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I.

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 and 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

tion 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.

II.

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 Philip 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
1879 Olin S. Walton	1888 Frank F. Carpenter
1879 Alfred Smith	1888 William P. Compton
1879 Joshua M. Lindale	1888 Wesley W. Chaires
1880 Harry Compton	1888 Warren Burr
1881 Frederick J. Cochran	1888 Joshua W. Gray
1881 Louis P. Corkran	1888 George W. Stallings
1881 Sewall N. Pilchard	1889 Vinal E. Hills
1882 Allison P. Prettyman	1889 Truston C. Smoot
1882 Charles H. Williams	1889 James W. Fogle
1883 William B. Guthrie	1890 George W. Bounds
1883 George L. Hardesty	1890 Melvin D. Nutter
1883 Vaughan S. Collins	1890 Julius A. Brewington
	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 Theodore F. Beauchamp
	1892 Clarence W. Strickland

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
 1902 Joseph S. Eldridge
 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 R. 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. Bickling
 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 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
 1914 Paul P. Truitt

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. Rowleson
 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
 1921 Milton S. Andrews
 1921 Charles E. Davis
 1921 Harry W. Gallion
 1921 Benjamin W. Gilbert
 1921 Clarence A. Gilbert
 1921 Sylvanus T. Hamblin
 Chester L. Marsh

(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 to trial; those in the last column, the year of appointment or relation.

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1888	Alderson, G. T. E Elkton, Md.	2
1918	Alderson, W. H. E (Drew)	3
1912	Allen, G. S. E St. Peters (P. O. Oriole, Md.)....	2
1888	Anderson, J. F. E Colora, Md.	2
1921	Andrews, M. S. P Garrett Bib. Inst., Evanston, Ill..	1
1917	Atkins, C. H. E Lincoln, Del.	4
1876	Barrett, L. E. R Chestertown, Md.	3
1902	Baynard, O. T. E Beckwith (P.O. Cornersville, Md.)	2
1892	Beauchamp, T. F. E Selbyville, Del.	1
1894	Beauchamp, J. H. E Wilmington, Del.	1
1897	Bennett, W. O. E Laurel, Del.	2
1914	Benson, N. C. E Seaford Ct. (P. O. Seaford, Del.)	1
1907	Bicking, J. R. E New Castle, Del.	4
1920	Bolton, J. C. E Clayton, Del.	2
1890	Bounds, G. W. E Wilmington, Del.	2
1885	Bowman, G. W. R Laurel, Del.	16
1890	Brewington, J. A. R Hebron, Md.	2
1907	Briggs, W. H. E Easton, Md.	1
1915	Broadway, L. M. E Wilmington, Del.	5
1904	Buckson, J. A. E Zion (P. O. North East, Md.)	2
1894	Budd, H. G. E Dover, Del.	11
1909	Bunting, J. J. E Berlin, Md.	2
1888	Burr, Warren E Port Deposit, Md.	2
1888	Carpenter, F. F. E Seaford, Del.	2
1888	Chaires, W. W. R Bozman, Md.	2
1913	Chappell, J. W. D Mt. Regia Sanatorium, Salem, Va..	4
1915	Clark, C. W. E Hockessin, Del.	2
1881	Cochran, F. J. R Hammonton, N. J.	1
1876	Collins, J. M. R 1607 W. 13th St., Wilm., Del....	17
1883	Collins, V. S. E Salisbury, Md.	5
1895	Collins, E. H. E Wilmington, Del.	2
1902	Colona, J. W. E Dover, Del.	4
1888	Compton, W. P. R 6726 Lansdown Ave., Phila., Pa...	9
1880	Compton, Harry E Nanticoke, Md.	1
1862	Conaway, G. S. R Smyrna, Del.	16
1912	Connelly, O. H. E Millington, Md.	2
1891	Cooke, G. A. E St. John's (P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	1

