.29 was taken.

Nominations—The Committee on Nominations reported the following: President, W. J. Downing; Vice-Presidents—W. E. Hammond, Jr., Dover District; David S. Clark, Easton District; Orlando Harrison, Salisbury District; George W. Booker, Wilmington District; Secretary, C. A. Short; Treasurer, L. M. Price. The nominees were unanimously elected.

Resolutions—The Committee on Resolutions through the Secretary reported the following resolutions, which were taken up in their order and adopted.

I.

Ratification of Prohibition Amendment.

RESOLVED, That we render unto God our heartfelt gratitude for His love and special providence over us during the past year;

RESOLVED, Further, that as lay delegates we will during the coming year, by the help of our Heavenly Father, put forth greater efforts to build up and advance His Kingdom in the Wilmington Conference.

RESOLVED, Further, That we tender our thanks to the Delaware and the Maryland Legislatures in ratifying the Prohibition Amendment to the National Constitution.

RESOLVED, Further, That we express our thanks and appreciation for the untiring efforts of the Anti-Saloon League, the Church Temperance Society and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union that made possible these legislative successes.

II.

Pastoral Support.

RESOLVED, That we recommend to the laymen of this Conference that they see to it that their pastors shall receive an adequate support and that they put forth special efforts to make such support possible.

III.

Defense Bill.

RESOLVED, That the laymen of the Wilmington Conference urge upon the Legislature of Delaware the passage of the National Defense measure as recommended by Governor Townsend at the convening of the Special Session of the Legislature.

IV.

Christian Advocate and The Methodist.

RESOLVED, That the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference hereby pledges its membership to cooperate with the District Superintendents in every effort designed to extend the circulation of the Christian Advocate and the Methodist within the bounds of our Conference.

V.

Thanks for Hospitality.

RESOLVED, That we extend to Wesley Church of Dover, its pastor and its people, our sincere thanks for their hospitality in providing for us so well an appointed place for meeting.

Adjournment.

CLARENCE A. SHORT,
Secretary.

ANDREW L. JOHNSON,
President.

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.