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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 reconsider, except the member so moving shall state his reasons therefor.
 9. 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.

1858 William W. Redman	1884 William A. Wise
1862 George S. Conaway	1884 Edmund H. Derrickson
1866 James Esgate	1884 Thomas N. Given
1868 Cornelius W. Prettyman	1884 William F. Dawson
1869 Phillip H. Rawlins	1885 James W. Easley
1870 Adam Stengle	1885 Robert Watt
1870 George E. Reed	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	1886 George E. Wood
1872 John P. Otis	1886 William W. Sharp
1873 Robert Roe	1886 William R. Mowbray
1873 Frank C. MacSorley	1886 Henry S. Dulaney
1873 William M. Greene	1886 William G. Koons
1875 Walter W. White	1886 James T. Prouse
1876 George W. Townsend	1886 Benjamin F. Jester
1876 Louis E. Barrett	1886 William P. Taylor
1876 Wilbur F. Corkran	1887 Zach H. Webster
1876 John M. Collins	1887 James H. Wilson
1876 Thomas E. Terry	1887 Harvey W. Ewing
1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker	1888 George T. Alderson
1878 Robert K. Stephenson	1888 John F. Anderson
1878 Howard T. Quigg	1888 Frank F. Carpenter
1878 Gordon R. Neese	1888 William P. Compton
1879 Olin S. Walton	1888 Wesley W. Chaires
1879 Alfred Smith	1888 Warren Burr
1879 Joshua M. Lindale	1888 Joshua W. Gray
1881 Frederick J. Cochran	1888 George W. Stallings
1881 Louis P. Corkran	1889 Vinal E. Hills
1881 Sewall N. Pilchard	1889 Truston C. Smoot
1882 Allison P. Prettyman	1889 James W. Fogle
1882 Charles H. Williams	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
- 1894 Henry G. Budd
1894 John H. Beauchamp
1894 Charles W. Moore
- 1895 Edward H. Collins
1895 Daniel J. Givan
1895 Thomas R. Van Dyke
- 1896 Luther E. Poole
1896 George P. Smith
1896 Leolan Jackson
1896 John W. R. Sumwalt
- 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 Edward H. Dashiell
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
1900 Oscar L. Martin
- 1902 Milton McCann
1902 William E. Matthews
1902 George C. Williams
1902 James H. Gardner
1902 Oram T. Baynard
1902 James W. Colona
- 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
1904 Edward H. Marshall
- 1905 Lewis B. Morgan
1905 Elwood W. Jones
1905 Daniel J. Ford
1905 Jesse C. McCoy
1905 Howard McDade
1905 Joseph M. S. Van Blunk
- 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 Ernest C. Hallman
1910 Harry E. Reed
- 1911 Oren B. Rice
1911 David J. Moore
1911 Charles W. Spry
1911 George W. Richmire
- 1912 George S. Allen
1912 Olie H. Connelly
1912 George E. Sterling
1912 George F. Newton
1912 Ivanhoe Willis
1912 George W. Williams
- 1913 Disston W. Jacobs
1913 James A. Leach
1913 Zach W. Wells
1913 John W. Chappell
1913 William A. Wright
- 1914 Frank White
1914 Norman C. Benson
1914 Marion W. Marine
1914 Essell P. Thomas

- 1915 Ralph C. Jones
1915 Luther M. Broadway
1915 Claude W. Clark
1915 Alpha B. Frye
- 1916 Roy T. Thawley
1916 Charles C. Harris
1916 Lester E. Windsor
1916 Otis B. Reed
1916 Thomas R. Jones
- 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 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
1918 Robert Lawson
- 1919 Earl M. Shockley
1919 John H. Whedbee
- 1920 John C. Bolton
1920 Raymond W. Cooke
1920 William L. Hess
1920 Ralph L. Minker
1920 Joshua B. McCabe

(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 Elkton, Md.	1
1918	Alderson, W. H.	D At School	2
1912	Allen, G. S.	E St. Peters (P. O. Oriole, Md.)	1
1888	Anderson, J. F.	E Colora, Md.	1
1917	Atkins, C. H.	D Lincoln, Del.	3
1876	Barrett, L. E.	R Chestertown, Md.	2
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E Beckwith (P.O. Cornersville, Md.)	1
1892	Beauchamp, T. F.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1894	Beauchamp, J. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1897	Bennett, W. O.	E Laurel, Del.	1
1914	Benson, N. C.	E Greenwood, Del.	2
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E New Castle, Del.	3
1920	Bolton, J. C.	E Clayton, Del.	1
1890	Bounds, G. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1885	Bowman, G. W.	R Laurel, Del.	15
1890	Brewington, J. A.	R Hebron, Md.	1
1907	Briggs, W. H.	E Selbyville, Del.	5
1915	Broadway, L. M.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1904	Buckson, J. A.	E Zion (P. O. North East, Md.)	1
1894	Budd, H. G.	E Dover, Del.	10
1909	Bunting, J. J.	E Berlin, Md.	1
1888	Burr, Warren	E Port Deposit, Md.	1
1888	Carpenter, F. F.	E Seaford, Del.	1
1888	Chaires, W. W.	R Bozman, Md.	1
1913	Chappell, J. W.	D Red Cross Hospital	3
1915	Clark, C. W.	D Hockessin, Del.	1
1881	Cochran, F. J.	E Red Lion, Del.	1
1876	Collins, J. M.	R 1607 W. 13th St., Wilm., Del.	16
1883	Collins, V. S.	E Salisbury, Md.	4
1895	Collins, E. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1902	Colona, J. W.	E Dover, Del.	3
1888	Compton, W. P.	R 6726 Lansdown Ave., Phila., Pa.	8
1862	Conaway, G. S.	R Smyrna, Del.	15
1912	Connelly, O. H.	E Millington, Md.	1
1891	Cooke, G. A.	R St. John's (P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	1
1920	Cooke, R. W.	P Wilmington, Del.	1

	Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E Crisfield, Md.	3
1881	Corkran, L. P.	R Sudlersville, Md.	4
1918	Cummings, W. H.	D Ebenezer (P. O. Newark, Del.)	3
1899	Dashiell, E. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	6
1900	Davis, Howard	E Lewes, Del.	1
1884	Dawson, W. F.	E Princess Anne, Md.	1
1899	Dawson, G. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	8
1884	Derrickson, E. H.	E Odessa, Del.	3
1886	Dulaney, H. S.	E Sharptown, Md.	1
1885	Easley, J. W.	R Dover, Del.	2
1898	Ellis, G. R.	E Magnolia, Del.	4
1866	Esgate, James	R Los Angeles, California	35
1887	Ewing, H. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1900	Faulkner, F. N.	E Delmar, Del.	8
1889	Fogle, J. W.	R Seaford, Del.	3
1905	Ford, D. J.	E Frankford, Del.	2
1915	Frye, A. B.	D Concord (P. O. Hobbs, Md.)	1
1891	Gardner, Edwin	E Marydel, Md.	1
1902	Gardner, J. H.	E Crapo, Md.	1
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.	E Bethel Circuit (P.O. Elkton, Md.)	2
1895	Givan, D. J.	E North East, Md.	1
1884	Given, T. N.	E Christiana, Del.	1
1917	Godwin, W. F.	D Tangier, Va.	1
1903	Goodhand, A. W.	E Richardson Park, Del.	1
1917	Grant, W. S.	D Rehoboth, Del.	1
1888	Gray, J. W.	R Landover, Md.	1
1873	Greene, W. M.	R Wyoming, Del.	17
1900	Greenfield, W. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1903	Gunby, W. E.	E Cambridge, Md.	3
1883	Guthrie, W. B.	E Queenstown, Md.	1
1903	Habbart, W. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1910	Hallman, E. C.	E Ocean View, Del.	1
1883	Hardesty, G. L.	R Seaford, Del.	7
1871	Harding, T. H.	R Wilmington, Del.	14
1906	Harris, W. G.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1916	Harris, C. C.	E Rising Sun, Md.	1
1900	Hastings, G. W.	E Perryville, Md.	2
1917	Hearn, W. A.	E Newark, Md.	1
1918	Henvis, E. W.	P At School	2
1903	Herson, J. T.	E Salisbury, Md.	5
1909	Herson, Frank	E Newark, Del.	3
1920	Hess, W. L.	P Stockton, Md.	1
1889	Hills, V. E.	E Denton, Md.	1
1918	Hodgson, R. S.	P At School	3
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	R Bellevue, Md.	3
1897	Holt, T. S.	R Federalsburg, Md.	9
1910	Hopkins, J. C. B.	Sy. Denver, Col.	1
1906	Hubbard, C. L.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1900	Hudson, J. A.	E Chester-Bethel (P.O.Boothwyn,Pa.)	2

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1892	Hurst, W. O. E Phoebus, Va.	2
1896	Jackson, Leolan E Tilghman's, Md.	1
1913	Jacobs, D. W. E Bridgeville, Del.	3
1907	James, O. E. E Mt. Lebanon (P.O. Montchanin, Del.)	1
1886	Jester, B. F. R Wilmington, Del.	4
1899	Johnson, J. L. E Crisfield, Md.	3
1891	Jones, G. P. E Townsend, Del.	1
1898	Jones, J. W. E Cape Charles, Va.	2
1898	Jones, O. E. E Chestertown, Md.	1
1900	Jones, C. N. E St. Michaels, Md.	2
1903	Jones, C. T. E Hopewell (P.O. Port Deposit, Md.)	1
1905	Jones, E. W. E Wilmington, Del.	5
1915	Jones, R. C. D At School	3
1916	Jones, T. R. E Gumboro, Del.	1
1907	Keene, C. P. E Anti-Saloon League	1
1898	Kelso, H. B. E Mt. Pleasant (P.O. Edge Moor, Del.)	5
1904	Kelso, J. M. E Houston, Del.	1
1886	Koons, W. G. R Rising Sun, Md.	5
1918	Lawson, Robert E Sudlersville, Md.	1
1871	Layfield, L. W. E Delaware City, Del.	2
1913	Leach, J. A. E Greensboro, Md.	2
1879	Lindale, J. M. R Pomona (P.O. Chestertown, Md.)	1
1920	McCabe, J. B. P Whitesville, Del.	1
1892	McCann, Milton E Smyrna, Del.	2
1905	McCoy, J. C. E St. George's, Del.	1
1905	McDade, Howard E Claymont, Del.	1
1906	McDowell, E. W. E Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1917	McGuire, W. T. D At School	3
1873	MacSorley, F. C. E Federalsburg, Md.	6
1914	Marine, M. W. E Felton, Del.	1
1902	Marshall, E. H. E Georgetown, Del.	2
1900	Martin, O. L. E White Haven, Md.	2
1902	Matthews, W. E. E Hebron, Md.	1
1920	Minker, R. L. P Wilmington, Del.	1
1894	Moore, C. W. E Camden, Del.	1
1898	Moore, F. X. E Milton, Del.	1
1911	Moore, D. J. E Mt. Vernon, Md.	1
1917	Moore, B. P. D Millsboro, Del.	1
1918	Moore, W. V. D At School	2
1905	Morgan, L. B. E Chincoteague, Va.	7
1886	Mowbray, W. R. E Dover, Del.	5
1878	Neese, G. R. R 208 Union St., Wilmington, Del.	1
1912	Newton, G. F. E Cherry Hill, Md.	2
1907	Nichols, R. P. E Smyrna, Del.	2
1892	Northrup, V. P. E Middletown, Del.	3
1890	Nutter, M. D. E Chesapeake City, Md.	7
1872	Otis, J. P. R Marshallton, Del.	2
1893	Outten, J. P. E Deal Island, Md.	4
1881	Pilchard, S. N. E Georgetown, Del.	3

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1896	Poole, L. E. E Snow Hill, Md.	6
1900	Poole, W. C. E Parsonburg, Md.	3
1868	Prettyman, C. W. R Carlisle, Pa.	5
1882	Prettyman, A. P. R Galena, Md.	4
1897	Prettyman, J. W. E Somerset (P. O. Chance, Md.)	1
1909	Prettyman, E. C. E Wilmington, Del.	6
1908	Price, J. T. E Hurlock, Md.	1
1886	Prouse, J. T. R Edge Moor, Del.	8
1878	Quigg, H. T. E Newport, Del.	3
1869	Rawlins, P. H. R Seaford, Del.	10
1858	Redman, W. W. R Greenwood, Del.	30
1870	Reed, G. E. E Harrisburg, Pa.	5
1916	Reed, O. B. E Church Hill, Md.	3
1885	Reese, J. D. R Little Creek, Del.	1
1907	Revelle, W. H. E Pittsville, Md.	1
1911	Rice, O. B. E East New Market, Md.	1
1893	Richardson, J. T. E Harrington, Del.	1
1911	Richmire, G. W. E Preston, Md.	1
1873	Roe, Robert R Oxford, Md.	9
1918	Rowlenson, J. T. D Crumpton, Md.	3
1910	Sard, T. J. E Wilmington, Del.	3
1886	Sharp, W. W. E Frederica, Del.	5
1919	Shockley, E. M. P At School	1
1879	Smith, Alfred R Camden, Del.	4
1896	Smith, G. P. E Cheswold, Del.	4
1907	Smith, Tilghman E Still Pond, Md.	1
1889	Smoot, T. C. E Rock Hall, Md.	3
1906	Sparklin, J. L. E Wyoming, Del.	2
1911	Spry, C. W. E Farmington, Del.	3
1888	Stallings, G. W. E Trappe, Md.	1
1870	Stengle, Adam R Wilmington, Del.	6
1878	Stephenson, R. K. E Milford, Del.	5
1912	Sterling, G. E. E Fairmount, Md.	2
1892	Strickland, C. W. E Dagsboro, Del.	2
1896	Sumwalt, J. W. R. E Wilmington, Del.	2
1885	Sunfield, E. C. E Wilmington, Del.	2
1908	Sutton, J. W. E Bozman, Md.	1
1886	Taylor, W. P. E Grace (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)	3
1904	Taylor, E. B. E Powellville, Md.	1
1897	Taylor, Harry E Seaford, Del.	1
1916	Thawley, R. T. D At School	3
1876	Terry, T. E. R Bridgeville, Del.	6
1903	Thomas, G. S. E Kent Is. (P.O. Stevensville, Md.)	6
1914	Thomas, E. P. E Ocean City, Md.	3
1871	Tomkinson, W. E. R Rehoboth Beach, Del.	22
1876	Townsend, G. W. R Ridley Park, Pa.	6
1905	Van Blunk, J. M. S. E Quantico, Md.	1
1895	Van Dyke, T. R. E Cecilton, Md.	2
1871	Wallin, F. O. B. R Sweden	20
1879	Walton, O. S. R Red Lion, Del.	15

Name	Appointment	Year
1906 Warren, J. H.	E Washington, D. C.	1
1885 Watt, Robert	E Wilmington, Del.	5
1887 Webster, Z. H.	R Denton, Md.	1
1913 Wells, Z. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1917 West, H. D.	D Bayside (P. O. Sherwood, Md.)...	1
1910 Wheatley, M. E.	E Centreville, Md.	2
1919 Whedbee, J. H.	P Cordova, Md.	1
1875 White, W. W.	R Salisbury, Md.	2
1893 White, W. L.	E Easton, Md.	7
1908 White, Leonard	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1914 White, Frank	E Ridgely, Md.	1
1882 Williams, C. H.	R Snow Hill, Md.	7
1892 Williams, W. S. H.	R Georgetown, Del.	4
1902 Williams, G. C.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1912 Williams, G. W.	E Burrsville (P. O. Harrington, Del.)	1
1885 Willis, D. H.	R Cambridge, Md.	8
1912 Willis, Ivanhoe	E Marshallton, Del.	1
1887 Wilson, J. H.	E Charlestown, Md.	1
1906 Wilson, Daniel	E Onancock, Va.	2
1916 Windsor, L. E.	E Mt. Pleasant (P. O. Laurel, Del.)	3
1884 Wise, W. A.	E Middletown, Del.	5
1886 Wood, G. E.	E Bethel, Del.	1
1918 Wootten, J. W.	D Fruitland, Md.	2
1913 Wright, W. A.	E Claremont, Va.	1
1918 Zimmerman, A. F.	P Bishopville, Md.	1

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Adams, R. H.	Brack-Ex (P.O. Marshallton, Del.)	1
Atkinson, W. F.	Elliott's Island, Md.	1
Barrett, T. S.	Ellendale, Del.	4
Bichell, A. A.	Pocomoke City, Md.	1
Byrd, E. M.	Church Creek, Md.	1
Brisbin, Frank	Nassau, Del.	1
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Hanby, S. L.	Royal Oak, Md.	2
Horner, W. B.	Oxford, Md.	2
Horseman, S. T.	Holland's Island, Md.	1
Hudson, C. H.	Hooper's Island, Md.	1
Kelley, J. P.	Williamsburg, Md.	1
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McLain, L. T.	Leipsic, Del.	2

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Pardee, Thomas	Vienna, Md.	2
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Lay:—G. W. Tebo, J. G. Townsend, Jr., W. O. Hoffecker, Harry L. Rice, Harry Mayer, A. W. Sisk.

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V.

ANNUAL DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?
it is.
2. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?
Alpha B. Frye, Blue Ridge-Atlantic; Ernest C. Hallman, North Indiana; Thomas R. Jones, Malaysia; Charles E. Knopp, Erie; Robert Lawson, West Virginia; Howard McDade, Philadelphia; William A. Wright, Northern New York.
3. Who have been Readmitted?
J. M. S. Van Blunk (Located, Wilmington Conference, 1914); George W. Richmire (Located, Genesee Conference, 1918).
4. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?
John C. Bolton, Methodist Protestant Church, as an Elder, but placed in Studies of Third Year.
5. Who have been Received on Trial.
 - (a) In Studies of First Year.
Raymond W. Cook, William L. Hess, Ralph L. Minker.
 - (b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.
Joshua B. McCabe.
6. Who have been Continued on Trial?
 - (a) In Studies of First Year.
Robert S. Hodgson, August F. Zimmerman.
 - (b) In Studies of Second Year.
John W. Chappell, Edmund W. Henvis, Earl M. Shockley, John H. Whedbee.
 - (c) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
 - (d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
None.
7. Who have been Discontinued?
None.
8. Who have been admitted into Full Membership.
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
William H. Alderson, Wade H. Cummings, William T. McGuire, Willard V. Moore, John T. Rowleson, Harry D. West, John W. Wootten; Willard V. Moore was not present for Ordination.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
Walter A. Hearn, Thomas R. Jones.

9. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?
 - (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
William H. Alderson, John C. Bolton, Wade H. Cummings, William T. McGuire, Willard V. Moore, John T. Rowleson, Harry D. West, John W. Wootten.
 - (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
Ralph C. Jones, Roy T. Thawley.
10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?
Charles H. Atkins, Claude W. Clark, Alpha B. Frye, William F. Godwin, William S. Grant, Blanchard P. Moore.
11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
Charles C. Harris, Thomas R. Jones, Otis B. Reed, Lester E. Windsor.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
Walter A. Hearn.
 - (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.
None.
12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
 - (a) As Local Preachers.
James L. Derrickson, Ralph L. Minker.
 - (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.
 - (2) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
14. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?
It was strictly done in open Conference.
15. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?
Charles E. Knopp, Philadelphia; Harry E. Reed, New Jersey.
16. Who have Died?
Joseph A. Arters, Daniel F. McFaul, James M. Mitchell, Clinton T. Wyatt.
17. What have been Located at their own Request?
H. C. Shipley, J. L. Prettyman, H. W. Holter.
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.
John C. B. Hopkins (1).
24. Who are the Retired Ministers?
L. E. Barrett, G. W. Bowman, J. A. Brewington, J. M. Collins, W. W. Chaires, G. S. Conaway, W. P. Compton, G. A. Cooke, L. P. Corkran, J. W. Easley, James Esgate, J. W. Fogle, J. W. Gray, W. M. Green, T. H. Harding, G. L. Hardesty, E. L. Hoffecker, T. S. Holt, B. F. Jester, W. G. Koons, J. M. Lindale, G. R. Neese, J. P. Otis, C. W. Prettyman, A. P. Prettyman, J. T. Prouse, P. H. Rawlins, W. W. Redman, J. D. Reese, Robert Roe, Alfred Smith, Adam Stengle, T. E. Terry, W. E. Tomkinson, G. W. Townsend, O. S. Walton, F. O. B. Wallin, Z. H. Webster, W. W. White, C. H. Williams, W. S. H. Williams, D. H. Willis.
25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?
G. T. Alderson, T. F. Beauchamp, F. F. Carpenter, R. K. Stephenson, J. W. Colona.
Reserves: H. W. Ewing and W. L. White.
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?
\$243,822.
(b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$13,779.

31. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?
\$42,000.
32. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?
\$27,310.
(b) How has it been Applied?
See Report of Board of Stewards.
33. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?
\$30,005.
34. What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?
\$608.
35. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See List of Appointments.
36. Where shall the Next Conference be held?
Immanuel, Crisfield, Md.

VI.

APPOINTMENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

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

Armory & Asbury, (Sup.) Alonzo Travers P. O. Dover, Del.	Hooper's Is., (Sup.) C. H. Hudson P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.
Beckwith & Spedden, O. T. Baynard P. O. Cambridge, Md.	Houston, Del., J. M. Kelso
Bethel, Del. G. E. Wood	Hurlock, Md., J. T. Price
Blades & Epworth (Sup.) R. W. Mills P. O. Blades, Del.	Lakesville, (Sup.) E. S. Tyler P. O. Andrews, Md.
Bridgeville, Del., D. W. Jacobs	Laurel, Del., W. O. Bennett
Cambridge, Md. W. E. Gunby	Leipsic, Del., (Sup.) L. T. McLain
Camden, Del. C. W. Moore	Lewes, Del., Howard Davis
Canterbury, (Sup.) W. C. Buckson P. O. Viola, Del.	Lincoln, Del., C. H. Atkins
Church Creek & Taylor's Island, (Sup.) E. M. Byrd	Little Creek, Del. (Sup.) J. D. Reese
P. O. Church Creek, Md.	Magnolia & Barratt's Chapel, G. R. Ellis P. O. Magnolia, Del.
Crapo, Md. J. H. Gardner	Milford, Del., R. K. Stephenson
Dover, Del. J. W. Colona	Milford Neck & Williamsville, To be supplied
East New Market, Md. O. B. Rice	P. O. Milford Neck, Del.
Ellendale, Del. (Sup.) T. S. Barrett	Millsboro, Del., B. P. Moore
Elliott's Island, Md., (Sup.) W. F. Atkinson	Milton, Del., F. X. Moore
Epworth (Sup.) G. T. Gehman P. O. Dover, Del.	Mt. Pleasant, Del., L. E. Windsor P. O. Laurel, Del.
Farmington, Del., C. W. Spry	Nassau, Del. (Sup.) Frank Brisbin
Federalsburg, Md., F. C. MacSorley	Rehoboth, Del., W. S. Grant
Felton, Del. M. W. Marine	Reliance, (Sup.) J. H. Thornton P. O. Oak Grove, Del.
Frederica, Del., W. W. Sharp	Seaford, Del., F. F. Carpenter
Galestown & McKendree, (Sup.) H. E. Truitt	Seaford Circuit, Harry Taylor P. O. Seaford, Del.
P. O. Seaford, Del.	Vienna, Md., (Sup.) Thomas Pardee
Georgetown, Del. S. N. Pilchard	Williamsburg, Md. (Sup.) J. P. Kelley
Georgetown Circuit, E. H. Marshall P. O. Georgetown, Del.	Wyoming, Del., J. L. Sparklin
Greenwood, Del. N. C. Benson	Zoar Circuit, To be supplied
Harrington, Del. J. T. Richardson	P. O. Georgetown, Del.

EASTON DISTRICT.

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

Bayside, P. O. Sherwood, Md.	H. D. West	Kenton, Del., Marydel, Md., Middletown, Del., Millington, Md., Odessa, Del., Oxford, Md. (Sup.) Pomona, (Sup.) P. O. Chestertown, Md.	To be supplied Edwin Gardner V. P. Northrup O. H. Connelly E. H. Derrickson W. B. Horner J. M. Lindale
Bozman, Md.,	J. W. Sutton	Preston, Md.,	G. W. Richmire
Burrsville, Md.,	G. W. Williams	Queenstown, Md.,	W. B. Guthrie
Cecilton, Md.,	T. R. VanDyke	Ridgely, Md.,	Frank White
Centreville, Md.,	M. E. Wheatley	Rock Hall, Md.,	T. C. Smoot
Chestertown, Md.,	O. E. Jones	Royal Oak, Md., (Sup.)	S. L. Hanby
Cheswold, Del.,	G. P. Smith	St. Michaels, Md.,	C. N. Jones
Church Hill, Md.,	O. B. Reed	Salem Circuit, (Sup.) Henry Covington P. O. Centreville, Md.	
Clayton, Del.,	J. C. Bolton	Smyrna, Del.,	R. P. Nichols
Concord,	A. B. Frye	Smyrna Circuit, (Sup.)	T. G. Owens P. O. Smyrna, Del.
Cordova, Md.,	J. H. Whedbee	Still Pond, Md.,	Tilghman Smifh
Crumpton, Md.,	J. T. Rowleson	Sudlersville, Md.,	Robert Lawson
Denton, Md.,	V. E. Hills	Tilghman's, Md.,	Leolan Jackson
Easton, Md.,	W. L. White	Townsend, Del.,	G. P. Jones
Fairlee,	To be supplied	Trappe, Md.,	G. W. Stallings
P. O. Chestertown, Md.		Wye Mills, Md.,	To be supplied
Galena, Md.,	To be supplied		
Greensboro, Md.,	J. A. Leach		
Henderson, Md.,	(Sup.) C. D. Sharpless		
Hillsboro, Md.,	To be supplied		
Kent Island,	G. S. Thomas		
P. O. Stevensville, Md.			

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

Annamesssex, (Sup.) R. H. Wilson	Deal Island, Md.,	J. P. Outten
P. O. Crisfield, Md.	Delmar, Del.,	F. N. Faulkner
Ayres, Chapel, (Sup.) T. S. Dixon	Fairmount, Md.,	G. E. Sterling
P. O. Leemont, Va.	Frankford, Del.,	D. J. Ford
Berlin, Md., J. J. Bunting	Fruitland, Md.,	J. W. Wootten
Bishopville, Md., A. F. Zimmerman	Girdletree, Md.,	(Sup.) D. B. Prettyman
Cape Charles, Va., J. W. Jones	Gumboro,	T. R. Jones
Chincoteague, Va., L. B. Morgan	P. O. Frankford, Del.	
Claremont, Va., W. A. Wright	Hebron, Md.,	W. E. Matthews
Crisfield, Md.:	Holland's Island, Md.,	(Sup.) S. T. Horseman
Asbury, W. F. Corkran	Mardela Springs, Md.,	To be supplied
Immanuel, J. L. Johnson	Quantico, Md.,	J. M. S. Van Blunk
Dagsboro & St. Georges, C. W. Strickland		
P. O. Dagsboro, Del.		

Marion, Md., (Sup.) J. E. Parker	Roxana, Del., (Sup.) J. T. Graham
Mt. Vernon, D. J. Moore	St. Peters, G. S. Allen
P. O. Princess Anne, Md.	P. O. Oriole, Md.
Nanticoke, Md., To be supplied	Salisbury, Md.:
Newark, Md., W. A. Hearn	Asbury, J. T. Herson
Ocean City, Md., E. P. Thomas	Grace & Stengle, W. P. Taylor
Ocean View & Millville,	Selbyville, Del., W. H. Briggs
E. C. Hallman	Sharptown, Md., H. S. Dulaney
P. O. Ocean View, Del.	Smith Island,
Onancock, Va., Daniel Wilson	(Sup.) J. L. Derrickson
Parsonburg, Md., W. C. Poole	P. O. Ewell, Md.
Phoebus, Va., W. O. Hurst	Snow Hill, Md., L. E. Poole
Pittsville, Md., W. H. Revelle	Somerset, J. W. Prettyman
Pocomoke City, Md., E. W. McDowell	P. O. Chance, Md.
Pocomoke Circuit,	Stockton, Md., W. L. Hess
(Sup.) A. A. Bichell	Tangier, Va., W. F. Godwin
P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.	Westover, Md., To be supplied
Powellville, E. B. Taylor	White Haven, Md., O. L. Martin
P. O. Pittsville, Md.	Whitesville, Del., J. B. McCabe
Princess Anne, Md., W. F. Dawson	

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

Bethel Circuit, J. H. Geoghegan	Marshallton & Cedars,
P. O. Elkton, Md.	Ivanhoe Willis
Charlestown, Md., J. H. Wilson	P. O. Marshallton, Del.
Cherry Hill, G. F. Newton	Mt. Lebanon, O. E. James
P. O. Elkton, Md.	P. O. Rockland, Del.
Chesapeake City, Md., M. D. Nutter	Mt. Pleasant, H. B. Kelso
Chester-Bethel, J. A. Hudson	P. O. Edge Moor, Del.
P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.	Newark, Del., Frank Herson
Christiana, Del., T. N. Given	New Castle, Del., J. R. Bicking
Claymont, Del., Howard McDade	Newport, Del., H. T. Quigg
Colora, Md., J. F. Anderson	North East, Md., D. J. Givan
Delaware City & Port Penn,	Perryville, Md., G. W. Hastings
L. W. Layfield	Port Deposit, Md., Warren Burr
P. O. Delaware City, Del.	Red Lion, Del., F. J. Cochran
Ebenezer, W. H. Cummings	Rising Sun, Md., C. C. Harris
P. O. Newark, Del.	St. George's & Summit, J. C. McCoy
Elk Neck, To be supplied	P. O. St. George's, Del.
P. O. North East, Md.	St. John's, (Sup.) G. A. Cooke
Elkton, Md., G. T. Alderson	P. O. Lewisville, Pa.
Hockessin, Del., C. W. Clarke	Zion Circuit, J. A. Buckson
Hopewell, C. T. Jones	P. O. North East, Md.
P. O. Port Deposit, Md.	Wilmington:
Kirkwood, (Sup.) O. S. Walton	Asbury, G. W. Dawson
P. O. Red Lion, Del.	Brandywine, W. E. Greenfield

Brack-Ex and Elsmere,	Kingswood,	G. W. Bounds
(Sup.) R. H. Adams	Madeley,	L. M. Broadway
P. O. Marshallton, Del.	McCabe,	G. C. Williams
Cookman, W. G. Harris	Mt. Salem,	Leonard White
Eastlake, E. C. Sunfield	Richardson Park, Del.,	
Edge Moor, (Sup.) H. D. Smith		A. W. Goodhand
Epworth, T. F. Beauchamp	Scott,	T. J. Sard
Grace, J. W. R. Sumwalt	Silverbrook,	E. W. Jones
R. L. Minker, Assistant	St. Paul's,	C. L. Hubbard
Harrison Street, W. E. Habbart		R. W. Cooke, Assistant
Hillcrest, (Sup.) W. M. McCann	Trinity,	E. H. Collins
P. O. Edge Moor, Del	Union,	H. W. Ewing
Italian Mission, To be supplied	Wesley,	Z. W. Wells

- J. H. Beauchamp, Secretary of Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, Asbury Quarterly Conference, (P. O. Wilmington, Del.).
- E. C. Prettyman, Superintendent of the Peninsula District of the Maryland-Delaware Anti-Saloon League, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, (P. O. Wilmington, Del.).
- E. H. Dashiell, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, (P. O. Wilmington, Del.).
- H. G. Budd, President, Wesley Collegiate Institute, Wesley Quarterly Conference, (P. O. Dover, Del.).
- Milton McCann, Field Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools, Asbury Quarterly Conference, (P. O. Smyrna, Del.).
- G. E. Reed, President, National Society for Broader Education, Grace Quarterly Conference, (P. O. Harrisburg, Pa.).
- J. H. Warren, Field Secretary of American University, Grace Quarterly Conference, (P. O. Washington, D. C.).
- C. P. Keen, Secretary, Anti-Saloon League, Asbury (Salisbury) Quarterly Conference.
- W. H. Alderson, R. T. Thawley, W. T. McGuire, R. S. Hodgson, R. C. Jones, W. V. Moore, E. W. Hervis, E. M. Shockley, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

VII.
JOURNAL.

FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—The Wilmington Annual Conference convened for its Fifty-Second Session in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, March 24, 1920, at 9.00 A. M.

PRESIDING OFFICER.—Bishop William F. McDowell of Washington, D. C., as presiding officer, called the Conference to order.

LORD'S SUPPER.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Bishop McDowell, assisted by several elders.

ROLL CALL.—The Secretary of the previous Conference called the roll, one hundred and forty-one members and probationers responding to their names.

DECEASED MEMBERS.—The Conference arose and stood while the names of our recently deceased brethren were called, after which appropriate hymns were sung.

ORGANIZATION.—Secretary.—On motion of C. W. Prettyman, Diss-ton W. Jacobs was unanimously elected Secretary, and named as his assistants J. R. Bicking, Tilghman Smith and Ralph L. Minker.

Treasurer.—The Treasurer, V. E. Hills, named as his assistants: E. W. McDowell, W. H. Revelle, W. P. Taylor, J. J. Bunting, C. N. Jones, L. T. McLain, E. P. Thomas, E. B. Taylor, T. J. Sard, H. D. West, C. H. Atkins, O. B. Rice, J. L. Sparklin, Frank White and O. E. Jones, and they were confirmed.

Statistician.—W. E. Gunby was unanimously elected Statistician, nominating as his assistants, J. H. Geoghegan, A. W. Goodhand, W. M. McCann, G. R. Ellis, M. W. Marine, N. C. Benson, R. P. Nichols, G. E. Sterling, J. W. Wootten, Leolan Jackson, J. M. Kelso and H. B. Kelso, and they were confirmed.

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

Postmaster.—J. T. Prouse was unanimously elected postmaster.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM.—The program of the Conference as printed was made the Official Program subject to modifications when deemed necessary. It was decided, on motion of V. S. Collins, that Conference convene at nine o'clock in the morning, and the hour of adjournment was fixed at 12:30 o'clock.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—W. A. Wise presented and read nominations for Standing Committees, and they were confirmed.

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

RULES OF THE CONFERENCE.—On motion of E. H. Dashiell, the rules of the Conference were amended to make Item 8, Section 4, read as follows, "All motions to reconsider, except the member so moving shall state his reasons therefor." The present Item 8 now becomes Item 9.

On motion of W. E. Tomkinson, the rules, as amended, were adopted.

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.—On motion of Robert Watt there was appointed a committee of five, one from each District and one at large, to which committee the Secretary was instructed to refer the various General Conference Memorials. An amendment, by V. S. Collins, was adopted, instructing this Committee to report at a special Executive Session at three o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

On motion of G. A. Cooke, amended by F. F. Carpenter, Conference ordered copies of all memorials furnished to the newspapers for publication.

The following committee was appointed: Dover District, J. W. Colona; Easton District, W. L. White; Salisbury District, J. T. Herson; Wilmington District, W. E. Habbart; At Large, C. W. Prettyman.

PRESENTATION.—Adam Stengle, who has completed fifty years as a Methodist minister, was presented, by Bishop McDowell, with a beautiful bouquet on behalf of the congregation of McCabe Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church. After a response by Dr. Stengle, the Conference sang, "We're Marching to Zion."

MEMORIAL.—BISHOP McDOWELL.—The following memorial to the General Conference was presented by C. W. Prettyman, and, on motion of Robert Watt, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

In view of the brotherly and helpful spirit manifested by Bishop William Fraser McDowell in all his manifold relations with both ministers and laymen during the quadrennium; and

Because of the capable and comprehensive fashion in which he has cared for the interests committed to his care; and

Because his leadership had been optimistic, and as sane as optimistic, lending to every cause of the church and nation inspiration and assistance; and

Since great questions are still to the fore in the church and in the nation, we deem it of the utmost importance that we have at the helm in the Capital of the Nation a man with a brother's heart, keen and alert; and withal, a man of commanding ability to handle large interests in a large fashion; therefore,

The Wilmington Annual Conference earnestly requests the General Conference to reappoint Bishop McDowell to the Washington Area for the coming quadrennium.

MARYLAND LAWS.—The following telegrams, were, on motion of V. S. Collins and by the unanimous vote of all ministers of the Conference residing in the State of Maryland, ordered sent to Hon. Orlando Harrison and Hon. Gordon Milbourn of the Maryland State Legislature:

Hon. Orlando Harrison, State House, Annapolis, Md.

Methodism of the nine Eastern Shore Counties, through its Pastors now assembled in Conference Session, petitions the Maryland State Senate to maintain the old Sunday law as a State-wide law, and not amend it by legalizing Sunday sports or Sunday shows in any county or city.

Hon. Gordon Milbourn, State House, Annapolis, Md.

Eastern Shore Methodism, through its Pastors now assembled in Conference Session, unanimously petitions the House of Delegates not to amend the Sunday law by legalizing Sunday sports or Sunday shows in any county or city.

RACE TRACK GAMBLING.—The following resolutions relative to race track gambling were adopted, on motion of W. F. Corkran:

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference, which includes the Eastern Shore of Maryland, in Conference assembled, individually and collectively, enter our most emphatic protest against the passage of the race track gambling bill now before the Maryland Legislature, and which has already passed the lower house of that body; and if, in spite of the forces of order and decency, the upper house shall pass this iniquitous bill, then this protest applies against the signature of the Governor of the State thereto, without which it cannot become the law of the State;

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the Senate of Maryland, and a copy also be sent to the Governor of the State.

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

METHODIST REVIEW.—W. P. Taylor was nominated and appointed agent for the "Methodist Review."

DRAFTS.—The Bishop presented a draft from the Chartered Fund for \$35., and a draft from the Methodist Book Concern for \$2,838., and they were ordered in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

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. A. Wise, Superintendent of the Easton District, was called, his character passed and he read a report of the District. The Effective Elders of this District were called, their characters passed, and each pastor answered affirmatively the questions required by the Discipline, relating to pro-rating ministerial support and the full support of the benevolences.

MEMOIR.—C. A. HILL.—The Secretary was instructed to publish in the minutes the memoir of C. A. Hill, and to include his name in the "Roll of Honored Dead" as published in the Minutes, on motion of W. A. Wise.

CHANGE OF RELATION.—On motion of their District Superintendents, and at their own requests, the relation of G. R. Neese, Z. H. Webster and J. A. Brewington was changed from Effective to Retired.

On motion of his District Superintendent, and at his own request, the relation of J. C. B. Hopkins was changed from Effective to Supernumerary, and his case referred to the Board of Stewards.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. Robert Watt, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, was called, his character passed and he read his report.

ADJOURNMENT.—After announcements and the singing of the doxology Conference adjourned, G. L. Hardesty pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 9 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

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

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.—On motion of J. H. Beauchamp the following resolutions were adopted:

The members of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church residing in the state of Delaware, believing in the righteousness and justice of equal suffrage, earnestly request the Delaware Legislature, now in session, to grant the right of suffrage to the women of Delaware.

ROLL CALL.—The Secretary called the roll of all those not marked "present."

QUESTION 2.—The Second Question, "Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer into this Conference of A. B. Fry from the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference; C. E. Knopp from the Erie Conference; Howard McDade from the Philadelphia Conference; W. A. Wright from the Northern New York Conference; T. R. Jones from the Malaysia Confer-

ence; Robert Lawson from the West Virginia Conference.

On motion of V. S. Collins the Conference requested the Bishop to transfer into our Conference, E. C. Hallman, who held the Supernumerary Relation in the North Indiana Conference.

The Bishop then announced the transfer of Brother Hallman, stating that by virtue of the transfer his relation becomes Effective.

All of these brethren, with the exception of Howard McDade, were introduced to the Conference.

QUESTION 15.—The Fifteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of Harry E. Reed to the Philadelphia Conference.

COMMITTEE EXCUSED.—On motion of J. W. Colona, the members of the Committee on Memorials were excused to attend a meeting of the committee at 10 o'clock.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. The Effective Elders of the Wilmington District were called, their characters passed, and each pastor answered affirmatively the questions required by the Discipline relating to prorating Ministerial Support, and the full support of the Benevolences.

W. R. Mowbray, Superintendent of the 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 each pastor answered affirmatively the questions required by the Discipline, relating to pro-rating Ministerial Support, and the full support of the benevolences.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. Frank P. Parkin, Secretary, Atlantic Agency, American Bible Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. A. G. Kynett, of the Philadelphia Conference, was introduced and addressed the Conference, bringing to us the official and fraternal greetings of that Conference. At the conclusion of Dr. Kynett's address, Bishop McDowell requested him to convey to the Philadelphia Conference our greetings.

Dr. C. M. Boswell, Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Hospital, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

DAILY CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.—J. W. Prettyman addressed the Conference on behalf of the "Daily Christian Advocate."

UNIFICATION.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson, the following resolution was ordered to be considered in the Executive Session:

WHEREAS, The Commission on Unification has proposed a Constitution for the organic union of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; therefore,

RESOLVED, (1) That we, members of the Wilmington Annual Conference, are opposed to the adoption of that Constitution; and (2) That we hereby instruct our Delegates to the General Conference to use their influence and cast their votes against its adoption.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—On motion of Robert Watt, amended by J. W. R. Sumwalt, the hour for the Executive Session was changed from 3 to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

CENTENARY CONSERVATION.—The order of the day was called. Dr. J. R. Edwards, Area Secretary of the Centenary, was introduced and addressed the Conference in relation to the conservation program, after which Bishop McDowell conducted a consecration service.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson, the order of the day for the election of General Conference Delegates was made for Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR.—On motion of Robert Watt, Hon. Pierre S. du Pont was granted the floor of the Conference at 11 o'clock Friday morning for the purpose of making an address in reference to the New School Code.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.—G. T. Alderson presented the following nominations for members of the Bureau of Sessions to serve for a term of three years, and they were confirmed: W. E. Greenfield, Milton McCann and W. O. Hoffecker.

MINISTERIAL TRUSTEES OF WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—For the purpose of resolving the Conference session into a corporate session and the election of six ministerial trustees of Wesley Collegiate Institute, the Chair was assumed by R. K. Stephenson, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees of said Institute. W. A. Wise, J. W. Colona, W. L. White, Robert Watt, T. R. VanDyke and G. P. Jones were elected for a term of three years.

CHAIR.—Bishop McDowell resumed the chair.

RE-ADMISSION.—The Certificate of Location from the Genesee Conference held by George W. Richmire was, on motion of Robert Watt, referred to the committee on Conference Relations for the question of his re-admission.

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

THIRD SESSION—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—Conference convened in Executive Session at 2:30 o'clock, the Bishop presiding. After singing a hymn, H. W. Ewing led in prayer.

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

RE-ADMISSION.—The certificate of location from this Conference, held by J. M. S. Van Blunk, was, on motion of V. S. Collins, referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the question of his re-admission.

SALE OF PROPERTY.—W. A. Wise submitted the following report and, on motion of G. W. Dawson, it was accepted and the money was ordered to be turned over to the Treasurer of the Conference Trustees.

Report of W. A. Wise to the Wilmington Annual Conference relative to the disposition of the Harmony Church property, which was authorized by Conference action, March 28, 1919, at Chestertown, Maryland. The said church property was sold during the current Conference year to the authorities of the Maryland Methodist Protestant Conference for the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250), which amount has been received in full. The following expense being incurred:

To consideration for Attorney's services	\$ 15.00
Notary Public fees, postage and transportation	1.00
Total	\$ 16.00
Balance in hand, subject to Conference order	\$234.00
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	\$250.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. WISE, Dist. Supt.

Wilmington, Delaware, March 24, 1920.

MEMORIALS.—The Committee on General Conference Memorials through its chairman, J. W. Colona, reported as follows:

On Newark Conference Memorial, creating a commission to study methods of making appointments, the committee recommended non-concurrence, and, on motion of G. A. Cooke, the recommendations of the committee were adopted.

On Newark Conference Memorial, relative to co-ordination of Home Missionary Agencies, the committee recommended concurrence, and, on motion of W. E. Tomkinson, Conference concurred in this memorial.

On West Wisconsin Memorial, relative to a Christian Daily Newspaper, the committee recommended non-concurrence, and it was so ordered.

On Alabama Conference Memorial, relative to Unification, the committee reported without recommendation. After discussion this Memorial, together with the resolution on this subject presented at the morning session by W. E. Tomkinson, were referred to a committee of five, which committee was instructed to prepare a statement expressing the position of this Conference in relation to the plan of Unification as it will be presented to the General Conference, and report on Monday morning immediately after the reading of the Journal. The following Committee was appointed: J. W. R. Sumwalt, C. W. Prettyman, G. T. Alderson, J. W. Colona and E. H. Dashiell.

On Alabama Conference Memorial, relative to the Course of Study, the Committee recommended non-concurrence, and it was so ordered.

On motion of W. E. Tomkinson, Conference re-affirmed its action of last year on this subject, with this amendment proposed by W. F. Corkran: "That the new Course of Study prepared by the Board of Bishops shall not be put into effect until the second year of the quadrennium."