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1920	Cooke, R. W. P Wilmington, Del.	2
1876	Corkran, W. F. E Crisfield, Md.	4
1881	Corkran, L. P. R Sudlersville, Md.	5
1918	Cummings, W. H. D Fairmount, Md.	1
1899	Dashiell, E. H. E Cape Charles, Va.	1
1900	Davis, Howard E Lewes, Del.	2
1921	Davis, C. E. D (Drew)	1
1884	Dawson, W. F. E Princess Anne, Md.	2
1899	Dawson, G. W. E Wilmington, Del.	9
1884	Derrickson, E. H. R Odessa, Del.	1
1886	Dulaney, H. S. E Sharptown, Md.	2
1885	Easley, J. W. R Kenton, Del.	3
1902	Eldridge, J. S. E Dagsboro, Del.	1
1898	Ellis, G. R. E Magnolia, Del.	5
1866	Esgate, James R Los Angeles, California	36
1887	Ewing, H. W. E Wilmington, Del.	3
1900	Faulkner, F. N. E Delmar, Del. (L. of A.)	1
1889	Fogle, J. W. R Seaford, Del.	4
1905	Ford, D. J. E Mardela Springs, Md.	1
1915	Frye, A. B. E Church Hill, Md.	1
1921	Gallion, H. W. P Bayside (P. O. Sherwood, Md.)	1
1891	Gardner, Edwin E	1
1902	Gardner, J. H. E Crapo, Md.	2
1891	Geoghegan, J. H. E Red Lion, Del.	1
1921	Gilbert, C. A. P At School (Drew)	1
1921	Gilbert, B. W. P Edge Moor, Del.	1
1895	Givan, D. J. E North East, Md.	2
1884	Given, T. N. E White Haven, Md.	1
1917	Godwin, W. F. E Tangier, Va.	2
1903	Goodhand, A. W. E Richardson Park, Del.	2
1917	Grant, W. S. E Rehoboth, Del.	2
1888	Gray, J. W. R Landover, Md.	2
1873	Greene, W. M. R Cheswold, Del.	18
1900	Greenfield, W. E. E Wilmington, Del.	4
1903	Gunby, W. E. E Cambridge, Md.	4
1883	Guthrie, W. B. R Kenton, Del.	1
1903	Habbart, W. E. E Wilmington, Del.	3
1910	Hallman, E. C. E Ocean View, Del.	2
1921	Hamblin, S. T. P At School (Drew)	1
1883	Hardesty, G. L. R Seaford, Del.	8
1871	Harding, T. H. R Wilmington, Del.	15
1906	Harris, W. G. E Wilmington, Del.	4
1916	Harris, C. C. E Rising Sun, Md.	2
1900	Hastings, G. W. R Blades, Del.	1
1917	Hearn, W. A. E Newark, Md.	2
1918	Henvis, E. W. D At School (Drew)	3
1903	Herson, J. T. E Salisbury, Md.	6
1909	Herson, Frank E Newark, Del.	4