On New York East Conference Memorial relative to Foreign Language Conferences, the committee recommended non-concurrence. On motion of G. W. Dawson, the Conference concurred in this memorial, after a substitute made by W. E. Tomkinson concurring in the Memorial of the Eastern Swedish Conference on this subject was lost.

On motion of G. A. Cooke time was extended.

On Illinois Conference Memorial, relative to uniting Benevolent Boards, the Committee recommended concurrence, but, on motion of Tilghman Smith, Conference declined to concur.

On Wilmington Conference Memorial, relative to Paragraph 280, the committee recommended non-concurrence. G. A. Cooke moved the adoption of the memorial. After discussion, the previous question was ordered, and then, on motion of V. S. Collins, the Memorial was laid on the table.

AUTHORITY OF COMMISSIONS.—The following resolution was presented and read by V. S. Collins and adopted:

WHEREAS, During the past quadrennium there has been exhibited by certain commissions of the Church, and by certain individuals working in connection with said Commissions, a tendency to go beyond the authority granted them by the General Conference, and to the embarrassment of Bishops, District Superintendents, and Pastors; therefore,

RESOLVED, That our delegates to the General Conference be and hereby are instructed to watch with care and to oppose any attempt by vote and voice to write into the law of the church any law, instruction or order that shall seek to perpetuate this extra-legal authority on the part of Commissions and individuals; and

RESOLVED, That we are opposed to any attempt to coerce Bishops, District Superintendents, or Pastors, by persons without legal authority, into carrying out plans and policies not wisest for the building of the Kingdom locally; believing that nothing should be enacted that would tend to destroy or hamper the initiative on the part of Bishops, District Superintendents and Pastors in their respective fields of labor; and that our delegates be instructed to act accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION.—BOARD OF STEWARDS.—The following recommendation was presented by the Board of Stewards, and, on motion of A. P. Prettyman, was laid on the table: The Board of Stewards recommends to the Conference that no man be eligible to the Retired Relation, with his annuity, until he has reached the age of sixty-five years, unless he presents a certificate of physical incapacity from his attending physician. In all cases no man shall retire until his case has been referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—The following were nominated and confirmed as members of the Committee on Conference Relations, for a term of three years: R. P. Nichols, L. E. Poole, R. K. Stephenson, G. W. Hastings.

ADJOURNMENT.—On motion of the Secretary, Conference adjourned, D. H. Willis pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—At 9 o'clock Conference convened, Bishop McDowell presiding. After singing several hymns, L. E. Poole led in prayer.

QUESTION 8.—The Eighth Question, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Harry D. West, William T. McGuire, John W. Wootten, John T. Rowleson, Willard V. Moore, Wade H. Cummings, William H. Alderson, and Walter A. Hearn were called, their characters passed, the District Superintendents represented, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended. The Bishop addressed the class, and upon giving satisfactory answers to the usual disciplinary questions asked for admission into Full Membership, Harry D. West, John W. Wootten, John T. Rowleson, Willard V. Moore, Wade H. Cummings and William H. Alderson were elected to Deacon's orders, and together with Walter A. Hearn, who had previously been ordained Elder, were admitted into Full Membership of the Conference.

QUESTION 6.—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. August F. Zimmerman, and Robert S. Hodgson were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion they were Continued on Trial in the Studies of the First Year.

John W. Chappell and Edmund W. Hervis were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, they were Continued on Trial in Studies of the Second Year.

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.—On motion of V. S. Collins, the following resolution was presented by W. F. Corkran by a rising vote, the order of the day being postponed:

RESOLVED, That we hereby instruct our General Conference Delegation, under no circumstances, to consent either to the removal or to any material change in Paragraph 280 of the Discipline.

RULES OF ELECTION.—The Secretary presented and read the following rules governing the election of Delegates to the General Conference, and they were adopted:

1. That four delegates be elected by this Conference to attend the next General Conference.

2. That the persons receiving the highest number of votes, provided the same be a majority of the votes cast, shall be chosen as delegates.

3. That any ballot containing more or less than the number of names to be voted for, be rejected, and, therefore, not counted.

4. That where there are two or more members of the Conference of the same name, no ballot shall be counted for such person unless the Christian name or initials of that person be used on the ballot.

5. That three reserve delegates also be elected in accordance with these rules.

ORDER OF THE DAY.—ELECTION OF DELEGATES.—The order of the day for the election of delegates to General Conference was taken up. The following tellers were appointed: R. K. Stephenson, R. P. Nichols, L. E. Poole, W. G. Harris, and Tilghman Smith.

On motion of W. E. Tomkinson, the tellers were instructed to make no report to any person as to the result of the election until they had reported to the Conference.

The first ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

INTRODUCTION.—Dr. John Krantz was introduced and addressed the Conference.

ORDER OF THE DAY.—HON. P. S. du PONT.—The order of the day was called. Hon. P. S. du Pont was introduced and addressed the Conference in reference to the New School Code of Delaware. Bishop McDowell made an appropriate response.

RESOLUTIONS.—On motion of G. W. Dawson, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference in session in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, also holding charges in the State of Delaware, express our confidence in our State Board of Education, and do hereby express our faith and lend our support in their effort to improve the condition of schools in Delaware. We also thank Mr. P. S. du Pont for his great interest in the youth of Delaware.

GREETINGS TO LAYMEN.—On motion of the Secretary, the following Committee was appointed to convey our fraternal greetings to the Lay Electoral Conference: E. L. Hoffecker, C. W. Prettyman and H. W. Ewing.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. V. S. Collins, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, was called, his character passed, and he presented and read his report.

EXTENSION OF TIME.—Time was extended.

FIRST BALLOT RETURNED.—The tellers returned, and the Bishop announced the result of the first ballot as follows: Ballots cast, 170; Ballots defective, 3; Ballots counted, 167; Necessary to a choice, 84. Of this number W. A. Wise received 101, and Robert Watt, 84, and the Bishop declared them elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: V. S. Collins, 69; W. R. Mowbray, 66; H. G. Budd, 63; J. W. R. Sumwalt, 54; G. T. Alderson, 49; E. H. Dashiell, 27; R. K. Stephenson, 16; W. F. Corkran, 14; W. L. White, 10; W. E. Habbart, 7; C. L. Hubbard, 7; V. P. Northrup, 7; F. F. Carpenter, H. W. Ewing, G. P. Jones, J. W. Colona, 6 each; E. L. Hoffecker and Alfred Smith, 5 each; G. W. Dawson, Howard Davis and G. C. Williams, 4 each; C. W. Prettyman, 3.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—The Committee on Conference Relations reported, and H. C. Shipley, at his own request, was granted a Certificate of Location; J. M. S. Van Blunk was re-admitted on his Certificate of Location; George W. Richmire, who holds a Certificate of Location from the Genesee Conference, was re-admitted.

CONFERENCE SESSION.—Conference decided to convene this afternoon at two o'clock, on motion of the Secretary.

SECOND BALLOT.—The Second Ballot was taken, the tellers retired, the result to be announced at the afternoon session.

RESOLUTION.—The following resolutions were presented and read, and on motion of G. W. Bounds, they were adopted:

WHEREAS, Dr. H. G. Budd and his good wife are passing through a period of anxiety and peculiar mental strain occasioned by the serious illness of their daughter, who underwent a very delicate operation in the Delaware Hospital on Monday last; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we assure Dr. and Mrs. Budd of our heartfelt sympathy in their anxious hours; also that our prayers will ascend to the heavenly Father for the speedy recovery of their daughter.

DRAFT.—The Bishop presented a draft from the Board of Conference Claimants for \$200, and it was ordered in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

EXCUSED.—D. W. Jacobs was excused from attending tomorrow's session in order to attend a funeral. J. W. Gray was also excused.

CHANGE OF RELATION.—On motion of his District Superintendent, Robert Watt, the relation of J. W. Gray, at his own request, was changed from Effective to Retired.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. E. S. Tipple, President of Drew Theological Seminary; Dr. W. L. McDowell, Department of Church Extension of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; Dr. Edgar Blake, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools; Dr. C. T. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, and Dr. J. H. Hyatt, Executive Secretary of the Maryland Bible Society, were introduced to the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made, doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, Dr. E. S. Tipple pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH SESSION—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—At 2 o'clock Conference convened, with Bishop McDowell in the chair. Prayer was offered by T. E. Terry.

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

SECOND BALLOT RETURNED.—The tellers returned, and the Bishop announced the result of the ballot as follows: Ballots cast, 155; ballots defective, 0; ballots counted, 155; necessary to a choice, 78. No one receiving a majority vote, there was no election. The ballot was as follows: V. S. Collins, 73; W. R. Mowbray, 63; H. G. Budd, 57; G. T. Alderson, 37; J. W. R. Sumwalt, 33; E. H. Dashiell, 14; several more names with 5 votes or less.

THIRD BALLOT.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson, Conference took a third ballot. The tellers then retired.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. Edgar Blake and Dr. E. S. Tipple, who were introduced at the morning's session, were presented and addressed the Conference.

THIRD BALLOT RETURNED.—The tellers returned, and the Bishop announced the result of the third ballot as follows: Ballots cast, 136; ballots defective, 4; ballots counted, 132; necessary to a choice, 67. H. G. Budd, having received 71 votes, a majority, was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was declared as follows: W. R. Mowbray, 60; V. S. Collins, 46; G. T. Alderson, 34; J. W. R. Sumwalt, 24; E. H. Dashiell, 11; others, 5 or less.

FOURTH BALLOT.—The fourth ballot for delegates to the General Conference was then taken and the tellers retired.

INTRODUCTION.—Dr. J. H. Hyatt, who was introduced at the morning session, addressed the Conference.

ORDER OF THE DAY.—On motion of E. H. Dashiell, the report of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission was made the order of the day for 9:45 o'clock tomorrow morning.

APPEAL.—On motion of V. S. Collins, the following were appointed by the Chair as a Select Number to hear the appeal from the Snow Hill Quarterly Conference taken by C. A. Vandermuelen, Local Deacon of the Genesee Conference. C. W. Prettyman was appointed chairman: J. M. Kelso, W. W. Sharp, S. N. Pilchard, F. F. Carpenter, R. K. Stephenson, T. R. VanDyke, W. L. White, T. C. Smoot, Z. H. Webster, G. F. Newton, M. D. Nutter, F. J. Cochran, William E. Habbart, H. T. Quigg, D. J. Givan.

Leolan Jackson, was, on motion of V. S. Collins, appointed Counsel for the Church, with the privilege of choosing his associate counsel. C. A. Vendermuelen was recognized as his own counsel, with the privilege of selecting any minister of any Annual Conference as his associate.

PRESENTATION TO CONFERENCE.—Bishop McDowell presented to the Conference Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, a representative of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

FOURTH BALLOT RETURNED.—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the ballot as follows: Ballots cast, 151; ballots defective, 0; ballots counted, 151; necessary to a choice, 76; no one receiving a majority vote, there was no election. The ballot was as follows: W. R. Mowbray, 57; V. S. Collins, 41; G. T. Alderson, 26; J. W. R. Sumwalt, 16; E. H. Dashiell, 9; others, 5 or less.

FIFTH BALLOT.—The fifth ballot was ordered, taken, and the tellers retired.

EXTENSION OF TIME.—Time was extended, on motion of G.P.Jones.

CONSECRATION OF DEACONESS.—Having been approved for consecration, Miss Arabella G. Crothers was presented by J. W. R. Sumwalt, President of the Conference Deaconess Board, and Bishop McDowell consecrated her a deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

FIFTH BALLOT RETURNED.—The tellers returned, and the Bishop announced the result of the ballot as follows: Ballots cast, 143; ballots defective, 0; ballots counted, 143; necessary to a choice, 72. No one receiving a majority vote, there was no election. The ballot was as follows: W. R. Mowbray, 61; V. S. Collins, 43; G. T. Alderson, 26; J. W. R. Sumwalt, 9; others, 3 or less.

SIXTH BALLOT.—Conference proceeded to take the sixth ballot. The tellers retired.

ADJOURNMENT.—Conference adjourned to reconvene at 5 o'clock.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION.—Conference reconvened at 5 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding. After singing a familiar hymn, Dr. C. T. Wilson led in prayer.

SIXTH BALLOT RETURNED.—The tellers returned, and the Bishop announced the result of the ballot as follows: Ballots cast, 148; ballots defective, 0; ballots counted, 148; necessary to a choice, 75. No one receiving a majority vote, there was no election. The ballot was as follows: W. R. Mowbray, 73; G. T. Alderson, 35; V. S. Collins, 27; J. W. R. Sumwalt, 8; others, 3 or less.

SEVENTH BALLOT.—The seventh ballot was ordered, taken, and the tellers retired.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS COMMITTEE.—On motion of the Committee on Conference Relations, John C. Bolton, who holds credentials as an Elder in the Methodist Protestant Church, was recognized as an Elder and placed in the Studies of the Third Year.

CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.—G. C. Williams presented and read the report of the Wilmington Conference Education Society and it was adopted. The following were nominated for Managers of the Society to serve for a term of three years: Ministerial, F. J. Cochran, W. O. Hurst and F. C. MacSorley; Lay, V. C. Hitchens, L. M. Price and M. F. Alexander, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

Visitors to the respective colleges were nominated and confirmed. (See list of Official Visitors.)

SEVENTH BALLOT RETURNED.—The tellers returned, and the Bishop announced the result of the ballot as follows: Ballots cast, 12; ballots defective, 0; ballots counted, 123; necessary to a choice, 62. W. R. Mowbray, having received 65 votes, or a majority, was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: G. T. Alderson, 34; V. S. Collins, 17; others, 5 or less.

BALLOT FOR RESERVE DELEGATES.—The first ballot for reserve delegates to the General Conference was taken, and the tellers retired.

ADJOURNMENT.—On motion of the Secretary, Conference adjourned, W. W. Chaires pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at nine o'clock with Bishop McDowell in the chair and conducting the devotions. A hymn was sung and R. K. Stephenson led in prayer.

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

RESERVE DELEGATES—FIRST BALLOT RETURNED.—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the ballot as follows: Ballots cast, 107; ballots defective, 0; ballots counted, 107; necessary to a choice, 54. G. T. Alderson having received 81 votes, or a majority, was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: V. S. Collins, 49; J. W. R. Sumwalt, 45; E. H. Dashiell, 36; W. L. White, 13; F. F. Carpenter, 12; R. K. Stephenson, 11; and others, six or less.

RESERVE DELEGATES—SECOND BALLOT.—The second ballot was ordered, taken and the tellers retired.

ORDER OF THE DAY.—On motion of R. K. Stephenson, the report of the Wesley Collegiate Institute was made the order of the day immediately following the report of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—On motion of Robert Watt, an Executive Session was ordered for two o'clock this afternoon.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. The Effective Elders of the Salisbury District were called, their characters passed and each pastor answered affirmatively the questions required by the Discipline relating to pro-rating ministerial support and the full support of the benevolences.

CONF. CLAIMANT END. REPORT.—E. H. Dashiell, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, read his report and it was adopted. On motion of E. H. Dashiell, the Conference voted to support the following resolutions already adopted by the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission:

RESOLVED, That the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission recommend to the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and to the Lay Electoral Conference of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that the goal for the Endowment Fund for Conference Claimants be made Five Hundred Thousand Dollars.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson, the secretary was authorized to edit the journal, and that it be the official journal of the Conference.

WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—Dr. H. G. Budd, President of Wesley Collegiate Institute, addressed the Conference. W. F. Corkran presented and read the following resolutions and, on motion, they were adopted:

RESOLVED, That we, the Wilmington Annual Conference, hereby express our very high appreciation of the generosity of Mr. Henry P. Scott in his liberal contribution to the library of our school, the Wesley Collegiate Institute.

RESERVE DELEGATES—SECOND BALLOT RETURNED.—The tellers returned, and the Bishop announced the result of the ballot as follows: Ballots cast, 143; ballots defective, 1; ballots counted, 142; necessary to a choice, 72. V. S. Collins and J. W. R. Sumwalt, having received 95 and 73 votes respectively, or a majority, were declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: E. H. Dashiell, 37; R. K. Stephenson, 24; W. L. White, 14.

QUESTION 11.—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Charles C. Harris, Otis B. Reed, Lester E. Windsor and Walter A. Hearn were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and the first three elected to Elder's Orders, Walter A. Hearn having been previously ordained an Elder.

QUESTION 10.—The Tenth Question, "What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?" was taken up. Charles H. Atkins, William F.

Godwin, William S. Grant, Blanchard P. Moore, Claude W. Clark and Alpha B. Frye were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, they were advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year.

Ralph C. Jones and Roy T. Thawley were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, they were continued in the Studies of the Third Year.

QUESTION 6.—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Earl M. Shockley and John H. Whedbee were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and they were Continued on Trial in Studies of the Second Year. On motion of W. A. Wise, Conference requested that Earl M. Shockley be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

QUESTION 8.—The Eighth Question was resumed. Thomas R. Jones was called, his character passed, the District Superintendent represented, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended.

The Bishop propounded the disciplinary questions asked for Admission into Full Membership, to Thomas R. Jones and William T. McGuire and, upon giving satisfactory answers, they were Admitted into Full Membership of the Conference, William T. McGuire being elected to Deacon's Orders.

QUESTION 11.—The Eleventh Question was resumed. Thomas R. Jones was called, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, he was graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elder's Orders.

QUESTION 12.—The Twelfth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up. The recommendations were received in due form of James L. Derrickson and Ralph L. Minker for Deacon's Orders under the Local Rule. The Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented, and they were elected to Deacon's Orders.

QUESTION 5.—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. The recommendations were received in due form for Admission on Trial of Joshua B. McCabe, Raymond W. Cooke, Ralph M. Minker and William L. Hess, and they were introduced to the Conference. The Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented, the Committee recommended, and they were Received on Trial, Joshua B. McCabe being placed in the Studies of the Third Year, and the last three named being placed in the Studies of the First Year.

GREETINGS.—A delegation from the Lay Electoral Conference was introduced and brought greetings from that body through their spokesman, J. A. Ellegood, to which the Bishop responded.

JOINT SESSION.—On motion of W. F. Corkran, Conference voted to receive the Lay Electoral Conference in joint session at 11:30 o'clock.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. J. H. Morgan, President of Dickinson College, Francis B. Short, Extension Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Pro-

hibition and Public Morals, Clarence True Wilson, General Secretary of the same, and Daniel W. Howell, Corresponding Secretary of the General Deaconess Board, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

LOCATION.—On motion, the case of John L. Prettyman was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, with his request for Location.

JOINT SESSION.—The Lay Electoral Conference was received in a body in joint session. Judge Henry C. Conrad, their presiding officer, addressed the Conference, and introduced the lay delegates to the General Conference. The Bishop then addressed the joint session.

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

SEVENTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—Conference convened in Executive Session at two o'clock, with C. W. Prettyman in the Chair and conducting the devotions. W. W. Sharp led in prayer. Bishop McDowell then assumed the Chair.

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

REPORT OF SELECT NUMBER.—The following minutes were presented and read as the report of the Select Number in the case of C. A. Vandermuellen:

Minutes of the Session of the Select Number appointed by the Wilmington Annual Conference to hear the Appeal of Rev. C. A. Vandermuellen from the verdict of the trial by the Special Session of the Quarterly Conference of Whatcoat Methodist Episcopal Church, Snow Hill, Md., Mar. 3, 1920.

The Select Number met in Grace Church Parsonage, March 26, 1920, at 7:30 P. M.

Present: C. W. Prettyman, Chairman; F. J. Cochran, S. N. Pilchard, G. F. Newton, T. R. Van Dyke, W. W. Sharp, M. D. Nutter, D. J. Givan, W. E. Habbart, R. K. Stephenson, F. F. Carpenter, E. C. Sunfield, J. R. Bicking, T. C. Smoot, J. W. R. Sumwalt, Leolan Jackson, C. A. Vandermuellen, and J. M. Kelso.

The business opened with prayer by F. F. Carpenter.

J. M. Kelso was elected Secretary.

Leolan Jackson and J. W. R. Sumwalt were recognized as counsel for the Church, and C. A. Vandermuellen, J. R. Bicking and E. C. Sunfield, counsel for the appellant.

The Appeal was based on the alleged injustice of the verdict of the lower court on the charge known as Charge II, of two Specifications, to wit:

Conduct Unbecoming a Minister.

Specification I. The said C. A. Vandermuellen having obtained a divorce on the 17th day of December, 1919, and having married on the 19th day of December, 1919, was paying court to a woman while having a legal wife.

Specification II. The said C. A. Vandermuellen having obtained divorce on the 17th day of December, 1919, on the ground of desertion, and having married on the 19th day of December, 1919, has acted in violation of the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Paragraph # 68.

After argument on the written evidence from the preceding trial, the counsel withdrew.

After deliberation the Select Number decided unanimously that the verdict of the lower court is confirmed.

C. W. PRETTYMAN, Chairman.

J. M. KELSO, Secretary.

WILM. CITY MISSIONARY & CHURCH EXT. SOCIETY.—J. H. Beauchamp, Corresponding Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, read his report, which was adopted, on motion of J. W. Prettyman.

QUESTION 24.—The Twenty-Fourth Question, "Who are the Retired Ministers?" was taken up. The Retired Ministers of the Conference were called, their characters passed and their relation continued.

George A. Cooke requested that his relation be changed from Retired to Effective. This was so moved by W. E. Tomkinson, but the following substitute by Tilghman Smith was adopted: That G. A. Cooke be retained in the Retired Relation and the Cabinet be requested to try to find a place for him where he will be acceptable as a supply.

QUESTION 17.—The Seventeenth Question, "Who have been located at their Own Request?" was taken up. The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that J. L. Prettyman be granted a Certificate of Location, and, on motion of V. S. Collins, it was done.

CHANGE OF RELATION.—On motion of W. A. Wise, the relation of W. W. Chaires was changed from Effective to Retired, at his own request, and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, W. W. Chaires pronouncing the benediction.

EIGHTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened in Memorial Session at 2:30 o'clock, T. E. Terry, presiding. An appropriate hymn was sung, after which Robert Watt offered prayer.

MEMOIRS.—The memoir of James M. Mitchell was presented and read by G. C. Williams; that of Charles A. Hill, by C. W. Prettyman; that of Joseph A. Arters, by W. F. Corkran; that of Clinton T. Wyatt, by G. T. Alderson; and that of Daniel F. McFaul, by J. W. R. Sumwalt.

Robert Watt presented and read the memoir of Mrs. Theodosia M. Townsend; Adam Stengle, that of Mrs. Annie H. Irwin; and J. T. Richardson, that of Mrs. Annie C. Redman.

The memoirs as read were adopted and ordered published in the minutes.

ORDINATION SERVICE.—At the conclusion of the Memorial Session the Bishop assumed the chair.

DEACONS.—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders, and William H. Alderson, Wade H. Cummings, William T. McGuire, John T. Rowleson, Harry D. West, John W. Wootten, James L. Derrickson and Ralph L. Minker were ordained as Deacons. Willard V. Moore, having been previously elected to Deacon's Orders, was not present for ordination.

ELDERS.—Those elected to Elder's Orders were called, together with John C. Bolton for recognition of Elder's Orders from the Methodist Protestant Church. The Secretary presented and the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, ordained Charles C. Harris, Thomas R. Jones, Otis B. Reed and Lester E. Windsor as Elders.

ADJOURNMENT.—After the Bishop had asked for the consecration of life to Jesus Christ and familiar hymns had been sung, Conference adjourned, Bishop McDowell pronouncing the benediction.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that on the Twenty-eighth day of March, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty, I ordained as DEACONS,

William H. Alderson	Harry D. West
Wade H. Cummings	John W. Wootten
William T. McGuire	James L. Derrickson
John T. Rowleson	Ralph L. Minker

and, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, I ordained as ELDERS,

Charles C. Harris	Otis B. Reed
Thomas R. Jones	Lester E. Windsor

they having been duly elected to the above orders respectively by the Wilmington Annual Conference.

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL,
Bishop.

Wilmington, Del.

NINTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at nine o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. G. T. Alderson led in prayer.

JOURNAL.—The journals of Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon sessions were read and approved.

ORDER OF DAY—UNIFICATION.—The report of the committee on memorial for Unification was taken up as the order of the day. E. H. Dashiell presented and read the following majority report, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, 1. That we, as a Conference, declare ourselves in favor of unification with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. That we believe the proposed constitution for the reorganized Church a workable plan.

3. That we instruct the members of the delegation of the Wilmington Annual Conference to the General Conference to use their influence in every way possible to bring about its adoption, or its adoption with such modifications as may seem wise to the General Conference, provided those modifications will not have the effect of destroying the plan.

4. That we express high appreciation of the spirit and work of our commissioners who have given years of patient thought and labor to the construction of this possible basis of union.

J. W. R. Sumwalt presented and read the following minority report and moved its adoption as a substitute for the majority report:

WHEREAS, There has been transmitted to the Church by the joint commission on Unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a plan of unification containing a proposed constitution for the unified Church; and

WHEREAS, This constitution will be presented to the General Conference for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, The proposed plan provides for unification by reorganization, on such a basis as will inevitably tend to the development of sectional and racial divisions, rather than to a real and lasting union; and

WHEREAS, The proposed plan, because of these racial and sectional lines of cleavage, will tend to prevent and destroy the work of the church among many of the peoples to whom we now minister; and

WHEREAS, The proposed plan provides for a church which differs so radically from either of the contributing churches, as to make substantially a new church, and relieve our members of any claim upon their loyalty and support; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Wilmington Annual Conference hereby memorialize the General Conference to reject this and all other plans for Methodist Union which do not provide for a really united church capable of ministering effectively to all mankind.

RESOLVED, That we instruct the members of the delegation of the Wilmington Conference to the General Conference to use their influence in every possible way to continue the Commission on Unification unhampered to study the situation in the hope that some plan of union may be proposed which shall preserve the salient and traditional characteristics of Methodism.

After discussion, the previous question was ordered and put, and the minority report was then substituted for the majority report. The report, as amended, was then adopted.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.—The proposed amendment to the constitution admitting laymen as members of the Annual Conference was presented and read by Bishop McDowell, and was not adopted, the vote being one for and 124 against.

EASTER SUNDAY.—A motion by H. T. Quigg requesting the Conference to accept the suggestion of the Bishop that all pastors remain in their present charges over Easter Sunday was adopted, after being amended by the following substitution presented and read by V. S. Collins:

WHEREAS, Throughout the year the united effort of our Church for souls has been planned to come to a great spiritual climax on Easter Sunday, and thus make Easter Sunday a great rallying day for an ingathering of men into the Church; and

WHEREAS, Easter Sunday comes as the first Sunday after Conference, so that about eighty pastors will face new congregations that day if we carry out our usual policy of going to the new charge the first Sunday after Conference; and

WHEREAS, The new pastor will find it impossible immediately on his arrival to take up the campaign for souls just where his predecessor left it, and thus many souls that might be won for the Master that day may not be won; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That it is the judgment of the Conference that every pastor should remain at his present charge over Easter Sunday, and do his utmost to win souls for Jesus that day.

QUESTION 36.—The Thirty-sixth Question, "Where shall the Next Conference be held?" was taken up. Through its pastor, J. L. Johnson, Immanuel Church, Crisfield, Md., invited the Conference to hold its next annual session in said church, on the free entertainment plan. Through its pastor, J. R. Bicking, New Castle Church extended an invitation on Plan #2, or the partial payment plan. By a count vote the invitation to Crisfield was accepted. On motion of J. R. Bicking, the Conference then unanimously accepted the invitation from Crisfield.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.—The same amount as last year was, on motion of G. T. Alderson, ordered apportioned for the support of the Bureau of Sessions for the coming year.

ADJOURNMENT.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson, it was decided that when we adjourn it be to reconvene at two o'clock this afternoon.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.—The report of the Conference Trustees was presented and read by W. F. Corkran and was adopted, and the following were nominated and elected for a term of three years as Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference, the Secretary casting the ballot: R. K. Stephenson, W. O. Bennett, J. M. Kelso. L. E. Poole was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of C. T. Wyatt.

On motion of G. W. Dawson, the trustees of this Annual Conference were authorized to make such appeal to the Centenary Commission for such assistance as they may deem necessary on behalf of Barrett's Chapel endowment fund.

APPORTIONMENT.—W. C. M. & CH. EXT. SOCIETY.—The same amounts as last year were ordered apportioned to the charges for the support of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, on motion of E. W. Jones.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—W. O. Hurst read the report of the Board of Stewards, together with certain recommendations:

On motion of V. S. Collins, it was decided to strike out the paragraph referring to quarterly payments.

A motion by V. S. Collins to make the apportionment for the coming year the same as last year, by substituting \$22,000. in the place of \$30,000., as called for in the report, was lost, and the report was then adopted as amended together with the recommendations, and the Trustees nominated therein were elected.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT.—The Statistician presented and read his report, and it was adopted.

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

TENTH SESSION—MONDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened at two o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. The Collect and the Lord's Prayer were recited in unison.

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

MINISTERIAL CONT. R. FUND.—T. E. Terry, Trustee of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, submitted his report and it was adopted. He was nominated and elected Trustee of this fund, on motion of V. S. Collins.

E. H. Dashiell presented and read the following resolutions, and they were adopted:

WHEREAS, We created, at our session of 1919, a Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, The experience of the past year has brought still more forcibly to our attention the need of such a fund; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we emphasize the necessity for unanimous action in the matter of taking the voluntary offering on the second Sunday of May in each year.

That we advance the amount of cash to be held by the Trustee, and available for the purposes of the fund, from \$1,000. to \$5,000.

That preachers, who have labored in our Conference ten consecutive years as supplies, shall become beneficiaries under the same conditions and terms as members of the Conference.

THE METHODIST.—The following resolutions were presented and read by E. H. Dashiell, and were adopted on motion of G. W. Dawson:

RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Annual Conference put itself on record:

1. As recognizing the increasing merit and usefulness of The Methodist.

2. As highly appreciating the unselfish service being rendered the Church by its Editor-in-Chief and his assistant editors, all of whom serve without compensation; also the truly christian liberality of Mr. John L. Alcock of Baltimore, without whose financial support its publication would be impossible.

3. As plainly seeing the need of such a publication in our work, and pledging it our support as our area organ.

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

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.—The Bishop was requested to make various special appointments. (See list of appointments.)

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.—J. W. R. Sumwalt presented the following nominations for members of the Conference Deaconess Board, and they were elected for a term of three years: J. W. R. Sumwalt, I. E. Perry and Mrs. J. T. Smith.

CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION.—On motion of his District Superintendent, V. S. Collins, H. W. Holter was granted a Certificate of Location at his own request.

SUGGESTIONS FOR QUADRENNIAL ADDRESS.—G. A. Cooks presented and read the following resolutions, and, on motion, they were laid upon the table by a vote of 49 to 31:

RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Annual Conference hereby respectfully requests the Bishops of our Church to embody in their quadrennial address to the General Conference a statement of principles governing the rights of the pastoral office, and to ask the General

Conference to enact legislation that will prevent, in the future, the exercise of domineering and autocratic power by parties and organizations that have no authority to dictate policies to those who are responsible for the administration of the affairs of the Church.

REPORTS.—All reports from Standing Committees were adopted without being read and delivered to the Secretary for editing and publication, on motion of F. J. Cochran.

QUESTION 15.—The Fifteenth Question was resumed. The Bishop announced the transfer of C. E. Knopp to the Philadelphia Conference, and that of H. E. Reed to the New Jersey Conference.

MINIMUM SALARY.—V. S. Collins presented and read the following resolutions, and they were adopted:

WHEREAS, The high cost of living renders it well-nigh impossible for many of our ministers to provide the plainest necessities of life on the meager salaries paid by many of our charges; and

WHEREAS, In charges where it is necessary to keep a conveyance in order to do the necessary pastoral work of the charge an expense item of \$300. is necessary to keep a Ford or other conveyance before a dollar can come into the personal use of the Pastor and his family; therefore,

RESOLVED, That it is our deliberate judgment that no Pastor should receive less than \$1,200. cash salary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That in any charge where it is necessary for the Pastor to keep a conveyance the salary should be at least \$1,500. cash.

TREASURER'S REPORT.—The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

ELECTION OF TREASURER AND AUDITOR.—V. E. Hills was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Conference for next year. W. H. Briggs was nominated and elected Auditor of Conference accounts for next year.

COLLECTION.—A collection was ordered and taken amounting to \$144.28, and was distributed according to amounts due officers of the Conference, etc.

QUESTION 25.—The Twenty-fifth Question, "Who are the Triers of Appeals?" was taken up. The following, being nominated by the Bishop, were confirmed as Triers of Appeals: G. T. Alderson, T. F. Beauchamp, F. F. Carpenter, R. K. Stephenson, J. W. Colona. Reserves: H. W. Ewing and W. L. White.

ADJOURNMENT.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson, it was ordered that after reading of the journal, appropriate devotions and the announcement of appointments, Conference be adjourned.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—The following resolutions were presented and read by V. S. Collins, and they were adopted:

WHEREAS, It is the announced policy of the Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church to establish Regional Headquarters in charge of a Superintendent with a staff composed of Adult, Young People and Children's Department (three in all) specialists, including also a stenographer; and

WHEREAS, Regional Headquarters have already been established at Kansas City, Kansas, and another is soon to be established for the three Conferences in or adjacent to New York City; and

WHEREAS, The region between the crest of the Alleghenies and Delaware River, the New York State line and the Chesapeake has been one of the most fruitful fields in the world for the development of Sunday School plans and methods; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we urge the Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church to establish a Regional Headquarters, with the necessary staff, in and for the territory lying within the present Washington Area, together with the Philadelphia and Wyoming Annual Conferences, that the results of the work already done might be conserved and that greater things may yet be accomplished; and

RESOLVED, That as a Conference we pledge our heartiest support to our Board of Sunday Schools, that in every possible way we may co-operate for the advancement of the Master's Kingdom; and

RESOLVED, That we request the establishment of this Regional Headquarters at Harrisburg, Wilmington or Baltimore.

THANKS.—The committee on Thanks presented and read its report and it was adopted by a rising vote.

DISTRIBUTION OF COLLECTION.—On motion of the Secretary, it was ordered that all monies received in collection over and above the amount needed, be turned over to Brother Hurst for the Board of Stewards.

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

ADJOURNMENT.—After the appointments were read, at the request of the Bishop, the ministers gathered around their respective District Superintendents, a brief service of consecration was held, after which Bishop McDowell pronounced the benediction and Conference adjourned.

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

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL,
President.

DISSTON W. JACOBS,
Secretary.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

and

GENERAL CONFERENCE MEMORIALS.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, submitted to the Annual and Lay Electoral Conferences pursuant to a resolution passed at the General Conference of 1916:—

"RESOLVED, That Article III of Chapter 1 and Article III of Chapter II of the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being Division III thereof, entitled "Articles of Organization and Government," be amended by striking out pp. 36 and 39, which read as follows:

"p. 36. The Traveling Preachers shall be organized by the General Conference into Annual Conferences, the sessions of which they are required to attend.

"p. 39, Sec. 1. A Lay Electoral Conference shall be constituted quadrennially, or whenever duly called by the General Conference, within the bounds of each Annual Conference, for the purpose of electing Lay Delegates to the General Conference, and for the purpose of voting on constitutional changes. It shall be composed of lay members, one from each Pastoral Charge within its bounds, chosen by the lay members of the Charge over twenty-one years of age, in such manner as the General Conference may determine. Each Pastoral Charge shall also elect in the same manner one Reserve Delegate. Members not less than twenty-one years of age, and holding membership in the Pastoral Charge electing them, are eligible to membership in the Lay Electoral Conference.

"Sec. 2. The Lay Electoral Conference shall assemble at the seat of the Annual Conference on the first Friday of the session immediately preceding the General Conference, unless the General Conference shall provide otherwise.

"Sec. 3. The Lay Electoral Conference shall organize by electing a President and Secretary, shall adopt its own Rules of Order, and shall be the judge of the election, returns, and qualifications of its own members.

"Sec. 4. Each Lay Electoral Conference shall be entitled to elect as many Delegates to the General Conference as there are Ministerial Delegates from the Annual Conference. A Lay Electoral Conference may elect Reserve Delegates, not exceeding three in number, and not exceeding the number of its Delegates. These elections shall be by ballot.

"Sec. 5. Lay members twenty-five years of age, or over, holding membership in Pastoral Charges within the bounds of the Lay Electoral Conference, and having been lay members of the Church five years next preceding, shall be eligible to election to the General Conference. Delegates-elect who cease to be members of the Church within the bounds of the Lay Electoral Conference by which they were elected shall not be entitled to seats in the General Conference."

And inserting in lieu of the paragraphs thus stricken out, the following:

"Sec. 1. Annual Conferences shall be organized by the General Conference, composed of Traveling Preachers holding membership therein, who

are required to attend its sessions, together with one Lay Delegate from each Pastoral Charge within its bounds, such Lay Delegate to be elected by the lay members of the Charge, over twenty-one years of age, in such manner as the General Conference may determine.

"Each Charge shall also elect in like manner a Reserve Delegate.

"A Lay Delegate shall be over twenty-one years of age and for two years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"Sec. 2. All matters relating to the passing of character, examinations, trial of ministerial members, courses of study, ordination and Conference relations shall be determined by a vote of the ministerial members of the Annual Conference.

"Sec. 3. In the Annual Conference next preceding the meeting of the General Conference there shall be held one ministerial session composed of the ministerial members only, and one lay session composed of the lay members only. The ministerial session shall elect the number of Ministerial Delegates and reserves to which the Conference is entitled, and the lay session shall also elect a like number of Lay Delegates. The lay session shall also elect Reserve Delegates, not exceeding three in number. These delegates must be twenty-five years of age, or over, hold membership in Pastoral Charges within the bounds of the Annual Conference, and must have been lay members of the Methodist Episcopal Church five years next preceding their election.

"These elections shall be by ballot. Delegates-elect who cease to be members of the Church within the bounds of the Annual Conference, by which they were elected, shall not be entitled to seats in the General Conference."

MEMORIALS.

The West Wisconsin Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church does hereby respectfully petition the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session in 1920, to establish a Christian Daily, non-sectarian, non-political, newspaper, published under Protestant Christian auspices.

Newark Conference Memorial relative to the co-ordination of Home Missionary agencies and a unification of administration for the same.

The Home Missionary work of the Methodist Episcopal Church is at present administered by several independent organizations which have been authorized by the General Conference:

- (1) The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension;
- (2) The Woman's Home Missionary Society;
- (3) The General Deaconess Board;
- (4) About seventy City Societies.

The Church has sometimes suffered embarrassment because of a lack of effective co-operation between our various Home Missionary organiza-

tions, resulting in duplication of effort, and rivalry in seeking local support, thus involving waste and endangering harmony.

Therefore, we, the members of the Newark Conference, do respectfully memorialize the General Conference of 1920 that they consider the question of such co-ordination of these organizations that a unified administration be provided and re-duplication and misunderstanding eliminated.

Also, the following from the Newark Conference relative to our system of making appointments:

RESOLVED, That we appoint a Commission to study the System of the Methodist Church of England, and the Methodist Church of Canada, and bring in a Memorial to the General Conference next year modifying our system of making the appointments. This paper to be sent to all Conferences.

Committee: C. F. Sitterly, O. L. Joseph, L. F. Bowman, W. C. Timbrell, Charles Waldron, C. M. Anderson, W. H. Ruth, W. E. Palmer.

Commission appointed: Wilbert Westcott, H. E. Curts, C. F. Sitterly, C. M. Anderson, J. O. Sparnon, W. E. Palmer, Charles Waldron.

Unification.

Whereas, the question of unification between our own Methodism and the M. E. Church, South, comes often before us for deliberation, and that therein the interests and welfare of all our southern work are vitally involved; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Alabama Conference memorializes the coming General Conference of 1920 to so conserve the interests of our white and colored southern work as to prevent our being treated as sheep for the slaughter or the market. We feel ourselves to be an integral, and not unimportant, part of the greatest evangelical organization on the earth. We are non-racial and non-sectional and world-wide. We have ever been so related, and along these lines we have no concessions to make; and, further be it

RESOLVED, That the Alabama Conference memorializes the General Conference of 1920 to refrain from the acceptance of any unification other than that of real organic union such as obtained before the year 1844. Nothing else will satisfy us. We shall welcome such a real organic union—such as shall safeguard all of our interests and that shall save us from sub-division, sectionalism and racialism; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Alabama Conference memorializes the coming General Conference of 1920 to deal so definitely with this question of unification, that we shall be relieved of these lengthened periods of uncertainty that have been so promotive of harmful agitation, and which have measurably resulted in the retardation of our southern work. We urge

the submission of a real workable plan of union, which shall in the main, preserve and perpetuate our present polity, and substantially safeguard our vital interests.

Course of Study.

The Alabama Conference in its session of 1919, respectfully and lovingly memorializes the General Conference of 1920, to so amend the rules and regulations governing the Commission on Course of Study, that the books composing all Courses of Study shall be prescribed by the Board of Bishops, who shall be held responsible for any wrong teaching found therein, and that the Bishops shall be instructed to assure themselves of the soundness of all persons whom they expect to appoint as members of the Commission on Course of Study as regards their personal attitude toward the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church.

We, as a Conference, stand unchangeably for the defense of our dear Holy Bible, and the faith of our Fathers as expressed in the Doctrines and standards of our Church from the beginning of the same. We are grieved over the false teachings, and the attacks upon our Holy Bible as found in the present Course of Study, and we deprecate the harm that has been done. We earnestly plead that this our petition may be granted. Should relief not come, we feel it our bounden duty to exercise our Constitutional Rights as a corporate body in using what latitude may be ours in prescribing our own Course of Study, or else hold our examination work in suspense until that time when the aid sought may reach us. We pray God's guidance.

Foreign-Language Conferences.

The New York East Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church hereby respectfully memorializes the General Conference of 1920 to consider carefully the advisability of discontinuing the foreign-language Conferences as soon as practicable, and of incorporating the various foreign-speaking congregations into the English-speaking Conferences in whose territory they are situated.

We, the Eastern Swedish Conference, do hereby memorialize the General Conference of 1920 to appoint a strong and unbiased Commission, including representatives of all the foreign speaking groups effected, to thoroughly study the whole question of amalgamation and report to the General Conference of 1924.

That this Commission be instructed by the General Conference to let all sides be heard, that the Church may know whether or not it would further the cause of God and the Church to undertake forceful and drastic means in solving the problems which may exist.

Benevolent Boards.

WHEREAS, For a long time the Benevolent Boards of the church have been authorized both to administer the interests of their several causes and to solicit money for the same in consequence of which there have been overlappings and duplications of work resulting in waste of effort and resources; and

WHEREAS, The authority to conduct financial campaigns still resides in each Board, thus making possible the continuance of this confusion; and,

WHEREAS, The success of the Missionary Centenary has demonstrated the superior utility and efficiency of uniting all financial interests in one campaign;

RESOLVED, That we, the Illinois Annual Conference, memorialize the General Conference to provide, first, for one Benevolent Board to have oversight of the work of the present Benevolent Boards with power to eliminate conflicts of administration and duplication of effort, such Boards to be chosen on a thoroughly democratic basis and in such manner as to make it as far as possible representative of the whole Church; to provide, second, for the administration of the affairs of the present Benevolent Boards under separate departments of this General Board, uniting and consolidating the present Boards so far as may be consistent with efficiency of operations; to provide, third, that an auxiliary organization be created in the Annual Conference to have control and oversight of all financial campaigns for local and Conference Benevolences, unifying them as far as may be practicable with the general campaign.

Paragraph # 280.

The Wilmington Annual Conference petitions the General Conference to retain Paragraph 280, which relates to worldly amusements, and hereby instructs the delegates from our Conference to vote in harmony with this Memorial.

VIII.
REPORTS.

(a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

W. R. MOWBRAY, District Superintendent.

We come from the most work-filled year of our lives to tell of some things done within the bounds of the Dover District, in the name of our Lord and His Church. We have had no need for the urge of Mrs. Brown-ing, when she says,

“Get leave to work
In this world, 'tis the best you can get at all,
Get work, get work,
Be sure 'tis better than what you work to get.”

And by this standard we have been supremely fortunate, for we have had work, abundant work and still no mean joy in what we have “worked to get.” The results have not been all we could wish but they have been something worth while, and the greatest satisfaction of the hour lies in the fact that we have sincerely tried. While some of us have been sorely perplexed, at times, in the effort, we thank the Lord that we have been permitted to labor, to spend and be spent, and as a result there are some sheaves.

We are profoundly grateful for the fact that none of our working force on the District has fallen permanently out during the year. There have been no Centenary fatalities. There have been a few who have passed through severe illness and been compelled to stand aside for a while, but none has died and those temporarily disqualified have been restored to health and today we present an unbroken front line.

The weather again and this time in dead earnest! No man under fifty years of age has ever seen, all in all, such a Winter as the one just passing into history. Peace be to its memory; we have had none while it lived. The weather man has put on a program which in execution has out-distanced anything for general unrelenting, unyielding severity ever known to us. Consequently, all work which depended upon going—going anywhere, any distance—has been practically at a standstill for more than two months. Many country churches within this District have had no services, or, at least, only one or two, during the months of January and February, and at this writing—near the middle of March—the embargo is still on. Roads! Roads! We are by no means proud of it, but Delaware can boast (if one can rise to boast of such things) the worst roads in any so-called modern and progressive commonwealth. But there are better

days ahead, thanks to an awakening public sentiment and the liberality of certain public-spirited citizens to the North of us.

Ministerial Supply:—We are still confronting the problem of finding sufficient men to supply our pulpits, and the situation is more aggravated than it was a year ago. This condition is likely to grow worse so long as the cost of living soars aloft and the churches refuse to “put the Spirit of Christ in the payroll.”

The list of appointments stands as it was when read at the last session of our Conference, with one exception. Brother J. L. Prettyman, at his own request, was released from Millsboro to take work under Dr. Collins at Hebron. The Millsboro charge has been very acceptably supplied by Brother J. W. Hudson, a Local Elder, residing at that place.

Salaries:—Not a few of the charges have fallen in line and advanced the salaries of their pastors, though none perhaps has reached a position in keeping with the demands which have arisen out of the ever-increasing, ever-soaring cost of living. The most distressing feature of the situation is that the advances have been for the most part confined to the larger charges. The larger salaries have become larger, a little, surely not enough, while the smaller and middle class of appointments have only advanced a little—not enough to relieve the stress—or have been at a stand still. There are forty-seven charges on this District in more or less active operation. Of these, twenty-one pay less than \$1,000. salary, and of the twenty-one there are eleven which pay less than \$800., and ranging all the way from \$300. to \$750. In most cases there is a family to feed and clothe and a conveyance to maintain. How the pastors on some of these can stay—I do not say live—is more than I can see. They could not even stay if they did not turn aside to some secular employment to supplement their meager salaries. There are men among them teaching school, working on farms at odd times, their wives working in canning factories in season, and this—all this—so that they may stay in the places to preach the gospel of the Christ, who said, “The laborer is worthy of his hire.” I do not plead for myself but these conditions are my burden, because they are the burdens of the men with whom I am associated in the Lord’s work. These conditions are an unspeakable reproach to our Methodism, for the people are not poor. There are men on this District, good men, faithful and capable, some of them college bred men, who have spent years and much money in preparing themselves for the ministry, who, this year, are under the necessity of borrowing money on which to live or else enter the unsavory debtor’s brigade. Our ministry is becoming less even than a “board and clothes” organization. There is nothing dishonorable in secular employment or manual labor, truly not, but no man can do good work in the ministry if he must be harrassed constantly by the ghost of debt, burdened with the problem of how to buy gas to reach his work on Sunday, and in doubt as to what he shall have for breakfast on Monday. If the ambassadors of Christ are placed in such a humiliating position, what think ye will be the standing of his cause and its appeal to a fair-thinking, square-dealing business world? Will real men be attracted to such a cause?

The following charges have advanced salaries this year:—Seaford, Bridgeville, Cambridge, Federalsburg, each, \$300.; Crapo, Nassau, Milford, Camden, Leipsic, Houston, each, \$200.; Church Creek, East New Market, Hurlock, Laurel, Canterbury, Lincoln, Little Creek, each, \$100.; Blades, \$150., and Magnolia, \$50., making a total on the District of \$3,300.

Centenary:—We might say in the language of an advertisement of an iniquitous business, which used to greet us by the way, "Wilson, That's All." Centenary! That's all. It has been truly a large part of the year's concern. When the quota for Dover District was handed to me and by me to the various pastors, there was general consternation. As one of our strong men said to me in reply to the receipt of his quota, "O, boy! Nothing doing." But there was, and he put it over. There was a feeling that the job was a bit too large and it was. It proved so as far as the District as a whole is concerned, but the result was by far the greatest financial stunt ever put over in this particular field. The accomplishment is by no means small, and we rejoice in so much done though we did not rise to the full height. We are credited with subscriptions for the Centenary amounting to some, \$45,000., which does not include the six disciplinary collections. In a few churches this is on a yearly basis for five years, but for the most part it is a one year subscription.

In this great task the pastors have gone forth with determination and put themselves into it without reserve. Had it not been so there would be a different tale to tell. We were told in the beginning that this was a laymen's movement, that all the ministers had to do was to show the way—lead off—and the men of the church would take up gladly the task of pushing it to completion. It may be a laymen's movement, and true it is that unless the laymen had subscribed the money it could not have been done—in that sense it is certainly a laymen's affair pure and simple—but in at least ninety percent. of the charges of which I have more or less intimate knowledge the laymen would not have moved at all had it not been for the propelling impact of a persistently pushing preacher, and in several cases the Centenary program was put over in the face of strong opposition put up by leading laymen of these charges. With only two exceptions have I been able to find a layman who would take any District office in connection with the Centenary organization. In both of these cases these men were warm personal friends of the writer. In most of the charges the pastor has been the solitary minute man, group leader (the charge being the group), secretary, treasurer—indeed the main working force of the whole proposition. He has had to go from house to house to present the cause and take the subscription. Of course, this has been more general in the smaller appointments—you will note the preponderance of these in this territory. Some of the larger churches cooperated splendidly in doing the work. Oh, no, we have not lacked programs. In all fairness it should be said that the General Organization was good, and without its splendid general program and the leaders at the head of the undertaking we could not have done what has been done, but in working out the detail we have been overwhelmed with programs; programs that were elaborated to distracting minuteness; ponderous, lumbering giants overlapping one another and blanketing the whole situation so that an

ordinary mortal could only inquire, "where am I at." Literature! Yes, floods of it, and it would have taken any one man's time entirely to have read it all, and it was not enlightening. Not, at least, to us (that may be our fault), until all in all if we had attempted to put all these through letter perfect we should have been in the position of so depleting the battery honking the horn that no current would have been left to run the engine. These plans and programs were no more adapted to the average country charge than was Saul's armor suited to the country boy David when he assayed to meet Goliath.

The faithful pastors desire to meet every situation. They have had no time to do the things which were once supposed to belong to the minister's calling; no time for study, meditation, for real preparation for the high business of preaching the gospel of the Son of God, for the persistent voices still come from the upper spaces and are insistent and persistent. Every departmental chief having the only worth while program and task superb, and the one which will save the world forthwith if executed after the pattern shown in the mount. Because it has not been done men have felt the thrust of the goad and heard the crack of the whip of which I can testify from personal experience. It ought to be said, and I had just as well have the supreme pleasure of saying it, that our resident Bishop, now our presiding officer, has, through all the trying, testing days, manifested a most brotherly, kindly and generous spirit toward us, and we love him for it. His words to me when things did not seem so promising have been with me and were a source of comfort when the road was long. He said, "Those who have tried shall be as those who have succeeded; there shall be no discrimination." No man who is a man at all could fail to lay himself out to the last ounce of strength under such leadership. Long may his bow abide in strength, that he may bless the church, and most fervently we pray that his tribe may increase.

Evangelistic Campaign:—Following in so far as we could the lead of the church at large in putting on this campaign, we held, in October, an Inspirational Conference at Federalsburg, Md. As is always the case, for sufficient reasons, we did not have all the pastors present but there were a goodly number there. We had a very profitable time. After prayer and consultation, and we trust under the guidance of the Spirit, plans were laid looking toward the most efficient work possible. The sub-district groups with their leaders which were used in the financial drive were retained. The work was so planned that each group, under the direct supervision of its chairman, should hold meetings in such way that the entire working force of the sub-district, ministers and laymen, should be centered on two meetings. Only two were to be held at one time, and when these were closed then another two were to be started. This, in actual practice, was not entirely satisfactory to all because so much time was consumed that some of the country places were shut out by bad weather and roads from holding any formal meeting. Some of the brethren foreseeing this probable result entered upon their work independently. The plan is a good one and if given sufficient time will surely be helpful to the work of evangelism. But, with all, the results were not what we hoped for and had a right to expect from the efforts put forth. The world, the

flesh, the devil and the, in itself innocent, automobile, with the consequent money grabbing and pleasure seeking, seem to have paralyzed the very nerve centers of our vital christianity and made so many of our people careless, calloused and impotent in spiritual things.

Reports of conversions are not in full up to the time of this writing. Lincoln charge heads the list with 112 conversions this conference year. The Cedar Neck church on this charge was about dead or so nearly so that it seemed advisable to close its doors. The pastor began a revival last Spring shortly after conference which resulted in 80 conversions, and the outcome is a vigorous, active church. There have been other interesting and profitable meetings in various charges on the District reporting conversions as follows:—Blades, 70; Hurlock, 66; Felton, 65; Bridgeville, 55; Mt. Pleasant, 51; Seaford, 53; Lewes, 58; Seaford Circuit, 50; Laurel, 41; Cambridge, 40; Williamsburg, 35; Federalsburg, 27; Lakesville, 27; Greenwood, 31; Reliance, 25; Milford, 21; Dover, 22; Ellendale, 16; Georgetown Circuit, 17; Magnolia, 14; Houston, 13; Canterbury, 12; others reporting 46; making a total of, 808.

Improvements:—The churches have been so absorbed in the Centenary finances that there has been nothing done in the way of new buildings this year, and no more than seemed strictly necessary in the way of improvements. Cedar Neck Church on Lincoln Charge has been completely renovated—new roof, painted inside and out, a cellar dug, a pipeless heater installed, metal walls and ceiling—truly a new house in the place of a shabby shell which existed until the people, with the hearty and constant co-operation of the energetic young pastor, set themselves to make it a place in keeping with their community and their revived consciences. This with other minor improvements, amount to, \$1728., all paid.

Lewes has truly transformed the parsonage at that place. The interior is so changed that notwithstanding the fact that I camped there for five years, I would not recognize it as the same place. A cellar put under the house, a pipeless heater therein, new open stairway, paint and paper throughout, hard wood floors and absolutely new furniture for the whole house and that of splendid quality. This improvement was not made before it was needed. The cost was about \$4,800.

Leipsic has done herself proud by reseating the church, new organ and other additions to the property amounting to \$1,000., which is paid.

The auditorium, halls and stairways of the Felton church have been thoroughly renovated. The walls and ceilings covered with decorated steel, all wood work painted and grained, and a new carpet in the main room. The whole interior is neat, and presents a very pleasing appearance. The total cost of this improvement is \$1800. The Ladies Aid has also expended \$187 on the parsonage. Galestown has repaired their church, by placing a new roof, some alterations in the tower, paint, paper and other small items of improvement costing \$800. Milton has made improvement by placing a new tower on the church at a cost of \$600. Georgetown has installed electric lights in the church which was a greatly needed improvement at a cost of \$500, and now there is light on the subject even when the Superintendent preaches.

Others report improvements as follows:—Seaford Ct., \$550; Federalsburg, \$536; Houston, \$500; Hurlock, \$350; Church Creek, \$339; Bethel, \$330; Greenwood, \$300; Millsboro, \$229; Rehoboth, \$256; Wyoming, \$250; Armory and Asbury, \$225; Canterbury, \$210; Mt. Pleasant, \$175; Magnolia, \$164; Crapo, \$150. Smaller amounts reported total \$399; making \$15,842. for the District this year.

Debts:—Not very much has been done in the way of debt paying, probably due to the pressure on us financially in the Centenary drive. The payment of \$900. on debts this year by the people of Ellendale marks the completion of a church enterprise which two years ago seemed an impossible task. The record shows that they spent in this project, \$15,047., and there is not a dollar of debt left on this beautiful little church today.

Harrington has paid the last dollar of debt on their splendid parsonage home, amounting to \$1,400. This was accomplished through the untiring efforts of their pastor and the liberality of the people. Georgetown has also lifted their debt on the semi-mansion in which dwells the shepherd of that loyal flock; amount, \$1,618.

Cambridge, led by their busy, ever-working pastor, is heroically dealing with their debt, and have paid this year \$7,239; Wyoming, \$280; Zoar, \$127.

Other debts amounting to \$106. have been reported; making a total for the District of \$11,263.

Wesley Collegiate Institute:—The Wesley Collegiate Institute is having a very prosperous year under the efficient management of the President, Dr. Henry G. Budd. There are 180 students enrolled and 13 of these are ministerial students, for which fact we are very glad. Improvements have been made to the building within and without. The exterior has been painted, that is, the wood work, a fire escape installed at the rear of the boy's building which made practicable the taking out of a back stairway, thus making available two rooms which had hitherto been of little use. A reading room has been fitted up with mission furniture and electric lights installed. The Scott Library has been remodeled by Mr. Henry P. Scott of Wilmington, in memory of his grandfather, Bishop Scott. Arley B. Magee, Esqr., the treasurer of the Institute, reports that up to March 9, 1920, \$131,822.65 have been received on the Endowment Fund. This is a splendid showing and assures the perpetuation of the Institution free from embarrassing financial problems.

Epworth League:—An Epworth League Institute was held at Wesley Collegiate Institute during the Summer, and was more largely attended than the one last year. It was in charge of the Conference officers of the League, and was beyond doubt a very helpful and inspiring season. The District Convention was held at Milford, Del., under the supervision of Dr. R. K. Stephenson, the District President, who spared no pains to make it a success. Rev. J. T. Price was elected president for the present year. We trust that the league may have a larger place in the life of our young people. Quite a few of the charges have no leagues at all and some of the ones already in existence are not very active. We need a general revival of Epworth League activities. May it speedily come.

The ministers of Dover District have been true to their trust. Not so much has been accomplished as we have devoutly and ardently hoped and prayed might be, yet I am sure this failure, if it may be accounted a failure at all—who can tell?—has in no sense been due to any lack of fidelity or devotion on the part of the men who have led the way. I know, as perhaps no man in the entire Conference knows, the problems which these men have confronted, the hard places over which they have fought. I know something of their anxious toil-filled days, and I honor them for their devotion to the tasks. It would be my pleasure to speak of some of them by name—men who have been my very right hand and have accomplished tasks which have seemed almost beyond human possibility—but you know that it is said, “comparisons are odious” and even comparison by implication may not be altogether just. Some of the men who have not risen to the heights of success may have done even more difficult work than those who have fought their way “over the top.” I know the men have tried, tried hard. It has been my supreme pleasure to work side by side with them in these days which have tried men’s souls, and I have found them true. May the great Head of the Church bless them as they face, under His grace, another year of privilege and opportunity; as they enter upon another day’s work for our King.

EASTON DISTRICT.

W. A. WISE, District Superintendent.

During another strenuous Conference year the good people of Easton district have generously and repeatedly given themselves, and of their substance, toward maintaining and furthering the multiplied interest of the church, and today they joyously share with others the great satisfaction of having helped to extend the growing activities of the Lord’s kingdom.

One year ago when this District’s appointments were officially announced, five of the forty-two charges were found without pastors. The above mentioned vacancies were supplied as follows: Rev. S. L. Hanby, an efficient Local Preacher from the Wilmington District, was secured for Royal Oak; C. N. Jones, by request, was released from Clayton and assigned to St. Michaels; T. Guy Owens, a former Probationer in the Baltimore Conference, was placed in charge of Smyrna Circuit; A. B. Frye was obtained from the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference and appointed to Concord; J. C. Bolton and Robert Lawson, fully accredited chaplains of the U. S. Army, and honorably discharged, were stationed respectively at Clayton and Sudlersville.

The health of the effective pastors, for the most part, together with that of their families, has been about normal. However, the District has not escaped its share of extreme anxiety and grief. Some have suffered temporary halting through severe illness. A few have “been tried as by fire.” Certain others have “been chosen in the furnace of affliction.” Among the “tried” ones we mention, J. A. Leach, Z. H. Webster, M. E.

Wheatley. Mrs. Wheatley for a time was desperately ill and for days her life remained in grave jeopardy. With sadness we report the Conference roster shortened and our “In Memoriam” lengthened by the translation of one Effective, one Located, and two Retired brethren, resident within the District. After a total of 147 years of Effective service within this Conference territory, James Monroe Mitchell, Charles Arnett Hill, Joseph Allen Arters, and Clinton Thomas Wyatt, exchanged their long and faithful labors for well earned rest and reward, on Sept. 25th, Oct. 11th, Dec. 14th, and Feb. 7th, respectively. Who “that knew these men intimately can think of them other than as faithful shepherds of the flock, able expounders of the Word, “Men of God,” who, to a marked degree, quite closely approached the high ideals and many excellent traits and qualifications that so forcefully feature our honored Bishop’s “Good Ministers of Jesus Christ.” At Dover, Smyrna, Cordova, and Denton appropriate funeral services were held, participated in by various members of the Conference, while at the annual Conference Memorial hour further fitting tributes will be paid to the memory of these worthy men of God, by Brothers G. C. Williams, C. W. Prettyman, W. F. Corkran, and G. T. Alderson.

The supreme interest and efforts of the year have been gathered around the Centenary objectives. Both the evangelistic and financial programs of the church have chiefly commanded our attention. These visualized and stressed from varied angles of comprehension, have brought many of our members and constituents, as never before, to clearer appreciation of the common task so that they have heroically faced the hitherto unequalled challenge of the Church, and given the best that was in them, or at their command, towards reaching as much of the allotted goals as time and circumstances would permit. Pastors and laymen sympathetically and prayerfully considered, carefully planned, and generously contributed to the call of the church for \$105,000,000 of their money. And, with no less interest, consecration and zeal, devoted themselves toward answering the higher and more difficult challenge, that of bringing to Jesus Christ the District’s share of the 1,000,000 precious souls.

Quite early in the year, every charge on the District was advised as to the importance of perfecting the Centenary organization, as well as consistently working the various details of the general plan. Where prompt attention was paid to this counsel, and a faithful “try-out” made, the desired result was invariably realized. Last June the District was believed to be, and accordingly reported to the Area Office as “over-the-top” with its \$51,252. The pastors of 26 charges reporting that they had covered their quotas by actual canvass include, Bayside, Cecilton, Centerville, Chester town, Cheswold, Church Hill, Cordova, Crumpton, Denton, Easton, Galena, Greensboro, Hillsboro, Kent Island, Middletown, Millington, Pomona, Queenstown, Ridgely, Smyrna, Smyrna Ct., Still Pond, Sudlersville, Tilghman, Trappe, Townsend, with Bozman, Burrsville, Concord, Fairlee, Odessa, Oxford, Preston, Royal Oak, Salem Ct., and Wye Mills, falling but slightly short of their desired goals. To the pastor at Crumpton belongs the two-fold honor of being first to put his charge “over-the-top” with the canvass, and first to pay in full the annual quota. Remittances made to the New York Office to date from this district, together with cash in hands of local treasurers, aggregate \$32,650.00.

Charges having raised their first year's quotas and all other apportioned benevolences in full are, Bayside, Church Hill, Crumpton, Easton, Galena, Hillsboro, Smyrna, Sudlersville, Townsend, Cecilton. Those advising that Centenary quotas are in full, or as much as 10/12 and more have been paid to date, are Chestertown, Easton, Greensboro, Millington, Ridgely, Still Pond, Middletown. From data furnished by the several pastors for this report the indications are that advances will be made in the six General Conference apportionments, ranging from 25% to 145%, and these are credited to Bayside, Burrsville, Cecilton, Chestertown, Church Hill, Clayton, Concord, Crumpton, Easton, Galena, Greensboro, Hillsboro, Odesa, Oxford, Preston, Queenstown, Ridgely, Rock Hall, Royal Oak, St. Michaels, Salem Circuit, Smyrna, Sudlersville, Tilghman, Townsend, Trappe, Smyrna Circuit, Middletown, Kent Island and Bozman.

The ten objectives of the Conservation program were especially emphasized with the view of indicating what should be the aim of each charge with reference to this phase of the Centenary, and request was made of the respective pastors that any progress attained toward these by March 15th should be reported in time for tabulation in this summary of the year's work. So few complying with this request, made an intelligent report thereon impossible.

Believing that the supreme need of the churches on this District was not money, nor more or better organization, nor even larger or better improved property facilities, but a genuine, wide-spread, heaven-sent, God-given revival of "pure and undefiled religion;" hence in harmony with the Area evangelistic program, the pastors were called together at Greensboro, Sept. 22d. Thirty-four of the 42 pastors responded, and after several hours of helpful discussion and thoughtful exchange of views, it was agreed that three weeks in October should be set apart for holding cottage prayer-meetings, with the entire month of November being devoted to revival work in the churches, and, in most of the charges, this agreement was strictly adhered to with very gratifying results. Reports of revivals, conversions, and spiritually quickened churches have been received from, Bayside, Burrsville, Blackbird, Cecilton, Chestertown, Clayton, Concord, Dulaneys, Greensboro, Henderson, Hillsboro, Kingsley, Neavitt, Preston, Prices, Queenstown, Ridgely, Smyrna, St. Michaels, Still Pond, Townsend, Smyrna Circuit. Total number of conversions reported thus far, 877.

The Centenary campaign brought definite and continued blessings to the District. In almost every charge clearer vision as to personal ability, privilege and responsibility was a part of the general result. The prayer-life of many was quickened. Purse strings were broken. Family altars, long neglected, were re-erected and the smouldering embers thereon rekindled. Notwithstanding the wide-spread disappointment that obtained with relation to the comparative failure of various crops, still among our people there have been abundant signs of "enough and to spare." More than one-fourth of the charges have been engaged either in building or improving property. Larger benevolent and local budgets have been readily covered, new buildings erected, delapidated churches and parsonages have been renovated and repaired, old debts paid, pastoral support increased in excess of anything hitherto reported during the quadrennium, and, better

still, the churches have enjoyed greater and deeper spiritual refreshing than they have experienced for a number of years; greatly quickened churches and a goodly score of converts being the visible evidences of this truth.

The new church on Kent Island valued at \$17,000, has been completed and the cost thereof over-subscribed and almost paid. In spite of a score of discouragements including the recent local bank embarrassment by which the savings of many of our people, together with some of the Centenary and other funds of the church were placed in jeopardy, yet the pastor and his people persisted, and happily won out against the odds. On the 10th of August, the Pastor was ably assisted at the dedication by Revs. F. C. MacSorley, W. W. Sharp, T. C. Smoot and G. L. Hardesty, all expastors, and J. H. Gardner, a native of that Island charge.

Through unusual tact and well directed skill a new church edifice appears at Henderson. A master mechanic himself, the pastor assumed the role of architect, stone-mason, carpenter, painter, plumber, electrician, etc., and an old shaking shack of a building was taken down, every available foot of material salvaged, and a neat, adequate, and substantially constructed chapel, valued at \$3,000. was erected upon the old site. Modernly lighted, heated, and far better ventilated than 50% of our larger and more expensive churches, Henderson congregation worship today in their new building with no "blanket" covering their heads. C. T. Wyatt, J. A. Leach and the District Superintendent assisted at the dedication on Sept. 14th, when the entire expense was cheerfully contributed and paid in full, more than \$100. additional being placed in the hands of the pastor as an expression of appreciation for the services he had rendered. Bridgetown and Busic, the other churches on this charge, have also been reroofed and otherwise improved.

Prices, on Church Hill charge, has undergone a considerable transformation. The church ceiling and side walls were cleared and replastered, pulpit and choir platforms extended; all woodwork on the interior painted or hard-oiled; a handsome Brussels carpet placed upon aisles, pulpit and chancel floors; increased cellar area excavated and a new and more modern heating plant installed. A substantial concrete portico protects the new and massive double memorial doors at the main entrance. The large lawn surrounding the church has been neatly graded throughout with concrete curbing and pavements laid the entire width of the lot, and from street curb to church door. \$2,600. was the amount invested, which was easily obtained Sunday, August 31st, the date of the re-opening.

Denton has recently secured a large and desirable plot of ground on which to erect a modern structure more in keeping with the present-day needs of our Methodist constituency in the Caroline County seat. The lot with a frontage of 175 feet and for which \$3,000. were asked, \$2,600. of which has been paid, is centrally located at the corner of 5th Avenue and Franklin street, and is perhaps the finest obtainable for the purpose in the entire town.

Centreville has taken their pastor out of cold storage and moved him to more desirable and comfortable quarters. The old red-brick parsonage on South Street has been traded for a desirably located frame house on Broadway, which, after a few suggested and prospective changes are made,

adding both to the value and attractiveness of the newly acquired property will, it is to be hoped, forever put an end to certain disagreeable annoyances to which former occupants of the old parsonage were distressingly subjected.

Twice during the year the pastor at Queenstown advised his District Superintendent that "he was all dressed up with no place to go," and thus for the reason Queenstown did not own their Pastor's home. The wave of frenzied rent raising, and the unreasonable inflation of property values, took the roof from over the heads of this pastor and his little ones. Recently, however, we have been advised, the Circuit has obtained an option on a suitable and convenient property in Queenstown, for which it is confidently expected, by the time possession can be had, there will be a sufficient sum in hand with which to meet the consideration asked.

Betterton, besides providing for an increased benevolent budget, generously advancing pastoral support, and subsequently most enthusiastically covering their Centenary quota, on Sunday, Sept. 28th, led by their optimistic and tactful Pastor, placed \$2,000. upon the altar of the church with which to paint the exterior, and liquidate the last dollar of indebtedness resting on that beautiful church building by the bay-side. The Ladies Aid Society here have lately purchased a prominent building lot adjoining the church, evidently to be used for parsonage purposes in the near future.

At Cecilton, the officials of the two churches last year unanimously resolved to "launch out into the deep," and undertake larger things for the kingdom of God and their immediate communities. Increasingly large congregations greet the Pastor; organized Bible classes for men swell the Sunday School attendance; an old church building at Earlville has been converted into a neat community hall, and another, larger and better adapted to the community needs, is being planned and is prospective at Cecilton. The pastor reports 80 conversions and 74 accessions, and \$3,800. in reliable subscription have already been secured for the latter. The salary increased from \$900. to \$1,500. with more to follow.

Other improvements either to church or parsonage, the expense involved and paid include, Bayside, \$200; Bozman, \$186; Cecilton, \$202; Chestertown, \$1125; Cheswold, \$67; Clayton, \$420; Concord, \$108; Crumpton, \$600; Denton, \$92; Fairbanks, \$700; Fairlee, \$122; Greensboro, \$550; Hillsboro, \$37; Marydel, \$180; Millington, \$592; Odessa, \$38; Oxford, \$475; Preston, \$1660; Queenstown, \$125; Ridgely, \$212; Rock Hall, \$700; Royal Oak, \$100; St. Michaels, \$500; Salem, \$26; Smyrna, \$300; Smyrna Ct., \$150; Sudlersville, \$1110; Tilghman, \$334; Trappe, \$37; Worton, \$740; Cordova, \$100. Total, \$24,678.

Old indebtedness is reported paid as follows: Clayton, \$100; Easton, \$600; Hillsboro, \$30; Oxford, \$300; Rock Hall, \$175; St. Michaels, \$100; Smyrna, \$80; Still Pond, \$1550; Cecilton, \$275. Total, \$3,210.

At the death of Mrs. Mary E. Price, a highly respected member of our church at Crumpton, the trustees there received a bequest amounting to \$3,000., which is to be invested, and 1/6th of the interest applied to pastoral support, the other 5/6th to the up-keep of the Crumpton Church. The will also contained special mention of the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, and a further sum approximating that received by the church will be available for the Institution.

Cecilton, Chestertown, Cheswold and Royal Oak have adopted more satisfactory methods for financing those churches, and now they too, along with 23 others already mentioned as on the roll of honor, are delighted to pay as they go. The question of better pastoral support has been kept before our people, and that with some favorable response. More than 50% of the charges have increased estimates of support this year as follows: Salem Circuit, \$25; Wye Mills, \$50; Royal Oak, \$75; Burrsville, Crumpton, Hillsboro, Oxford, Pomona, St. Michaels, Trappe, \$100 each; Church Hill, Kent Island, Ridgely, \$200 each; Queenstown, \$220; Smyrna, Easton, Galena, Sudlersville, Still Pond, \$300 each; Fairlee, \$350; Chester-town, Greensboro, \$400 each; Cecilton, \$600. A total of \$4,570. Last year, previous to the issuing of the official journal, the average support for the District was thought to be \$950; but the published facts showed it to be \$986. This year's quarterly conference estimates indicate that the average will be \$1088. These figures represent actual cash support and are wholly independent of either Home or Domestic Missions assistance. At least 1/3 of the charges have expressed their willingness to make further advance in pastoral support during the coming year.

The action of last Conference making provision for a Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, was a timely and much needed step. Attention of the pastors was directed to the special recommendation that the desired free-will offering be taken on the second Sunday in May, each year, to which notice was heeded by the pastors of the following churches who gave their congregations an opportunity to assist in creating this worthy and important fund, their offerings being remitted to the authorized Trustee, Brother T. E. Terry: Bayside, Bozman, Cecilton, Church Hill, Clayton, Concord, Crumpton, Denton, Easton, Fairlee, Galena, Greensboro, Millington, Middletown, Odessa, Preston, Ridgely, Rock Hall, Royal Oak, Smyrna, Smyrna Ct., Sudlersville, Tilghman, Townsend, Trappe. The grand total of funds reported to the writer as raised this year on the Easton District, for Ministerial support, \$50,051.; Contingent Relief, \$349.; Centenary, \$32,000.; Other Benevolences, \$10,291.; Improvements, \$24,678.; Old indebtedness, \$3,210; aggregating, \$124,168.

With us the status of the Sunday School is, to say the least, quite unsatisfactory, in fact the situation borders on the serious. Considerable of the general loss reported one year ago, for some reason, was again traceable to this District, causing the writer to wonder all the more what the secret of our steady decline might be. In 1917 we reported 90 schools and a total membership of 11,793; in 1918, 88 schools with a membership of 10,616; a loss of 2 schools and 1177 members. In 1919 our report increases the embarrassment by a showing of but 83 schools and a membership of but 9754; a further loss of 5 schools and 862 in total enrollment. A careful comparison of our 1919 statistics with those of 1918, discloses the fact that Easton District lost out in every item of Sunday School activity, except in that of expense, where the increase was \$703. Ten charges made some growth in this work one year ago. One has made no change, either for better, or worse, during quite a period of years; while the remaining 31 of the District's list figure quite conspicuously in the loss column as indicated above. Surely no department of our church activities today calls for more prayerful consideration, larger consecration, better

planning, and more earnest and practical endeavor to stem this out-going tide of membership, than does that of the Sunday School. We have urged the elimination of all guessing or approximation of figures, and the rendering of absolutely accurate data this year, with the hope that should herein lie any explanation of our District's losses, no element of carelessness in making reports shall further militate against the District's honor and credit. Brother McCann, our tireless Conference Sunday School secretary, has made faithful and persistent effort to bring the facts to the notice of our Sunday School forces, and wherever allowed, he has endeavored by means of practical suggestions, to bring about a recovery from our gradual annual leakage.

Epworth League interests have been carefully guarded. The splendid Conference-wide Institute held at Dover in 1918 was decidedly eclipsed by that of 1919 in point of interest, enthusiasm, and positive spiritual fruitage. Of the 50 registrations, 27 were credited to this District. The annual League convention held at Stevensville, Oct. 15-16th, will long be remembered, and proved no exception to the high-class and helpful similar occasions for which this District enjoys an enviable reputation. The four-score delegates were very greatly inspired by the lively, up-to-date conservation program which was participated in with scarcely a moment's lack of interest.

If by this partial and imperfect story, so unsatisfactorily told, it should appear that aught worth while has been contributed during the year by the District toward helping and hastening the coming of our Lord's kingdom, all the honor and glory of the achievement are His, and not ours. Through the many trying hours covered by this report, we have knowingly shirked no responsibility, shunned no task, shifted no burden, asked no quarter, spared not ourself either in the heat of summer, or cold of winter; nor yet hesitated because of either the physical tax, or hurt of the work imposed. On the contrary, we have conscientiously tried to perform our full duty as it came, even though this sometimes meant venturing "the second mile." My brethren on the District have stood nobly by, cheerfully and with no dearth of willingness, or personal sacrifice and effort have helped with the District's tasks. Their uniform and unceasing brotherly kindness, amid the sunshine and shadows of the year, we dare not forget. Reimbursement proves utterly impossible; but our heavenly Father who sees and bears in faithful remembrance every kindly life given another while toiling for Him in the way, will neither forget, nor fail to reward them for their splendid co-operation and labor of love. It has been a very great privilege and favor to be associated with these men both in their churches and hospitable homes, and we covet but to prove ourself worthy of their continued confidence and esteem.

With sincere thankfulness to God who, through another year, without serious impairment of health or strength, has permitted us to occupy an humble place and part with a loyal and genial band of co-laborers in the stirring activities of His growing kingdom, we respectfully submit this report.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Vaughan S. Collins, District Superintendent.

"It is easy enough to be pleasant
When the world moves along like a song;
But the man worth while
Is the man who can smile
When everything goes dead wrong."

That little jingle receives my most cordial endorsement. Unless one is blessed with the heaven-sent gift of being able to see rainbows where others see only clouds, and can hear the voice of God while others declare it is only thunder; unless he can hear the rustle of angels' wings where others hear naught but the souging of the wintry winds in the tree-tops, or the swish of the rain and sleet against his auto; unless he can laugh at calamity and mock when others fear, he has no business to tackle the job that has been mine. To have been a successful Superintendent of Salisbury District during the past twelve months a man ought to have had the patience of a saint, the wisdom of a Solomon, and physically ought to have been a quadruple cross between a song-sparrow, a game rooster, a bull-dog, and a donkey. He needed the blood of the song-sparrow that he might be able to sing in a storm; the game rooster, that he might be alert; the bull-dog blood he needed to help him hold on so long as there was hope of victory, and shut his eyes and hold on tighter still when hope seemed lost; and lastly he needed the donkey blood that he might patiently bear innumerable knocks without a murmur, and to smile as he munched a thistle top and be thankful for such a banquet of dainties.

I sing with a new meaning today,

"And are we yet alive,
To see each others face?"

To be more specific. To start with, there were twenty changes in Pastors on Salisbury District last year—a fearful thing, twenty new men to face twenty new charges, with the Centenary drive only one month off! In addition, and worse by far, after filling in with every Local Preacher supply available, five appointments had to be left without a Pastor, because I simply could not get the men. The experiences that followed have given me a new definition of purgatory. I used to think that it was purgatory to be compelled to attend the sessions of an Annual Conference when we had a cross, autocratic Bishop in the chair. Then later on I concluded that purgatory was to be appointed to serve under a Presiding Elder who would not work with you. But I know now that these are only the vestibule to the real thing. The real Purgatory as I see it now, is to be a District Superintendent, holding the Quarterly Conference of a charge that has received no Pastor, trying to explain to the members WHY they have received no Pastor. By the time the dear brethren have each one placed his little, lighted fagot around the chair of the Presiding Officer it becomes so hot he can hear himself sizzle.

And of those who were appointed Pastors not all remained with their work. One Local Preacher supply went to his appointment the first Sunday after Conference, preached morning and afternoon, and started toward his evening appointment,—and drove off home and never went back to the work again. Another Local Preacher supply stayed three weeks at his charge and summarily left,—simply informing me that he was going. One regular Pastor stayed four months and left. One broke down in three months with nervous trouble, and was compelled to leave his work. Another broke down in the middle of the year with tuberculosis. Another was stricken down with small-pox. Another had diphtheria in his family, and lost a darling little bright-eyed boy five years old with this dread disease. Then this winter has been one of unusual length and unusual severity, turning many of our dirt roads into bottomless quagmires, impassable for autos and frequently even for horse teams. Rainy Sundays followed each other in unending procession—one Pastor told me as many as ten already. “And tomorrow,” he added, “will be snow or rain I feel sure.” And it so proved, snowing like a regular blizzard as we came out from his church next morning. Then we have had epidemic after epidemic,—small-pox sweeping through lower Sussex County and Chincoteague Island; diphtheria through lower Somerset; influenza everywhere. Permit me to introduce an excerpt from a letter from one of our faithful Pastors accompanying his report:

“I have been waiting for conditions to improve so I could send you my report; but they are not improving, and can not tell when they will. These are the most distressing times I ever witnessed. We are again in the midst of this dreadful ‘flu,’ and it is working havoc with us in more ways than one. Especially so at Crowson. All that place needs to be a hospital is to have a roof over it. Nearly every family is sick, and in some cases every one in the family. Since last Monday I have buried three out of Brother Luther Matthews’ family, his mother-in-law, and two grown daughters, one nineteen and the other twenty-six; and there are yet others for whom we feel very anxious.

“As to our benevolent collections, I am sure our Annual Conference benevolences will be met in full. We will fall short, I think, in our Centenary, that is for this first year. I will do the very best I can if I keep well. Sometimes I am very tired when I get home. I have buried as many as five in one day, and it was in the night when I got home; but this is our work, and if I can help any one it is a pleasure to me.

“Pray for me. I need your prayers.”

This is but one of thirty letters of similar import, coming from all parts of our big District. Is it any wonder that at night as I kneel to pray I am haunted by the vision of these more than two-score patient toilers, ploughing through the mud, going to far-a-way Churches to find only a few or none present; trying as best they can to win the erring back to God, and to gather the Centenary and other offerings from, too often, most unwilling or indifferent givers? And all this for a pittance of a salary that would make a ‘hod-carrier go on strike!’ And is it any wonder that daily I pour out my soul to God on behalf of these men, that He may

make them patient, and strong, and brave, and Christlike? I never cease to marvel at the courage and devotion of the Pastors on Salisbury District.

The charges left without Pastors a year ago were finally cared for as follows:

Annamesssex, to which two Local Preachers were assigned and did not go, at last found a Pastor in Rev. J. D. Reese, one of the saintly retired men of our Conference, who was appointed in November. Bro. Reese has done faithful work during the five months he has been on the charge. I regret, however, he has been able to serve only one of the two Churches, viz: St. Peter’s. Rehoboth Church, thirteen miles away, clear across the whole territory of Marion charge, has been cut off from pastoral service for the whole year. I do hope something can be done to help revive this struggling charge.

Claremont, half-way between Norfolk and Richmond, Va., on the right bank of the James River, was also left “to be supplied,” and in July, Rev. J. W. Fogle, a Supernumerary of our own Conference, feeling sure he was strong enough to undertake work, was appointed. In just three months he suffered a breakdown, and in October was compelled to go home. So again Claremont was without a Pastor.

In November I undertook to complete what I had had in mind for two years, viz: an exchange of churches with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. On my first visit to Claremont three years ago, I plainly saw that the best interests of the Kingdom required that Claremont should be served by the Methodist Church, South. We have no other church of our denomination within sixty-five miles, and only one little church there, viz: Phoebus. The consequence is that the young people of the Epworth League and Sunday School can never meet other young people of their own Church in District or other gatherings. For them to have attended the District Epworth League at Fruitland last year would have required a two days’ trip; a night spent at a hotel in Norfolk both going and coming; and a total of 350 miles traveled for the round trip. So, for two years I have been trying to get Claremont to see it as I saw it, and succeeded so well that April last the Official Board formally voted to ask me to try to arrange an exchange of churches,—which I gladly did.

Taking up the matter with Dr. McSparran of the Eastern Shore District, in which Bishopville is situated, and with Dr. Colonna, of the St. Petersburg District, in which Claremont is situated, the latter of whom was most cordially in favor of it, I asked that the Church South give us Bishopville church, in lieu of our entire church and parsonage property at Claremont.

To consummate the exchange I attended the session of the Virginia Conference held in Richmond, November last. After waiting for three days was at last granted a few minutes interview with the Presiding Bishop, Bishop Hendrix. Representing the Methodist Episcopal Church I offered to grant to them our church at Claremont, valued officially at \$2,000 and worth twice that much; our parsonage valued at \$2,000, and worth double; 80 full members, 17 probationers, and 40 non-resident members; an active Sunday School with an enrollment of 92 and average attendance of 64; the charge paying now \$80 per month for pastor’s salary, and will pay \$1,000 this next year; and more than \$100 annually for benevolent offerings.

Dr. McSparran representing the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, said, "Our Church at Bishopville is not worth much; we have an active membership of about 20 and good, bad and distant a total of about 30 members; our Sunday School is not much and they only pay \$220 on pastoral support, mostly paid by members who do not live in Bishopville. But Bishopville is not yet willing to make the exchange," he added in closing. "That settles it," said the good Bishop. "Call the next committee." So the exchange did not go through.

This action served to put new spirit in our faithful members at Claremont. I told them if they would pay the \$1000 promised I would add \$200 from Domestic Missions and try to secure them a good man. We found him, in Rev. W. A. Wright, of the Northern New York Conference, a returned army Chaplain. Bro. Wright is a man of unusual ability. Claremont is, of course, delighted with him, their one regret being as they say, "We know we will never be able to hold a man of Mr. Wright's ability very long." Bro. Wright has already been transferred to us.

St. Peter's was left without a Pastor for two months. As last I secured the transfer of Rev. C. E. Knopp from the Erie Conference. It has been a hard year for Bro. Knopp, coming down here among strangers, with conditions so entirely different from what he was accustomed to in the North. Then about three weeks ago diphtheria started in the neighborhood; somehow Bro. Knopp's son contracted the disease, and died at 7 o'clock Saturday morning last. Bro. Knopp is now at home quarantined, another of his children is sick, and he is unable to make report to the Conference of his work or his collections. No wonder brother Knopp asks for a change of appointment, as to return would be a constant reminder of his boy. [Bro. Knopp reached Conference in time to make report, and was transferred to Philadelphia Conference.]

Rev. H. W. Holter was appointed to Ocean View and Millville at the last session of the Conference. He stayed just four months then returned to Allentown, writing me that his wife's health had again broken, so he was compelled to give up the work. Within a few weeks I made the acquaintance of Rev. E. C. Hallman, a Supernumerary of the North Indiana Conference, who was spending his vacation at Rehoboth Beach, and prevailed on him to take the work. The appointment seems providential. Bro. Hallman combines activity and good common sense in large measure, and he has been able to heal the widening breach between the two Churches. They have advanced the salary for him to \$1200 for this year, and invite him back for next year at a salary of \$1400. Bro. Hallman desires to transfer back to our Conference, as soon as it can be arranged. He will make a valuable addition to the active forces for righteousness among us.

Holland's Island, which has been nearly washed away, no winter population being left and only the summer crabbers and fishermen now inhabiting the Island, has again been cared for by our faithful Bro. S. T. Horseman, a Local Preacher of Wenona Church, Deal's Island.

For Venton I have been able to secure a supply but for two weeks of this year. The salary the little handful of members are able to pay makes it absolutely impossible for Venton to remain as a separate charge. Next

year, if the Bishop will permit, Venton, at my earnest urging, will be linked up with Princess Anne, much to the advantage of both.

White Haven, also left without supply, was delighted when Rev. O. L. Martin was lifted from Pittsville and sent to White Haven. This new charge, set off from old Nanticoke circuit, has placed its salary at \$800 for a start; has bought a parsonage at a cost of \$1500, \$500 of which has been paid; and starts in with bright prospects.

After releasing Bro. Martin, I transferred Rev. Frank Brisbin, a Local Preacher, from Quantico, and placed him in charge at Pittsville, where notwithstanding frequent illness he has done good work.

Quantico has been happy all the year in having a former Pastor, Rev. J. M. S. Van Blunk, who for some years past has been a located preacher of our own Conference, returned to them as Pastor. Under his leadership Quantico has taken on new life. A year ago four churches had a struggle to raise \$1000. This year with a divided circuit three churches have paid \$1200; have paid District Superintendent, Bishops, Conference Claimants, Domestic Missions, and Wilmington City Missions in full; had 64 conversions; 60 accessions, and paid \$200 for parsonage improvements.

In addition to his other work Bro. Van Blunk has completed a survey of his work that is a model for any rural Pastor. I quote the two closing paragraphs from this survey, which are startling:

"For the whole charge we have 313 families, of which 118 are represented in our three churches, 59 in other churches, leaving 136 families not represented in any church, not even the Roman Catholic.

"In all, out of the 700 adults and children in their teens composing these families, fully 50 per cent. are out of any church."

Ought not such facts bring us to our knees in an agony of intercession that our God may raise up workers who shall go out to save these lost sheep of the house of America?

Bro. Van Blunk will ask this session of the Conference to accept his "Certificate of Location" and to restore him to the Effective relation; and it is a great pleasure to ask for this change of relation for such a good man. [This was done.]

R. C. Elzey was appointed at the last session as a supply to Gumboro with the understanding that he would be released in September to attend college. This would give me time to arrange for his successor. In less than three weeks after adjournment I learned he was packing up to leave, and on inquiry found it was true; he had sold his car, to return to the Holston Conference, where he had already accepted a charge without consulting me, or giving me any notice whatever. He left immediately, yielding to the lure of the "mock-bird's song."