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1920	Hess, W. L.	P Stockton, Md.	2
1889	Hills, V. E.	E Denton, Md.	2
1918	Hodgson, R. S.	P Odessa, Del.	1
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	R Bellevue, Md.	4
1897	Holt, T. S.	R Federalsburg, Md.	10
1906	Hubbard, C. L.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1900	Hudson, J. A.	E Chester-Bethel (P.O.Boothwyn,Pa.)	3
1896	Jackson, Leolan	E Tilghman, Md.	2
1913	Jacobs, D. W.	E Milford, Del.	1
1907	James, O. E.	E Mt. Lebanon (P.O. Rockland, Del.)	2
1886	Jester, B. F.	R Wilmington, Del.	5
1899	Johnson, J. L.	E Crisfield, Md.	4
1891	Jones, G. P.	E Townsend, Del.	2
1898	Jones, J. W.	E Delmar, Del.	1
1898	Jones, O. E.	E Chestertown, Md.	2
1900	Jones, C. N.	E St. Michaels, Md.	3
1903	Jones, C. T.	E Hopewell (P.O. Port Deposit, Md.)	2
1905	Jones, E. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1915	Jones, R. C.	E Kent Is. (P.O. Stevensville, Md.)	1
1898	Kelso, H. B.	E Perryville, Md.	1
1904	Kelso, J. M.	E Houston, Del.	2
1886	Koons, W. G.	R Rising Sun, Md.	6
1918	Lawson, Robert	E Sudlersville, Md.	2
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E Delaware City, Del.	3
1913	Leach, J. A.	E Greensboro, Md.	3
1879	Lindale, J. M.	R Chestertown, Md.	1
1920	McCabe, J. B.	P Whitesville, Del.	2
1892	McCann, Milton	E Cherry Hill (P.O. Elkton, Md.)	1
1905	McCoy, J. C.	E St. George's, Del.	2
1905	McDade, H. R.	E Claymont, Del.	2
1906	McDowell, E. W.	E Pocomoke City, Md.	2
1917	McGuire, W. T.	D Ocean City, Md.	1
1873	MacSorley, F. C.	E Federalsburg, Md.	7
1914	Marine, M. W.	E Felton, Del.	2
Marsh, C. L.	E Gumboro (P.O. Frankford, Del.)	1	
1902	Marshall, E. H.	E Mt. Pleasant (P.O. Laurel, Del.)	1
1900	Martin, O. L.	E Bethel & T.Ct. (P.O. Elkton, Md.)	1
1902	Matthews, W. E.	E Hebron, Md.	2
1920	Minker, R. L.	P Boston University	1
1894	Moore, C. W.	E Camden, Del.	2
1898	Moore, F. X.	R Baltimore, Md.	1
1911	Moore, D. J.	E Trappe, Md.	1
1917	Moore, B. P.	E Millsboro, Del.	2
1918	Moore, W. V.	D Newport, Del.	1
1905	Morgan, L. B.	E Chincoteague, Va.	8
1886	Mowbray, W. R.	E Dover, Del.	6
1912	Newton, G. F.	E Ebenezer (P.O. Newark, Del.)	1
1907	Nichols, R. P.	E Smyrna, Del.	3
1892	Northrup, V. P.	E Middletown, Del.	4

	Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1890	Nutter, M. D.	E Hillcrest, Del.	1
1872	Otis, J. P.	R Marshallton, Del.	3
1893	Outten, J. P.	E Preston, Md.	1
1881	Pilchard, S. N.	R Hillsboro, Md.	1
1896	Poole, L. E.	E Snow Hill, Md.	7
1900	Poole, W. C.	E Frankford, Del.	1
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	R Carlisle, Pa.	6
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	R Galena, Md.	5
1897	Prettyman, J. W.	E Somerset (P. O. Chance, Md.)	2
1909	Prettyman, E. C.	E Wilmington, Del.	7
1908	Price, J. T.	E Hurlock, Md.	2
1886	Prouse, J. T.	R Edge Moor, Del.	9
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	R Seaford, Del.	11
1858	Redman, W. W.	R Milford, Del.	31
1870	Reed, G. E.	E Harrisburg, Pa.	6
1910	Reed, H. E.	E Milton, Del.	2
1916	Reed, O. B.	E Chesapeake City, Md.	1
1885	Reese, J. D.	R Dover, Del.	1
1907	Revelle, W. H.	E Hillsboro, Md.	2
1911	Rice, O. B.	E East New Market, Md.	2
1893	Richardson, J. T.	E Harrington, Del.	2
1911	Richmire, G. W.	E Wyoming, Del.	1
1873	Roe, Robert	R Oxford, Md.	10
1918	Rowlenson, J. T.	D Crumpton, Md.	4
1910	Sard, T. J.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1886	Sharp, W. W.	E Mt. Pleasant (P.O. Edge Moor, Del.)	1
1919	Shockley, E. M.	D At School (Drew)	2
1879	Smith, Alfred	R Camden, Del.	5
1896	Smith, G. P.	E Cheswold, Del.	5
1907	Smith, Tilghman	E Still Pond, Md.	2
1889	Smoot, T. C.	E Rock Hall, Md.	4
1906	Sparklin, J. L.	E Georgetown, Del.	1
1911	Spry, C. W.	E Georgetown, Del.	1
1888	Stallings, G. W.	E Fairlee, Md.	1
1870	Stengle, Adam	R Wilmington, Del.	7
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1912	Sterling, G. E.	E Galena, Md.	1
1892	Strickland, C. W.	E Pittsville, Md.	1
1896	Sumwalt, J. W. R.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1885	Sunfield, E. C.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1908	Sutton, J. W.	E Bozman, Md.	2
1886	Taylor, W. P.	E Grace (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)	4
1904	Taylor, E. B.	E Powellville (P.O. Pittsville, Md.)	2
1897	Taylor, Harry	E Frederica, Del.	1
1916	Thawley, R. T.	D Wethersfield, Conn.	4
1876	Terry, T. E.	R Bridgeville, Del.	7
1903	Thomas, G. S.	E Deal Island, Md.	1
1914	Thomas, E. P.	E Wilmington, Del.	1