For months following his departure Gumboro was without a Pastor; when God, through Bishop McDowell, put me in touch with Rev. T. Reighton Jones, a member of the Malaysia Conference, of the second year on trial, who was at the time teaching in a military school in England. Bro. Jones is not a stranger to America, having been a member of the Troy Conference before going into the work of the Foreign Mission Board. When the

Great War came on, being an Englishman, he enlisted; went to the front as a private, and carries in his scalp a wound made by a piece of flying shrapnel. At Gumboro Bro. Jones found something entirely new—different from anything he had seen in England, France, or far-a-way Malaysia; but a man who volunteered to fight the Hun was not the man to quail before difficulties. So he buckled on his armor and started to wage a good warfare, and with such success that Gumboro thinks his match is scarce to be found. At the Fourth Quarterly Conference he was unanimously invited to return. Gumboro has advanced its salary to \$1200.

Early in September I was surprised to hear from Rev. J. C. B. Hopkins at Hebron, that he must resign his work immediately, as the Doctor had pronounced his a clear case of tuberculosis. Immediately plans were set afoot to help the brother. Dr. Watt, Superintendent of Wilmington District, with his big-hearted generosity, secured nearly \$1200. for Bro. Hopkins from among the people of his District. Bros. Wise and Mowbray urged their brethren to co-operate; and Salisbury District also did nobly. In his fight for life Bro. Hopkins went first to the State Sanatorium in Frederick County, Maryland; then to Wyoming; then to Denver, where he now is. A letter just at hand from him informs me that he will need a continuance of help for this Conference year, as the Doctor says he must not dare attempt work for another year. I will ask that his relation be changed from "Effective" to "Supernumerary," and that his case be referred to the Board of Stewards.

Late in February Rev. O. H. Connelly, of Roxana, was stricken with what the Doctors pronounced smallpox, which quarantined him and his family for a time. Had it been the ordinary kind of smallpox it might have gone hard with him and his dear ones; but being a case of Salisbury District smallpox, and therefore a little different from the ordinary, it just looked at him, and smiled—and "Richard was himself again."

The most exhausting and wearisome event of the year was the trial of Rev. C. A. Vandermuellen, a Local Deacon of the Genesee Conference, acting as supply Pastor at Newark, Maryland. The trial was held before the Quarterly Conference of the Whatcoat Methodist Episcopal Church, Snow Hill, Maryland. The charges were brought by former parishioners of Pocomoke Circuit, and were two in number, viz: "Dishonesty," and "Conduct unbecoming a Minister." The trial lasted from 3 P. M. Wednesday, March 3d, until 2.30 A. M. of Thursday, March 4th, and resulted in acquittal of the charge of "Dishonesty," but guilty of "Conduct unbecoming a Minister." As the Quarterly Conference was unwilling to vote any sentence after declaring him guilty, desiring me to pass sentence as Judge, (which of course I could not do), I immediately wrote to him I would not appoint him as a supply longer than the meeting of the Conference. Later, on advice of the Bishop, I asked that his parchments be sent to me. This has not yet been done. Brother Vandermuellen thinks he has been harshly treated, and has given notice of an appeal from the decision of the Quarterly Conference to the Annual Conference.

These are a few of the difficulties of the past year; and I make mention of them not to stir your hearts to sympathy, but to give you a glimpse of the back-ground of our endeavors on Salisbury District.

Pittsville's Star.

Last year I reported several charges which by their liberality to the Disciplinary Benevolences had won their title to be ranked as "Star" appointments. In this honor class was Pittsville, Rev. J. L. Derrickson, Pastor. Soon after Conference my attention was called to the fact that in the printed Minutes the charge did not have credit for what had been given. I took the matter up with Bro. Derrickson and found that he had made a correct report to the Conference Treasurer, and that the various amounts as reported by him were ample to have put Pittsville on the "Star" list; but some one in the Conference Treasurer's office, without the knowledge of the Treasurer, had gone through Bro. Derrickson's report, and without rule or reason had arbitrarily changed 14 items in his report, so that the total was lessened \$41.00—sufficient to cause Pittsville to lose her "Star." No blame attached to the Conference Treasurer for this error, for with so many incorrect reports handed in last year the Treasurer had a particularly difficult task; but the error worried a faithful Pastor not a little, and has militated against the success of the benevolent offerings at Pittsville this year. I am glad that Pittsville DESERVED to be on the "Star" list, and am glad the error was not of the Pastor's making.

But I will now turn aside from the dark side of the picture to relate a few of the victories won even under adverse conditions.

The Centenary.

In keeping with the whole Church we had our financial drive for the Centenary last May, June, and on into December. Some charges have not had it yet. How much was pledged I have not been able to ascertain. Every report I get from Pastors or Area Office differ. Of one thing I am sure: Salisbury District has laid on the altars of the Church a sum of money beyond the wildest dream of five years ago. Scarcely one of us believed it was possible to do what has been done, in a territory and with a constituency like ours. More than that: I believe this amount will increase every year during the five years of this campaign. It ought to increase. Any charge that has reached its full quota under the adverse conditions of this year ought to go away ahead next year with anything like fair conditions. Any charge than only reached two-thirds or three-quarters of its quota for this year because the year was partly gone before the canvass was made ought to see to it that they do better next year, with a whole year before them in which to collect and pay. On Salisbury District we have but started the great work of the Lord. Comparatively few of us REALLY PRAY "Thy Kingdom come." Still fewer of us PAY as we ought to help make that "Kingdom come on earth, as it is in Heaven." But the District is going forward in both of these particulars. Tabulated statistics show Salisbury District paid for the eight Disciplinary Benevolences, \$31,678.

Tithers.

I had hoped in this report to give some interesting facts about the "Stewardship Campaign" on the District; but at this writing such frag-

mentary reports have been sent in by the brethren that it would not fairly represent the District to publish these scattering items. I hope for better things a year hence.

Conversions and Accessions.

The supreme work of the Church, as of all Christian activity, is the winning of souls. The pastors have labored arduously to win their share of the "Million souls for Jesus." Just what has been done we must wait for the tabulation of the statistical tables to find out. So far only 29 charges have reported to me 1120 have been converted, and 1369 have been received into the Church on probation and by confession of faith. These figures do not begin to reveal the heart agony that the brethren have put into this campaign for souls; and if it still is true "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him," then surely in the days before us, and I pray before June first, many of these faithful men, who have seen their plans all miscarried by storm and disease, may see their soul's desire, and be made to rejoice.

Life Service.

Salisbury District continues to be the breeding ground for Methodist preachers. We still believe in conversion, in growth in grace, and in being wholly sanctified to God. We preach it, and we try to live it. We also believe in the "Divine Call" as an imperative requisite for a successful minister of Jesus. The report of the Wilmington Conference Board of Education shows that of the 19 students now in our various schools preparing for the ministry, 10 are from the Salisbury District. With a like showing from all the Districts there would be no dearth of preachers.

District Parsonage.

At the meeting of the District Stewards in May last a committee made its report through Bro. Wm. J. Downing, as follows:

"Nearly twenty years ago I was appointed chairman of a committee to find, if possible, a suitable property to purchase as the home of our District Superintendent. During these years I have carefully considered property after property, endeavoring to find the kind of home I would want my District Superintendent to live in; located in the kind of neighborhood in which I would want to see him located; and at a price I could honestly recommend to the District Stewards as a price which the District could afford to pay. I now have located such a property, viz: the Kennerly home on East Elizabeth Street, Salisbury. Built for his own home it is well built; it is sufficiently large; it is reasonably near the railroad station; it has a commodious garage; and a fine cellar and steam-heated throughout. It can be bought for \$8,000 and in my judgment is worth \$10,000 today." A recess was taken that the Stewards might go view the property, and they returned with a unanimous report that the property was a bargain, and suitable for the purposes of the District; and adjourned to meet at

the call of the District Superintendent after taking the matter up with the various Official Boards of the charges.

The adjourned meeting assembled on June 17th, 1919. Thirty-six of the charges were represented in that meeting, the largest attendance of District Stewards of which we have record. Three voted that we ought to buy a parsonage, but said that local conditions prevented them from taking their share just now; but the other thirty-three voted to buy at once; and authorized the apportionment sent out, to be paid for in four equal annual installments. The Quarterly Conferences as held voted unanimously to accept the apportionments as made, and quite generally authorized the Pastor and local District Steward to collect the money and forward to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees without delay.

The following list as reported by William J. Downing, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the District Parsonage, will show just how the charges stand at the time of the writing of this report:

Apportionments for Salisbury District Parsonage.

Charge.	Apportionment.	Annual Dues	PAID
Annemessex	\$106.00	\$ 26.50	\$
Ayres' Chapel	98.00	24.50	24.50
Berlin	258.00	64.50	258.00
Bishopville	156.00	39.00	156.00
Cape Charles	158.00	39.50	39.50
Chincoteague	138.00	34.50	34.50
Claremont			
Crisfield:			
Asbury	400.00	100.00	100.00
Immanuel	382.00	95.50	97.50
Dagsboro	240.00	60.00	60.00
Deal's Island	231.00	57.75	
Delmar	246.00	61.50	61.50
Fairmount	228.00	57.00	
Frankford	184.00	46.00	
Fruitland	168.00	42.00	42.00
Girdletree	138.00	34.50	
Gumboro	138.00	34.50	
Hebron	123.00	31.25	
Holland's Island			
Mardela Springs	91.00	22.75	22.75
Marion	112.00	28.00	28.00
Mt. Vernon	178.00	44.50	
Nanticoke	140.00	35.00	35.00
Newark	114.00	28.50	28.50
Ocean City	86.50	21.00	
Ocean View and Millville	176.00	44.00	60.00
Onancock	164.00	41.00	41.00
Parsonsborg	182.00	45.50	182.00

Apportionments, Continued.

Charge.	Apportionment.	Annual Dues	PAID
Phoebus	82.00	20.50	20.50
Pittsville	116.00	29.50	23.00
Pocomoke City	274.00	63.50	
Pocomoke Circuit	94.00	23.50	24.00
Powellville	126.00	31.50	31.50
Princess Anne	244.00	61.00	61.00
Quantico	162.00	40.50	40.50
Roxana	150.00	37.50	75.00
St. Peter's	189.00	47.25	31.25
Salisbury:			
Asbury	646.00	161.50	161.50
Grace	132.00	33.00	33.00
Selbyville	264.00	66.00	66.00
Sharptown	174.00	43.50	43.00
Smith's Island	208.00	52.00	52.00
Snow Hill	344.00	86.00	86.00
Somerset	194.00	48.50	24.50
Stockton	214.00	53.50	53.50
Tangier	325.00	81.25	85.00
Venton			
Westover	90.00	22.50	22.50
White Haven	120.00	30.00	30.00
Whitesville	204.00	51.00	51.00

Thus it will be seen that of the 46 charges on which apportionments were laid three have paid in part their first year's installment; thirty charges have paid their first year in full; three, viz: Immanuel (Crisfield), Ocean View and Millville, and Tangier have over paid; Roxana has paid two years in advance; while three, viz: Bishopville, Berlin, and Parsonsburg have paid their entire assessment the first year, and have received a receipt in full for their share of the purchase money.

A bill prepared by James E. Ellegood, Esq., of Asbury Church, Salisbury, is now before the Maryland Legislature making the Trustees of the District Parsonage a body corporate; and when this is done, and we get possession of our new home on December first next, the Superintendent of Salisbury District will feel he once more "hath somewhere to lay his head"—when he happens to be in Salisbury.

It would not be fair to close this paragraph on the District Parsonage without saying that it is due to the untiring energy, business sagacity, and devotion to the Church of brother William J. Downing that at last Salisbury District will have a home, a worthy home, for its Superintendent. To him more than to any other man is due the credit of this enterprise.

Pastoral Support.

It has been my pleasure to continue the campaign for adequate support of God's faithful ministers, and I am glad to report that the laymen

continue to respond, and in some cases take the lead in the matter. My first year on the District I reported an advance in pastoral support of \$4,476. The second year I reported an advance exceeding the \$6,000 mark. This year I am glad to report a still further advance of \$7,478, divided as follows: Pastors' salary \$6,996; District Superintendent's salary \$400; Bishops' fund \$82.00; a total of \$7,478.

The individual charges advanced as follows: Westover \$50.00; Mardela Springs \$85.00; Ayres' Chapel, Deal's Island, Delmar, Fairmount, Marion, Mt. Vernon, Newark, Snow Hill, Stockton, and Whitesville \$100.00 each; Onancock \$140.00; Nanticoke \$164.00; Claremont, Asbury, Crisfield, Frankford, Fruitland, Gumboro, Ocean View & Millville, Parsonsburg, Powellville, Princess Anne, Grace (Salisbury), Sharptown, and Smith's Island \$200.00 each; Cape Charles, Chincoteague, Ocean City and Selbyville, \$300.00 each; White Haven \$317.00; Quantico, \$340.00; and Immanuel, Crisfield, \$1000.00. This shows 33 charges advanced this year. Then the District Stewards very kindly advanced the District Superintendent's salary \$400.00; and advanced the Bishops' fund \$82.00. This makes a grand total of increase of pastoral support for the three years I have been on the District of \$18,304.00.

And the end is not yet. Onancock invites its pastor to return at an advance of \$100.00 in salary; Fruitland, and Selbyville follow suit advancing \$200.00 each. This advance puts Fruitland in the \$1200 class, and places Selbyville at \$2,000.00. This means \$800 advance for Selbyville within three years. With such a loyal appreciative Official Board to sustain him, no wonder the active and popular young pastor begins to sing "Tempt not my soul away" when other Churches invite him to become their pastor. Delmar invites Rev. Frank N. Faulkner to return for the eighth consecutive year, and shows their sincerity by advancing \$300 for next year, putting Delmar at \$1800.00. Whatcoat Church not only invites Rev. L. E. Poole for the fifth year but backs it with \$400.00 advance, making the cash salary \$2,000. Immanuel, Crisfield, never willing to do things by halves, at the first Quarterly Conference of this year set the salary of their Pastor, Rev. J. L. Johnson at "\$2100.00 as a minimum." To show that they meant "minimum" they have added \$400 to it for this year, making it \$2500.00. Then just as an encouragement to Bishop McDowell to return Brother Johnson to them they have already fixed "\$3,000. salary as the minimum" for next year. Beside all these, Tangier advances \$300. for next year, going to \$1800. Princess Anne \$300.00 (with Venton) to \$1700.00; Sharptown \$300.00 to \$1500.00; and Somerset \$200.00 to \$1400.00, and Ocean View and Millville \$200. to \$1400. A telegram just received from Asbury Church, Salisbury, informs me that the Official Board at a meeting held last night decided to advance the salary \$600.00, making it \$3600.00 next year. So already there has been official notification to me of \$3,600.00 further advance for next year, with several hundreds more promised "contingently."

Two things have helped me greatly in the campaign this year for increased salaries:

1. The action of the District Conference at Snow Hill, which set the minimum salary on Salisbury District as \$1200.00 and this to be paid monthly. While we have not been quite able to reach this ideal this first

year we have already come within striking distance of it. The statistical tables will show that but 7 charges on the District apportioned less than \$1000. for Pastor's salary this year, viz: Ayres' Chapel, Annessex, Mardela Springs, Ocean City, Phoebus, Westover and White Haven; 5 charges apportioned \$1000., viz: Girdletree, Hebron, Claremont, Pittsville, and Roxana; while three apportioned \$1100.00, viz: Hebron, Mt. Vernon, and Stockton. All others reached the minimum or beyond.

2. And the more important help, was the action taken by the Conference last year on motion of Dr. Corkran ordering all Conference apportionments to be made on the basis used by the General Conference Finance Commission, instead of on a "per centage of pastor's salary" basis. For Conference Claimants, for District Superintendents, for Bishops, for Domestic Missions, for Wilmington City Missions, for District Parsonage, everything was apportioned as a lump sum. And when I went to a Quarterly Conference and told the simple truth that no matter how high they advanced their pastor's salary it would not cost them one cent more for Conference Claimants, nor my salary, nor Bishops fund, nor any other apportionment, all these being a lump sum; this simple statement of fact and explanation added hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars to the incomes of our Pastors during this year.

This change of ratio in apportionments worked out so that in 15 charges only was there increase for District Superintendents and Bishops; in 3 it was just the same; and in 30 charges, which were least able to pay, and where the Pastors most needed increased salary, the claim of both Bishop and District Superintendent was reduced. So on Salisbury District we are not planning to go back to the old per centage basis. We believe that the strong, rich church ought to pay in proportion to its ability.

Personal Mention.

I would like to go into details and tell you the wonderful story of the achievements of these brave men during the trying months of this past year—of bro. Buckson and his five years' success at Whitesville; of how bro. Thomas is going ahead with the new Church at Ocean City; of the fine work of Bro. Thos. S. Dixon, a supply at Ayres' Chapel, who has stayed longer on his charge than any man on the District, and is unanimously invited back for the ninth year. When he went there the Charge paid but \$200 salary and \$20.00 was their total benevolent offering; now they pay \$900 salary for next year, and more than \$200 for benevolences. What other single pastorate can show like increase? And I would like to tell you of the great work Dr. W. F. Corkran is doing at Asbury, Crisfield. A year ago his church went up in smoke; so they have been worshipping in a "Billy Sunday tabernacle." They have bought the finest location in the community for a new church and parsonage, and are collecting funds for that purpose. Already they have \$65,000 in cash and subscriptions, and they expect to have \$100,000.00 in bank before they begin to build. Dr. Corkran never did better work in his life than he is doing just now at Asbury. And I ought to tell you of Asbury, Salisbury, and the "Win one" campaign which is nightly winning men for Jesus. It is just beautiful the way the laymen are taking hold, and the Pastor is the happiest man in

town. I am authorized to announce that in the near future a new Sunday School building will be erected as the Centenary gift of one of Asbury's sons, a building that will be a pleasing monument to a son's devotion to a loved father. Stockton would never forgive me if I did not mention the fact that Remson's Church has been enlarged and beautified, and \$4500 paid during the year on the cost of the improvement. The parsonage has also been improved and beautified in anticipation of—there! I came near telling a secret, but I won't. Suffice it to say that the Pastor, Rev. M. W. Marine is planning to double his efficient working force in the near future, in the usual way.

Mention of the fine work of Rev. J. W. Jones, at Cape Charles, should be made, who during this first year at that place not only secures 34 accessions to the church but secures the first year's Centenary quota in full.

Chincoteague continues to advance under the sane leadership of Rev. L. B. Morgan. Not only has he paid a debt of \$200 on the parsonage, raised more than the full quota for the Centenary, but has performed every task in such a masterful way that the charge advanced his salary \$300 and unanimously asked for his return.

At Phoebus, Rev. W. O. Hurst, Pastor, has rejoiced in seeing his Sunday School double in enrollment, nearly double in average attendance, and quadruple in gifts for Missions. In per capita giving for Missions this school stands high in our Conference roster.

Powellville, Rev. George S. Allen, Pastor, ranks third on the District in number of conversions and accessions, with every department of church life well cared for.

Immanuel, Crisfield, must also have one word. When the crisis in price of building material and scarcity of workmen prevented the Pastor, Rev. J. L. Johnson, from going ahead with his Parish Home, for which he had secured pledges amounting to \$16,000, balked in that direction he flanked the situation and said, "Come on, and let us finish our beautiful Church." And that noble Official Board, who will follow brother Johnson anywhere, proceeded to place the contract to make Immanuel what it was originally intended to be, viz: one of the most beautiful churches in the Conference. The costs, amounting to \$6,500 were all paid on the day of re-opening, and this without a special collection of any kind. Last year the happy Pastor received 309 persons into church fellowship; and this year he has received 271 more; making a total of 580 in the two years, thus more than doubling the membership. And as the crown of it all Immanuel comes with a cordial invitation to the Wilmington Conference to hold its session of 1921 in its beautiful sanctuary. And on the old plan of free entertainment of all the ministers!

But I must not continue a personal recital of good deeds, which would include so many of the good men of the District. To do so would lengthen this report unduly.

A year ago, Bishop, in the most impressive service I ever saw at an Annual Conference, you had the Pastors you had assigned to Salisbury District gather around me in the church at Chestertown, and you solemnly charged us to go out in the name of our Lord to capture Salisbury District for Him. For a whole year we have made that conquest our one business;

and I now report to you that so far as the Pastors of Salisbury District are concerned they "Have fought a good fight; they have kept the faith."

As to my personal part in all this holy work, I have tried to do all one man could do to advance every spiritual and material interest of the Kingdom. I have planned, and traveled, and studied, and prayed for Salisbury District. For the second time I spent the entire night on Claremont wharf waiting for the steamer which never came until 8.30 o'clock next morning. I have sent my Buick through some of those "sloughs of despond" where the mud was so deep I humbly begged her pardon for so humiliating her. On two occasions these fussy offspring of Henry Ford have tried to put my car out of commission, and one did serve me real mean—bending my axle, smashing my fender and cutting a tire in two; but I paid him back by smashing two of his fenders and breaking his radius rod—and then paid his bill and mine too. A fellow has to have some little fun in life or he would break under the strain.

Truly I can say that I have learned to "rejoice with them that do rejoice, and to weep with them that weep." The successes of my brethren are my greatest joy. It gladdens my heart when visiting a charge to find the Pastor is King in the hearts and lives and homes of his people. When I find a brother fighting a losing battle, facing odds he is not able to master, my heart bleeds for him. I am learning what Paul meant when he wrote "the care of all the Churches." What a burden it is, 109 Churches and the welfare of forty-nine ministers and their families!

How do I stand the strain? Well, perfect health, for which I thank God, helps wonderfully. But I have two sources of inspiration, two examples which always aid me. When I have gone to the limit of endurance, when the flesh begins to tingle, and the tired brain to reel, and the suggestion comes, "O, what's the use of all this sacrifice; away from home all the time; forever on the go; not one night a month with my family in peace; (in fact I have had only two evenings alone with my family since last September)—when suggestions like these begin to tempt me to shirk my duty there comes before me the patient, smiling face of our good Bishop, who sets us the example of untiring industry. I have seen him planning and toiling and praying for us all until I could see he was about to drop from sheer weariness, and yet smilingly keeping at the task for the Master's sake; and when I think of him I say to myself, "He trusts me with this important task, I can not, dare not shirk. He depends on me, I can not, I will not disappoint him." And for his sake I take fresh courage and stick to the task. But above my good Bishop I see my Lord, with the thorn-crown on His brow, pointing with His blessed, pierced hand and saying: "Go ye, go ye, into all your little world. Go ye through the swamps, across the marshes, across the waters to the Island charges. Go ye, and seek my sheep which are lost; and encourage the shepherds in their task. Go ye, the servant is not greater than his Lord.

Go ye, and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." And my fainting heart catching new inspiration replies,

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
I'll be what you want me to be."

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

ROBERT WATT, District Superintendent.

We come to this session of our Conference with the active ranks of the District unbroken, yet the shadows have mingled with the sunlight.

In the passing of Thomas S. Wilson, Esq., the nestor of Rising Sun Methodism, to the ranks of the church triumphant, the Methodists of the entire county of which our honored friend was a resident has suffered a distinct loss. Though well over four score years his heart was young, he was more progressive than many men two score years younger than he. He was one of the sanest optimists I have ever met. Of Quaker lineage he was a man of profound convictions, to him the oracles of God were beyond question. He was a man of gentle, sympathetic spirit always ready to extend the hand of help to those in need. He approached the end with a serene and unshaken faith. To his son-in-law, our own Brother Wm. G. Koons, he said, "I fear no evil; He whom I trusted in youth is with me now; His will be done." Father Wilson, as he was affectionately called, has left to his children a legacy more precious than gold. May his mantle fall upon his children, all of whom he led into the Kingdom, and one of whom has already taken his father's place in the local church.

While one of our Retired veterans, Rev. Daniel F. McFaul, was anticipating our Conference session and the pleasure of meeting his ministerial brethren whom he held in high esteem, he heard the final call, "enter into the joy of thy Lord." His illness was of brief duration. Almost unexpectedly he slipped out of the glow of the itinerant's Indian Summer into the shadowless land "where cometh no night." He was ready when the messenger came. His gentle, brotherly spirit made him an object of universal affection. He was a man who commanded respect and who won the love of all who knew him. An appropriate memoir will be presented at the Memorial session.

One of the notable events of the year was the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Bishops in our City. For the second time Peninsula Methodism was honored by having this distinguished gathering within its borders. The formal sessions were held in St. Pauls, and so admirable were the provisions made by Dr. Carlisle L. Hubbard and his committee for the convenience and comfort of the Bishops that all pronounced the arrangements ideal.

Thursday night was set apart for the formal reception. Governor John G. Townsend, was the Presiding Officer. The devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. Allan Wise, William R. Mowbray and Vaughan S. Collins.

After a fitting address of welcome by the Governor on behalf of the Methodists of the Peninsula, E. C. Hardesty, Esq., and Dr. Hubbard welcomed the guests of the evening. The addresses were in happy vein.

Bishop Wm. Burt represented the Bishops in an address that made a profound impression. The Bishop was at his best.

Bishop McDowell then presented his Colleagues to the audience, and did it in a felicitous manner that divested the function of what is sometimes solemn sense of official dignity that proves oppressive. Fully 2000

persons greeted the Bishops and were presented by Bishop McDowell and his assistants.

Friday evening, in Grace Church, tendered for the occasion, Bishop William A. Quayle, after a happy presentation by Dr. Sumwalt, thrilled his great audience with a masterly interpretation of "The Immortal Dane."

Monday the Bishops were the guests of the Chamber of Commerce at luncheon, and through the courtesy of John S. Mullin, Esq., the Methodist ministers of the City were among the invited guests. Bishop Homer Stuntz delivered an able and gripping address on the commercial possibilities of South America. It was a great occasion, and the followers of Wesley held their heads high that day.

The only regrettable incident in connection with the presence of our Chief Pastors was that there were not enough of them to provide for the many pulpits that were open to them. None felt this embarrassment more keenly than the committee on assignments.

And it is worth noting that after all claims were met the committee on entertainment had a generous surplus over all expenses. We say to our Bishops, "come and come soon."

Adverse Conditions.—There may have been years more exacting than the year now closing, but none seem to remember when it was. The rigors of an Alaskan-like winter proved a serious handicap in the rural regions, and even in the towns and cities the going was far from easy. Yet no man among us is pleading weather conditions as an alibi. They welcomed hardship "and endured hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ."

The most trying experience to the average pastor has been the methods of certain high tensioned secretaries, and their flood of literature deluging the pastors' mail. Occasionally, too, there were intimations of pressure with their attendant irritations. Now the average Methodist minister does not need to be driven, nor will he receive efforts in that direction kindly. More than once was it my privilege to commend to certain who have charge over us the sanely human and brotherly policy of our Resident Bishop. In all of his official communications, and they were comparatively few, certainly as compared with the multitude of communications from other sources, he emphasized the necessity of avoiding anything that looked like pressure. To such leadership there is always a ready and enthusiastic response.

I am inclined to think that the keeper of the records will look with a smile of approval when he sees the hard won victories of this strenuous year. Who thinks that the days of heroism are past thinks neither wisely nor well. Without the element heroic the year would have spelled disaster; with it the year's achievements gladden all hearts.

Instance of Brotherly Love.—One of the most beautiful and touching instances of brotherly love ever witnessed was furnished in the response of the District to the appeal made on behalf of Brother John B. C. Hopkins, when, without pressure of any sort, the churches gave to this broken and afflicted minister over \$1200. If all who assisted in making lighter the burdens of this "good minister of Jesus Christ" and his helpless family could have read the letters which came from his grateful and appreciative heart, their joy would be complete. Scores of laymen said to their minis-

ters, "you need never be afraid to bring an appeal like this to our notice, we will consider it a joy to help." Nearly every charge responded, and the contributions ranged from \$5 to \$100, Brandywine and Grace heading the list with \$100. each. Surely He Who said "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these the least of My brethren, ye have done it unto Me" will reward all who extended to a brother in need the hand of help.

Our City Problem.—Our most difficult and vexing problem is how best to care for the multitudes among us who have come literally from the ends of the earth. The Victory Liberty Loan drive revealed the astounding fact virtually every nationality under heaven is represented in the foreign population of our City.

To Americanize them in thought, ideals and speech is imperative, but this is by far the simplest factor in our problem. Secular agencies are effecting this end in fine fashion, but this is not enough. There must be brought to them another touch, other ideals which concern their moral and spiritual well being.

It must be evident to all who are in any intimate way conversant with the facts that improved housing conditions and a better environment, more favorable social relations are vitally related to the right solution of the problem, and most important of all these matters when under the care of the church serves as an open sesame to bring the multitude who have drifted from their religious moorings the saving touch of the Gospel of our Christ.

And this problem is not the problem of those who live in the City; it belongs to our entire Conference membership and constituency. I am not unaware that with the tremendous financial responsibilities of the Centenary, and the necessity on the part of a goodly number of churches for better equipment to care for the social and recreational needs of their respective communities, most churches feel that they have about all they can conveniently do to care for these new claims. And if it should be that these local needs cannot be provided for, if the hand of help has to be extended to the City Missionary work, may we not at least ask for your sympathy and prayers? This is not said because we do not appreciate the generous and sympathetic assistance rendered in the past by our people of the territory outside the city, but to show them that we recognize the fact that the City is not the only place where problems exist, but it is universally conceded that the problem of the city is the problem of the nation.

It will gladden all hearts to hear that our City Missionary work has had the best year in its history, and in reality the work is just beginning.

I had hoped here to have been permitted to make an announcement concerning our program of activities that would prompt a note of gratitude and thanksgiving, but because of unforeseen circumstances this announcement is delayed for a brief season. But the day is not far distant when through the liberality of public spirited citizens, we will be enabled to project a movement which will insure for all time the realization of our plans for the stranger within our gates.

A good beginning has been made by securing the first unit of our plant by the purchase of two buildings adjoining Asbury church. Much of the credit for this beginning belongs to the Pastor of Old Asbury. The Corresponding Secretary of the City Missionary Society and the writer co-op-

erated in the movement. The property is deeded jointly to Asbury Church and the City Missionary Society. The plant when completed will be worth a quarter of a million dollars.

Much of the time and energy of our City Missionary Secretary this year has been devoted to a close, personal supervision of the work in the City, and not a small part of the actual work done by himself. Brother Beauchamp has demonstrated that he is the right man in the right place. Our rapidly expanding work both in the City and its suburbs require the most painstaking supervision. If ever such supervision was needed it is now.

Church Activities.—The constructive work being done by Brother Milton McCann in relation to that most vital of all our agencies for spiritual fruitage is worthy of unstinted commendation. He is "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." It will be well to keep in mind that his work has been and must be for some time foundation work. That is slow and lacks the elements of the spectacular, but it gets somewhere in good time.

The winter Epworth League Institutes under the supervision of Brother W. G. Harris have done much toward a better alignment of this organization in its relation to the young people of the City.

The banner League of the District so far as can be learned is at Grace church. It is doing the finest team work I know of. You will be interested in the following exhibit. To stimulate interest in the local chapter an Epworth League Chautauqua after the order of the usual chautauqua was conducted for a week. The attendance for the week averaged 125. Themes of interest were presented by chosen speakers. A Bible Study class, according to the request of the Centenary Office, was organized, conducted by the pastor, with an average attendance of 38. Following this came the Win My Chum week. Twenty-three accepted Christ as their personal Savior; sixteen united with the church; 38 agreed to give up any hurtful habit; 42 signified their desire to know and do the will of God; 42 agreed to attend some service of the church; 14 united with the League; 17 pledged themselves to do some definite, specific Christian work under the direction of the pastor; 38 pledged themselves to try and win their friends to Jesus Christ. This exhibit tells its own story. It points in the right direction.

The Centenary.—The heart-break of this movement was its indiscriminate quotas to the average church. The heart of the movement is in Christian Stewardship, Stewardship of Life and Stewardship of Property. This condition met, every phase of our problem both spiritual and financial would be solved. The securing of a subscription totaling nearly \$14,000,000 was no mean achievement, but how inadequate would that be without the enlistment of life and the recognition of God's right to both our life and substance.

It put it in a phrase, Christian Stewardship in its fundamental meaning roots itself in Divine Ownership. If this principle is denied the whole matter is like Sampson shorn of his strength. God is sovereign here or He is not sovereign anywhere. It is peculiarly unfortunate that so many make tithing the heart of Christian Stewardship when it is but one phase of it.

Wilmington District and Its Centenary Quota.—A brief statement relative to this phase of the Centenary should be made a matter of record, for reasons that will appear as we proceed.

First of all, three quotas in all were sent to this District, each larger than the one preceding. But the one embarrassing feature was that after we had written into about forty budgets the second, and presumably the official quota, because it was given at our District Training Conference by the then Area Secretary, Dr. Morris E. Swartz, a third quota was sent down which added \$16,000 per year for the period, or \$80,000 beyond the official quota.

In a rather extended interview with Dr. Swartz, at which Dr. John W. R. Sumwalt was present, an interview in which every conceivable phase of the subject was gone into, clearly and thoroughly, Dr. Swartz was informed that the only condition upon which the last quota could be accepted was that a Centenary credit should be given to those churches which were in the original survey for moneys specially contributed by their own people, or by others, for Community Houses, or remodeled churches to enable them to care for the needs of their several communities. To this Dr. Swartz readily agreed.

Since that agreement much confusion has arisen touching the whole question of special gifts. The best solution that seems feasible at this time to grant the local churches credit in the minutes of the Annual Conference, and to allow certain quota re-adjustments to cover the equities in the case. I am hopeful, however, that a final adjustment can be reached that will give to both the District and the Conference a Centenary credit for all special gifts for purely Centenary objects.

It is not possible at this time to give accurately the amount of Centenary money already paid, but from partial data the showing is creditable. The financial side of the Centenary was such a tremendous advance over the best we had ever done, and the church was so unprepared for the money drive, that it will take a little time to get our bearings; but, meanwhile, the churches are doing wonderfully well in an honest effort to meet their quotas.

It should be borne in mind also that there are churches, not a few, where the facilities for caring for the needs of their youth, not to mention the community, are sadly inadequate, yet these churches, in a sacrificial spirit, are listening to the Macedonian cry and are responding in fine fashion.

I am aware that this may seem a hardship, but this much is true, that where as much as forty per cent. of the adult membership is tithing there is enough for all needs, local and general; weak churches become strong, and hardship gives way to a joy that comes alone from meeting the Divine conditions.

Several Sabbath Schools have gone far beyond their Centenary quota. Scott School raises \$1600. instead of \$375; Union, \$900, instead of \$445; Elkton, \$500, instead of \$257; McCabe, \$500, instead of \$285; Brandywine, Perryville, Kingswood, Epworth, Cedars, St. Georges, Mt. Salem, Rising Sun, Charlestown, in fact, three-fourths of the schools, have exceeded their quota in varying amounts.

The educational effect in this department is of very great value because it keeps before the school monthly the needs and achievements of the cause.

If we have felt at times, (and who has not?), that this movement on the financial side was onerous, it will help us to remember that of the \$113,000,000. pledged, only 15% of those pledging reached 50c per week. When the average is lifted the financial side of the problem will be solved. Meanwhile it will keep us in heart to remember that this is an honest effort of our great Church to meet the challenge of Providence for the salvation of the world.

Mt. Pleasant charge, according to its membership, has the largest proportion of tithers on the district; 40% of its membership is tithing. No wonder, then, that six months after the Centenary campaign closed this charge had sent two-third of its quota, and since has sent its full quota plus \$225. The example of this people should prove an inspiration to us all. St. Pauls leads in the number of its tithers, having 191. Its budget for next year goes to \$20,000, and it pays ten-twelfths of its Centenary for the first year. Grace has 94 tithers and its budget for next year is \$32,000. Scott has a large number of tithers and its Sunday School quadruples its Centenary quota. Union, Mt. Salem, Rising Sun, Kingswood, Madeley rank well up in their number of tithers, and in all these cases their budget is far in advance of the largest in their history. The same can be said for East Lake, Cookman, Epworth and Brandywine. In fact, wherever the practice of Christian Stewardship is emphasized the results are the same both as to spiritual and material interests.

While it is impossible to give the exact number of tithers for the District it is safe, from present data, to say that the number reaches 1600. Every charge on the District is on the honor roll. In a few instances the preacher and his family save the day, but surely since example is stronger than precept these examples will tell in the end.

While the data concerning the amount of Centenary money for this year is not complete, it is perfectly safe to say that most of the charges will meet their quota for the first nine months. The total will more than quadruple anything that has been done in any previous year.

New Castle is a shining example of what the New Financial Plan and definite giving will do for a charge. All obligations promptly met; large monthly balances each month; no special collection even for repairs; every claim, general and local, met in full, and this charge has the biggest program in its history now under way. The wonder and the pity of it all is that there should be ANY charge which fails to avail itself of the benefits which flow from definite, business-like methods such as are here mentioned.

And what I have tried to say in every gathering where I have had a voice I now repeat. We are coming across in our work for the King on His conditions and on those conditions alone. God will not reverse Himself; He cannot reverse Himself. And with gratitude beyond words to express, be it said that an increasing number of Methodist Christians are facing the issue fairly and squarely. And the truth does not have to be bludgeoned in for people to receive it; they are ready for it in more instances

than we sometimes think. It is not kindness to those who seek to advance the Kingdom to permit them to dream that they can please and glorify God on any other than His conditions. And those conditions are not burdensome, "it is our reasonable service."

Debts and Improvements.—Substantial progress has been made in the payment of debts and improvements. Thanksgiving night, after inspiring addresses by Bishop McDowell, Dr. Carlisle L. Hubbard, and various officials appointed for the purpose, the \$19,000. mortgage went up in smoke and ashes. The service was characterized by gratitude, enthusiasm and a spirit of genuine thankfulness, for what most people regarded as the impossible had become the possible. Trinity also joins the no debt procession by burning its \$3000. mortgage, and the trustees are finding it necessary to enlarge the seating capacity of their auditorium. March the 14th witnessed the cremation of the \$6000. mortgage at East Lake, with a surplus of nearly \$800. toward the debt on the parsonage. To say that there was great joy in East Lake on that occasion is putting it mildly. I have never seen more sacrificial giving.

Cookman has secured an option on one of the best equipped club rooms in the City. This building adjoins the church and can easily be connected with the church at a trifling cost. This addition to the church property is a necessity to meet the rapidly expanding life of this church.

The recently dedicated chapel at Bellefonte at a cost, exclusive of the lot, of \$5500., completes the chain of churches along the Delaware River front from Hill Crest to and including Claymont. Within the near future Bellefont will be a station with its own parsonage and minister for scores of modern homes are being built every year, and many of these homes house people of large means. It is only a question of a few years when they will ally themselves with this growing society thus making it one of the strongest of our suburban churches.

For pure grit and determination, undaunted Hill Crest merits the first place. Two years ago paying a supply \$250., this year making its salary \$900.; two years ago no thought of a home for the Minister, today possessing one of the finest parsonages in that neighborhood. The total cost of this modern parsonage will reach \$7000., not counting the material and labor donated.

The fund being gathered by Silverbrook for their Community House has reached nearly \$20,000. Work on the building will commence in the early spring. When completed the total cost will be over \$30,000., and this enterprise will furnish the church with one of the best equipped buildings for social and recreational purposes in the City.

That these added facilities are a crying necessity needs no argument. With the once wide-open saloons closed; with the increasing craving for pure, innocent fun; with the multiform temptations to which our young people are exposed, the church must do more than interpose its negative; it must do constructive work among its own youth and seek to interest and win the youth of the community, and means other than the church building will need to be provided for the purpose named. To use the church for miscellaneous purposes, as is frequently done, is of harmful tendency. The church was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, not for suppers, bazaars, and all sorts of entertainments, and wherever this

course is pursued the church suffers loss. There may be instances where, in order to provide wholesome entertainment, the church building furnishes the only means by which the need indicated can be met, but the Community House, or Social Hall, is the ideal way by which the recreational and social needs of the church can be met. For this not only provides the medium for recreation, it supplies it under wholesome auspices, and at the same time forms a new link between the church and its young people.

It is conceded by all who are conversant with the facts that McCabe church, by its strategic location, offers a large opportunity for our City Methodism. In order to avail ourselves of the opportunity an auditorium, commensurate with the demands of a rapidly increasing membership, must be provided and in the near future. Plans are already in contemplation looking toward meeting in adequate fashion the needs of this church. And since it is a matter which concerns City Methodism it is hoped that in some practical way our City Methodism will get behind the project and see it through. At the present writing there is not seating capacity for the present membership, and both Pastor and people will be increasingly embarrassed unless something is done to meet the needs of this perplexing situation.

Through the generosity of Samuel J. Wright, Esq., the lecture room of the Newark church has been relighted and redecorated, making it one of the most attractive on the District. The parsonage at Perryville has been made comfortable by the installation of a modern heating plant costing \$1250.

The auditorium at Zion has been made more churchly in appearance by replacing the folding chairs with handsome pews. It is one of the most attractive audience rooms on the District. Mt. Salem pays \$1000. on its debt, and provides \$2000. in reliable subscriptions, and has paid \$1100. for improvements. To those who are familiar with this situation know what a remarkable record this is; and to crown it all this church accepted an excessive Centenary quota and is paying it on time; Epworth has raised for improvements \$1700., and meets its Centenary quota.

Union has paid \$8,500. on its pipe organ, and raises for all purposes this year \$30,000. Cookman dedicated its \$3000 pipe organ free of debt, and has \$500 in its building fund, and improvements to the extent of \$800. Following the payment of its debt and the new pipe organ, Brandywine plans the erection of a new parsonage, with the means to do it well in hand, and its Community House to be begun at once. Brandywine has raised for all purposes during the two years of the present administration \$28,000, every dollar of which came as a free-will offering; no sort of paid entertainments of any kind. McCabe, through an organization composed of wide awake, capable women, has secured a lot for its Community House, and this church has raised for all purposes this year nearly \$14,000. Elkton expends \$1870. for improvements, making about \$5000. for improvements during the present pastorate, in addition to oversubscribing the Wesley Collegiate Institute Fund, the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund and the Centenary. The church property is in perfect condition and the church well organized. Richardson Park parsonage is made complete as to comfort and convenience by the installation

of a heating plant costing \$900. It is only a question of a short time when this church will need to enlarge its facilities to cope with the rapid growth of this suburban section. The Sunday School room at Kingswood has been transformed at a cost of \$600, much of the work being done by the officials and Sunday School workers. At Bellefonte a beautiful chapel has been built and dedicated at a cost of \$5500, exclusive of the lot, the entire cost provided for on the day of dedication. St. Georges has spent \$1200. for improvements.

Additional reports are as follows: Debts—Marshallton, \$500; McCabe, \$615; Cedars, \$200; Mt. Lebanon, \$100; Hopewell, \$250; McCabe, \$175.

Four years ago the debts on the church property on the District amounted to \$95,000. Today, so far as reports from 37 of the 53 charges advise, the debts are \$55,000.

The following additional reports for improvements are in hand: Scott, \$693; Perryville, for new heating plant in the parsonage, \$1250; Christiana, \$250.

Grace Church House has been enlarged at an expense of \$4000. This much needed improvement adds materially to the agency through which the church can minister to the social and recreational needs of its young people. It affords also a convenient and commodious place for the holding of the bi-monthly dinners for men. The church is enjoying the banner year of its history under the present pastorate. Already plans are approved for a new Sunday School room, and a modern gymnasium which will cost \$40,000.

I always wonder year by year as these doing of the churches are given brief expression in these annual reports, whether we get their full meaning and drift. And more especially this year of wonder, when on the financial side we are dealing not with thousands as heretofore, but with millions, and when we are seriously planning to win the world to Jesus Christ. I doubt not that the Keeper of the records lifts upon these hosts of the Lord the light of His countenance. On the human side we who know the facts know that these facts spell loyalty to and love for His cause which is beautiful.

And goes without saying that where success of any sort is achieved the preacher stands closely related to it.

At St. Pauls, a Junior Church has been organized with Trustees, Stewards, Class Leaders, Young Peoples Society, Ladies Aid; a church corresponding in every particular to the parent organization, and under the care of the Assistant Pastor. It is exhilarating to see how these young people enter into the work of the church. Such organizations are potential in training those who shall compose the church of the future.

Pastors' Salaries.—Thirty-three charges have advanced the salaries of their respective pastors. Hill Crest, \$650; St. Pauls and McCabe Memorial, \$600 each; Newark, Colora, Chester-Bethel and Oak Hill, \$400 each; St. Georges and Summit, \$350 each; Scott, Brandywine, Silverbrook, Madley, Marshallton, Bethel Circuit, Red Lion, Perryville, and Mt. Pleasant, \$300 each; Trinity, Mt. Salem, East Lake, Epworth, Brack-Ex, Delaware City, Edge Moor, Claymont, Newport, and Cookman, \$200 each; Elk Mills, Christiana, Mt. Lebanon, Cherry Hill, Charlestown, Hockessin, Chesapeake

City, Hopewell, \$100 each. A total of, \$9,250.

The following charges notify of an increase for next year: St. Pauls from \$3600 to \$4200; Claymont from \$900 to \$1900; Richardson Park from \$1400 to \$2000; Newark from \$2000 to \$2400; Union from \$3000 to \$3500; Elkton from \$1200 to \$1800; Brack-Ex from \$900 to \$1200; Hock-essing from \$800 to \$1000; McCabe from \$2200 to \$2500; New Castle from \$1700 to \$2000; Mt. Salem from \$1700 to \$2000; Brandywine from \$1800 to \$2000; Silverbrook from \$1800 to \$2000; Cookman from \$1400 to \$1600; East Lake from \$1400 to \$1560; Trinity from \$1200 to \$1400; Cherry Hill Circuit from \$1050 to \$1500; Epworth from \$1600 to \$1800; Wesley from \$1200 to \$1500; Scott from \$1800 to \$2000. A total of over \$7000.