Name	Appointment	Year
1871 Tomkinson, W. E. R	Rehoboth Beach, Del.	23
1876 Townsend, G. W. R	Ridley Park, Pa.	7
1914 Truitt, P. P. E	Phoebus, Va.	1
1905 Van Blunk, J. M. S. E	Quantico, Md.	2
1895 Van Dyke, T. R. E	Cecilton, Md.	3
1871 Wallin, F. O. B. R	Sweden	21
1879 Walton, O. S. R	Red Lion, Del.	16
1906 Warren, J. H. Sy.	Norfolk, Va.	1
1885 Watt, Robert E	Wilmington, Del.	6
1887 Webster, Z. H. R	Denton, Md.	2
1913 Wells, Z. W. E	Wilmington, Del.	5
1917 West, H. D. D	At School	1
1910 Wheatley, M. E. E	Centreville, Md.	3
1919 Whedbee, J. H. D	Cordova, Md.	2
1875 White, W. W. R	Salisbury, Md.	3
1893 White, W. L. E	Bridgeville, Del.	1
1908 White, Leonard E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1914 White, Frank E	Ridgely, Md.	2
1882 Williams, C. H. R	Snow Hill, Md.	8
1892 Williams, W. S. H. R	Georgetown, Del.	5
1902 Williams, G. C. E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1912 Williams, G. W. E	Mt. Vernon (P.O. Pr. Anne, Md.) ..	1
1885 Willis, D. H. R	Cambridge, Md.	9
1912 Willis, Ivanhoe E	Marshallton, Del.	2
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Atkinson, W. F.	Elliott's Island, Md.	2
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1924—J. T. Richardson, Leolan Jackson, H. S. Dulaney.

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1924—G. P. Jones, F. F. Carpenter, J. W. Jones, C. L. Hubbard.

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VII.

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?**
Harry Compton, West Ohio; Joseph S. Eldridge, Northern New York; Harry E. Reed, New Jersey; Paul P. Truitt, Georgia; Chester L. Marsh, Colorado.
- 3. Who have been Readmitted?**
None.
- 4. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**
None.
- 5. Who have been Received on Trial?**
(a) In Studies of First Year.
M. S. Andrews, C. E. Davis, H. W. Gallion, B. W. Gilbert, C. A. Gilbert, S. T. Hamblin.
(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.
None.
- 6. Who have been Continued on Trial?**
(a) In Studies of First Year.
R. S. Hodgson, R. L. Minker.
(b) In Studies of Second Year.
J. W. Chappell, R. W. Cooke, W. L. Hess, A. F. Zimmerman.
(c) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
J. B. McCabe.
- 7. Who have been Discontinued?**
None.
- 8. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
E. W. Henvis (ordained elsewhere), E. M. Shockley, J. H. Whedbee.
(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
None.
- 9. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
E. W. Henvis, E. M. Shockley, J. H. Whedbee.
(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
R. T. Thawley.