During the multitude of financial drives within the past four years it is gratifying that the men most responsible for the success of these drives were not overlooked. Insufficient support furnishes a doubtful incentive toward recruiting the ranks of the ministry. It will bode ill for our Zion, when its key men are forced to suffer undue anxiety over the plain question of bread and butter. Hasten the good day, when the minister, relieved of financial worry, is left free to devote his best energies to his one task of building the Kingdom. Thank God the signs of the times in this direction are auspicious, as the above facts fully testify.

The Curse of Souls.—How eagerly did we listen for some great breath of the Spirit that should thrill us with the joy of spiritual victory, but what we anxiously longed for has not come in any strange or startling fashion. Were we looking for His coming in the mighty wind, or in the fire or the thunder of the earthquake? May He not have come in the still, small voice?

But this much we do know. There are within the bounds of the Wilmington District over 12,000 members. What WOULD have happened, if one-half of this number had met the Divine conditions? If, instead of less than 2000 Christian Stewards, we had 6000; if this number had earned the right to be called intercessors; if they had given themselves to the winning of souls as they gave their energies to material things—what would have happened? The windows of heaven according to promise would have deluged the church with blessings that would have inspired the soul of believers and made the unsaved community feel the impact of a conquering power.

We are face to face with an issue so clearly drawn that misunderstanding is impossible. God will not, He cannot, reverse Himself. We must meet His conditions, if we expect to see His promises fulfilled.

Let it not be thought that we have been wholly without spiritual fruitage. The total number of accessions may reach 1500; the Easter ingathering will add substantially to this number. While this showing is gratifying it might easily have been well beyond the figures given. We cannot manifest a keener interest in recreation, social affairs, business, politics or a score of things well enough in their place, than we do in bringing in the Kingdom except to reap other than we sow. The law of spiritual increase is undeviating; we ignore it at our peril.

In other words, putting first things first, personal consecration in individual soul winning, points the way toward the shining heights where we

behold the beauty of the Lord and rejoice in His presence.

It is not an easy way, this way of the cross. It is not following the line of least resistance, but it is the way of victory and joy unspeakable. Thank God its foregleams appear here and there; may its full orb of glory soon gladden our eyes. For this we long, and hope and work and pray. I am constrained to believe that our hopes will issue in glorious fruition.

There is one fact that rings a "te deum" in our hearts today in that we welcome a Methodist Conference to a City without a saloon. Since we last held our session king booze has been pretty roughly handled. Chased from pillar to post, with eyes protruding and gasping for breath he is looking for sanctuary, in the desperate hope that something, somewhere will save him from complete and final destruction. His efforts are grotesque, they will fail. The people have spoken. In this case "the voice of the people is the voice of God." And it is well. Well that this foul, heartless, conscienceless, unholy thing should meet with the fate it deserves. We are just beginning to sense what a glorious and wonderful thing has happened unto us.

But while we would not let "hosannas languish on our tongues," neither must we let our "devotion die." In one sense the fight has just begun. Let us not beguile ourselves that the work is finished. There is life yet in that prostrate carcass and it will run or walk or crawl as serves its sinuous and beastly purposes best until we stamp it to death beneath the feet of an honest and determined citizenship. From this day forward until it dies its sure and certain death, let us sing "the battle ne'er give o'er, Renew it boldly every day and help Divine implore." Let our slogan be everywhere and always, "no compromise with the works of darkness." It seems to me I hear the clarion words of a command of the long ago saying "speak unto the children of Israel that they go FORWARD."

Indulge me for the moment while I quote from the editorial of one of our great metropolitan dailies, surely these utterances are not those of a fanatical preacher. Speaking of the clamor for booze, the editor says:

"There never was a more empty delusion. Those who are clamoring for liquor comprise distinctly limited classes—brewers and distillers, saloon men and dramshop habitues, divekeepers and the swarming derelicts of the underworld. Stay, there are a few others—club loungers and empty-headed idlers, and those strange creatures who reveal their mentality by carrying booze into public places and making a spectacle of their drinking. Finally, there are a dwindling number of attorneys who clutch at liquor fees, and some politicians who want liquor money or support—the Gibboneyes and Bonniwells, Edwardses and Penroses and Vares, and their like.

"But no amount of agitation or misrepresentation, whether merely ignorant or deliberately mendacious, can change the facts. The American saloon is extinct, and the liquor traffic is damned. This nation, which fought a bloody war to establish the principle that the national welfare is paramount to state rights, will not reverse that decree for the sake of reviving a discredited and detested institution. The eighteenth amendment will never be repealed until the whole preamble and spirit of the constitution are changed—until that instrument is designed, not to insure domestic tranquility and promote the general warfare, but to insure disorder,

to promote economic waste, moral degradation and human misery."

In closing this review of the achievements of another year I am keenly conscious of its limitations and its defects, but the record made speaks for itself.

It will be observed that in all cases only the name of the charge is mentioned. When the name of each man is mentioned, it happens, not infrequently, that some whose labors, anxieties and discouragements would entitle them to a higher need of praise than their more fortunate brethren, and those most praiseworthy are made to appear at a disadvantage. In any event it is a fact that is self evident that, when a charge makes a commendable record, the preacher stands closely related to that record.

The men who have been "up against it this year, and up against it good and hard" were the men in the rural sections. That they kept in heart can be explained only on the ground that they kept in touch with the Lord of the harvest, and the grit and grace of the average Methodist Preacher. He is not easily discouraged.

To no man has it been granted to labor with more loyal, appreciative, considerate, or sympathetic men than those who compose the working force of the Wilmington District. Their affection for me has been the one bright page in the history of the year. That their magnanimity prompted them to accord to me far more credit than is my due, shows the caliber of the men who have swung the District into a commanding place among the districts of the denomination.

Just a word as to the visible results of the quadrennium. The total number of accessions, 1400; raised for Benevolences, excluding Armenian Relief, Red Cross, and other causes, \$97,326; increase in pastors' salaries, \$30,000; total for Ministerial Support, \$326,757; debts and improvements, \$263,000.

All through this strenuous year a martial strain has been ringing in my soul, "The Son of God goes forth to war, A kingly crown to gain; His blood-stained banner streams afar, Who follow in His train?" From all parts of our District there has come the heartsome response, "where He leads us we will follow, and go with Him ALL the way." The going is good in that direction for it means life, and life more abundant. Burdens grow lighter, and service is both a pleasure and a delight. To Him, Whose we are and Whom we serve we pledge for the future a new allegiance that shall make us "Good Ministers of Jesus Christ."

(b) STANDING COMMITTEES.

BIBLE.

This great historic, inter-denominational Bible Society, organized in 1816, is now in the 104th year of its usefulness. During the great World-War, over 4,000,000 copies of God's Word, either the entire Bible or individual portions, were circulated among the Soldiers and Sailors, and in many different languages. The work of translation into foreign languages and dialects still goes on under the direction of the American and British Foreign Bible Societies. Every great Missionary Society of the Christian Church is under a priceless debt for the invaluable aid rendered the Missionaries of the Cross in the publication of the Word of God in so many different tongues.

The budget for 1920 calls for an expenditure of \$1,000,000. The value of the Bible in the solution of the world's problems; the great unfinished task in translation, revision, publication, and distribution of the Scriptures in all parts of the world; and the present restricted resources of the American Bible Society, all unite in an appeal for larger contributions to this great cause. As one of the official benevolences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, it should have a larger place in our gifts.

We most cordially endorse the plan for a Universal Bible Sunday as outlined by the American Bible Society for Sunday, November 28th, and call upon all our Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents to co-operate in the plans for a more extended circulation of the Bible, among all classes of our population.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Perhaps no department of the Church was better prepared to enter the workings of the Centenary than was the Epworth League. For years the League has been preparing the Church for just such an opportunity as this, and when it came it was the trained product of the Epworth League that helped to make the victory possible. With its world vision, its training in stewardship, its life work department, its Win My Chum campaigns, the League was already doing the work of this great movement.

We would call your attention to the rapid strides we are making in Foreign fields, with Secretaries in India, China, Mexico and with plans that are soon to be realized for South America and Europe, we hope to give a world vision to the young people of Methodisms.

The Twenty-Four-Hour-Day League should be on the heart of every pastor. The Win My Chum Week, if properly conducted, will bring forth a fruitage that will bring a new glow to the church and sheaves for His Kingdom.

Throughout our Conference the League is doing excellent work where the Pastors are getting in behind the young people and helping them to realize the opportunity of this field of service. The District Conventions were of unusual interest.

Bishop Leonard says, "Of all the fine work that has been accomplished by the Epworth League during the thirty years of its history, nothing is of greater importance than the Institute work." Last year more than one hundred young people were in attendance at the Wilmington Conference Epworth League Institute held in Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover, Del. They spent a week studying the activities of our great church. With a faculty of the leaders of Methodism, these young people received a vision that has greatly enhanced their ability to serve their local churches, while twenty-five per cent. of them volunteered for definite life service.

The Conference Officers are anxious to serve our young people of the Peninsula, and would like to report a thriving chapter in every church in our Conference territory.

FREEDMEN'S AID.

The work of this Society has been carried on for over fifty years. The General Conference authorized and directed each Pastor to observe the Lincoln Day Anniversary in February. Discipline of 1916, Par. 455. Page 302.

As a result of the work of the Society we have 350,000 colored members, 3,500 churches and over 2,000 ministers. Our schools supply these with Pastors and intelligent Christian leaders. For this purpose the 18 schools of the Freedmen's Aid Society, with their 334 teachers and 5,702 students, must be maintained.

The Freedmen's Aid Society and the Centenary.

Any program of world conquest for the Kingdom of Christ must include one hundred millions of black people in Africa, and twelve millions more in the United States of America. If we cannot uplift and evangelize these black millions in the home land, how shall we ever reach those across the seas? The school house and the church go hand in hand in bringing the Negro in the United States to a knowledge of the Christian faith, and fitting him that he may do his part in bringing the dark continent into a league of Christian nations dominated by the Christ spirit.

We recommend, therefore, that each pastor preach at least once a year on the outlook for the black man in the United States and in Africa, and the relation of the schools of the Freedmen's Aid Society to his evangelization.

We further recommend that each pastor observe Lincoln Memorial Sunday, and use the program and literature furnished by the Freedmen's Aid Society for that occasion.

We further recommend that this subject be also brought before our Sunday schools, Epworth League and social gatherings for study and prayerful consideration. Literature and other material necessary for the presentation of the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society to any of our congregations can be obtained without cost, by sending a postal card request to the Secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid Society, 420 Plum St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

METHODIST HOSPITAL.

Among the tasks imposed upon the disciples by our Lord, when He sent them into the villages and towns unto which He would later go, was this: "Heal the sick." That command has not been recalled. The mission of the Church still is to suffering people everywhere. The Methodist Hospital, located in Philadelphia, is nobly responding to the plan of our Divine Lord as expressed in His personal ministry to the sick, and His command to us concerning them. During the year 1919, our Hospital furnished 47,798 days' treatment to patients. This was but 4,237 fewer days' treatment than were furnished during the preceding year, when the hospital did a large work helping to care for war sufferers. While the hospital ranks high as a place of physical healing, it belongs to that class of hospitals which ministers to the soul as well as to the body. Christ is ever recognized as "The Great Healer;" while prayer is accorded its rightful place in our ministry to the suffering.

We cheerfully commend this hospital to the attention of our people. It is fully worthy of our liberal support. It receives no aid from the State, though it does a large part of its work without cost to the patients. Work like this will surely receive our Lord's "in as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto Me."

PERIODICALS.

One of the effective ways of reaching the people and molding public sentiment is through the press. It is always supplementing the minister and teacher in affording information and enforcing the truth.

Enthusiasm cannot be maintained without information. Our people need to know the needs of the world, and what is being done for its salvation. Our magazines and papers are packed full of information and facts we need to know.

We urge all of our ministers to try to place "The Christian Advocate" in the homes of all our people.

"The Epworth Herald," especially for our young, is proving very useful, and will aid us in securing one hundred thousand tithers in our Methodism.

We heartily recommend "The Methodist." It is ably edited, and it is well suited to our work in this Conference.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The law of the Sabbath is as urgent and binding on the conscience of the child of God today, as when it first fell upon the ears of Israel from the heights of Sinai, or was confirmed and emphasized by the precepts of Him who is Lord also of the Sabbath day.

There is no need of the world more pressing than that the Fourth Commandment should have universal sway in its relation both to toil and rest.

The rule, "Six days shalt thou labor," is being proclaimed by the press, the orator and the statesmen, throughout the world.

Mankind must work or starve.

It is no less true that the world must worship or perish. The soul must have time to seek and find the Lord, or it must die. We must "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," or we are lost.

This law is no mere arbitrary enactment. It is the expression of a fundamental need of our nature and of human society. In nations where it has been once established, the Sabbath is found to be the heart of any scheme of Christian civilization, from which circulates a life-stream of moral influence to nourish and support the body politic.

To attack it directly or to paralyze its influence by the gradual introduction of worldly amusements, and secular employments, is to strike at the center of the Nation's life.

We, therefore, commend the work of the Lord's Day Alliance. We request our District Superintendents to appoint one minister in every County to co-operate with this Society, and we urge our Pastors to preach at least one sermon during the year on the observance of the Sabbath.

We fell, however, that too much dependence is often placed on the work of such organizations and committees. We seem not to expect to accomplish any important reform, without mass action, and place too little stress on individual initiative.

We, therefore, affectionately exhort our people, each man for himself, to determine immediately to obey the Sabbath law and every Lord's Day, not for one or two hours of public worship only, but for full four and twenty hours, to "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday Schools, for the most part, have suffered during the past few years as have other departments of our Church work, the losses sustained indicating a lack of success in the accomplishment of the desired results. The observation of this condition leads us to a close study of the plans and purposes involved. We find that success lies largely in proportion to the adoption of the best forms of organization, curriculum, trained leaders, and service activities. As these features have a direct bearing on the development of character and the relation of the pupil to the kingdom of God, any less than the BEST is not good enough for our schools.

Our aim is:

1. To win every available member of the community to the Sunday School. Only an intelligent survey of the community will reveal the measure of our success.

2. To win the members of the Sunday School to Christ and the Church; to instruct and train them for intelligent and effective Christian living.

With these as our objectives, shall we not adopt the best means available for the accomplishment of this great task?

The suggested plans for this year involve:

1. The gradual introduction of, and advancement in the courses of study outlined for a Standard Methodist Sunday School.
2. The formation of Leadership Training Classes, using the courses which lead to the Joint Diploma.
3. City, group, and individual school conferences of Sunday School workers.
4. More systematic observation of the program of Evangelism.
5. Adoption of a proper system of record keeping.

In view of the good work already accomplished by the Field Secretary appointed at the last session of Conference, Brother Milton McCann, and feeling that he should be continued in his present position, we recommend his reappointment.

TEMPERANCE.

A saloonless nation in 1920, is an established fact and the results speak for themselves. Those of us who have been accustomed to conditions that prevailed before the advent of Prohibition, can, at times, scarcely believe the evidence of our senses, so wonderful has the change been within the first year of Prohibition. In the city of Wilmington the streets are empty of drunken men, and the buildings formerly occupied by the saloons are either closed or else converted to some more useful purpose. Actual figures also show the improvement due to Prohibition. In July, 1919, there were 515 inmates in New Castle County Workhouse, while in March, 1920 there were 325. The Juvenile Court cases show a 50% reduction, while the Police Court records speak plainly the results of Prohibition. During June, 1919, there were 177 cases of arrest for drunkenness. In July the number dropped to 15, and for the succeeding six months, from July to December inclusive, the total arrests for drunkenness were 175, or 2 less than the total for one month previous to the enforcement of Prohibition. The present situation shows a healthy growth of temperance sentiment and the enforcement of the law is being accomplished without any great demonstration of lawlessness. The agitation which exists against the enforcement of Prohibition is that prompted by the saloon interests who desire to resurrect the saloon because it was a profitable source of income. We strongly recommend the closest scrutiny of all our legislators who may be elected to national or state positions. We strongly oppose any amendment which would permit the sale of beer or wine, and we likewise recommend the heartiest cooperation with our legislators now in office that they may stand firm against any and every attempt to nullify the 18th Amendment or any of the state or national laws enacted for its enforcement. We pledge our support to the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Anti-Saloon League and the W. C. T. U., in all their efforts to see that Prohibition be enforced.

THANKS.

WHEREAS, The directing hand of a kind Providence has permitted us to assemble again as a Conference in this city; and

WHEREAS, We now come to the closing hour of another session; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we do hereby and now express our most hearty appreciation for all favors and courtesies conferred by the city at large; for the fraternal greetings of the Mayor, who so heartily welcomed us; the city officers, who have guided us; the proprietors, and managers of the various business places, who have accommodated us; and

That we also register our sincerest thanks for the present priceless service rendered by the generous official body of this beautiful and capacious Church, with its amplified appointments, so well arranged and suited to our comfort and convenience; for the courtly, diligent, genial, painstaking and unselfish personality and service rendered by the Pastor of this Church and his assistants, sparing not themselves in our behalf; for the exceptionally liberal and generous provision made for our material comfort and sustenance, by furnishing bread to the eater, and drink to the thirsty, without money and without price; for the excellent music by the choir, with its capable leader and efficient organist; for the untiring efforts of the accommodating sexton; and

That we thank the press and its courteous representatives for uniformly fair and full reports of all proceedings day by day; for the accommodations rendered by the telegraph, telephone, railroad and street car lines; and

That we feel we cannot adequately record in words our gratitude to our beloved Bishop, whose gracious presence and Godly counsels at our last session have lingered with us all through the past year; and

Now words fail us, for whatever might be written cannot be sufficiently commensurate to express the present thoughts of our hearts; therefore, We pledge ourselves to bow our knees before our all-wise Heavenly Father, that He may grant this "Good minister of Jesus Christ" many years of extended usefulness in the office and works of the Church Militant, to which the Great Bishop of Souls has called him, and that he be returned to this Area for the next quadrennium for our further uplift and joy; and finally,

That we lift our hearts again to Almighty God in profound gratitude for His unfailing and undeserved goodness to us all; for His sustaining grace and comforting presence while trying to follow where He leads, ever praying that it may be His will to bring us all together at our next Annual Session with unbroken ranks and undivided fellowship.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Jubilee Year of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been passed and the goal reached amid "shouting and singing and jubilant ringing," and these devoted women press forward with renewed vigor and consecrated zeal in the Master's service.

The work of this Society certainly refutes Kipling:

"East is east and west is west
And never the twain shall meet"

for it extends from "Regained Paradise"—the French Orphanage at Grenoble, France, on the west, to the life-saving milk stations and day nurseries of Manila on the east; even to the boarding schools and colleges on the campos of Argentine under the shining Southern Cross.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in this Conference consists of two "fractions," one belonging to Baltimore Branch, the other to Philadelphia, and a great part of the work is done by women living in suburbs and country places; yet in one year the total receipts have jumped from \$4,161.10 to \$7,494.30, beside several hundred dollars spent for hospital supplies, sent directly to the field, and garments for the War Orphans at Grenoble. Incomplete reports from three Wilmington Churches alone show \$153.00 additional spent in this way.

With the beginning of 1920, each Society was set a task with three large M's before it; these stand for

More Members
More Missionaries
More Money

The Turks have a saying, "He who knows prays, and he who prays, gives." It is no vain boast, that the women of the Church make, when they claim a large share in the success of the Centenary, because for the last forty years about the only dissemination of Missionary literature has been done by the Women's Societies.

The Intensive Campaign to count every woman and child (and man) a member of this Society is now on throughout the land. The League of Intercessors are interceding with prayers abundant; the Tithers are pouring out their treasures in great stores and when the antiphonal chorus of those at home answers the work-worn laborers on the distant shores, the one keynote sounded in unison will be, "Hitherto, Henceforth."

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The aim of this important society is to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women of our Church in behalf of the needy and destitute in all sections of our Country, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Church in educational, missionary, and deaconess work.

While the army of our Country has been demobilizing, this progressive society has been seeking new recruits. Enlightenment has led to enlistment and they report a net gain in all classes of membership of 15,890.

This society stressed the three Cardinal doctrines of the Centenary: Intercession, Stewardship, and in Life Service.

The annual report of this Society fixes the value of buildings and grounds in their possession at, \$2,088,161.50.

We recommend that each Pastor in our Conference co-operate with this splendid organization to further their work for the Kingdom of God and the up-building of the Church of Christ our Lord.

(c) SPECIAL AND FINANCIAL.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We have examined all the reports submitted. The account of the Conference Treasurer for 1918-19. The Treasurer of the Board of Conference Trustees, report, vouchers and bank balances. The reports of the District Superintendents', Domestic Mission Fund for Wilmington, Dover and Easton Districts; the reports of receipts and disbursements with vouchers. The report, without vouchers, of W. O. Hoffecker, trustee of Society of Domestic Missions of Wilmington Conference. The report and vouchers of T. E. Terry, Trustee of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund. The report, without vouchers, of W. O. Hoffecker, Treasurer of the Bureau of Sessions. All these above accounts as examined by us were correct, and we wish to especially commend the complete and business-like report of the Treasurer of the Board of Conference Trustees.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Your Board has given diligent attention to the trust committed to it.

We administer four trust funds and one property, as follows: The Fannie Thomas Fund, in the interest of the Beckwith Church of Dorchester Co., Md.; the Carey Fund, in the interest of our Church in Milton, Del.; the Wimbrow Fund, in the interest of our Church at Parsonsburg, Md.; and the Barratt's Chapel Endowment Fund, in behalf of the historic Barratt's Chapel, near Frederica, Del.

We also have charge of a house and lot at Clayton, Del., that we use in the interest of the Clayton Methodist Episcopal Church.

Let me say in connection with this last-named trust, that nothing has accumulated this year to the benefit of the church, for the reason that it has been out of repair and unoccupied much of the year. However, it is now occupied and the rents are being applied to repairs, under proper supervision, as fast as they accumulate, and we shall soon have it upon a paying basis again.

I want to say that we exercise the greatest care in the use of these trust funds. In investing them we make "safety first" our motto. For this we do not depend upon our own judgment, but counsel with business men who are in close touch with securities of all kinds; men whose interest in everything Methodistic and religious cannot be called in question. On the other hand, we do try to make these funds as profitable as possible, and at present we are well satisfied with both security and profits.

One of our largest claims was paid this year, but we were fortunate in being able to replace the funds in a short time.

The Barratt's Chapel Endowment Fund came under our control by action of this Conference at its last session, and it was at once invested in Government bonds.

The term of the following Trustees expires at this session of our Conference: R. K. Stephenson, V. S. Collins, John M. Kelso, and we nominate the following to fill these vacancies: R. K. Stephenson, W. O. Bennett, John M. Kelso.

A vacancy is made in the Board by the death of C. T. Wyatt, and we nominate L. E. Poole to fill that vacancy.

W. F. CORKRAN, President.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts		Disbursements.	
1918		1918	
Mch. 27, Balance on hand	\$198.42	May 7, Thomas Fund, Beck-	
Mch. 27, Rent, W. T. Dayett	39.00	with	\$50.00
Apr. 19, Goldstein Int.	51.30	May 7, Carey Fund, Milton	100.00
May 31, Atlas Powder Div.	6.00		
Oct. 7, Atlas Powder Div.	6.00		
Oct. 29, Golstein Int.	51.30		
Nov. 11, Atlas Powder Div.	6.00		
1919			
Feb. 2, Atlas Powder Div.	6.00	Balance on hand	214.02
	\$364.02		\$364.02
(Conference)			
1919		1919	
Apr. 1, Balance on hand	\$214.02	Apr. 23, Thomas Fund, Beck-	
Apr. 7, United National Util-		with	\$50.00
ities	60.00	Apr. 23, Carey Fund, Milton	100.00
Apr. 7, Rent, W. T. Dayett	42.00	Apr. 23, Wimbrow Fund,	
Apr. 25, Artisans S. Fund	7.69	Parsonsburg	60.00
Apr. 28, Goldstein Int.	51.30	May 15, Laird & Co., balance	
May 5, Atlas Powder Div.	6.00	on bond	178.50
May 16, Monmouth Lighting	75.00	May 29, Letter file	1.50
Aug. 1, Atlas Powder Div.	6.00		
Oct. 17, United National Util-		1920	
ities	30.00	Jan. 22, Zippe Mortgage	1800.00
Oct. 17, Monmouth Lighting	25.00	Jan. 22, Com. for collecting	4.05
		Jan. 22, Fee for satisfaction	.50
1920		Mch. 20, Two years postage	.50
Jan. 20, Goldstein Mortg.			
Paid	1800.00		
Jan. 20, Int. on Mortg.	80.10		
Jan. 20, Fee for Satisfaction	.50		
Feb. 10, Atlas Powder Div.	6.00		
Feb. 25, Monmouth Lighting	25.00		
Mch. 1, United National Util-		Balance	263.56
ities	30.00		
	\$2458.61		\$2458.61

Barratt's Chapel Fund.

1919		1919	
Apr. 22, Check from Ch. Ex. & Home Miss.	\$796.00	June 26, U. S. Gov. Bonds	\$761.58
Oct. 7, Int. on U. S. bonds	17.04	1920	
		Mch. 22, Balance	51.46
	<u>\$813.04</u>		<u>\$813.04</u>

R. K. STEPHENSON, Treasurer.

MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.

Receipts.

Dover District: Contingent Relief Fund	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00
Easton District: Contingent Relief Fund	\$ 261.62	
Hopkin's Special Fund	117.35	\$ 378.97
Salisbury District: Contingent Relief Fund	\$ 181.95	
Hopkin's Special Fund	205.10	
Donation to J. W. Fogle	52.00	\$ 439.05
Wilmington District: Contingent Relief Fund	\$ 38.00	
Hopkin's Special Fund	1065.80	\$1103.80
Total Receipts		\$1947.82
Disbursed as follows:		
Paid J. C. B. Hopkins	\$1200.00	
Paid J. W. Fogle	52.00	\$1252.00
Balance in Treasury, Mar. 24, 1920.		
Contingent Relief Fund	\$ 507.57	
Hopkin's Special Fund	188.25	\$ 695.82
		\$1947.82

THOS. E. TERRY, Trustee.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.

The original objective for our Conference Claimant Endowment was \$200,000.

Last Conference we reported \$208,419.

During the year it became necessary, at the request of certain contributors, to make an adjustment that brought this amount down to \$208,334.

After another year's work, the total now stands, counting all bequests and promises of every form, \$254,006.

All expenses of the campaign, including Secretary's support, are paid to date; and there is now in hand cash, including all the Conference holds, as follows:

Investments in real estate securities	\$ 79,325.00
Liberty Bonds	27,300.00
War Savings Stamps	555.00
Cash ready to be forwarded to Treasurer	1,827.00
Total	\$109,007.00

During the past year there has been collected from all sources, \$33,987.

Nearly all our leading laymen, and our ministers without exception as far as they felt they could go, have loyally co-operated in reaching this point of progress. Your Secretary, likewise, has done his best to discharge the responsibility placed upon him. But, after ample credit has been given every human agent, when the situation is reviewed in all its aspects, we have no explanation for the result except the blessing of God. In the beginning, realizing something of the difficulties of the task, and keenly feeling the necessity of divine aid, ten or twelve were selected from among the most spiritual persons of our knowledge, and requested to enter a covenant to pray for this work, and for us, at least once a day until the end was reached. We called it Our Conference Claimant Prayer League. Reports from time to time of gracious divine visitations upon these souls as they plead for their aged ministers and the opening to them of the heart of the Church, have kept us from faltering in many a hard place, and have rendered triumphant our confidence in ultimate success. Therefore, in utter freedom from cant, we fully and firmly believe that the result must be ascribed, not in general but in particular, to the gracious activity of the Spirit of God. Personally, we have to a peculiar degree been sensible of His presence, and have never in our ministry felt more deeply assured of walking in His will.

Some believe the work could have been done in much less time, as were the campaigns for the Institute and the Centenary. But we think they fail to consider three important things: 1. Our people are thoroughly drilled in the necessity of Christian education and missions, and every preacher is enthusiastic on both subjects. 2. The appeal for Conference Claimants meets a partly developed and often antagonistic sentiment among the laity. And preachers, who throw themselves so enthusiastically into all other campaigns, are embarrassed and backward when facing this. They feel they are asking for themselves; and, however clearly it may be demonstrated that they are not, they cannot wholly divest themselves of the feeling that, at least, it has that appearance. This work, therefore, in large measure, loses the impetus of their efficient leadership, which is delivered with such telling effect to education and missions. 3. Not all the Conferences attempting endowment for Conference Claimants have succeeded, although they have had intensive campaign, either preceded or followed by the work of a Secretary long in the field. The Ohio Conference, for instance, is a hundred thousand dollars short of its objective. In the very outset we publicly stated it as our judgment that

the time element was essential to success, and we are today still more thoroughly convinced of the soundness of that judgment. To those who feel it ought to have been completed sooner, we can only say: The present status of the Fund has been established in the shortest time in which WE could do it.

There are three distinct impressions which we wish to make and make deeply upon the mind of the Conference and the Church. They are vital to the high end sought, which is something that approaches Christ-like provision for our retired ministers.

1. The Endowment is not completed, and will not be until the cash is actually in hand. This is reiteration, but strictly in order. It means, of course, that much careful work must yet be done in procuring payment of pledges both by individuals and churches. Collecting should be wisely and graciously, yet sympathetically and persistently pursued. Nothing but cash really counts in taking care of the aged men. In the presence of distressing need, it is scant comfort for them to know that there are pledges on the books of the Commission.

2. The full \$200,000 in cash will be inadequate. The almost, if not quite, 100% advance on all necessities of life makes the full estimate for the superannuate look woefully small—and when the tragic situation is intensified by paying him off with from 60 to 70 cents on a dollar, the case is deplorable. We cannot hope to do fairly by him with the resources now in sight. Let the church not misunderstand. If our Conference needed \$200,000 in the beginning it now needs \$400,000. The superannuate is not responsible for this situation; he is the victim of it; and it ought to be the joy of the Church to lift this shadow from his life.

3. The aged minister's need is not a reproach. Our retired minister has so wrought himself into all the higher and better elements of life—religious, educational, social, and economic—that the church, not to say society in general, owes him a debt it can never repay. And he has done this at such cost to himself that he nearly always comes to old age poor. But this poverty is not a reproach—it is not due to indifference on his part, nor to lack of economy or business ability. When he asks for bread, he is not, like a common beggar, pleading for charity. He is still a man among men, and a man of God. Whether a crutch or an empty sleeve be a reproach to an old soldier depends upon the cause for which he fought. Some wounds are badges of honor. The heroes of Balaclava were never known to blush at mention of their wounds. Nor is the aged servant of God ashamed of the career which has led to what he is. He may be poor, but is also rich; and has communicated his riches to many others. Multitudes which no man can number are in Heaven today, and other multitudes are on their journey, which would never have left the paths of sin, had he not lived and labored. The old preacher! There is no shame in his necessity. If he must come to age in poverty, his poverty is his glory. It is "the mark of the Lord Jesus:" the evidence of a life given to unselfish devotion—to receiving a crown from the Redeemer's hand and placing it upon Humanity's brow.

Look not for this cause where the narrow selfishness of men would place it. It is lifted high above reproach or shame. It moves in a lofty

altitude, where we breathe the atmosphere of the Cross, and stand near Him through whose flesh nails have been driven by the very men for whom He dies!

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. DASHIELL.

MEMORIAL FUNDS FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT.

To William A. Clash, husband; Eben E. Payne, father; and Maria Coke Payne, mother—By Mrs. William A. Clash, Cambridge, Md.	\$5,000.00
To Mrs. Eliza P. Clark, Milford, Del. By action of the Conference in recognition of bequest	\$7,100.00
To Mrs. Annie C. West, Middletown, Del. By action of the Conference in recognition of bequest	\$3,254.35
To William Chance, father; and Susan Chance, mother. By Charles B. Chance, Sudlersville, Md.	\$ 100.00
To Rev. John Hough, father, and Rebecca E. Hough, mother. By Mrs. James P. Hofferker, Smyrna, Del.	\$ 500.00
To Margaret Layton Grier, mother. By Drs. G. Layton and Frank L. Grier, Milford, Del.	\$1,000.00
To Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilson, parents. By Timanus J. Wilson and wife, North Tonawanda, N. Y.	\$1,000.00
To Rev. John R. Bailey, of the Philadelphia Conference, father. By Henry J. Bailey, Wilmington, Del.	\$1,000.00
To Eli Saulsbury, former U. S. Senator, and official of Wesley Church, Dover, Del., uncle. By Senator Willard Saulsbury, Wilmington, Delaware	\$1,000.00
To Rev. Alfred T. Scott, father. By Henry P. Scott, Wilmington, Delaware	\$5,000.00

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

There were forty men, forty-eight women and two children on our list of Claimants for 1919. We begin the new year with forty-three men, forty-nine women and two children; an increase of four.

Five retired ministers and one widow relinquish their claims. Three men, two women have died; six men and three women have been added.

Collections, by Districts:

Dover	\$ 4,547.00	Increase of \$ 439.00
Easton	4,135.00	Increase of 391.00
Salisbury	5,401.00	Increase of 812.00
Wilmington	6,185.00	Increase of 679.00
Total from Collections	\$20,268.00	Increase of \$2,321.00

Received from all sources:

Chartered Fund	\$ 35.00
Board of Conference Claimants	200.00
Book Concern Dividends	2838.00
Interest from Invested Funds	4387.00
Collections	20268.00
Total	\$27728.00
Less apportionment to Bd. Conference Claimants..	\$ 608.00
Total for distribution	\$27120.00

The average salary for full members of the Conference for 1918 was \$1134; for 1919, was \$1288. The average amount paid our Claimants last year, \$288; this year, \$309.

Owing to the fact that we have nine new claims and a larger draft than ever on our necessitous fund, we are obliged to fix the annuity at ten dollars, the same as last year.

The Board of Stewards approves the action of the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund Commission and the Lay Electoral Conference in asking for the apportionment to the Conference of a sum sufficient to adequately meet the needs of our retired ministers, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers. We, therefore, recommend that \$30,005 be apportioned for the current year, divided on the grade plan prepared by the Commission on Finance, as follows:

Dover District, \$6,915; Easton District, \$5,910; Salisbury District, \$7,430; Wilmington District, \$9,750; Total, \$30,005.

We also approve the action of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission and the Lay Electoral Conference in recommending quarterly payments beginning with the next Conference. (This paragraph was not adopted by the Conference.)

We request the sum of \$12,652 be taken from the collection for Conference Claimants and placed to the credit of the annuity fund.

We ask the Conference to appoint the following persons Trustees of Claimant Funds: Rev. R. P. Nichols, for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham; Dr. J. W. R. Sumwalt, for Mrs. Sarah V. Creamer; Mrs. Pauline Nelson Murray, for Edwin Nelson Murray; Dr. Thomas D. Esgate, for Rev. James Esgate; Mrs. Lulu G. Westerfield, for Harry Westerfield; Mrs. W. P. Compton, for Rev. W. P. Compton.

We further request that the distribution of claimant funds by the Board of Stewards be adopted without reading.

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. HURST, Chairman.

APPROPRIATIONS TO CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

The following tables indicate the amounts appropriated by the Stewards to the various Claimants upon the Conference funds at the session of 1920. They were approved by the Conference.

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.			
		CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.			
		Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Fund	Amount Paid
MINISTERS.					
1919	43	Barrett, L. E., Chestertown, Maryland	791	430	430
1906	17	Bowman, G. W., Laurel, Delaware	312	170	230
1920	30	Brewington, J. A., Westover, Maryland	552	300	215
1905	27	Collins, J. M., Wilmington, Delaware	496	270	55
1920	23	Chaires, W. W., Bozman, Maryland	423	230	120
1913	20	Compton, William P., Mrs. W. P. Compton, Trustee, 6725 Lansdowne Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	368	200	400
1906	44	Conway, G. S., Smyrna, Delaware	810	440	110
1917	26	Cooke, G. A., 501 Jefferson St., Wilmington, Del.	479	260	260
1917	36	Corkran, L. P., Sudlersville, Maryland	662	360	360
1919	34	Easley, J. W., R. F. D. "C," Dover, Delaware	626	340	340
1871	5	Esgate, James, (F. D. Esgate, Trus.), Riverside, Cal.	91	50	175
1918	29	Fogle, J. W., Seaford, Delaware	534	290	335
1920	32	Gray, J. W., Landover, Maryland	589	320	320
1904	21	Greene, W. M., Seaford, Delaware	386	210	130
1914	31	Hardesty, G. L., Seaford, Delaware	570	310	65
1906	30	Harding, T. H., 1011 West 7th St., Wilmington, Del.	552	300	150
1918	42	Hoffecker, E. L., Royal Oak, Maryland	773	*	*
1911	10	Holt, T. S., Federalsburg, Maryland	184	*	*
1917	12	Jester, B. F., 2304 Monroe St., Wilmington, Del.	221	120	120
1916	30	Koons, W. G., Rising Sun, Maryland	552	300	200
1919	40	Lindale, J. M., Wye Mills, Md.	736	400	400
1920	41	Neese, G. R., Wilmington, Delaware	754	410	410
1919	47	Otis, J. P., Marshallton, Delaware	865	470	470
1917	35	Prettyman, A. P., Galena, Md.	643	350	350
1916	48	Prettyman, C. W., 137 W. Louthier St., Carlisle, Pa.	882	480	480
1913	26	Prouse, J. T., Clifton Heights, Pa.	478	260	140
1911	39	Rawlins, P. H., Seaford, Delaware	718	*	*
1891	28	Redman, W. W., Milford, Delaware	515	280	270
1919	34	Reese, J. D., Little Creek, Delaware	626	340	160
1912	33	Roe, Robert, Oxford, Maryland	699	380	20
1917	38	Smith, Alfred, Camden, Delaware	699	*	*
1915	40	Stengle, Adam, 407 W. 21st St., Wilmington, Del.	736	400	400
1916	39	Terry, T. E., Bridgeville, Delaware	718	390	390
1897	24	Tomkinson, W. E., Rehoboth, Delaware	442	240	175
1915	38	Townsend, G. W., Ridley Park, Pa.	699	380	380
1871	24	Wallin, F. O. B., 5 Majorsgaten, Stockholm, Sweden ..	442	240	10
1906	21	Walton, O. S., Red Lion, Delaware	386	210	210
1920	33	Webster, Z. H., Denton, Maryland	607	330	190
1919	16	White, W. W., Salisbury, Maryland	294	160	390
1914	31	Williams, C. H., Snow Hill, Maryland	570	310	310
1917	19	Williams, W. H. S., Georgetown, Delaware	350	190	190
1913	28	Willis, D. H., Cambridge, Maryland	515	280	10
SUPERNUMERARY.					
		Hopkins, J. C. B., 422 Knox Court, Denver, Colorado..			600
WIDOWS.					
1915	43	Adams, Mary R., Dover, Delaware	593	323	52
1903	21	Avery, Lydia M., Fifth Ave. & 44th St., New York.	290	158	158
1881	8	Bain, Sarah B., Juniata, Pa.	110	60	240
1909	40	Bolton, Mary J., 151 Everit St., New Haven, Conn.	552	300	300
1903	9	Bovie, Selma C., 21 King Road, Madison, N. J.	124	67	133
1895	4	Brindle, Ellen M., Greensboro, Maryland	55	30	220
1896	33	Bryan, Annie V., 322 Reeder St., Easton, Pa.	455	248	248
1915	30	Burke, Laura F., 1018 Tatnall St., Wilmington, Del.	414	225	75
1918	31	Burke, Margaret, Richardson Park, Delaware	428	233	67
1909	31	Chandler, Mary E., Smyrna, Delaware	428	232	18
1890	8	Chatham, Anna D., Rev. R. P. Nichols, Trustee, Smyrna, Delaware	110	60	190
1872	17	Creamer, Sarah V., Dr. J. W. R. Sumwalt, Trustee, Wilmington, Delaware	235	127	127
1872	1	Ewing, Emma D., Collingswood, New Jersey	14	7	68
1891	17	Foreman, Mary E., 614 W. 20th St., Wilmington, Del.	235	127	98
1914	40	Fosnocht, Bessie B., 116 Whaley Ave., New Haven, Ct.	552	300	300
1891	20	Gardner, Louisa, Smyrna, Delaware	276	150	125
1906	16	Graham, Annie M., Clayton, Delaware	221	120	105
1893	25	Gregg, G. Annie, Kenton, Delaware	345	188	188
1908	26	Grise, Mary E., Berlin, Maryland	359	195	30
1904	43	Haynes, Mrs. T. H., Smyrna, Delaware	593	323	323
1900	32	Hynson, Mary A., Chincoteague, Va.	442	240	60

Date of Claim	Service	CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.	Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Fund	Amount Paid
1919	31	Jaggard, Annie M., Millsboro, Delaware	428	233	42	275
1919	17	Kenney, Mary Jane, Selbyville, Delaware	235	127	123	250
1917	9	Lewes, H. Gertrude, Kelso Home, Forrest Park, Baltimore, Maryland	124	68		68
1915	38	MacNichol, Maude, Cambridge, Maryland	524	285	190	475
1920	34	McFaul, Mary E., 1516 Clayton St., Wilmington, Del.	469	255	20	275
1917	23	Martindale, Sallie W., Salisbury, Maryland	317	173		173
1899	18	Merrill, Araminta, Upper Fairmount, Maryland	248	*	*	*
1920	32	Mitchell, Jennie S., Millington, Maryland	442	240	35	275
1917	25	Morgan, Minnie S., 611 W. 16th St., Wilmington, Del.	345	188		188
1916	10	Murray, Pauline Nelson, Snow Hill, Maryland	138	75		75
1909	35	Nelson, Evelyn, Snow Hill, Maryland	483	263		263
1917	33	O'Brien, Cornelia, Dover, Delaware	455	248		248
1887	21	O'Neil, Mary A., 234 N. Carey St., Baltimore, Md.	290	158		158
1918	7	Poole, Maria O., 1540 N. 60th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	97	52	148	200
1882	6	Prettyman, Emma, Salisbury, Maryland	83	45	180	225
1919	29	Roberts, Mary B., Middletown, Delaware	400	218	32	250
1893	14	Robinson, Martha R., Perryman, Maryland	193	105	120	225
1904	35	Sheppard, Mary E., Frankford, Delaware	455	263	37	300
1884	15	Shilling, Emma E., The Marion, Wilmington, Del.	207	112	88	200
1905	12	Sidell, Sarah D., 5434 Ella St., Olney, Philada., Pa.	166	90	135	225
1901	12	Swain, Martha H., Dover, Delaware	166	90	160	250
1903	37	Sypherd, Josephine, 22 Stenton Pl., Atlantic City, N.J.	511	277		277
1914	9	Talley, Elva, Edge Moor, Delaware	124	67	133	200
1906	30	Todd, Alice C., Wenonah, N. J.	414	225	50	275
1878	12	Weston, Laura E., Ridgeway & Nottingham Roads, Wilmington, Delaware	166	90	135	225
1918	22	Westerfield, Lulu V. G., Port Deposit, Maryland	309	165	185	350
1920	31	Wyatt, Elmira P., Laurel, Delaware	428	233	17	250
1913	43	White, Elnora, Millington, Maryland	593	322	53	375
CHILDREN.						
1916	43	Murray, Edwin Nelson, Mrs. Pauline Murray, Trustee, Snow Hill, Maryland	163	86		86
1918	23	Westerfield, Harry, Mrs. Lulu Westerfield, Trustee, Port Deposit, Maryland	84	46	54	100
* Relinquished.						

WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

The United States is rapidly becoming a nation of cities. A careful survey shows that one-half of our population is living under urban conditions, and the cities are rapidly spreading into the country, giving to rural life city characteristics. The city is the heart of civilization, the source of social customs, the seat of commerce, and the home of arts, science and literature. The country thinks in terms of the city. If the city is to control the nation, Christianity must control the city.

Fifty years ago there were only forty-five cities in the United States of over 20,000 population. Today there are two hundred and eighty-five. The population of Wilmington fifty years ago was 20,000; today it is 100,000. Twenty per cent. of our large cities are over seventy per cent. foreign born or of foreign or mixed parentage, and seventy-two per cent. of all the foreign born in the United States live in urban communities. These new people are making the constituent elements of our cities of an entirely different type from the old city. They are hard to reach. The recent immigrants are mostly people from Catholic communities or Jews. The Protestant Church is apt to question whether it has any right to con-

vert them from their native religion. Yet it is found that these people largely drop out of the influence of the Catholic Church after coming to America. Many are so antagonistic to the customs and demands of the Church in the home land that they become free-thinkers, atheists and agnostics in this country, and have nothing to do with any Church. Yet we are told that Protestant Missionaries in Italy say that they find eager supporters for the establishment of Protestant Missions among the Italians who have been to America, even though they were not avowed Protestants while here. Regarding the Jews, it is said that in the City of New York where there are more Jews than in any other place in the world, not more than one in eight is connected in any way with a Jewish Synagogue. The majority of our new immigrants are not favorably inclined to any church. Yet we give them a voice in our Government to rule our Nation. Shall we leave them alone? Would Jesus leave them alone? They must be reached and the Methodist Church, by the Grace of God, can do it as efficiently as any other Church under the sun. We do not recommend building them Churches where we already have a Church, but we do recommend that we, as God's Children, must take them in as our brethren and give them our experience of the living Christ. For this we need a Home Mission worker at all of our Churches where these people are located. Our experience at Asbury has convinced us of this fact. With two missionaries in the field for twenty months, we have a Sunday School separate from the regular school with an attendance of seventy-five, a kindergarten with an enrollment of fifty, a daily vacation Bible School and industrial classes of fifty. Some of the parents help to support the Church. Ten of these children over twelve years of age have been converted, most of which have already joined Asbury Church. One of these, a Polish girl, fourteen years of age, has expressed a desire to be a missionary and is now teaching in our Beginners' Department.

We have purchased the Boyd property consisting of fourteen thousand square feet of land and two dwellings. The cost was \$12,000, \$4,000 of which have already been paid. This land, which is adjacent to the Asbury property, has been deeded jointly to the Trustees of Asbury Church and to the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society. We will thus be enabled to do better work in this congested neighborhood where there is no place for the children except in a small room occupied by six or eight persons or in the public street filled with trucks, autos and wagons. We expect to convert the land into a playground for the little folks who now, in many cases, are left, by their mothers who have to work for a living, to rove the streets all day and sometimes never reach home alive. The two dwellings, which are now rented for ninety dollars per month, will be used for the Goodwill Industry which we hope to put in operation soon.

Our Sixth Avenue Mission, which is the oldest one we have, has done good work during the year with one hundred constituents with an average attendance of fifty-five. There have been nineteen conversions and nineteen accessions. It has cost \$750 to run this mission this year and \$243 of this amount was paid by the constituents of the mission, leaving \$507 to be paid by the Missionary Society.

Our Italian Mission at 8th and Grant Avenue has been under the

care of the Corresponding Secretary and two Missionaries, with two classes a week in Bible Training and industrial work; with the regular Sunday School and frequent evening services showing Bible Pictures. There are great possibilities in this field. Fourteen children over twelve years of age have been converted. One of that number, a girl of fifteen, has also expressed a desire to be a missionary among her people. She is now doing efficient work at the Mission. Our experience is that more can be accomplished with a consecrated American Missionary among the Italians than with an Italian Minister. One of our missionaries, having left the work, made it necessary to appoint another worker. We have been successful in placing Rev. John E. Hill and wife in this field.

The Society has been able to lend a healing hand in building a Church at Bellefonte by employing a contractor and standing responsible for the money until the day of dedication, when the people of Bellefonte rallied to the situation, paying the entire bill in cash and subscription which was \$5,700. The lot one hundred feet square on which the Church is located was bought by Doctor Robert Watt, Rev. H. B. Kelso and the writer, at a cost of \$1,300. This transaction was effected by placing our personal note in bank until the Church was completed.

The following Churches assisted in the Christmas treat: Harrison Street, McCabe, Madeley, Mt. Salem, St. Paul, East Lake, Silverbrook and Asbury. This enabled the Society to give each child a small bag of candy and an orange, also provisions for the poor. Bibles were given to those who were converted and Scripture booklets to the regular attendants.

We are glad to report forty-three conversions during the year and twenty-five accessions to the Church. This is a larger number than any previous year.

The Society has received from all sources during the year \$5,873.02.

The financial status of the Society is as follows:

Balance on hand April 14, 1919	\$1,942.52
Received during the year	5,873.02
	\$7,815.52

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries for three missionaries and the Cor. Sec.....	\$3010.00
Rents	337.00
Fuel for the Missions	85.02
Insurance	17.28
Interest	332.62
Taxes	73.50
Improvements	255.37
Water	20.00
Supplies for Kindergarten and Ind. School	66.90
Delegates to Pittsburgh	74.88
Stamps, Stationary and printing	42.00
Traveling expenses for Cor. Sec.	295.00
Payment on note to D. W. Haddock & Co.	500.00
	\$5,109.57
Balance on hand	\$2,705.97

One hundred and thirty-three charges have met their apportionments in full. Some in part. Only a few have failed to have something for City Missions.

Your Society has four mission workers on the staff. It has property valued at \$26,000; cash, \$2,705.97. It's indebtedness is \$10,000, showing an equity of \$18,705.97.

I thank the brethren for their hearty cooperation in the work, and especially my Heavenly Father for His Divine guidance and protection during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BEAUCHAMP,

Corresponding Secretary.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Representing the Board of Managers of the Wilmington Conference Education Society, we come before you today to congratulate you upon the splendid support you have given the educational interests of the church this year.

Through your generous assistance we have been able to give financial help to nineteen men who are in school at the present time preparing for the Christian ministry. These nineteen men have received \$1425; an average of \$75 each. Six of them are in Drew Theological Seminary, two in Dickinson College, two in Wesleyan University, and nine are in Wesley Collegiate Institute at Dover.

We can better appreciate the significance of this report when we recall the fact that last year we had only nine men on our list and assisted them to the amount of \$825.

Perhaps it will be a matter of interest to the members of this body, and to the public in general, to know where these men come from. That you may have some idea of where we obtain our recruits for the work of the ministry, the following observation will be interesting: Dover District gives us five of the nineteen men we are now assisting in their effort to obtain an education; Easton District contributes two; Salisbury District, ten; and Wilmington District, one; while the other one comes to us from the mission field in Korea, and is preparing to go back to his own people as a missionary. From our study of the location of the various charges from which these men come, we find that if we draw a line across the map of the Peninsula from East to West, passing through the towns of Smyrna and Clayton, we observe that two of these men come from the territory north of such a line; while sixteen are natives of that part of our Conference territory which many of us refer to as "down home."

One other item of interest. Of the eighteen from our Conference territory now in school preparing for the work of the ministry and receiving help from the Conference Education Society, but one comes from what we might call one of our most prominent charges; three others come from station charges; while fourteen are the product of the country circuits. And of the four who are the product of the station charges, three come to

us from stations in the rural section, and two of these three from stations on the Salisbury District.

It seems easy to give our money, even the full tithe of all we possess, to help on the work of the Kingdom, but it is still a great sacrifice to give ourselves or our sons and daughters.

Let us call your attention to the great importance of the work of the Board of Education of our church and to the value of the service rendered year after year by such splendid institutions of learning as Drew Theological Seminary, Goucher College, Wesleyan University, Dickinson College, Morgan College, and the Wesley Collegiate Institute, the school that has given to our Peninsula more preachers, more lawyers, more physicians and more teachers than any other one school in all our territory. Let us also ask that you continue to give to the educational interests of our church your most loyal support.

GEORGE C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

IX.

CONFERENCE PLAN OF EXAMINATION.

Excerpts 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 aforesaid 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. T. F. Beauchamp, and at Laurel, Del., in charge of Rev. W. O. Bennett.

At this Mid-year examination, (October 6, 1920), examinations will be given on the following books:—

Admission:—

- American History J. A. Leach
- 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 J. A. Leach
- 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

Local Deacons:—

- The Way to Win T. F. Beauchamp
- Social Solutions G. C. Williams

Local Elders:—

- Paul and His Epistles J. L. Johnson
- Everyday 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 6, 1920). The rest of the written work in his hands by February 1, 1921.

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) J. A. Leach
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. Hills
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-Precacher,—(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) J. A. Leach
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) J. A. Leach
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 Comparaive Re-
ligion,—(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) J. A. Leach
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) J. A. Leach
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

Middletown, Del.

V. P. NORTHRUP,
Registrar.

X. MEMOIRS.

JOSEPH A. ARTERS.

We come to the task and the joy of writing this brief memoir of a great and good man with a painful sense of inadequacy. Only the measuring rod of God can compass the length and breadth, the heights and the depths of this man's life, for it is indeed the City of God. Yet, we can take some soundings here and there in its shallows and that is all that is necessary. The buoy, the lighthouse and the lightship are planted on the shoals to warn of danger and point to the channel. The deep seas are trackless and safe.

The life before us was not that of a long-shores-man, but that of a deep-sea-man, who a few days ago sailed out through the gates of Hercules to the new world beyond.

Joseph Allen Arters was born into this world Sept. 1, 1836, near Coatesville, Chester Co., Pa. He was high born physically, religiously and later spiritually.

Physically he was born of the common people—the royalty of America. His forbearers for generations were a mixture of Methodists and Quakers—the priesthood of the world; the cloven tongues of fire and the still small voice.

Spiritually he was born of the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and wore the new name in his heart and the seal upon his forehead.

This child of God's appointment and of parental faith and prayer was built with large windows opening eastward and skyward. The home in which he grew to manhood nestled in the shadow of the throne, and was abundantly blessed with humility, honest toil and wholesome self-sacrifice. The region of country in which he spent the most susceptible years of his life was and is physically a veritable Garden of Eden, including the tree of life in the midst of it. Brother Arters' father was a carpenter by trade, also owned and cultivated a small farm. As soon as the son was large enough he became his father's helper at the bench and in the fields, and at leisure times he attended the little country school nearby. He early developed a consuming thirst for an education and soon absorbed all the country school had to offer. Then he bought and borrowed books of various kinds and devoured them. Finding God's book sweet to his taste he ate much of it and thus began in boyhood to store his mind with the sacred truths, which served him in good stead and of which he became a master in later years. Next we find him a teacher in a country school, supplementing the shameful compensation of a builder of manhood by farming and carpentering. He continued this until he was 34 years of age, unconsciously preparing for the great work upon which he was afterward to enter.

At the age of 26 years, groping his way toward the promised land, he came to his Peniel. Here he was arrested by Esau and smitten by the angel. To take his heritage by force he could not, because the world, the flesh and the devil disputed his way. To take it as the gift of God he could not, because God gives his best things only to his children. In an old fashioned Methodist revival meeting he humbled himself and his mixed creed was fused into a living faith. He surrendered his heart and life to God and was consciously and gloriously converted. The thunder of that hour reverberated in his voice till life's latest day, and its lightning burned in his heart, radiated from his life and gleaned from his face until the curtain of mortality was rung down.

In his Peniel experience Brother Arters had opened to him the door to the highest and best in life and service, and to the heart of Esau—the world. Through this door we must all go who would enter the Christian ministry. Superintendents, high and low, secretaries, financiers, clerks, detached men of all grades, as such, can transact the business of their man-made offices on the plane of the business world, but for the Pastor, the Shepherd and Bishop of Souls, a God-made office; the Pastor, who must grip the heart of the world rather than its brain and purse,—yea, grip the brain and purse by gripping the heart—must transact his business on the level of Peniel and Pentecost.

Brother Arters was a Pastor. That to him was the highest office in the world. If he ever had the stirrings of a desire to come down from this holy calling I never suspected or heard of it.

" 'Twas all his business here below
To cry behold the Lamb."

To be born in the flesh is to be still-born in the Spirit and conversion is a resurrection from death to life, and life here as everywhere is inscrutable. It is the work of God, and his ways are past finding out. Its WHY, its HOW, its WHAT, are not for us, but its FACT, its need, its fruits, are real in human life and form the second half of the basis of the gospel which we preach, the appeal which we make to men. Life may make a creed, as it did in Martin Luther, and the Wesleys and others, and that creed will be true to the life that gave it birth and true to God, who gave the life. But a creed never made a life. Creeds must be made and tested in revival fires and formulated by the burning heart. It is of the heart rather than of the head. Such a creed is life and that was where Brother Arters put the emphasis. He was a preacher of life rather than of dogma, and this kind of preaching he began as soon as he was converted. The Message was his experience and his experience was his creed. Soon after his conversion the Church recognized his gifts and graces and made him an Exhorter, and a little later a Local Preacher. He continued to teach, to farm and carpenter and on Sundays and week-nights he went here and there telling the people "What great things the Lord had done for him, and how he had had compassion on him."

In the Spring of 1870, he applied to this Conference for Admission on Trial and was accepted and sent to Gumboro Circuit. Thus began the career of one of the noblest and best men that ever graced this or any

other Conference. Starting with Gumboro, Brother Arters' itinerary took in Roxana, Berlin, Deal's Island, Annamessex, Stockton, Kent Island, Centreville, Church Hill, Greensboro, Cecilton, Clayton, Crumpton, Charlestown and Port Penn. From Gumboro to Port Penn—a journey of forty years—but not a wilderness journey, for everywhere he made the wilderness blossom as the rose. Did he cross the valley of Baca, he made it a well, and left springs in the dry places. His was a life of toils and triumphs, sorrows and joys, battles and victories, losses and gains.

Time would fail to give even a brief synopsis of his work in each of these charges. The angel has it written down, and suffice it for me to say that he was uniformly successful in every phase of the work, as a preacher, pastor, evangelist, financier, general manager, solving difficult problems, harmonizing warring elements, systematizing and organizing the work. He was indeed a master builder. His very presence was the mystic wand to bring order out of confusion, success out of failure, to stimulate to larger endeavors and higher achievements. But, I must dwell for a moment upon Brother Arters as a preacher. The pulpit was indeed his throne. In other walks of life he was truly a man among men, but as a preacher he was a King among men. In other matters he took counsel of men, but in preaching he counseled only with God and came to his people saying, "Thus saith the Lord," and he knew what God had to say to the people for he was a high priest who dwelt where God speaks face to face and where the heavenly Shechinah illuminates the mercy seat. You had but to hear him preach to know whence came the message and the purpose in the mind of the preacher.

For the supreme work of preaching, Brother Arters was specially endowed of his Creator in mind and body, in face and form and commanding voice. To see him upon his throne was to pronounce him a king. When you heard his voice as he walked amid the majestic forest of God's promises, flashing the light of heaven upon them, and saying these are yea and amen to God's people; or when like a mighty storm he swept his audience with the warnings and denunciations of the holy God against all manner of wickedness until men cried out "God be merciful to me a sinner," you would say that a prophet is in the midst of his people—Elijah come to Judgment.

Then when the storm of wrath is past, the bow is set in the heavens, his pent up emotions have burst all bounds and pour in floods from his eyes, while the glory of the Lord transfigured his face, you would say, "God is here and this is his priest." He had all the qualifications of a great preacher. He knew God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, not in theory but in experience. He knew himself, he knew men, he knew the age in which he lived, he knew sin in its sinfulness, he knew righteousness in its beauty, he knew hell, he knew heaven. All these were tremendously real to him. It is true that he did not have the inestimable advantages of sitting at the feet of a Gamaliel for four or six or ten years; but he did have the higher privilege of sitting at the feet of Jesus Christ for fifty years. Here he gained that remarkable knowledge he had of the Bible. Here he learned to live and work and preach.

Brother Arters' social life was like an ideal day. Its morning had its cloud of sorrow and shower of tears in the sickness and death of his first

wife after thirteen years of happy companionship. His noonday was shadowed in the death of two sons, both in childhood. His eventide had just enough of cloud to make a golden sunset. His second wife, who joined him in his first pastoral charge and walked by his side over the long road of his itinerant journey, faded away and was not for God took her about two years ahead of his going. These sorrows gave a sympathetic tone and touch to his life and ministry that were so much in evidence and could not have come in any other way. Even the Captain of our Salvation was made perfect through suffering and our high priest is touched with feeling of our infirmities because tempted in all points like as we are. This sympathy through suffering enlarged the place of his inheritance in the hearts of the people whom he served, and made him specially strong in the presentation of the persuasive features of the gospel. He literally "wept with those that wept."

The first Mrs. Arters was a Miss Susanna Baum of Coatesville, Pa. A godly woman, who was in perfect accord with her husband in his work for God and humanity. She cheerfully left home and loved ones to go she knew not whither, for Gumboro, Del., was a long way from Coatesville, Pa., in those days. They were married Oct. 1, 1857, and she went home to heaven in the year 1870, from Gumboro, Del. Of this union there were three daughters and one son. The son died in childhood. The daughters are with us still. They are Mrs. W. E. Matthews, wife of the Rev. W. E. Matthews of our Conference, now stationed at Cordova, Md., Mrs. W. E. Ringgold, wife of an honored member of our church in Chertown, and Mrs. F. E. Thomas, wife of an official member of our church on Kent Island. These all honor this great and good man, both in memory and life.

The second wife of our brother was God's selection for him. She was Miss Nancy S. Jones, a member of a highly respected and thoroughly honorable Methodist family of Sussex Co., Del. The historic Jones Church took its name from her family. She grew up in its Sunday School, converted at its altar and joined its membership. They were married March 16, 1871. Of this union there were two sons. The first died in childhood and the second is the Rev. John Manly Arters, District Superintendent of the Portland District of the Maine Conference of our Church.

Brother Arters was a devoted husband and a real companion to his children. It was one of the great joys of his life to have his only living son follow in his steps and enter the ministry of the Church he loved so much and for which he gave his life.

After a journey of and incessant toil for forty years Brother Arters came to the Conference Session of 1910 and asked the Conference to grant him the Retired Relation, that he might, if possible, recuperate his failing powers and give more care to his faithful companion who was failing more than he. He did not want to be released from preaching—that was the joy of his life. His sentiment was,

"Happy, if with my latest breath
I may but gasp His name;
Preach Him to all, and cry in death,
'Behold, Behold, the Lamb!'"

But he did desire and needed to be released from the burdens and details of a regular charge. They bought a cozy home in the suburbs of Middletown and settled down to what promised to be a happy evening. He took a great interest in everything that pertained to the local church and to the Kingdom at large. He was in great demand as a pulpit supply and went here and yon as the calls came. They remained at Middletown for nearly eight years, when failing strength made it necessary for them to repair to the hospitable home of the daughter, Mrs. Ringgold, of Chestertown. Within less than a month after this change Mother Arters moved to her heavenly home. With growing feebleness Brothers Arters tarried at Chestertown until last June, when the failing health of this daughter made it necessary for him to go to the parsonage home of the daughter at Cordova, on what was supposed to be only a visit. Here he rested in great peace of mind and heart, patiently waiting the call from Home. It was apparent to his loved ones that his mental vision was growing dim, that the mists were rising and the shadows lengthening across the westward plain, but from the East the new morning was on. His earthly sun set and his eternal day began December 14, 1919. "There is no dark valley when Jesus comes to take His loved ones home." But "the path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Funeral services in charge of Dr. Wise were held in the Cordova Church. Addresses were made by Drs. Wise, Wyatt and the writer. His dust was laid to rest by the side of that of his companion in the Chestertown Cemetery.

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

"As sets the morning star which goes not down behind the darkened west, nor hides obscured among the tempests of the sky, but melts away into the light of heaven," so passed this shining star from our ken enfolded in the light of heaven's resplendent day.

W. F. CORKRAN.

JAMES M. MITCHELL.

Rev. James M. Mitchell was born in Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland, April 17, 1858. He came into life in a stormy period of our national history, and he came to a place where the storm raged furiously; but he came to a home where the very atmosphere was loyalty to truth and to the flag.

His parents, James Mitchell and Eliza Wherrett, belonged to that class which constitutes the salt of the earth.

Young James was always regarded as a serious minded thinker. Even in his very early years he showed an unusual love for knowledge and at seven years of age began the formation of the reading habit which followed him to the day of his departure.

He entered the public school of his native town, and pursued the course of study with marked success, completing his academic training at the High School in Oxford, Maryland. He then took up the study of law, registering in the office of Colonel Mullikin in Easton, Maryland; and in due season passed the required examination and was admitted to practice his profession in Cambridge, Maryland, his native town, but opened an office in Oxford, Maryland, where he soon built up a practice that gave him a comfortable income.

He was regarded by the public in general, and by the members of the Talbot County Bar, as a conscientious and able counselor and advocate, and enjoyed the confidence of the community he served.

For many years he had felt the call to the Christian ministry. And after three years as a legal practitioner he yielded to the call and joined the Wilmington Annual Conference in 1885. One year later he married Miss Jennie Stevenson, a woman of extraordinary ability, who shared with him the labors of a successful ministry extending over a period of thirty-three years. Two children were born to them. A son, Eugene Mitchell, who at the call of his country in 1917 joined the Expeditionary Force, and went "over there," and into the thick of the fray, fighting through the Argonne, and other fierce battles, on to victory, then home again to spend the last few weeks with his sainted father, and is now the comfort and support of his bereaved mother. The daughter, Gertrude, of the same heroic temperament, is the wife of Rev. Melvin Wheatley, one of the very successful young ministers of our Conference.

James M. Mitchell was a true man. There was no camouflage in his character. He saw the bright side of life, and the good in his fellow creatures. He was the embodiment of kindness in his home. As a neighbor, sympathetic and ready at all times to do his utmost for the relief of any suffering or distress. He was generous and charitable in his thought concerning his fellow men; and his seeming reserve of manner and backwardness of disposition were only the manifestations of a truly refined and cultured soul.

He loved men and found his chief joy in serving them. Like his Master, he laid down his life for his friends. He was a valuable counselor, but never sought to force his opinions upon individuals or the public. He had a clear, strong mind, which was thoroughly consecrated to the service of God and humanity.

Brother Mitchell always maintained a keen interest in public affairs. He read much and thought deeply, but expressed his opinions on public questions only when his opinions were sought. During his illness the writer of this paper visited him and in the conversation the subject of the present chaotic condition in the political world came up, and he proceeded to speak upon the legal phases of the situation in a way that was most interesting and illuminating.

James M. Mitchell was above the average as a preacher. His sermons were carefully thought out, logically arranged and delivered in chaste, well chosen English. He saw in the public life of Jesus a dignity of manner, a refinement in speech that won his admiration, and he followed His example.

He was a reader of the best literature, both general and in his studies

in theology. He had no place in his library for cheap books. He could not be swept away by the "new things"; he sought that which is true and held fast to that.

It is often said that the great preacher and the great pastor are not to be expected in one and the same man. James M. Mitchell was no less a pastor than a preacher. He knew his duty and did it. He was ever careful of the interests of the sick, and the aged. His sympathetic heart kept him constantly going on errands of mercy. The young people of every charge he served loved him. This will be readily understood when we recall that he not only was interested in the things that interested the young, but he was a humorist of rare ability and he had the power to use this talent as a great asset in winning the young to accept Jesus Christ. No doubt it will be a surprise to a majority of the members of this Conference to know that the writings of this good man appeared frequently in such a well-known magazine as "Life."

James M. Mitchell was a loyal Methodist. He knew the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and believed them with all his heart, and proclaimed them with joy and with good effect. It was not his good fortune to serve in the large fields of our Conference, but by his goodness of soul, his cheerfulness of disposition, he rendered such unselfish service to those to whom he ministered as to make for himself a large place in the affections of the people in the places where providence assigned him to duty.

Early in the year 1917, his health began to fail, and it became evident that he would soon be compelled to give up the active work. At the Conference in Dover in March, 1918, he took a retired relation, rented a house in Millington, Maryland, and with his good wife, settled down to rest and wait for the summons home. He remained in the body until September 25, 1919, when he was liberated from the flesh, and went to live with God.

The funeral service, in charge of the Rev. W. A. Wise, District Superintendent of the Easton District, was conducted in Dover, Delaware, at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. William Pritchett, on September 29, 1919, the following members of the Conference being present and assisting: Rev. W. R. Mowbray, Rev. George L. Hardesty, Rev. Alfred Smith, Rev. H. G. Budd, Rev. J. W. Colona, Rev. J. T. Price, Rev. Milton McCann, Rev. Alonzo Travers, and the writer.

"Worship or service—which? Ah, that is best
To which He calls us, be it toil or rest;
To labor for Him in life's busy stir,
Or seek His feet, a silent worshipper."

GEORGE C. WILLIAMS.

CHARLES A. HILL.

Rev. Charles Arlett Hill, son of Rev. Charles Hill and Susan Westcott Hill, was born in Centreville, Md., Nov. 30, 1856.
He was converted in early youth one Sunday evening at his mother's

knee, while she was talking and praying with him; and she knew how to pray, those who have heard her prayers can never forget them.

While the itinerancy had its disadvantages, it has also its advantages, as we see in the case of Brother Hill. Just as he was about to prepare for college his father was sent to Wilmington, Del. Here was located Professor William Reynold's Academy, and thither Charles was immediately sent.

At the age of sixteen he entered Dickinson College, from which he was graduated in 1876, with the degree of B. A. Three years later he received the degree of M. A., and in 1904, his alma mater conferred upon him the honorary degree of D. D. He was a member of the Union Philosophical Society, and the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

While in college, Brother Hill formed an intimate friendship with Luther B. Wilson (now Bishop) which continued to the end of his life. His youngest son, Luther, is named for his college friend.

After leaving college he decided to study medicine, which he did for a little while, but soon gave it up for the ministry. Without his knowledge or consent the Quarterly Conference at Smyrna, Enoch Stubbs, being the Pastor, licensed him to preach. Obedient to the call of his Lord and the church he went out the same year, 1877, under the Presiding Elder, Rev. John Hough, as junior preacher on Camden Circuit.

He was admitted on trial in the Wilmington Annual Conference in the spring of 1878. His classmates were, J. Heston Willey, E. L. Hubbard, W. S. Robinson, and R. K. Stephenson. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. G. Andrews in 1880, and Elder, by Bishop John Hurst in 1882. His appointments were: Bridgeville, Princess Anne, King's Creek, Sassafras, Epworth (Wilmington), Cherry Hill, Centreville, Salisbury, Easton, Smyrna, Salisbury (a second time), St. Paul's (Wilmington), and Crisfield, Md.

While Brother Hill's voice was not often heard on the Conference floor, he was, nevertheless, very active in Conference affairs. He was chairman of the Conference Board of Examiners, a member of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, a Trustee of the Wilmington Conference Academy, and a member of the Permanent Commission of Stewards' Endowment. In 1912 he led the delegation to the General Conference held in Minneapolis.

In 1884 he married Miss Caroline Cruikshank of Cecil County, Md., who proved a helpmeet indeed; she was loved wherever she went. There was born of this happy marriage four children: Carrie, who died in childhood, and three sons, Charles, Thomas, and Luther, who, with his wife and two sisters, survive him. He retired from the active ministry in the spring of 1918, and moved to Smyrna, Del., from where he passed to his heavenly home Oct. 11, 1919.

The funeral services at his home were conducted by Rev. R. P. Nichols, pastor of Smyrna Methodist Episcopal Church, who was assisted by Revs. G. C. Williams, R. K. Stephenson, F. J. Cochran, C. W. Prettyman and H. G. Budd.

The music was in charge of a quartette composed of W. O. Hoffecker, J. E. Hoffecker, L. M. Price and J. Staley, who sang beautifully at the close of the service, "Abide with me." He was laid to rest in the Forest Cemetery at Middletown, Del., to await the resurrection call.

As a preacher, Dr. Hill held a high rank. He was a close student of the Word, and his sermons abounded in apt quotations, cogency of reasoning and clarity of expression. He was not a spectacular performer in the pulpit but held himself rigidly to the golden task of the christian minister, and his delight was in expounding the doctrines of the Bible in harmony with the theology of Methodism.

He excelled in the clear exegesis of his subjects and these were nearly always concerned with the great fundamentals of religion. He preached Jesus and the resurrection. As a christian he maintained a deep religious experience, having a firm hold on the eternal verities of the Word.

As a man, Brother Hill was retiring in disposition, quiet, unostentatious, and it was difficult for some to break through his reserve, but once within this good man's affection what depths of tenderness, brotherliness and charming comradeship were discovered. He was slow to express an opinion—usually thought twice before he spoke—but when he did express himself he could give a reason to sustain his opinion. He was strong in his likes and dislikes. He hated littleness and intrigue and believed in fighting in the open. When he reached a conclusion as to the right he was willing to make any sacrifice for its success. He was very dear to the congregations he served and many will rise up in the last day to call him blessed.

"They are not gone who pass
Beyond the grasp of hand
Out from the strong embrace;
They are but come so close
We need not grope with hands,
Nor look to see, nor try
To catch the sound of feet.

They have put off their shoes
To softly walk by day
Within our thoughts, to tread
At night our dream-led paths
Of sleep.

They are not dead who live
In hearts they leave behind;
In those whom they have loved
They live a life again,
And shall live through the years
Eternal life, and grow
Each day more beautiful.
As time declares their good,
Forgets the rest, and proves
Their immortality."

C. W. PRETTYMAN.

CLINTON T. WYATT.

When the great Head of the Church transferred Rev. Clinton T. Wyatt into the church triumphant every circle in which he moved felt a distinct loss. He was born in Caroline County, Maryland, the county which has given many noble sons to the ministry. The date of his birth was April 2, 1863. On February 7, 1920, he was called from labor to reward. He was not considered ill. The family physician ordered him to the hospital for a diagnosis of an ailment. At the hospital he was pronounced organically sound and assured that rest and treatment would soon restore normal conditions. So on February 6th he returned to Denton, fully expecting to resume soon the work which was so dear to him, but on the following evening he was suddenly attacked and lingered but a short time.

There is something pathetically beautiful in his death occurring in Caroline County. This is the county which gave him birth; here sleep the bodies of his beloved parents; this is the county which, scenting his ambition for an education, gave him a scholarship to college; and into this county the church sent him to what proved his last pastorate, where he gave four of the best years of his ministry. And now within it sleeps his body, awaiting the resurrection.

When only fifteen years of age, Brother Wyatt was converted at old Oakland camp-ground under the ministry of Brother James A. Brindle. He early evinced a desire for an education. Securing such furnishing as the public schools of the county could afford, he taught school for awhile and later entered St. John's College, from which he was graduated in 1886. And in 1902 his alma mater conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. During his last year in college he did supply work within the bounds of the Baltimore Conference. But the homing instinct became strong and in 1886 he presented himself to the Wilmington Conference and was received.

On January 22, 1889, Brother Wyatt was married to Miss Ella P. Atkins, who for a generation was ever by his side, taking vital interest in his work, and always a wise counsellor. She, with a widowed sister, are the only surviving members of his family.

There were many factors contributing to the success of this man of God. But no human element meant quite so much to him as did his mother. Left a widow when he was only a lad, she dedicated all her energies to his success. She stopped at no sacrifice when her son was struggling for an education. For nearly twenty-five years she was in his home. She was a saintly soul, mighty in prayer, sane in counsel, and her grateful son was ever wont to give mother credit for much of his success.

Brother Wyatt was a man of one work. It was literally true of him "This one thing I do." To preach the Word he felt called, and to this noblest of all human endeavors he dedicated all his talents. The dominant element of his preaching was evangelistic. He was absorbed by his messages and in the delivery of them he was always stirred and his auditors were likewise stirred.

Confidence in the Word which he preached was a characteristic. He never preached doubts; he had none. The cross, the uplifted Christ, the flowing fountain were to him the sufficient remedy for sin and the cure for

human ills. He had neither time nor disposition to treat superficial or sensational topics. The fundamentals furnished him ample messages.

He was a preacher of rare force. On the very last Sabbath he preached he appealed to his audience as "a dying man to dying men." This was like his whole ministry. He was uniformly successful in his work, always building substantial fiber into the church. He blessed every charge he served and left it better than when it was given him. His devotion to his work was ever an inspiration to others. His passion for souls seemed never to subside and no joy was quite equal to that which came when a life was surrendered to his Lord.

He was a scholar of no mean type. He loved books and associated much with them. But he did not read promiscuously. Only such books as pointed to the Book of Books and illumined its pages could command his attention. And when he was in the midst of a great message it was easy to discern that he had been with books and learned of them. He was in great demand for special occasions. Camp meetings, patriotic gatherings, anniversary services always elicited the great power of his mind and heart and his marvelous voice enabled him to speak perfectly to vast audiences.

Few men were permitted to have more true friends than Brother Wyatt. All in his parish, as well as all of his comrades in the ministry, felt perfectly sure he was a brother indeed. The transparency of his character, the openness of his soul, the guilelessness of his nature, and the bigness of his heart compelled full confidence and made it easy to trust him. He believed it the first duty of a Christian minister to keep one's self unspotted from the world and we are all content to believe that as he thus strove so did he achieve.

But the end came, scarcely the shadows had begun to lengthen. Never than when the blow was struck did he have a larger vision for the kingdom and a bigger place therein for himself. It was like the going down of the sun in mid-afternoon,—tasks all around, worthy and urgent, and with a ripeness and experience which only years can furnish, he was ready to give himself without stint to these inviting fields. But the Bishop of our souls had another plan, and he left us.

The funeral service was held in his own church at Denton, District Superintendent, W. A. Wise, in charge. Besides the loving tribute of Brother Wise, Revs. J. A. Leach, T. O. Crouse, and the writer made addresses. Tender greetings were read from the Wilmington Preachers' Meeting and also the Denton Official Board, while a vast audience assembled from far and near, brought silent tribute to the man, the minister, the brother loved by all. In the family burying ground at Greensboro, Maryland, we laid his body, and despite the shock sustained by the church and the ministry, faith sat serenely in her place and bade us believe we shall meet again in the morning.

G. T. ALDERSON.

DANIEL F. McFAUL.

In the early morning of March sixth, at the height of the great storm then raging, while the city of Wilmington was shrouded in darkness, the Rev. Daniel F. McFaul entered in the peace and light of God.

His had been an unusual career. He was born May fifteenth, 1837, in County Antrim, Ireland, and by inheritance and training became a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church. He prepared for her priesthood and served in this country for fifteen years with fidelity and acceptability as a priest of that church.

Through all these years he was a constant seeker for the higher reaches and the finer qualities of the Christian life. This search came to its climax one glad day when, by the Providence of God, he was led to a camp meeting and there found to his great joy and comfort the clear assurance of his salvation in Christ. This gracious experience led him immediately to resign his priesthood and look toward some field where he might better serve his Lord.

In the first year of his newly-found life, he joined St. Paul's Church, New York City, and Dr. Chapman, then minister at that church, advised him to enter Drew Theological Seminary, where he spent two years in the study of our doctrines and government.

He became a member of the Wilmington Annual Conference in 1884, and, until retired at the session of 1918, gave faithful and efficient service on numerous fields.

While at Drew, he met Mrs. Mary E. McCord, who became his wife May thirty-first, 1883. Through all the years of his ministry, she was his constantly efficient co-laborer, and now she, with the five children, enjoy those memories of him which gather round the life of a good and upright man.

If an analysis of the life of Brother McFaul should be attempted, its outstanding characteristic would be his gentleness. Though a convert from Rome to Protestantism, he was no scolding critic who desired to make capital for himself by his separation from the church of his mother. Harsh and bitter words were never used by him of that church, and when he mentioned her, it was usually to suggest those forms of her activity and those lines of her service to which large credit should be given. Nevertheless he was sure that for his own spiritual life and peace, he had done the only possible thing when he left the church of Rome and came to Methodism, and the joy of the assurance which came to him on the day of his conversion never weakened until his faith was lost in sight.

In the ministry the same characteristic of gentleness and goodness stood out clearly in all his work. Sweet-spirited in preaching, gracious and appreciative in pastoral work, quiet and calm in his administration, he left behind many who rise up and call his memory blessed.

Even the later years of his life, which, for most men were the years of retirement, were with him years of continued activity because his gentle goodness kept ripening and increasing down to the end of his day. In this church in which we meet he spent the years of his retirement, beloved and respected, a constant attendant upon its services, a benediction to its membership and a friend and supporter of its pastor.

In this church the funeral services were held March ninth, 1920. Addresses were made by the District Superintendent and the pastor of the church, and the next day in the cemetery at Laurel, Delaware, there was laid to rest all that was mortal of a good man and true.

"It singeth low in every heart,
 We hear it each and all—
 A song of those who answer not,
 However we may call;
 They throng the silence of the breast;
 We see them as of yore—
 The kind, the brave, the true, the sweet,
 Who walk with us no more.

'Tis hard to take the burden up,
 When these have laid it down;
 They brightened all the joys of life,
 They softened every frown.
 But O, 'tis good to think of them
 When we are troubled sore;
 Thanks be to God that such have been,
 Although they are no more.

More homelike seems the vast unknown
 Since they have entered there;
 To follow them was not so hard,
 Wherever they may fare.
 They cannot be where God is not,
 On any sea or shore;
 Whate'er betides, thy love abides,
 Our God, forever more."

J. W. R. SUMWALT.

ANNIE HALL IRWIN.

Mrs. Annie Hall Irwin, daughter of Noah W. and Patience (Kellum) Magee, was born at Milton, Delaware, Nov. 6, 1844; and after a life of consecrated service of nearly seventy-five years, was called from her home in Philadelphia to her heavenly home May 26, 1919.

These two dates indicate the length of the earthly journey of this brave, bright, beautiful spirit, but cannot measure the work and its results of her head and heart and hands. Her supreme purpose was to follow her Divine Guide closely and to make her pathway luminous with unselfish service for Him. She seemed to be naturally spiritually minded, and early in life connected herself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, through which she consecrated her life to the service of God.

The door of larger usefulness opened to her when, in 1862, she became the wife of the late Rev. Edward Given Irwin, then of the Philadelphia Conference, with whom she lived most happily seventeen years, when he was called home in 1879. She was eminently qualified for a preacher's wife, being consistently pious; intelligent, with a large degree of good common sense; sympathetically interested in all the people whether poor or rich; generous and cordial in hospitality; together with a profound sense of her personal responsibility, and was ever ready to give freely of her

time and talents to the work of the Church. She was in no sense a slacker, but proved herself a true help-meet to her worthy husband.

The greatness of this noble woman was demonstrated when, in 1879, she was bereft of her beloved husband and left with five small children and with very limited resources to maintain them, the outlook was dark indeed, yet her faith faltered not, but her dauntless spirit promptly assumed its burden and reared and educated her children and kept them together and managed in some way always to give them a comfortable home. And if the seventeen happy years with her devoted husband were characterized by piety and faithful service, the long, hard forty years without him in lonely widowhood that followed were even more conspicuous for unselfish devotion to the cause of her Lord. And instead of withdrawing herself from the church and living in seclusion and brooding in sorrow and discontent over her sad lot, she actually gave herself more freely to the work, so far as home duties permitted and opportunities called, and it is needless to say that her superior qualifications opened to her many doors of usefulness.

The limits of this memoir will not permit a complete review of her activities in the various fields in which she toiled, yet we may say that she generally wrought in and through the various organizations of the church, and without attempting details the following will suggest the fields of her efforts: She was a Sunday School worker and teacher; a class-leader in the church; officially and actively identified with the Young Peoples Society; prominent in the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society of her church; and also active in Temperance work and at one time was State Superintendent of the W. C. T. U. Railroad work in Delaware.

In 1900 she, with her family, moved to Philadelphia, and became identified with Calvary M. E. Church, where her efficiency was soon recognized and enlisted. An auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. was being organized in that church and Mrs. Irwin was made its first President, and remained at its head eighteen years, until, through her untiring efforts, it became the largest in the Philadelphia Conference both in numbers and in offerings. At the same time she was also an officer in the W. H. M. S. of that church and a Manager of the Methodist Hospital. And in addition to all this she also kept up her interest in the temperance cause and was actively identified with the W. C. T. U.; indeed, the nucleus of the South-Western Branch of this Union was organized in her house and she was an honored officer of it for nineteen years. But her labors were not confined within the limits of these various organizations. She was also ever ready to respond to the call for religious and charitable work outside of these as occasion might require.

During all these years of active service in these various departments she was also all that a mother and friend could be, dispensing freely to those on the outside the gracious hospitality so natural to her, and giving to her family all the love, care and cheerfulness she was so capable of rendering, never considering herself nor any sacrifice too great that she could make for their welfare.

Of her it may truly be said, "She hath done what she could," and she labored not in vain. It must have been a great comfort to her, before the close of her mission, to see so much fruit from her seed-sowing, and to

receive from her co-workers high honors and many beautiful tokens of esteem and appreciation.

In September, 1917, she was suddenly and severely stricken so that the activities and responsibilities of her busy life had to be laid down, though reluctantly. Then followed twenty months of great weakness and suffering, which, however, was greatly mitigated by the loving ministry of her devoted daughter, who, with two sons, survive. Through all her suffering she was wonderfully patient and cheerful, still following her Guide whose sovereign grace sustained her. The end of her journey was reached at the beginning of a new day when she opened her eyes to behold the glory that awaited her.

In accordance with her desire, brief services were conducted in Calvary M. E. Church by her pastor, the Rev. E. E. Helms, assisted by Rev. Freeman Bovard, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, in the quiet twilight hour of that perfect May day, so befitting the closing of the perfect earthly life of her beautiful spirit now forever with the Lord, while her mortal form sleeps in the cemetery at Milton, Delaware.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

ADAM STENGLE.

ANNIE CLIFTON REDMAN.

Annie Clifton was the daughter of John Wesley and Elizabeth Clifton, who lived and died near Milford, Delaware. She was converted when about 20 years old and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. She died in the faith April 6, 1919, being within three days of 80 years old.

On May 1, 1862, she married the Rev. W. W. Redman, and for 25 years she served with him in the Effective Ministry, and after retirement she lived a quiet but blessed life, and was a great comfort to her husband and children. She enjoyed religion. It was her custom all through life to tell, as she had opportunity in the meetings of the church, what the Lord had done for her soul, and to ask the prayers of the righteous. She was the mother of one son and four daughters. The youngest and the oldest daughters went out before her to the better land. She suffered much before her departure, but no complaints escaped her lips, and she longed for the time of release and for the enduring rest of heaven.

She was an excellent wife, a loving mother, and a kind neighbor. Her friends were many in the places where she lived, and removing therefrom she left the fragrance of a good name. She lived well and secured the respect and confidence of her acquaintances. Her work is done, but the influence of her good life continues to bless many who remain in the earth, and some sweet day she will enjoy the fullness of her faith in the country where there is no old age, sickness or death.

With all the saints we have a blessed hope of a glorious reunion after life's fitful fever is over.

E. L. HOFFECKER.

THEODOSIA M. TOWNSEND.

Theodosia M. Townsend, the daughter of John O. and Elizabeth Fairchild, was born January 7, 1838, in New Vernon, New Jersey. She grew up under a strict but not austere religious influence. In the home where she was reared the sacredness of the Sabbath Day was scrupulously observed, and regular attendance upon church service was a necessary part of the life of the family. Such an environment and with a nature highly susceptible to religious impressions, led her naturally to an early recognition of her obligations to God.

She was converted while attending a Methodist School at Charlottesville, New York, during the progress of a meeting conducted in the school. After her open confession of sin and her need of a Savior, she was the victim of grave doubts, insomuch so that her distress of mind was great. But in the privacy of her own room she surrendered herself fully to God, saying, "I give up all, I can do no more." Immediately a great calm possessed her heart and mind. From that time she lived a life of unswerving devotion and fidelity, totally abandoning all the questionable pleasures of the world.

She formed the acquaintance of the Rev. Geo. W. Townsend while he was a student in Drew Theological Seminary, and, on the 24th day of October, 1877, they were united in marriage by the Rev. Dr. Daniel P. Kidder, a member of the Faculty of the Seminary. For forty-two years she shared with her husband the varied experiences of the Methodist Ministry. Numerous letters received by her bereaved husband since her death show how fully she had entered the hearts of the people whom thy mutually served.

Sister Townsend was a woman of profound convictions. To her a "thus saith the Lord" was the end of all controversy. She held the eternal verities in a firm and abiding faith. She could never understand how people who called themselves Christians could for a moment doubt those verities. In her faith the Rock of Ages was more than a figure; it was a truth eternal, sufficient, enduring.

While entering into the work of the itinerancy with intelligent and hearty devotion, and sharing as far as was possible the burdens of the itinerant's life as a shepherd of the flock, quiet and unobtrusive by nature, she never longed for prominence, but she was ready to lend the hand of help always.

But her home life was chiefest of all with her. To her husband she made home the dearest spot on earth. To her memory our bereaved brother bears this word of witness: "I do not ever remember coming home from a night meeting at some distant appointment, when she had been unable to accompany me as she frequently did, that I did not find her waiting for me. She made our home ideal in the truest sense."

She entered upon her heavenly reward December the 23rd, just within sight of Christmas Day. The service was in charge of the Rev. C. B. Felton, past of our church in Ridley Park. The Rev. W. K. Michael of the Philadelphia Conference, and the writer participated in the service. Interment was made at St. Georges, Delaware, in charge of her pastor, Rev. Clarence B. Felton. "She being dead yet speaketh."

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 EFFECTIVE
1859	John E. Elliott.....	Nov. 8, 1868..	Snow Hill, Md.....	50	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, Md.....	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.....	53	31
1857	Thomas J. Williams.....	Mar. 29, 1879..	New Castle, Del.....	58	21
1870	Wm. I. Bain.....	May 13, 1880..	Pocomoke City, Md.....	36	10
1832	Wm. Urie.....	Nov. 13, 1880..	Smyrna, Del.....	67	43
1860	Thomas F. Flummer.....	Feb. 2, 1881..	Wilmington, Del.....	44	8
1833	Elijah Miller.....	Apr. 15, 1881..	Sudlersville, Md.....	71	49
1836	John W. Pierson.....	May 6, 1881..	Wilmington, Del.....	67	44
1880	Francis B. Quigley.....	Aug. 19, 1881..	Hopewell, Md.....	27	2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman.....	Feb. 27, 1882..	Newark, Md.....	36	9
1865	Benj. W. Chase.....	Dec. 11, 1882..	Seaford, Del.....	48	17
1837	Luclis C. Matlack.....	June 24, 1883..	Cambridge, Md.....	67	46
1834	I. T. Cooper.....	Apr. 12, 1884..	Camden, Del.....	78	26
1829	Henry Colclazer.....	Dec. 13, 1884..	Philadelphia, Pa.....	75	55
1833	John L. Taft.....	May 30, 1884..	Norristown, Pa.....	72	41
1869	John Shilling.....	July 22, 1884..	Wilmington, Del.....	52	15
1842	Arthur W. Milby.....	June 13, 1886..	Harrington, Del.....	71	44
1840	Elon J. Way.....	July 5, 1886..	Baltimore, Md.....	75	26
1839	Valentine Gray.....	Jan. 21, 1887..	Gap, Pa.....	72	42
1881	Isaiah D. Johnson.....	Mar. 4, 1887..	Bridgeville, Del.....	33	6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil.....	Mar. 9, 1887..	Church Hill, Md.....	55	28
1854	Jos. Dare.....	Oct. 22, 1887..	Newark, Del.....	56	32
1886	Frank M. Morgan.....	Feb. 11, 1889..	Philadelphia, Pa.....	34	3
1849	William Merrill.....	Oct. 23, 1889..	Upper Fairm't, Md.....	75	23
1873	Isaac N. Foreman.....	June 12, 1890..	Lincoln, Del.....	47	17
1841	John Allen.....	Dec. 3, 1890..	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	72	33
1855	Samuel T. Gardner.....	Jan. 3, 1891..	Pivot Bridge, Md.....	60	33
1889	Samuel J. Baker.....	Sept. 22, 1891..	Laurel, Del.....	33	2
1870	Thos. O. Ayres.....	Oct. 4, 1891..	Delaware City, Del.....	53	21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer.....	Jan. 10, 1892..	Milton, Del.....	45	19
1840	Vaughan Smith.....	Nov. 21, 1891..	Wilmington, Del.....	79	43
1845	Charles Hill.....	June 22, 1892..	Salisbury, Md.....	70	47
1833	James L. Houston.....	Sept. 18, 1892..	Trappe, Md.....	32	32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin.....	Oct. 17, 1892..	Bel Air, Md.....	52	24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher.....	Dec. 12, 1893..	Bridgeville, Del.....	62	17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg.....	Jan. 24, 1893..	Wyoming, Del.....	68	36
1847	Joseph Robinson.....	Feb. 18, 1893..	Perryman's, Md.....	68	45
1835	George Barton.....	Mar. 19, 1893..	Church Hill, Md.....	34	11
1843	James A. Brindle.....	Apr. 6, 1894..	Greensboro, Md.....	73	43
1860	Nicholas M. Browne.....	Feb. 4, 1895..	Middletown, Del.....	58	35
1850	James Hubbard.....	Apr. 4, 1895..	Philadelphia, Pa.....	76	4
1857	James E. Bryan.....	Oct. 17, 1895..	Baltimore, Md.....	64	39
1892	John D. Lecates.....	Nov. 11, 1895..	Wilmington, Del.....	41	5
1859	Thomas E. Bell.....	Mar. 21, 1895..	Easton, Md.....	58	
1868	James Conner.....	Sept. 10, 1896..	Selbyville, Del.....	59	28

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1862	Merritt Hulburd.....	Oct. 10, 1896..	Wilmington, Del.....	54	34
1873	Newton McQuay.....	May, 1897..	St. Michaels, Md.....	57	21
1896	William G. Chance.....	Sept. 13, 1897..	Quantico, Md.....	33	2
1848	Wm. B. Walton.....	June 21, 1898..	Salisbury, Md.....	77	43
1850	John B. Quigg.....	July 30, 1898..	Wilmington, Del.....	72	46
1845	John H. Caldwell.....	March 11, 1898..	Dover, Del.....	79	45
1860	Andrew D. Davis.....	April 13, 1899..	Georgetown, Del.....	72	35
1845	Henry Sanderson.....	Aug. 18, 1899..	Ridley Park, Pa.....	80	34
1859	Edwin H. Hynson.....	July 27, 1899..	Smyrna, Del.....	64	39
1845	Wm. E. England.....	Jan. 20, 1900..	Philadelphia, Pa.....	79	48
1857	Thos. S. Williams.....	Jan. 20, 1900..	Northeast, Md.....	65	41
1888	Chas. P. Swain.....	May 22, 1900..	Deal's Island, Md.....	41	12
1874	David F. Waddell.....	Dec. 20, 1900..	Westminster, Md.....	48	28
1836	Benj. F. Price.....	Mar. 22, 1901..	Elkton, Md.....	84	60
1851	Jas W. Hammersly.....	April 19, 1901..	Brooklandville, Md.....	78	40
1877	Walter E. Avery.....	April 22, 1902..	Wilmington, Del.....	50	25
1860	J. Owen Spherd.....	Sept. 3, 1902..	Wilmington, Del.....	69	39
1872	John D. Kemp.....	Sept. 21, 1902..	Chestertown, Md.....	65	30
1856	William F. Talbot.....	Feb. 26, 1903..	Dover, Del.....	73	27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard.....	Apr. 13, 1903..	Frankford, Del.....	65	41
1848	Thos. H. Haynes.....	May 23, 1903..	Smyrna, Del.....	81	51
1853	Geo. A. Phoebus.....	May 28, 1903..	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	74	38
1868	Jonathan S. Willis.....	Nov. 24, 1903..	Milford, Del.....	74	43
1867	John D. Rigg.....	Dec. 16, 1903..	Hockessin, Del.....	65	27
1869	Edward Davis.....	Jan. 9, 1904..	Newark, Md.....	84	28
1866	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
1858	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
1858	Robert W. Todd.....	Jan. 18, 1906..	Baltimore, Md.....	75	52
1879	S. T. Morris.....	Apr. 18, 1906..	Roselle Park, N. J.....	73	45
1858	C. A. Grise.....	Apr. 12, 1907..	Berlin, Md.....	51	28
1868	W. R. MacFarlane.....	Feb. 18, 1908..	Hockessin, Del.....	71	40
1898	F. E. Bloxton.....	Mar. 5, 1908..	Nanticoke, Md.....	40	10
1869	W. R. Gwinn.....	Mar. 13, 1908..	Baltimore, Md.....	67	34
1876	Albert Chandler.....	June 22, 1908..	Bethel, Del.....	58	32
1870	E. H. Nelson.....	Oct. 27, 1908..	Delaware City, Del.....	62	39
1860	H. W. Bolton.....	Jan. 8, 1909..	Camden, Del.....	69	
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	F. 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 Wm't'n, Del.....	42	9
1868	I. G. Fosnocht.....	Dec. 3, 1913..	Smyrna Del.....	65	45
1858	H. S. Thompson.....	Apr. 1, 1914..	Smyrna, Del.....	79	52
1865	G. W. Burke.....	Apr. 30, 1914..	Smyrna, Del.....	78	42
1872	R. H. Adams.....	Sept. 11, 1914..	Philadelphia, Pa.....	71	42
1869	T. B. Hunter.....	Nov. 12, 1914..	Monrovia, Cal.....	77	42
1876	E. C. Macnichol.....	Oct. 18, 1914..	Philadelphia, Pa.....	60	38
1880	J. R. Cannon.....	Feb. 8, 1915..	Chance, Md.....	56	34
1865	James Carroll.....	Apr. 15, 1915..	Milford, Del.....	91	34
1871	William L. S. Murray.....	Feb. 26, 1916..	Wilmington, Del.....	67	44
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
1901	William H. Kenney.....	April 16, 1918..	Selbyville, Del.....	69	17
1884	Emerson P. Roberts.....	Aug. 6, 1918..	Middletown, Del.....	64	34
1884	Wilmer Jaggard.....	Nov. 21, 1918..	Millsboro, Del.....	62	34
1887	Ralph T. Coursey.....	Jan. 5, 1919..	Wyoming, Del.....	56	31
1885	James M. Mitchell.....	Sept. 25, 1919..	Millington, Md.....	61	32
1878	Charles A. Hill.....	Oct. 11, 1919..	Smyrna, Del.....	62	39
1870	Joseph A. Arters.....	Dec. 14, 1919..	Cordova, Md.....	86	40
1886	Clinton T. Wyatt.....	Feb. 7, 1920..	Denton, Md.....	56	34
1884	Daniel F. McFaul.....	Mar. 6, 1920..	Wilmington, Del.....	82	34

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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	Centerville	C. H. Fowler	John D. Rigg.
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray.
25	" 15, '93	Middletown	S. M. Merrill	A. S. Mowbray.
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury	J. H. Vincent	A. S. Mowbray.
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna	J. F. Hurst	A. S. Mowbray.
28	" 18, '96	Dover	H. W. Warren	A. S. Mowbray.
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown	J. M. Walden	A. S. Mowbray.
30	" 23, '98	Lewes	J. P. Newman	A. S. Mowbray.
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge	C. D. Foss	A. S. Mowbray.
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray.
33	" 20, '01	Wilmington—Grace	Daniel A. Goodsell	A. S. Mowbray.
34	" 19, '02	Crisfield	I. W. Joyce	A. S. Mowbray.
35	" 18, '03	Easton	Earl Cranston	A. S. Mowbray.
36	" 16, '04	Dover	J. M. Fitzgerald	A. S. Mowbray.
37	" 15, '05	Wilmington—Grace	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise.
38	" 14, '06	Pocomoke City	C. C. McCabe	W. A. Wise.
39	" 20, '07	Smyrna	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise.
40	" 18, '08	Wilmington—Asbury	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise.
41	" 17, '09	Milford	D. H. Moore	W. A. Wise.
42	" 16, '10	Salisbury	J. W. Hamilton	W. A. Wise.
43	" 15, '11	Wilmington—Asbury	T. B. Neely	W. A. Wise.
44	" 13, '12	Wilmington—St. Pauls	L. B. Wilson	W. A. Wise.
45	" 26, '13	Crisfield	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise.
46	April 1, '14	Berlin	Earl Cranston	W. A. Wise.
47	March 24, '15	Laurel	R. J. Cook	W. A. Wise.
48	" 29, '16	Wilmington—Union	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
51	" 26, '19	Chestertown	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
52	" 24, '20	Wilmington—Grace	W. F. McDowell	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. Martindale, T. E. Terry.
1896. Merritt Hulburt, L. E. Barrett, Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran. Reserves—
W. E. Avery, V. S. Collins.
1900. Robert Watt, T. E. Martindale, W. F. Corkran, C. S. Baker. Reserves—
A. S. Mowbray, J. D. C. Hanna.
1904. A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, Adam Stengle, C. S. Baker. Reserves—
C. T. Wyatt, W. G. Koons.
1908. A. S. Mowbray, Adam Stengle, W. G. Koons, S. M. Morgan. Reserves—
C. T. Wyatt, Robert Watt.
1912. C. A. Hill, R. K. Stephenson, Robert Watt, G. P. Jones. Reserves—E. L. Hoffecker, C. W. Prettyman, G. T. Alderson.
1916. Robert Watt, E. L. Hoffecker, R. K. Stephenson, T. A. H. O'Brien. Reserves—
G. T. Alderson, C. T. Wyatt.
1920. W. A. Wise, Robert Watt, H. G. Budd, W. R. Mowbray. Reserves—G. T. Alderson, V. S. Collins, J. W. R. Sumwalt.

PASTORAL RECORD.

NOTE:—Sy., Supernumerary; R., Retired.

Alderson, G. T.—1888-9, Queenstown; 90-2, Bishopville; 93-4, Federalsburg; 95-9, Princess Anne; 00, Harrington; 1901-3, Lewes; 04-5, Snow Hill; 06-7, New Castle; 08, Perryville; 09-12, Newark; 13-18, Harrison St.; 19, Chestertown; 20-, Elkton.

Alderson, W. H.—1917, St. John's River Conference; 18, U. S. Army; 19-, At School.

Allen, G. S. 1912-14, Vienna; 15-17, Nassau; 18-19, Powellville; 20-, St. Peters.

Anderson, J. F.—1888-9, Westover; 90, Parsonburg; 91, Parksley; 92, Crumpton; 93-4, Pomona; 95-7, Talbot; 98, Woodlawn; 99, Marion; 00, Powellville; 01-2, Stockton; 03-4, Sharptown; 05, Houston; 06-7, Wyoming; 08-9, Farmington; 10-11, Kenton; 12-14, St. Georges; 15-18, Cherry Hill; 19, Mt. Lebanon; 20-, Colora.

Atkins, C. H. 1917, Leipsic; 18-, Lincoln.

- Barrett, L. E.**—1876-7, Epworth; 78-9, Red Lion; 80-1, Onancock; 82-4, Still Pond; 85-7, Port Deposit; 88-91, St. Paul's; 92-7, D. S. Wil. Dist.; 93-0, Milford; 01, Middletown; 02-6, Dover; 07-8, Elkton; 09-15, Chestertown; 16-17, Harrington; 18, Townsend; 19-, R.
- Baynard, O. T.**—1902-3, Henderson; 04, Royal Oak; 05-6, Crumpton; 07-9, Millville; 10-13, Chincoteague; 14, Armory; 15-17, Onancock; 18-19, Rehoboth; 20-, Beckwith & Spedden.
- Beauchamp, T. F.**—1892-3, Selbyville; 94-6, Smith's Isl.; 97-8, Mt. Vernon; 99-00, Williston; 01-4, Still Pond; 05-7, Federalsburg; 08-10, Berlin; 11-13, Wesley (Wilm.); 14-15, Secy. Wilm. City Missionary Society; 16-18, Chestertown; 19-, Epworth.
- Beauchamp, J. H.**—1894, Pocomoke Circuit; 95-6, Chincoteague; 97-8, Agt. Conf. Academy; 99-01, St. Michaels; 02-3, Townsend; 04-6, Harrington; 07-8, Greensboro; 09-11, Still Pond; 12-15, Perryville; 16, New Castle; 17-, Cor. Secy. Wilm. City Missionary & Ch. Ext. Society.
- Bennett, W. O.**—1897-98, Queenstown; 99, Annapessex; 00, Fruitland; 01-2, Ridgely; 03-10, Sudlersville; 11-13, Bridgeville; 14-16, Cape Charles; 17, Cookman; 18-19, Berlin; 20-, Laurel.
- Benson, N. C.**—1914, Queenstown; 15, Bishopville; 16-18, Georgetown Circuit; 19-, Greenwood.
- Bicking, J. R.**—1907, Elk Neck; 08-9, Cherry Hill; 10-12, East Lake; 13-16, Centreville; 17, Ridgely; 18-, New Castle.
- Bolton, J. C.**—1920-, Clayton.
- Bounds, G. W.**—1890, Taylor's Isl.; 91, Church Creek; 92, Dover; 93-5, Cape Charles; 96-9, Deal's Isl.; 00-1, Tangier; 02-6, St. Michaels; 07, Harrington; 08-9, Federalsburg; 10-12, Frederica; 13-15, Dagsboro; 16, Perryville; 17-19, Richardson Park; 20-, Kingswood.
- Bowman, G. W.**—1885, Burrsville; 86-7, Beckwith; 88-9, Parsonburg; 90-1, Mt. Vernon; 92, Bethel & Summitt; 93, Wyoming; 94-5, Vienna; 96, Crapo; 97, E. New Market; 98, Gumboro; 99-0, Woodlawn; 01, Marshallton; 02-5, Sy.; 06-, Retired.
- Brewington, J. A.**—1890, Reed's Wharf; 91-2, Gumboro; 93, Vienna; 94, Conf. Academy; 95, Hurlock; 96, Georgetown Ct.; 97-8, Lincoln; 99, Millsboro; 00-1, Cordova; 02, Girdletree; 03-4, Parsonburg; 05-6, St. Georges; 07, Ebenezer; 08-9, East Lake; 10-11, Chester-Bethel; 12, Whitesville; 13-14, Bozman; 15, Roxana; 16-17, St. John's; 18, Quantico; 19, Westover; 20-, Retired.
- Briggs, W. H.**—1907-9, Colora; 10-13, Zion Ct.; 14-15, Preston; 16-, Selbyville.
- Broadway, L. M.**—1915-16, Kingswood; 17-, Madeley.
- Buckson, J. A.** 1904-7, Galestown; 08-11, Armory; 12-14, Beckwith; 15-19, Whitesville; 20-, Zion Ct.
- Budd, H. G.**—1894-7, Perryville; 98-02, Berlin; 03-6, Centreville; 07-10, Crisfield; 11-17, Principal, Wilmington Conference Academy; 18-, President Wesley Collegiate Institute.
- Bunting, J. J.** 1909, Mardela Springs; 10-11, Marion; 12-14, Mt. Vernon; 15-17, Seaford; 18-19, Ridgely; 20-, Berlin.
- Burr, Warren**—1888-9, Girdletree; 90-4, St. Peter's; 95, Kingswood; 96-8, Cape Charles; 99-02, Sy.; 03-7, Rock Hall; 08-10, North East; 11-12, Greensboro; 13-17, Townsend; 18-19, Harrington; 20-, Port Deposit.
- Carpenter, F. F.**—1888-9, Bishopville; 90, Cape Charles; 91, Little Creek; 92, Leipsic; 93-4, Townsend; 95-8, Hillsboro; 99-0, Frankford; 01-3, Deal's Isl.; 04-8, Mt. Salem; 09-11, Port Deposit; 12-15, Brandywine; 16-19, Laurel; 20-, Seaford.

- Chaires, W. W.**—1888, Shortley; 89-90, Somerset; 91, Smith's Isl.; 92-3, Crapo; 94, Williston; 95, Sy.; 96, Crumpton; 97-0, Tilghman; 01, Rock Hall; 02-6, Sy.; 07, Roxana; 08-10, Supernumerary; 11, Fairlee; 12-13, Marydel; 14-15, Kenton; 16-19, Bozman; 20-, Retired.
- Chappell, J. W.** 1913-16, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference; 17, Brack Ex; 18-, U. S. Army.
- Clark, C. W.** 1915-17, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference; 18-19, Brack Ex; 20-, Hockessin.
- Cochran, F. J.**—1881-2, Chesapeake; 83-4, St. George's; 85-7, Farmington; 88, Gumboro; 89-90, Trappe; 91-3, Nanticoke; 94-6, Farmington; 97-8, Williston; 99-00, Roxana; 01-3, Mt. Pleasant, Laurel; 04-6, East New Market; 07-9, Lincoln; 10-12, Magnolia; 13-14, Whitesville; 15, Newark, Md.; 16-17, Chester-Bethel; 18-19, Hockessin; 20-, Red Lion.
- Collins, J. M.**—1876, Sudlersville; 77, Denton; 78, Royal Oak; 79, Kent; 80, Appoquinimink; 81, Westover; 82-3, Worcester; 84, Ellendale; 85-6, Lincoln; 87, Church Creek; 88-90, Elliott's Isl.; 91-2, Talbot; 93-4, Kenton; 95-7, Ingleside; 98, Holland's Isl.; 99-00, Bethel; 01-2, Sy.; 03, Hooper's Isl.; 04, Colora; 05, R.
- Collins, V. S.**—1883, Dover & Cambridge; 84-5, Vienna; 86-7, Felton; 88-90, Scott; 91-3, Centreville; 94-6, New Castle; 97, Georgetown; 98-1900, Principal, Wilm. Conf. Academy; 01-3, Smyrna; 04-8, Port Deposit; 09-12, Middletown; 13-16, St. Paul's; 17-, Dist. Supt., Salisbury District.
- Collins, E. H.**—1895, Claymont; 96-7, Stanton; 98-9, St. George's; 00, Whitesville; 01-2, St. John's; 03, Chesapeake; 04-6, Marydel; 07-8, Still Pond; 09, Fairmount; 10-12, Parsonburg; 13-16, Madeley; 17-18, East Lake; 19, North East; 20-, Trinity.
- Colona, J. W.**—1902-3, Annapessex; 04-6, Princess Anne; 07-10, Bridgeville; 11-17, Georgetown; 18-, Dover.
- Compton, W. P.**—1888-90, Princess Anne; 91, Greenwood; 92-3, Bridgeville; 94-6, Chestertown; 97-8, Port Deposit; 99-00, Newark, Del.; 01-3, Zion; 04, Camden; 05-7, Nassau; 08-12, Supernumerary; 13-, Retired.
- Conaway, G. S.**—1862, Berlin; 63, Newton; 64, Halifax; 65-6, Birdsboro; 67, Nesquehoming; 68, Gumboro; 69, Harrington; 70, Sharptown; 71, Delmar; 72-3, Wyoming; 74-5, Gumboro; 76-7, Beckwith; 78-9, Lincoln; 80-2, Elk Neck; 83-5, Rock Hall; 86-8, Appoquinimink; 89-91, Marydel; 92-3, Trappe; 94-6, Christiana; 98-00, Bethel; 01-2, Elk Neck; 03, Wye Mills; 04-5, Piney Neck; 06-, Retired.
- Connelly, O. H.**—1912, Piney Neck; 13, Christiana; 14, Claymont; 15-16, Colora; 17-19, Roxana; 20-, Millington.
- Cooke, G. A.**—1891-99, Minn. Conference; 1900-5, N. Eng. Conf.; 1906-7, Troy Conf.; 1908-9, N. Y. Conf.; 1910-11, Somerset; 12-13, Tangier; 14-16, Wesley, (Wilm.); 17-, Retired.
- Cooke, R. W.**—1916-17, Stanton; 18, U. S. Army; 19, Withdrew; 20-, Assistant Pastor, St. Pauls (Wilmington).
- Corkran, W. F.**—1876, Millsboro; 77, Harrington; 78-9, Barrett's Chapel; 80, Leipsic; 81-2, Magnolia; 83-5, Gumboro; 86-90, Asbury (Crisfield); 91-6, Dist. Supt. Salisbury District; 97-1902, Dist. Supt. Easton District; 03-4, Georgetown; 06-8, Newark, Del.; 09-17, Union; 18-, Asbury (Crisfield).
- Corkran, L. P.**—1881, Sudlersville; 82-3, King's Creek; 84, Queenstown; 85-6, Oxford; 87-8, Preston; 89-90, Greenwood; 91, Lincoln; 92-3, Delmar; 94-6, Marion; 97, New Castle; 98-1900, Fairmount; 01-4, Milton; 05-6, Epworth; 07-10, Hillsboro; 11, Rock Hall; 12-16, Sudlersville; 17-, Retired.
- Cummings, W. H.** 1918-, Ebenezer.

- Dashiell, E. H.**—1899-02, Mt. Lebanon; 03-4, Chesapeake City; 05-6, North East; 07-9, Frederica; 10-11, Federalsburg; 12-15, Asbury (Crisfield); 16-, Cor. Sec'y Endowment Commission.
- Davis, Howard**—1900, Little Creek; 01-2, Salem; 03-5, Powelville; 06-7, Marion; 08-9, Mt. Vernon; 10-13, Cape Charles; 14-17, Bridgeville; 18-19; Chaplain; 20-, Lewes.
- Dawson, W. F.**—1884-5, Houston; 86-7, Vienna; 88-9, Millsboro; 00-2, Beckwith; 93-5, Magnolia; 96, Mt. Vernon; 97, Whitesville; 98, Chester; 99-02, Wesley; 03-7, Cecilton; 08, Church Hill; 09-12, Camden; 13, Cheswold; 14-15, Hillsboro; 16-17, Nanticoke; 18-19, Tangier; 20-, Princess Anne.
- Dawson, G. W.**—1899-0, Perryville; 01-2, Bethel; 03-5, Mt. Lebanon; 06-8, Wesley (Wil.); 09-10, Deal's Isl.; 11-12, Harrison St.; 13-, Asbury (Wil.).
- Derrickson, E. H.**—1884-5, Pocomoke Ct.; 86-7, Newark, Md.; 88-9, Sharptown; 90-2, Girdletree; 93-5, Mt. Vernon; 96-7, Magnolia; 98-0, Mt. Pleasant; 01, Onancock; 02-4, Nanticoke; 05, St. Peter's; 06, Cheswold; 07-8, Marydel; 09-13, Church Hill; 14-17, Oxford; 18-, Odessa.
- Dulaney, H. S.**—1886-7, Holland's Isl.; 88-90, Parksley; 91-4, Kingswood; 95-7, Onancock; 98-9, Whitesville; 00, Millington; 01-3, Asbury, Wil.; 04-6, Asbury (Crisfield); 07-11, Sy.; 12-16, Grace (Salisbury); 17-19, Felton; 20-, Sharptown.
- Easley, J. W.**—1885-6, Girdletree; 87-8, Onancock; 89-91, Federalsburg; 92-3, Chestertown; 94-7, Centreville; 98-00, Brandywine; 01, Scott; 02-4, Harrison St.; 05-9, Kentucky Conf.; 10-11, Cor. Sec'y Wil. City Missionary Soc'y; 12-14, Snow Hill; 15-17, McCabe; 18, Cape Charles; 19-, Retired.
- Ellis, G. R.**—1898, Worton; 99-02, Kenton; 03-5, Ridgely; 06-7, Hurlock; 08, Nassau; 09-10, Rehoboth; 11, Kingswood; 12-16, Millsboro; 17-, Magnolia.
- Esgate, James**—1866, Bridgeville; 67, Annapessex; 68, Bethesda; 69, Quantico; 70, Chesapeake City; 71-85, Sy.; 86, R.
- Ewing, H. W.**—1887-89, Madeley; 90-92, Crisfield; 93-96, Port Deposit; 97-98, Mt. Salem; 99, Kentucky Conference; 1900-13, New England Conference; 14-18, West Virginia Conference; 19-, Union (Wilm.).
- Faulkner, F. N.**—1899-04, Selbyville; 05-6, Parsonburg; 07-8, At School; 09, Bethel; 10-12, Fairmount; 13-, Delmar.
- Fogle, J. W.**—1889, Burrsville; 90-2, Queenstown; 93-4, Oxford; 95-7, Cheswold; 98-0, Cannon; 01-2, Williston; 03-4, Quantico; 05-6, Girdletree; 07-9, Whitesville; 10, Bethel; 11-14, Onancock; 15-16, Ocean View; 17, Somerset; 18-, Retired.
- Ford, D. J.**—1905, Betterton; 06, Henderson; 07, Royal Oak; 08-10, Powellville; 11-12, Cherry Hill; 13, Eastlake; 14-16, Seaford Circuit; 17-18, Nanticoke; 19-, Frankford.
- Frye, A. B.** 1915-19, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference; 20-, Concord Ct.
- Gardner, Edwin.**—1891-3, Elk Neck; 94-5, Marshallton; 96-7, Royal Oak; 98-00, Cheswold; 01-3, Cape Charles; 04-6, Millington; 07-8, Preston; 09-11, Chesapeake City; 12-13, Chester-Bethel; 14, Galena; 15-16, Armory; 17-19, Pomona; 20-, Marydel.
- Gardner, J. H.**—1902-3, Church Creek; 04-5, Marion; 06, Westover; 07-8, Onancock; 09-11, Millsboro; 12-13, Galestown; 14-17, Lincoln; 18-19, Seaford Circuit; 20-, Crapo.
- Geoghegan, J. H.**—1891, Cordova; 92, Wye; 93, Armory; 94-5, Hopewell; 96-8, Church Hill; 99-00, Cherry Hill; 01-2, St. George's; 03-4, Girdletree; 05-7, Quantico; 08-9, Houston; 10-12, Ebenezer; 13-14, Delaware City; 15-16, Mt. Lebanon; 17-18, Newark, Md.; 19-, Bethel Circuit.

- Givan, D. J.**—1895-7, Parksley; 98, Chance; 99-00, Gumboro; 01-3, Farmington; 04-6, Hillsboro; 07-9, Odessa; 10, Madeley; 11-13, Harrington; 14-16, Princess Anne; 17-19, Milton; 20-, North East.
- Given, T. N.**—1884-7, Va. Conf.; 88-9, Mt. Lebanon; 90, Stanton; 91, Somerset; 92-3, Fruitland; 94-5, Millsboro; 96, Sharptown; 97, Newark, Md.; 98, Church Creek; 99-00, Burrsville; 01, Hockessin; 02, Red Lion; 03-4, Charlestown; 05, Armory; 06-10, Sy.; 11, Henderson; 12, Fairlee; 13, Wye Mills; 14, Roxana; 15, Quantico; 16-17, Delaware City; 18-19, St. John's; 20-, Christiana.
- Godwin, W. F.**—1917, Central Penna. Conference; 18-19, Bishopville; 20-, Tangier.
- Goodhand, A. W.**—1903-5, Cheswold; 06-7, Stockton; 08-9, Frankford; 10-12, St. Peter's; 13-14, Hurlock; 15-17, Fairmount; 18-19, Still Pond; 20-, Richardson Park.
- Grant, W. S.**—1917-19, Houston; 20-, Rehoboth.
- Gray, J. W.**—1888, Pocomoke Ct.; 89, Powellville; 90-1, Fruitland; 92-3, Smith's Isl.; 94, Somerset; 95-6, Roxana; 97-9, Crapo; 00, Chincoteague; 01-2, Mt. Vernon; 03-4, Lincoln; 05, Cordova; 06-7, Powellville; 08, Quantico; 09-10, Newark, Md.; 11-13, Bethel; 14-15, Chester-Bethel; 16-17, Ebenezer; 18-19, Charlestown; 20-, Retired.
- Greene, W. M.**—1873, Millsboro; 74, Camden; 75, Bridgeville; 76, Felton; 77-8, Church Creek; 79-80, Bethel; 81-2, Kent; 83-4, Christiana; 85-6, Galestown; 87, Wyoming; 88-9, Beckwith; 90-1, Williston; 92-3, Farmington; 94, Nassau; 95-98, Sy.; 04-, Retired.
- Greenfield, W. E.**—1900, Elk Neck; 01-5, Perryville; 06-13, Silverbrook; 14-17, Berlin; 18-, Brandywine.
- Gunby, W. E.**—1903-4, Queenstown; 05-6, Odessa; 07-11, Princess Anne; 12-13, Easton; 14-17, Wesley (Dover); 18-, Cambridge.
- Guthrie, W. B.**—1883, Pocomoke Ct.; 84-5, Westover; 86-7, Fruitland; 88-90, Holland's Isl.; 90-2, Houston; 93-4, Gumboro; 95-8, Somerset; 99-00, Rock Hall; 01, Marydel; 02, Magnolia; 03-4, Chincoteague; 05, Millsboro; 06, Roxana; 07, Burrsville; 08, Sy.; 09, Vienna; 10-11, Westover; 12-13, Powellville; 14-16, Wye Mills; 17-19, Kenton; 20-, Queenstown.
- Habbart, W. E.**—1903, Little Creek; 04-5, Fairlee; 06-7, Kenton; 08-10, Ridgely; 11-12, Crisfield; 13-16, Ridgely; 17-18, Mt. Salem; 19-, Harrison St.
- Hallman, E. C.**—1910-19, North Indiana Conference; 1920-, Ocean View.
- Hardesty, G. L.**—1883-4, Woodland; 85-7, Magnolia; 88, Tangier; 89-90, Galestown; 91-2, St. George's; 93-4, Roxana; 95-9, St. Peter's; 00-2, Smyrna Ct.; 03, Berlin; 04-6, Whitesville; 07-9, Seaford Ct.; 10-11, Kent Isl.; 12-13, Cecilton; 14-, Retired.
- Harding, T. H.**—1871, Denton; 72, Hillsboro; 73-4, Queenstown; 75, Church Creek; 76-7, Galestown; 78-9, Sharptown; 80-2, Gumboro; 83-4, Quantico; 85-7, Mt. Vernon; 88-9, Newark, Md.; 90- Stockton; 91-2, Ingleside; 93-6, Charlestown; 97, St. eGorges; 98-1900, Stanton; 01-6, Sy.; 07-, Retired.
- Harris, W. G.**—1906-7, Christiana; 08-9, Marion; 10-12, Bishopville; 13-15, Frankford; 16-17, Sharptown; 18-, Cookman.
- Harris, C. C.** 1916-17, Claymont; 18-19, Kingswood; 20-, Rising Sun.
- Hastings, G. W.**—1899-00, Stockton; 01-2, Gumboro; 03-4, Mt. Vernon; 05-7, Frankford; 08-10, Nanticoke; 11-12, Frankford; 13-16, Deal Is.; 17-18, Hebron; 19-, Perryville.
- Hearn, W. A.** 1917, Asst. Pastor, Grace (Wilm.); 18-19, U. S. Army work; 20-, Newark (Md.).
- Heavis, E. W.** 1918, Elk Mills; 19-, At School.

- Herson, J. T.**—1903-15, Phila. Conf.; 16- , Salisbury.
- Herson, Frank.**—1909-17, Philadelphia Conference; 18- , Newark.
- Hess, W. L.**—1920- , Stockton.
- Hills, V. E.**—1889-98, E. Maine Conf.; 99-02, Lincoln; 03-4, Gumboro; 05-7, Mt. Vernon; 08-9, Parsonburg; 10-15, Selbyville; 16-17, Asbury (Crisfield); 18-19, Pocomoke City; 20- , Denton.
- Hodgson, R. S.** 1918, Canterbury; 19- , At School.
- Hoffecker, E. L.**—1876, Denton; 77, King's Creek; 78-9, Talbot; 80-2, Cambridge; 83-01, N. Y. Conf.; 02-4, Greensboro; 05-8, Fairmount; 09, Wesley (Dover); 10-15, D. S., Wilm. District; 16, Cor. Secy. Wilm. City Missionary Society; 17, Sabbatical Year; 18- , Retired.
- Holt, T. S.**—97-00, St. John's; 01-4, Federalsburg; 05-6, Still Pond; 07-11, Sy.; 12- , Retired.
- Hopkins, J. C. B.**—1910-12, Trappe; 13-15, Greenwood; 16-18, Dagsboro; 19, Hebron; 20- , Supernumerary.
- Hubbard, C. L.** 1906-17, Baltimore Conference; 18- , St. Paul's (Wilm.).
- Hudson, J. A.**—1908, Atlantic Missions Conf.; 09, Galestown; 10-11, Beckwith; 12, Blades; 13-14, Williamsburg; 15, Pomona; 16, Newark, Md.; 17-18, Smith's Is.; 19- , Chester-Bethel.
- Hurst, W. O.**—1892, Cape Charles; 93, Queenstown; 94-6, Clayton; 97-01, Odessa; 02-5, New Port; 06, Greensboro; 07-10, Seaford; 11-12, Milton; 13-14, Fairmount; 15-18, Pocomoke; 19- , Phoebus.
- Jackson, Leolan.** 1896-06, Holston Conf.; 07, Vienna; 08-9, Beckwith; 10-11, Wyoming; 12-14, Crapo; 15-16, Magnolia; 17-19, Princess Anne; 20- , Tilghman's. . .
- Jacobs, D. W.**—1913-14, Blades; 15-17, Rehoboth; 18- , Bridgeville.
- James, O. E.**—1907, Queenstown; 08-9, Roxana; 10, Fruitland; 11-12, Gumboro; 13-14, Farmington; 15, Annapessex; 16, Sy.; 17-18, Colora; 19, Red Lion; 20- , Mt. Lebanon.
- Jester, B. F.**—1886-1901, M. P. Church; 02, Talbot; 03-4, Crapo; 05, Phila. Conf.; 06-7, Armory; 08, Trinity; 09, Wyoming Conf.; 10-13, Sy.; 14, Charlestown; 15, Burrsville; 16, Asst. Union (Wil.); 17- , R.
- Johnson, J. L.**—1899-00, Galestown; 01-3, Greenwood; 04-6, Seaford Ct.; 07-11, E. New Market; 12-15, New Castle; 16-17, Scott; 18- , Immanuel (Crisfield).
- Jones, G. P.**—1891-3, Chincoteague; 94, Selbyville; 95-8, Cherry Hill; 99-01, Townsend; 02, Hurlock; 03, Brandywine; 04-6, Milford; 07-8, Middletown; 09-14, D. S. Salisbury Dist.; 15-19, Elkton; 20- , Townsend.
- Jones, J. W.**—1898, Annapessex; 99-03, Cookman; 04-5, Townsend; 06-7, Ridgely; 08, Ebenezer; 09-10, Rising Sun; 11-12, Deal Isl.; 13-15, Frederica; 16-17, Middletown; 18, McCabe; 19- , Cape Charles.
- Jones, O. E.**—1898-9, Ingleside; 00-02, At School; 03-4, Delaware City; 05-7, St. John's; 08-10, Cecilton; 11-14, Seaford; 15-19, Lewes; 20- , Chestertown.
- Jones, C. N.**—1900, Leipsic; 01-2, At School; 03, Colora; 04-5, Cookman; 06, Chesapeake City; 07-8, St. Georges; 09-10, Preston; 11-12, Delaware City; 13-15, Hopewell; 16-19, Clayton; 20- , St. Michaels.
- Jones, C. T.** 1903-06, N. Indiana Conf.; 07, Chincoteague; 08-10, Gumboro; 11-12, Fruitland; 13, Trappe; 14-15, Crumpton; 16, Hillsboro; 17-19, Tilghman's; 20- , Hopewell.

- Jones, E. W.**—1905-6, Queenstown; 07, Bozman; 08-9, Kenton; 10-11, Millville; 12-15, E. N. Market; 16- , Silverbrook.
- Jones, R. C.** 1915, Vienna; 16-17, Bishopville; 18- , At School.
- Jones, T. R.** 1916-19, Malaysia Conference; 20- , Gumboro.
- Keen, C. P.**—1907-8, Claymont; 09- , Anti-Saloon League.
- Kelso, H. B.**—1898, School; 99-00, Elliott's; 01-2, Powellville; 03-5, Williamsburg; 06-9, Magnolia; 10, Galestown; 11-14, Rehoboth; 15, Concord; 16- , Mt. Pleasant.
- Kelso, J. M.**—1904, Mardela; 05-6, School; 07-8, Ellendale; 09, Trappe; 10, Fairlee; 11-12, Queenstown; 13-14, Nassau; 15-17, Farmington; 18-19, Crapo; 20- , Houston.
- Koons, W. G.**—1886, Westover; 87-91, Wesley; 92-4, North East; 95, Cookman; 96, Rising Sun; 97-00, Bridgeville; 01-2, New Castle; 03-8, D. S. Easton Dist.; 09-11, Scott; 12-14, Lewes; 15, Cor. Sec'y Conf. Claimant Fund; 16- , R.
- Lawson, Robert.** 1918-19, West Va. Conference; 20- , Sudlersville.
- Layfield, L. W.**—1871, Princess Anne; 72, Claymont; 73-5, Elk Neck; 76-8, Charlestown; 79-81, Bethel; 82-4, Claymont; 85-7, St. George's; 88-90, E. N. Market; 91, Magnolia; 92-3, Zion; 94-6, Epworth; 97-9, Smyrna Ct.; 00-3, Camden; 04-8, Greenwood; 09-14, Felton; 15-17, Hurlöck; 18, Chester-Bethel; 19- , Delaware City.
- Leach, J. A.**—1913, Church Creek; 14, Galestown; 15-16, Reliance; 17-18, Sudlersville; 19- , Greensboro.
- Lindale, J. M.**—1879, Bridgeville; 80, Denton; 81-2, Woodland; 83-4, Fruitland; 85-7, Pomona; 88-91, Bayside & Tilghman; 92-4, Cordova; 95-8, Sudlersville; 99-00, Federalsburg; 01-3, Church Hill; 04-6, Mt. Pleasant; 07-10, Bethel & Summit; 12-13, Hopewell; 13-15, Red Lion; 16, Roxana; 17-19, Wye Mills; 20- , Pomona.
- McCann, Milton.**—1902, Bishopville; 03-4, Pomona; 05-6, Bozman; 07-10, Cheswold; 11-13, Stockton; 14-18, Smyrna Ct.; 19- , Sunday School Field Secretary.
- McCoy, J. C.**—1905-6, Royal Oak; 07-8, Pomona; 09-10, Tilghman; 11, Galestown; 12-13, Marshallton; 15-19, Zion; 20- , St. George's.
- McDade, Howard.**—1905-19, Philadelphia Conference; 20- , Claymont.
- McDowell, E. W.**—1906, Elliott's Isl.; 07-9, Bishopville; 10-12, Mt. Pleasant; 13-14, Ocean View; 15-16, Somerset; 17-19, Hillsboro; 20- , Pocomoke City.
- McGuire, W. T.**—1917, Hickman; 18- , At School.
- MacSorley, F. C.**—1873-4, Bridgeville; 75, Dorchester; 76, Royal Oak; 77, Kent; 78-80, Hillsboro; 81-2, Trappe; 83, Harrington; 84-6, Laurel; 87-9, Crisfield; 90-2, Lewes; 93-5, Cambridge; 96-8, Newark, Del.; 99-2, Pocomoke; 03-5, Kent Isl.; 06-10, Townsend; 11-14, McCabe; 15- , Federalsburg.
- Marine, M. W.**—1914-15, Hickman; 16-17, Powellville; 18-19, Stockton; 20- , Felton.
- Marshall, E. H.** 1904-05, Va. Conf.; 06, Claremont; 07, Ocean View; 08-10, Phoebus; 11-12, Hebron; 13-14, Gumboro; 15-16, Girdletree; 17-18, Reliance; 19- , Georgetown Ct.
- Martin, O. L.**—1900-01, Westover; 02-3, Quantico; 04-5, St. George's; 06-7, Somerset; 08-9, Parsonburg; 10-17, Located; 18, Annapessex; 19- , White Haven.
- Matthews, W. E.**—1902, Marion; 03-4, Newark, Md.; 05-7, Bethel; 08-12, Smyrna Ct.; 13-14, Magnolia; 15-16, Felton; 17-19, Cordova; 20- , Hebron.

- Minker, R. L.**—1920- , Assistant Pastor, Grace (Wilm.).
- Moore, C. W.** 1894-04, N. H. Conf.; 05-6, Vienna; 07-9, Millington; 10, Hopewell; 11-12, Greenwood; 13, Galena; 14, Mt. Pleasant, Laurel; 15-16, Crapo; 17, Grace (Salisbury); 18-19, Hurlock; 20- , Camden.
- Moore, F. X.**—1898, Marion; 99-00, Newark, Md.; 01, Fruitland; 02-3, Westover; 04-7, Hopewell; 08-11, New Castle; 12-14, Still Pond; 15-19, Port Deposit; 20- , Milton.
- Moore, D. J.**—1911-12, Christiana; 13, Queenstown; 14-15, Trappe; 16-17, Parsonburg; 18-19, Millington; 20- , Mt. Vernon.
- Moore, B. P.**—1917, Milford Neck; 18-19, Church Creek; 20- , Millsboro.
- Moore, W. V.**—1918, Mardela Springs; 19- , At School.
- Morgan, L. B.**—1905, Leipsic; 06-8, Williamsburg; 09-10, Concord; 11-13, Georgetown Ct.; 14- , Chincoteague.
- Mowbray, W. R.**—1886, Sassafras; 87-8, Royal Oak; 89-92, Pomona; 93-6, Smyrna Ct.; 97, Nanticoke; 98-00, Zion; 01-6, Bridgeville; 07-11, Lewes; 12-15, Milford; 16- , D. S. Dover District.
- Neese, G. R.**—1878-91, Va. Conference; 92, M. E. Church South; 93-4, Houston; 95-6, Nassau; 97, Gumboro; 98, Smith's Isl.; 99-02, Somerset; 03-4, Frankford; 05-6, Nanticoke; 07-9, Madeley; 10-11, Marydel; 12, Kingswood; 13-15, Clayton; 16-17, North East; 18, Greensboro; 19, Marshallton; 20- , Retired.
- Newton, G. F.**—1912-14, Westover; 15-17, Fruitland; 18, Fairmount; 19- , Cherry Hill.
- Nichols, R. P.**—1907-12, Salt Lake City, Utah; 13-14, Newport; 15-17, Still Pond; 18, Epworth; 19- , Smyrna.
- Northrup, V. P.**—1892-3, Quindocqua; 94, Bishopville; 95-6, St. John's; 97-00, Madley; 01-2, Delaware City; 03-5, Clayton; 06-9, Cookman; 10, Rock Hall; 11-13, St. Michaels; 14-15, Harrington; 16-17, Brandywine; 18- , Middletown.
- Nutter, M. D.**—1890-2, Hurlock; 93-4, Beckwith; 95-6, Gumboro; 97-8, Marydel; 99-00, West Va.; 01-4, St. Peter's; 05, Stockton; 06-8, Tangier; 09-12, Hurlock; 13, Parsonburg; 14- , Chesapeake City.
- Otis, J. P.**—1872-3, New England; 74-7, Va.; 78-9, Cambridge; 80-1, Centreville; 82-4, Odessa; 85-7, Elkton; 88-90, Port Deposit; 91, Bridgeville; 92-3, Brandywine; 94-5, St. Michaels; 96-8, Crisfield; 99-00, Mt. Salem; 01-3, Newark, Del.; 04-8, Rising Sun; 09-10, Greensboro; 11-13, North East; 14-15, Sharptown; 16-18, Marshallton; 19- , Retired.
- Oутten, J. P.**—1893-4, Williamsburg; 95-6, E. N. Market; 97-8, Rock Hall; 99-01, Nassau; 02-3, Onancock; 04-5, Cape Charles; 06, Crisfield; 07-9, Kent. Isl.; 10, Frankford; 11-12, Madley; 13-16, Cookman; 17- , Deal Island.
- Pilchard, S. N.**—1881-2, Wyoming; 83-4, Magnolia; 85, Stockton; 86-7, Frankford; 89-90, Delaware City; 91-5, Laurel; 96, Scott; 97-00, Chaplain U. S. A.; 01, Greensboro; 02-5, Crisfield; 06-8, Union; 09-12, Defmar; 13-17, Cambridge; 18- , Georgetown.
- Poole, L. E.**—1896, Queenstown; 97-8, Charlestown; 99-02, Chesapeake; 03-5, Pocomoke; 06, Elkton; 07-10, Georgetown; 11-12, Epworth; 13-14, Newark, Del.; 15- , Snow Hill.
- Poole, W. C.**—1900-01, Queenstown; 02-3, Fairlee; 04-7, Church Hill; 08-10, McCabe; 11-12, Nanticoke; 13, Anti-Saloon League; 14, Richardson Park; 15, Galena; 16-17, Ocean City; 18- , Parsonburg.

- Prettyman, C. W.**—1868, Millington; 69-70, Dickinson College; 71-2, Leipsic; 73-4, Appoquinimink; 75-6, Sudlersville; 77-9, Centreville; 80-2, Lewes; 83-5, Union; 86-7, Newark, Del.; 88-92, Fairmount; 93-5, Seaford; 96-00, Salisbury; 01-2, Brandywine; 03-5, New Castle; 06-11, Snow Hill; 12, Snow Hill; 13-15, Smyrna; 16- , R.
- Prettyman, A. P.**—1882-3, Hillsboro; 84-5, Bayside; 86-8, Trappe; 89-91, Chester-Bethel; 92-3, Delaware City; 94-7, Zion; 98-12, Galena; 13-14, Greensboro; 15-16, Rising Sun; 17- , Retired.
- Prettyman, J. W.**—1897, Piney Neck; 98, Crumpton; 99-00, Church Creek; 01-2, Crumpton; 03-4, Cordova; 05-6, Lincoln; 07, Girdletree; 08-10, Crapo; 11, Hillsboro; 12-17, Rock Hall; 18-19, Sharptown; 20- , Somerset.
- Prettyman, E. C.**—1909-10, Royal Oak; 11-12, Red Lion; 13-14, Ebenezer; 15- , Anti-Saloon League.
- Price, J. T.**—1908, Royal Oak; 09-10, Charlestown; 11-12, Tilghman; 13, St. Johns; 14, Burrsville; 15-16, Blades; 17-19, Camden; 20- , Hurlock.
- Prouse, J. T.**—1886, Quantico; 87, Ellendale; 88, Church Creek; 89-90, Nassau; 91, Annapessex; 92, Mt. Vernon; 93-4, Talbot; 95-6, Kenton; 97, Trappe; 98-9, Red Lion; 00-2, Charlestown; 03, Christiana; 04-6, Chester-Bethel; 07-8, Kingswood; 09, Hockessin; 10, Marshallton; 11, Clayton; 12, Sy.; 13- , R.
- Quigg, H. T.**—1878-1903, Philadelphia Conference; 04-6, Georgetown; 07-11, Milford; 12, Ridgely; 13-14, Elkton; 15-17, Greensboro; 18- , Newport.
- Rawlins, P. H.**—1869-71, Berlin; 72-3, Annapessex; 74-6, Snow Hill; 77-9, Smyrna Ct.; 80-1, Scott; 82-4, Georgetown; 85-7, E. N. Market; 88-92, Camden; 93-5, Harrington; 96-7, Agt. End. Fund; 99-01, Sy.; 02-10, Agt. End. Fund; 11, R.
- Redman, W. W.**—1858, Smyrna Circuit; 59, Vernon; 60, Snow Hill; 61, Church Creek; 62, Worcester; 63-4, Frankford; 65-6, Quantico; 67, Milton; 68, Lincoln; 69, Bethel; 70-2, Church Hill; 73-5, Beckwith; 76-8, Millsboro; 79, Wyoming; 80-4, Sy.; 85-6, Woodland; 87-8, Williston; 89, Fruitland; 90, Powellville; 91, R.
- Reed, G. E.**—1870-74, N. England Southern Conf.; 75-88, N. Y. East Conf.; 89-11, President of Dickinson College; 12-14, Grace (Wilm.); 15- , Pres. National Society for Broader Education.
- Reed, H. E.**—1910-12, School; 13-14, Girdletree; 15-16, Smith Island; 17-19, Rising Sun; 20- , Milton, Del.
- Reed, O. B.**—1916-17, Marydel; 18- , Church Hill.
- Reese, J. D.**—1885, Chincoteague; 86-7, Bayside; 88, Pomona; 89-90, Royal Oak; 91-2, Appoquinimink; 93, Girdletree; 94, Crapo; 95-6, Williston; 97-8, Nassau; 99-00, Mt. Vernon; 01-2, Houston; 03-4, Beckwith; 05, Tilghman; 06, Colora; 07-9, Chester-Bethel; 10, Cherry Hill; 11, Wye; 12-13, Tilghman; 14-15, Hebron; 16-17, Trappe; 18, Oxford; 19- , Retired.
- Revelle, W. H.**—1907, Annapessex; 09-10, Quantico; 11-14, Newark, Md.; 15-17, Mt. Vernon; 18-19, Somerset; 20- , Pittsville.
- Rice, O. B.**—1911, Powellville; 12, St. John's; 13-14, Pomona; 15, Delaware City; 16-17, Stockton; 18-19, Mt. Vernon; 20- , East New Market.
- Richardson, J. T.**—1893-98, E. M. Conf.; 99-00, Church Hill; 01-5, Denton; 06, Frederica; 07, North East; 08-9, Rock Hall; 10-12, Cookman; 13-15, Mt. Pleasant; 16-19, Preston; 20- , Harrington.
- Richmire, G. W.**—1911-19, Genesee Conference; 1920- , Preston.
- Roe, Robert**—1873, Hillsboro; 74, Talbot; 75, Sudlersville; 76, Church Creek; 77-8, Lewisville; 79, Pocomoke; 80-1, Berlin; 82-3, Sharptown; 84, Sy.; 85-7, Millsboro; 88-9, Ellendale; 90-3, Rock Hall; 94-6, Trappe; 97-8, Kenton; 99-00, Sudlersville; 01-2, Cheswold; 03, Talbot; 04-5, Trappe; 06-7, Betterton; 08-9, Stanton; 10-11, Elliott's; 12, R.

- Rowlenson, J. T.**—1918- , Crumpton.
- Sard, T. J.**—1910-11, Burrsville; 12-13, Armory; 14-17, Tangier; 18- , Scott.
- Sharp, W. W.**—1886-7, Ingleside; 8-9, Kenton; 90-2, Kent Isl.; 93-4, Hillsboro; 95-8, Wesley; 99-01, Delmar; 02-3, Tangier; 04-5, Deal's Isl.; 06, St. Peter's 07-9, Newport; 10-13, Seaford Ct.; 14-15, East Lake; 16- , Frederica.
- Shockley, E. M.**—1919, Bayside; 20- , At School.
- Smith, Alfred**—1879-80, E. N. Market; 81-2, Oxford; 83-5, Greensboro; 86-9, Cambridge; 90, Middletown; 91-6, D. S. Easton Dist.; 97-01, Dover; 02, Epworth; 03-10, Temperance Evangelist; 11-12, Sec'y Temperance Society; 13-16, Camden; 17- , Retired.
- Smith, G. P.**—1896, Lakesville; 97, Ellendale; 98-00, Houston; 01-5, Wyoming; 06-9, Clayton; 10-11, St. John's; 12-13, Kenton; 14-16, Millington; 17- , Cheswold.
- Smith, Tilghman**—1907, Canterbury; 08, Christiana; 09-10, Pomona; 11, Girdle-tree; 12-14, Marion; 15-17, . . Bethel; 18-19, E. New Market; 20- , Still Pond.
- Smoot, T. C.**—1889, Stanton; 90, Mt. Lebanon; 91, Berlin; 92, Sharptown; 93, Leipsic; 94-5, Wyoming; 96-7, Millington; 98-9, Felton; 00-1, Nanticoke; 02-3, Marydel; 04-6, Galena; 07-8, Chesapeake; 09, St. Peter's; 10-11, Whitesville; 12-14, Kent Island; 15, Newport; 16-17, East New Market; 18- , Rock Hall.
- Sparklin, J. L.**—1906-7, Farmington; 08-10, Cordova; 11, Sudlersville; 12-13, Odessa; 14-16, Church Hill; 17-18, Millsboro; 19- , Wyoming.
- Spry, C. W.**—1911, Marshallton; 12-13, School; 14, Mardela; 15, Ocean City; 16, Lakesville; 17, Vienna; 18- , Farmington.
- Stallings, G. W.**—1888-05, Virginia Conf.; 06-7, Phoebus; 08-9, Chincoteague; 10-12, Roxana; 13-14, St. Peter's; 15, Bozman; 16-17, Crumpton; 18-19, Marydel; 20- , Trappe.
- Stengle, Adam**—1870-1, Chincoteague; 72, Gumboro; 73-4, Quantico; 75-6, E. N. Market; 77-9, Crisfield; 80-2, Union; 83-5, Middletown; 86-90, Union; 91-2, Port Deposit; 93-7, Smyrna; 98-02, Georgetown; 03-8, D. S. Salisbury Dist.; 09, Conference Evangelist; 10, Sy.; 15, R.
- Stephenson, R. K.**—1878, Snow Hill; 79, Annessex; 80, Barrett's Chapel; 81-2, Appoquinimink; 83-5, Trappe; 86-8, Millington; 89-92, Smyrna Ct.; 93-5, Crisfield; 96-00, Seaford; 01-2, Elkton; 03-8, Scott; 09, D. S. Easton Dist.; 10-15, D. S. Dover District; 16- , Milford.
- Sterling, G. E.**—1912-13, Pittsville; 14, Bishopville; 15-16, Marion; 17-18, Ocean View; 19- , Fairmount.
- Strickland, C. W.**—1892, Little Creek; 93-4, Elliott's Isl.; 95, Pocomoke Ct.; 96-7, Parsonburg; 98-9, Chincoteague; 00-1, Quantico; 02-4, Nassau; 05, Williston; 06, Newport; 07-8, St. Peter's; 09-10, Greenwood; 11-12, Bozman; 13-15, Nanticoke; 16-18, Frankford; 19- , Dagsboro.
- Sumwalt, J. W. R.**—1896-12, Baltimore Conference; 13-18, Pittsburgh Conference; 19- , Grace (Wilm.).
- Sunfield, E. C.**—1885-98, N. J. Conf.; 99-00, Chestertown; 01, Millington; 02-4, Conf. Evangelist; 05-6, Felton; 09-11, Perryville; 12-13, Sec'y City Missionary Society; 14-15, Parsonburg; 16, Eastlake; 17-18, Retired; 19- , Eastlake.
- Sutton, J. W.**—1908, Claremont; 09-10, Williamsburg; 11-12, Nassau; 13-14, Fruitland; 15, Sy.; 16, Galena; 17, Marion; 18-19, Hopewell; 20- , Bozman.
- Taylor, W. P.** 1886-92, At School; 93, Perryville; 94, St. John's; 95-6, Mt. Lebanon; 97-8, Christiana; 99-01, Beckwith; 02, Crapo; 03-4, Elk Neck; 05-6, Bethel & Summitt; 07-9, Smith's Island; 10-13, Lincoln; 14-15, Georgetown Ct.; 16-17, Quantico; 18- , Grace (Salisbury).

- Taylor, Harry**—1897, Little Creek; 98, Vienna; 99-00, Williamsburg; 01-3, Burrsville; 04-5, Georgetown Ct.; 06, Charlestown; 07-9, Mt. Pleasant; 10, St. Georges; 12-13, Crumpton; 14, Cordova; 15-17, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel); 18-19, Bethel; 20- , Seaford Ct.
- Taylor, E. B.**—1904, M. P. Ch.; 04, Ellendale; 05-6, Pomona; 07, Fairlee; 08-10, Red Lion; 11-13, Charlestown; 14-15, Stockton; 16-18, Greenwood; 19, Nanticoke; 20- , Powellville.
- Terry, T. E.**—1876-7, Leipsic; 78-9, Beckwith; 80-1, Seaford; 82-4, Centreville; 85-6, New Castle; 87-91, Dover; 92-5, St. Paul's; 96-8, Harrington; 99-00, Elkton; 01-3, Asbury, Md.; 04-7, Laurel; 08-11, Easton; 12-14, Federalsburg; 15- , R.
- Thawley, R. T.**—1916-17, Red Lion; 18- , At School.
- Thomas, G. S.**—1903-5, Elliott's; 06-10, Georgetown Ct.; 11-14, Concord; 15- , Kent Island.
- Thomas, E. P.**—1914-15, Pittsville; 16-17, School; 18- , Ocean City.
- Tomkinson, W. E.**—1871-2, N. Y. E. Conf.; 83, Chesapeake; 84, Princess Anne; 85-6, Charlestown; 87-8, Sy.; 90, Claymont; 91-3, Mt. Pleasant; 94, E. N. Market; 95-6, Houston; 97-8, Sy.; 99- , R.
- Townsend, G. W.**—1876, Claymont; 77-8, Asbury, Md.; 79-81, Sallsbury; 82, Pocomoke; 83-5, Galena; 86-9, Hillsboro; 90, Bridgeville; 91-3, Denton; 94-8, Delmar; 99-00, North East; 01-2, Cecilton; 03-5, Hurlock; 06-7, Cape Charles; 08-10, Stockton; 11-12, Cheswold; 13, Sy.; 14, Rising Sun; 15, R.
- Van Blunk, J. M. S.**—1905-6, Kingswood; 07-8, Charlestown; 09, Asst. Pastor Asbury (Wilm.); 10, Black Hills Mission, S. D.; 11, Asst. Pastor Asbury (Wilm.); 12-13, Quantico; 14-19, Located; 20- , Quantico.
- Van Dyke, T. R.**—1895-7, Oxford; 98, Pomona; 99-00, Cape Charles; 01-3, Whitesville; 04-5, Tangier; 06-8, Deal Island; 09-19, Wesley; 11-13, Berlin; 14-16, Mt. Salem; 17-18, Baltimore Conference; 19- , Cecilton.
- Wallin, F. O. B.**—1871-1900, Swedish Mission, Wilmington, Del.; 01- , R.
- Walton, O. S.**—1879, Sudlersville; 80, Princess Anne; 81-2, Chincoteague; 83-5, Sassafras; 86, Cape Charles; 87, Selbyville; 88-9, Red Lion; 90, Sy.; 91, Hope-well; 92-3, Annessex; 94-7, Hockessin; 98-00, Preston; 01-5, Sy.; 06, R.
- Warren, J. H.**—1906-10, Holston Conference; 11, Atlantic Mission Conference; 12-17, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference; 18-19, Seaford; 20- , Field Secretary of American University.
- Watt, Robert**—1885-7, Princess Anne; 88-9, Snow Hill; 90-3, Milford; 94-5, Scott; 96-7, Laurel; 98-03, D. S. Wilmington District; 04-9, Smyrna; 10-15, D. S. Easton District; 16- , D. S. Wil. District.
- Webster, Z. H.**—1887, Quantico; 88, Fruitland; 89-91, Whitesville; 92-3, Tangier; 94-8, Denton; 99-00, Frederica; 01, Hillsboro; 02-8, Delmar; 09, Asbury, Wil.; 10, Laurel; 11-12, Rising Sun; 13-16, Milton; 17-18, St. Michaels; 19, Townsend; 20- , Retired.
- Wells, Z. W.**—1913, Holland's Island; 14-16, School; 17- , Wesley (Wilm.).
- West, H. D.**—1917, Christiana; 18-19, Fairlee; 20- , Bayside.
- Wheatley, M. E.**—1910-11, Blades; 12-13, Burrsville; 14-15, St. John's; 16-18, Con-cord; 19- , Centreville.

Whedbee, J. H.—1919, Trappe; 20- , Cordova.

White, W. W.—1875-02, M. P. Ch.; 03, Royal Oak; 04, Hockessin; 05-6, Fruitland; 07, Gumboro; 08, Millsboro; 09, Westover; 10-11, Vienna; 12, Golt; 13, Wye; 14, Fairlee; 15, Charlestown; 16, Bayside; 17, Lakesville; 18, Town Point; 19- , Retired.

White, W. L.—1893-4, Cookman; 95-7, Federalsburg; 98-00, Lewes; 01-3, Seaford; 04-8, Chestertown; 09, Mt. Salem; 10-13, Dover; 14- , Easton.

White, Leonard—1908-9, Fairlee; 10, Asst. Supt. Peninsula Anti-Saloon League; 11-13, Cordova; 14-16, St. Michaels; 17-18, Centreville; 19- , Mt. Salem.

White, Frank.—1914, Royal Oak; 15-16, Cordova; 17-19, Galena; 20- , Ridgely.

Williams, C. H.—1882, Bridgeville; 83, E. N. Market; 84-6, Church Creek; 87-9, Stockton; 90, Sharptown; 91-3, Marshallton; 94-7, Mt. Pleasant; 98-00, Greenwood; 01, Preston; 02-4, Fruitland; 05-6, Gumboro; 07, Sy.; 08-10, Hebron; 11-12, Ocean View; 13, Colora; 14- , R.

Williams, W. S. H.—1892, Holland's Isl.; 93-7, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel); 98, Millsboro; 99, Cordova; 00-1, Crapo; 02-3, Georgetown Ct.; 04, Burrsville; 05-6, Sy.; 07-9, Fruitland; 10-13, Sy.; 14, Salisbury Ct.; 15-16, Gumboro; 17- , R.

Williams, G. C.—1902-3, Preston; 04-7, Berlin; 08-10, Epworth; 11-15, Laurel; 16-18, Smyrna; 19- , McCabe.

Williams, G. W.—1912-18, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference; 19, Queenstown; 20- , Burrsville.

Willis, D. H.—1885-91, Va. Conf.; 92, Hooper's Isl.; 93-4, Church Creek; 95-6, Williamsburg; 97, Galestown; 98-9, Powellville; 00, Pocomoke Ct.; 01-2, Bethel; 03, Holland's Isl.; 04, Salem; 05, Chincoteague; 06, Ocean View; 07-8, Westover; 09-10, Kingswood; 11, Bayside; 12, Little Creek; 13, R.

Willis, Ivanhoe.—1912, Royal Oak; 13-16, Tilghman's; 17-19, St. George's; 20- , Marshallton.

Wilson, J. H.—1887-91, Va. Conf.; 92, Parksley; 93, Preston; 94, Hooper's Isl.; 95-6, Tilghman; 97-8, Williamsburg; 99-01, Georgetown Ct.; 02, Beckwith; 03-4, Houston; 05-6, Sharptown; 07-11, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel); 12, Girdle-tree; 13, Roxana; 14, Sy.; 15-18, Bethel Circuit; 19, Colora; 20- , Charlestown.

Wilson, Daniel—1906, Wye; 07, Tilghman's; 08-10, Crumpton; 11-14, Smith's Island; 15-18, St. Peter's; 19- , Onancock.

Windsor, L. E.—1916, Hickman; 17, Little Creek; 18- , Mt. Pleasant Ct.

Wise, W. A.—1884-5, Kingswood; 86-7, Red Lion; 88-9, Cape Charles; 90, Berlin; 91-2, Pocomoke; 93-4, Silverbrook; 95-8, North East; 99, Harrington; 00, Onancock; 01-3, North East; 04-6, Seaford; 07-11, Centreville; 12-15, Scott; 16- , D. S. Easton District.

Wood, G. E.—1886, Crumpton; 87, Kings Creek; 88-9, Hallwood; 90, Chincoteague; 91-4, Claymont; 95, Bishopville; 96-7, Cannon; 98-9, Parsonburg; 00-1, Magnolia; 02-3, E. N. Market; 04-6, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel); 07-8, Newark, Md.; 09-10, Onancock; 11-13, Sy.; 14, Cherry Hill; 15-16, St. George's; 17-18, Rockland; 19, Girdle-tree; 20- , Bethel.

Wooten, J. W.—1918, Westover; 19- , Fruitland.

Wright, W. A.—1913-19, Northern New York Conference; 20- , Claremont.

Zimmerman, A. F.—1918-19, Nassau; 20- , Bishopville.

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

MINUTES.—Of Lay Electoral Conference held in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., March 26, 1920.

MEMBERS.—**Dover District.**—Beckwith & Spedden, W. J. Seward; Bridgeville, H. P. Cannon; Cambridge, J. E. Drennen; Camden, C. S. Conwell; Canterbury, H. K. Hargadine; Taylor's Island, T. Ira Jones; Crapo, J. Otto Robinson; Dover, W. S. Haman; East New Market, A. M. Sard; Ellendale, J. A. Ellegood; Farmington, George W. Lankford; Federalsburg, J. A. Hyland; Felton, Robert Friedel; Frederica, A. W. Carrow; Gales-town & McKendree, O. M. Hastings; Georgetown, Judge H. C. Conrad; Greenwood, George Buell; Harrington, Wm. T. Sharp; Hickman & Epworth, George E. Wilson; Houston, Elmer Greenlee; Hurlock, R. L. Glover; Laurel, Victor C. Hitchens; Lewes, James T. Lank; Little Creek, Wm. S. Lafferty; Magnolia & Barratt's Chapel, Harry Johnson; Milford, Thomas Davis; Milton, J. B. Welch; Nassau, Alden S. Hopkins; Rehoboth, Ralph Wingate; Reliance, L. K. Hackett; Seaford, T. N. Rawlins; Vienna, E. F. Kemp; Williamsburg, E. E. Wright; Zoar Circuit, F. W. Lawson.

Easton District.—Bayside, W. F. Rowlenon; Bozman, Mrs. Edith Cummings; Burrsville, Fred Bowdle; Centreville, R. H. L. Carter; Ches-tertown, J. C. Loud; Cheswold, W. S. Cantwell; Church Hill, J. C. Roberts; Clayton, J. W. Houston; Cordova, J. W. Wood; Crumpton, J. Thomas Smith; Denton, Harry A. Roe; Easton, J. W. Wheatley; Fairlee, M. P. Lee; Galena, L. R. Vansant; Greensboro, R. B. Rawlins; Henderson, S. C. Johnson; Hillsboro, Mrs. W. E. Sylvester; Kent Island, J. B. Cooke; Kenton, D. S. Clarke; Middletown, Clarence P. Webber; Millington, Joseph Mallalieu; Odessa, Joseph G. Brown; Oxford, John H. Dobson; Pomona, E. M. Starr; Preston, A. W. Sisk; Queenstown, J. R. Wrightson; Ridgely, T. L. Day; Rock Hall, John R. Diehl; Royal Oak, J. A. M. Denny; St. Michaels, W. J. Keithley; Smyrna, C. J. Sudler; Smyrna Circuit, Clarence Ford; Still Pond, F. B. Harper; Sudlersville, Spencer Walls; Tilghman's Island, Charles G. Davis; Townsend, D. B. Maloney; Trappe, George C. Slaughter, Wye Mills, Wm. E. Roe.

Salisbury District.—Annessex, Arthur McGee; Berlin, R. C. Peters; Cape Charles, Mrs. L. A. Milbourne; Chincoteague, Daniel Jefferies; Cris-field—Asbury, Clarence Sterling; Immanuel, E. P. Wyatt; Dagsboro & St. Georges, E. A. Townsend; Deals Isl., James L. Webster; Delmar, W. B. Stephens; Fruitland, Ralph Dulaney; Girdle-tree, C. E. Onley; Gumboro, Geo. T. Jones; Hebron, E. T. Culver; Mardela Springs, R. E. Seabrease; Marion, R. J. Maddox; Mt. Vernon, Wm. T. Holland; Nanticoke, Paul Hamburg; Ocean City, John L. Quillen; Ocean View & Millville, Thos. H. Hudson; Onancock, C. F. Watson; Pittsville, Southey G. Truitt; Pocomoke City, E. James Tull; Pocomoke Circuit, Samuel A. Evans; Powellville,

Zadok Richardson; Princess Anne, Thos. H. Beck; Roxana, Albert P. Le-kites; Salisbury—Asbury, L. Atwood Bennett; Grace & Stengle, J. W. Smith; Selbyville, Mrs. W. H. Kenney; Smith's Island, Asbury S. Middleton; Snow Hill, John T. Taylor; Stockton, Clayton C. Pilchard; Westover, E. W. McDorman; White Haven, J. D. Dolby.

Wilmington District.—Bethel Circuit, John R. Butler; Cherry Hill, Arthur Harvey; Chesapeake City, Prof. Guy Johnson; Chester & Bethel, J. Wilson Tally; Christiana, Wm. F. Elliott; Claymont, John Graham; Ebenezer, James H. Little; Elk Mills, A. Thomas Kay; Elkton, Miss Grace Price; Hockessin, Edwin Golding; Hopewell, Edward Krummell; Marshallton, W. H. Wingate; Mt. Pleasant, George W. Welden; Newark, Clarence A. Short; New Castle, J. B. Manlove; North East, J. Edward Davis; Perryville, W. H. Cole; Port Deposit, Prof. C. A. Ewing; Red Lion, J. C. McDowell; Rising Sun, Edwin Haines; St. Georges & Summit, Harry L. Gray; St. Johns, Harry Johnson; Zion, O. W. Conner; Wilmington—Asbury, W. Bayard Genn; Brandywine R. S. Loomis; Brack-Ex, John W. Owens; Cedars, Mrs. J. Smith; Cookman, C. C. Lynch; East Lake, John Smith; Epworth, Geo. W. Booker; Grace, John S. Mullin, Jr.; Harrison St., Wm. T. Houpt; Kingswood, Mrs. Sallie Hoeffcker; Madeley, Robert J. Davis; McCabe, Chas. H. Gray; Mt. Salem, Chas. A. Beck; Richardson Park, A. K. Taylor; Scott, George E. Vandergrift; Silverbrook, J. Harry Bailey; St. Paul's, A. L. Johnson; Trinity, W. E. Fosnocht; Union, W. W. Walls, Wesley, H. E. Sheppherd.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Lay Electoral Conference of the Wilmington Conference met in Grace Church, Wilmington, Delaware, March 26, 1920. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A. M., by Enrolling Secretary, Clarence A. Short.

A. W. Carrow of Frederica, led in singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers," after which D. S. Clark addressed the Throne of Grace. Judge H. C. Conrad was elected Temporary Chairman. Roll was called, to which 131 delegates responded. On motion of J. E. Drennen, the Temporary Chairman was made Permanent Chairman. Clarence A. Short was made Secretary and Victor C. Hitchens, Assistant Secretary.

The Chairman appointed the following Committees:

On Resolutions:

Dover District: Thos. N. Rawlins, J. E. Drennen.
Easton District: J. W. Wheatley, C. P. Webber.
Salisbury District: L. Atwood Bennett, C. C. Pilchard.
Wilmington District: Chas. H. Gray, Edwin Haines.
At Large, Miss Grace Price.

On Credentials:

Henry P. Cannon, Harry A. Roe, John T. Taylor, and Arthur Harvey.

On Ministerial Relations:

J. A. Ellegood, C. J. Sudler, Thos. H. Bock and John S. Mullin, Jr.

Rev. J. W. Prettyman was introduced and spoke in behalf of the Daily Christian Advocate.

The Constitutional Amendments were taken up at this time and after full and free discussions the vote was taken and resulted as follows:

On Wilmington Annual Conference Amendment to Paragraph 42, Section 3, of Article VI: For, 93; Against, 281.

Admission of Laymen to Annual Conference: For, 5; Against, 102.

The Chairman, Judge Conrad, in a few words of felicitation for the Pastor of Grace Church and a brief summary of the history of the church in which the session of Conference was being held, introduced Dr. J. W. R. Sumwalt, who expressed his pleasure in having the Lay Electoral Conference meet in this church, and officially welcomed the delegates.

Dr. Joseph W. Van Cleve of Chicago, General Secretary of the Commission on Finance, was next introduced and spoke in behalf of a better paid ministry and requested a resolution be passed setting a minimum salary for traveling pastors. The resolution was referred to committee. (See Resolution II.)

Hon. L. Atwood Bennett, ex-Senator of Wicomico County, Md., spoke of safeguarding the 18th Amendment to the United States Constitution, and offered an appropriate resolution. On motion, the resolution was referred to committee. (See Resolution IV.)

Thos. N. Rawlins offered a resolution regarding the support of Retired Ministers. Resolution referred to committee. (See Resolution I.)

Dr. John Krant was introduced and made a plea for the "World Outlook."

T. J. Sard, Pastor of Scott M. E. Church, was introduced, to make announcement concerning the entertainment of Lay Delegates.

A Committee representing the Annual Conference, Dr. C. W. Prettyman, Dr. E. L. Hoeffcker and Dr. Harvey W. Ewing, brought greetings from the Annual Conference to the Laymen in Conference assembled.

Thos. N. Rawlins proposed the following resolution governing election of Lay Delegates to the General Conference:

WHEREAS, It has been the custom in this Conference for one of the Lay Delegates to the General Conference to be chosen from each of the four Districts, and by a majority of all the votes cast; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the time-honored precedent shall be followed at this time, and that, in the election of Lay Delegates and of Reserve Lay Delegates, the usual custom shall be observed.

On motion, the resolutions were adopted.

The Chairman appointed the following tellers for election to be held at 2:00 P. M.—1st set: W. S. Hamar, D. S. Clark, Thos. H. Hudson, R. S. Loomis; 2d set: J. A. Hyland, Spencer Walls, E. James Tull and C. A. Ewing.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Conrad. After singing, led by Bro. Carrow, Edwin Golding led in prayer.

Robt. A. Brooks, representing The Methodist Book Concern, was then introduced and spoke for a larger circulation of the New York Christian Advocate.

Roll of absentees at morning session was called, to which 20 responded.

The election of Delegates to the General Conference followed:

Dover District.—Judge Henry C. Conrad, nominated by J. A. Ellegood, seconded by C. S. Conwell. No other nominee, Judge Conrad was elected.

Easton District.—Joseph Mallalieu, nominated by J. Thomas Smith, seconded by D. S. Clark; J. W. Wheatley, nominated by Col. A. W. Sick. J. W. Wheatley was elected.

Salisbury District.—Hon. L. Atwood Bennett, nominated by E. James Tull, seconded by Clarence A. Short; R. Fulton Powell, nominated by Reese Peters, seconded by J. A. Ellegood, A. W. Sisk and John T. Taylor. L. Atwood Bennett was elected.

Wilmington District.—Bro. E. C. Hardesty nominated by A. L. Johnson, seconded by W. T. Smith and W. H. Wingate. No other nominee. E. C. Hardesty was elected.

Reserve Delegates were elected as follows: R. Fulton Powell, John S. Mullin, Jr., and Joseph Mallalieu.

Collection to defray incidental expenses of Lay Conference and printing of minutes was taken, amounting to \$43.50.

Committee on Resolutions reported favorably Resolution I, pertaining to Annuity Claims. It was adopted.

Resolution II, recommending a minimum salary of \$1200 per year was reported favorably and adopted.

Resolution III, regarding The Methodist, was reported favorably and carried.

Resolution IV, regarding the 18th Amendment, was reported favorably and adopted.

Resolution V, opposing the Iverson Bill now before the Maryland Legislature, was reported favorably and, after explanation by Senator Orlando Harrison, was adopted by a rising vote.

Resolution VI, retention of amusement Paragraph in the Discipline, was referred to the Conference and adopted by rising vote.

J. E. Drennen introduced a resolution regarding use of Churches for bazaars, etc. On motion, the same was referred to Committee on Resolutions. (See Resolution VII.)

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 A. M. to-morrow.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The session was called to order by Chairman Conrad. After singing, J. A. Ellegood offered prayer. D. S. Clark was introduced and led in an Experience Meeting, during which testimony of the saving and sustaining power of the Saviour was given by the delegates.

Chairman Conrad read a communication from Bishop Hamilton, Washington, D. C., asking contributions for the erection of a suitable memorial

in the Capital to Francis Asbury, founder of Methodism in America. The plan is to erect a monument of the Methodist missionary upon his horse with the saddlebags, to commemorate the early minister's mode of travel over his circuit, which extended from Maine to Georgia. The chairman asked the laymen to whom the request appealed to contribute, as he himself was doing, through Bishop Hamilton.

The Committee on Resolutions reported: Resolution VII, use of Churches for bazaars, etc., favorably, and, after some discussion, the same was adopted.

Resolution VIII, expressing appreciation of the laymen to Grace Church, City of Wilmington, and the press for kindness and courtesies, was passed unanimously by a rising vote.

W. O. Hofferker, Chairman of Conference Claimant Commission, spoke of the present status of the Endowment Fund: Subscribed, \$254,000; in bequests and not available, \$50,000; received and available at present, \$109,000. Resolution IX, setting the goal at \$500,000, was offered and adopted. W. O. Hofferker also asked for approval of recommendation embodied in Resolution X, making the payments to Conference Claimants quarterly instead of annually. Upon motion, the same was adopted.

Dr. H. G. Budd, President of Wesley Collegiate Institute, was presented and explained the changes in the organization of that institution and told of improvements in property and Courses of Study. He also summarized the attendance for the past year.

Resolution XI, asking that provision be made for retired Supply Pastors, was reported favorably by Committee and adopted.

Committee on Ministerial Refations reported that the laymen were invited to a joint session with the Annual Conference.

The Lay Delegates to the General Conference were formally presented to the Lay Electoral Conference.

The minutes of the sessions were read by the Secretary and adopted as read.

The Conference, as a body, entered the Annual Conference. Chairman Conrad presented the lay delegates to the General Conference to Bishop McDowell.

Bishop McDowell then addressed the joint session on the relation of the Church to the world of to-day. The Church, said he, must be a steadying influence in the time of storm, and mediator between conflicting forces. The Church is called upon to be a preventive force. Its policy has been to let things go to smash and put its efforts into salvaging what it can of the wreckage. It should become a constructive force so these wrecks may not happen.

The Conference then adjourned, sine die.

HENRY C. CONRAD, Chairman.

CLARENCE A. SHORT,
VICTOR C. HITCHENS,
Secretaries.

RESOLUTIONS.

I.—Annuity Claim.

WHEREAS, Because of the considerable increase in the average salary of the Members of the Conference, wherein we all greatly rejoice, the Annuity claims of the Retired Ministers and of the widows and orphans of our deceased ministers have also been greatly increased; and

WHEREAS, The amounts provided for the benefit of these claimants by the apportionments hitherto made are far from being sufficient to meet these increasing demands in these times of the high cost of living; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we recommend that the Annual Conference apportion to the several pastoral charges a sum sufficient to adequately meet these needs, thereby carrying out the provisions of Paragraph 336 of the Discipline; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call the attention of the Annual Conference to the action taken and the recommendations made at a meeting of the Conference Stewards present at the Centenary Exposition at Columbus, Ohio, and suggest that the recommendations be followed, at least, to the extent of fixing a minimum age below which no member of the Conference shall be retired with the privilege of drawing his Annuity, unless he shall furnish to the Committee on Conference Relations a certificate as to his health from a qualified medical practitioner, and that no member of the Conference shall be given the retired relation except upon the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the Annual Conference.

II.—Minimum Salary for Ministers.

WHEREAS, The cost of living has greatly advanced within the last four years, while there has been very little advance and in many cases none whatever in the salaries paid our Ministers; and

WHEREAS, The ability of our people to pay has been very largely advanced through increased wages to laborers and the increased prices of all farm products, which increases in the needs of a family and in the ability of our people to pay ought to result in a corresponding increase in the salaries of our preachers; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, First, that we recommend such an increase in the salaries of all Ministers as shall correspond to the increase in the cost of living and in the income of the masses of our people.

RESOLVED, Second, that as laymen of the Church upon whom the responsibility for the maintenance of an efficient ministry largely depends, we recommend that the cash salary paid any preacher, who is in effective relation and gives all his time to ministerial work, shall be not less than \$1200.00, and we pledge ourselves to use our utmost endeavor to bring every pastoral charge up to this minimum standard.

III.—“The Methodist.”

RESOLVED, That this Lay Electoral Conference of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session on Friday, March 26, 1920, at Grace Church, Wilmington, Delaware, recognizes the valuable work of “The Methodist” as an Area paper, and we commend it to all our churches and to every member.

We appreciate the unselfish devotion and the able work of the Rev. J. F. Heisse, D. D., Editor, who serves without compensation.

We appreciate the loyalty and great liberality of Mr. John L. Alcock of Baltimore, Maryland, whose financial support has been a most important factor in the publication of the paper.

We see the increasing need of “The Methodist” as an Area paper and pledge ourselves in loyalty to its support.

IV.—Eighteenth Amendment.

WHEREAS, The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is now a part of the organic law of our country, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors; and

WHEREAS, Congress has passed a law defining what are intoxicating liquors; and

WHEREAS, Some of our citizens are spreading a propaganda against the enforcement of said laws; be it

RESOLVED, That this Lay Electoral Conference deems such action as unpatriotic and conducive to the destruction of law and order in our midst; and be it further

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this Conference that we stand for the enforcement of said Eighteenth Amendment in accordance with the Acts of Congress, so long as said Amendment and Act shall remain the law of our land; and be it further

RESOLVED, That upon this question citizenship should overshadow partisanship and that as the Christian representatives of a great Church we should and do hereby take a definite and positive stand upon this great moral question in the enforcement of law to the perpetuation of our American institutions and the glory of God; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Conference.

V.—Iverson Bill.

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 303, known as the Iverson Bill, permitting Sunday Moving Pictures, is now on its third reading file in the House of Delegates of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, This Lay Electoral Conference views with alarm the commercializing of the Sabbath Day by legalizing Sunday Moving Pictures; be it

RESOLVED, That this Conference go on record as being opposed to the Iyerson Bill and asks that the General Assembly of Maryland be and they are hereby requested to vote against its passage, because we believe by its passage the American Sabbath, peculiarly an American institution, would be brought into jeopardy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the House of Delegates and the Senate of Maryland, now in session.

VI.—Amusement Clause in Discipline.

WHEREAS, There will be a strong effort made at the General Conference to let down the bar of the Methodist Church, thus permitting dancing, card playing, theatre going and other worldly amusements; and

WHEREAS, Such action would tend to lower the standard of our Church and cripple our usefulness; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Lay Electoral Conference here assembled, desires to express our unalterable opposition to any change on the amusement question.

VII.—Use of Churches for Bazaars, etc.

WHEREAS, The Founder of the Church has said that His house must not be made a place of merchandise, and

WHEREAS, Our fundamental church law declares that "our churches are dedicated to the service of God, the reading of the Holy Scriptures, the preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the Holy Sacraments, and for all other exercises of religious worship and service, according to the Discipline and Usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, First, that it is the sense of this Lay Electoral Conference that the holding of bazaars, festivals, suppers and other money-making enterprises in our churches is contrary to the expressed command of our Lord and Master;

Second, that it is a perversion and desecration of our house of worship;

Third, that it is unlawful, in view of the terms of the deeds of our churches and the civil laws that exempt church property from taxation on account of their moral and spiritual purpose; and further be it

RESOLVED, That we record our emphatic protest against such profanation of our churches, and that we believe the honest paying of the expenses of the Church of Jesus Christ to be consistent with the centenary idea.

That we importune our people, both ministerial and lay, to use their utmost endeavor to the end that this thing shall cease to be.

VIII.—Expression of Thanks.

RESOLVED, That we extend to the Trustees and other organizations of Grace Church, and to the Committee on Entertainment and other friends in the City of Wilmington, who have made such splendid provision for our entertainment and comfort during this session of the Lay Electoral Conference, and to the Representatives of the Press, our sincere thanks for the many courtesies shown us.

IX.—Conference Claimant Endowment Fund.

RESOLVED, That the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission be recommended to make the goal for the Endowment Fund for Conference Claimants in the Wilmington Conference, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000); and that the Annual Conference be requested to concur in this recommendation.

X.—Quarterly Payments for Conference Claimants.

RESOLVED, That the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission recommends to the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church that the amounts payable to Conference Claimants be paid quarterly, beginning with the next meeting of the Conference and every three months thereafter, and that the income in the hands of the treasurer be invested in some safe investment during the Conference year until needed at the end of the Conference year.

XI.—Support of Retired Supply Pastors.

WHEREAS, There are within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference a number of Local Preachers who have given many years of faithful service as "supplies," doing splendid work as pastors of many of our churches where the salaries have been small, and some of these faithful servants have grown old in the service of the Church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That some provision should be made for the support of these faithful pastors, the amount to be based on their years of service, and we hereby request our delegates to the General Conference to use their influence to have some provision made to provide for their support in their old age.

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- 1916—Pres., E. J. Winder; Secy's, C. A. Short, A. Galt Starr.
- 1920—Pres., H. C. Conrad; Secy's, C. A. Short, V. C. Hitchens.

LAY DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

- 1872—Delegates, Daniel M. Bates, Walter H. Thompson.
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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.
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- 1916—Delegates, E. J. Winder, Thos. H. Bock, Melville Gambrill, Martin B. Burris.
Alternate, I. M. Lenderman, W. O. Hoffecker, L. E. P. Dennis.
- 1920—Delegates, E. C. Hardesty, H. C. Conrad, L. Atwood Bennett, J. W. Wheatley.
Reserves, Joseph Mallalieu, R. F. Powell, J. S. Mullin, Jr.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

OF

WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(Fifty-Second Session)

1920.

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STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Local Preachers, Church Membership (Prep'y Mem., Full Members), Epw'th League, Church Property (Land and Buildings, etc.), and General Conference Expenses.

* No report submitted. Last year's figures.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools (Officers and Teachers, etc.), and Sunday Schools (Church, Sunday School, etc.).

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STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

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

TREASURER'S DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference (Missions, Bd. of S. S., B'd of Education, American Bible Society, Board of Temperance Prohibition and Pub. Morals, General Deacons Board, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Cash, Supplies, Home Miss. Soc., City Missionary & Church Extension Society, Philadelphia Hospital, Anti-Saloon League, Domestic Missions, Salary Conference Entertainment, Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, Annual Conf. Investments for Conf. Claimants, Central Office Expen. E.I.), and Other Cash Items.

STATISTICAL EASTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (Local Preachers, Received During Year, Now on Roll, Full Members), Epw'th League (Senior Members, Junior Members), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Paid for Buildings and Improvements, etc.), General Conf'ce Expen's (Current Expenses, Appointed for the Quadrennium, Paid this Year, Balance Due).

STATISTICAL EASTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools (Officers and Teachers, Scholars not including Home Department, etc.), Sunday Schools (Children on the Cradle Roll, Total Enroll't in all Dep'ts, etc.), Officers and Teachers (Members of Probationers, etc.), Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S., Church (Sunday School, % of Sunday Sch. Miss. Offering, etc.), Collec's for Bd. of S. S., Sunday School Expenses (Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.).

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STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (Local Preachers, Prep'y Mem., Full Members), Epw'th League (Senior, Junior), Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Paid for Buildings and Improvements, Paid on Old Indebtedness, Present Indebtedness), Current Expenses, Appportioned for the Quadrennium, Paid this Year, Balance Due.

* No report submitted. Last year's figures.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools (Officers and Teachers, Scholars not including Home Department and Cradle Roll, Members in the Home Department, Children on the Cradle Roll, Total Enroll't in all Depts., Inc. Cradle Roll, Home Dept., Off'r, Teach's, Schls., Average Attendance of all Grades), Officers and Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers, Scholars incl. Home Dept., Ch. Mem's or Prob'ers, Members Sunday Sch., converted during Conf. Year, Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S., Church (Sunday School, 10% of Sunday Sch. Miss. Offering, Sunday School Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.).

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Local Preachers, Church Membership (Probationers, Full Members), Epw'th League, Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Paid for Buildings and Improvements, etc.), General Conference Expenses.

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools (Officers and Teachers, Scholars not including Home Department, etc.), Children on the Cradle Roll, Total Enrollment in all Depts., Average Attendance of all Grades, Officers and Teachers Ch. Members on Probationers, etc.

* No report submitted. Last year's figures.

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WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

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