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- 10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
J. C. Bolton, W. H. Cummings, W. T. McGuire, W. V. Moore, J. T. Rowleson, H. D. West, J. W. Wootten.
- 11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
C. H. Atkins, C. W. Clark, A. B. Frye, W. F. Goodwin, W. S. Grant, B. P. Moore.
(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
None.
(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.
W. H. Alderson, R. C. Jones.
- 12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons.**
(a) As Local Preachers.
R. H. Adams, C. E. Davis.
(b) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
(c) Under the Seminary Rule.
None.
- 13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
(a) As Local Deacons.
None.
(b) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
- 14. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**
It was.
- 15. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**
J. C. B. Hopkins, Colorado; T. R. Jones, Malaysia.
- 16. Who have Died?**
W. O. Hurst, G. R. Neese, H. T. Quigg.
- 17. Who have been Located at their own Request?**
None.
- 18. Who have been Located?**
None.
- 19. Who have Withdrawn?**
C. P. Keen.
- 20. Who have been permitted to Withdrawn under Charges or Complaints?**
None.
- 21. Who have been Expelled?**
None.
- 22. What other personal Notation should be made?**
None.

- 23. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation.**
J. H. Warren (1).
- 24. Who are the Retired Ministers?**
L. E. Barrett, G. W. Bowman, J. A. Brewington, F. J. Cochran, J. M. Collins, W. W. Chaires, G. S. Conaway, W. P. Compton, L. P. Corkran, E. H. Derrickson, J. W. Easley, James Esgate, J. W. Fogle, J. W. Gray, W. M. Green, W. B. Guthrie, T. H. Harding, G. L. Hardesty, G. W. Hastings, E. L. Hoeffecker, T. S. Holt, B. F. Jester, W. G. Koons, J. M. Lindale, F. X. Moore, J. P. Otis, S. N. Pilchard, C. W. Pretymann, 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?**
R. K. Stephenson, T. F. Beauchamp, G. T. Alderson, F. F. Carpenter, J. W. Colona.
Reserves:—H. W. Ewing, 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?**
\$154,224.
(b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$21,297.
- 31. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**
\$50,489.
- 32. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?**
\$36,276.
(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?**
\$40,945.
- 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?**
Cambridge, Md.

VIII.

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 Hurlock, Md., J. T. Price Lakesville, (Sup.) E. S. Tyler P. O. Andrews, Md.
Bethel, Del. G. E. Wood	Laurel, Del., W. O. Bennett
Blades & Epworth (Sup.) R. W. Mills P. O. Blades, Del.	Leipsic, Del., (Sup.) R. L. Kirby, Jr.
Bridgeville, Del. W. L. White	Lewes, Del., Howard Davis
Cambridge, Md. W. E. Gunby	Lincoln, Del., C. H. Atkins
Camden, Del. C. W. Moore	Little Creek, Del. (Sup.) Ernest Wright
Canterbury, (Sup.) W. C. Buckson P. O. Viola, Del.	Magnolia & Barratt's Chapel, G. R. Ellis P. O. Magnolia, Del.
Church Creek & Taylor's Island, (Sup.) E. M. Byrd P. O. Church Creek, Md.	Milford, Del. D. W. Jacobs
Crapo, Md. J. H. Gardner	Milford Neck & Williamsville, To be supplied
Dover, Del. J. W. Colona	P. O. Milford Neck, Del.
East New Market, Md. O. B. Rice	Millsboro, Del., B. P. Moore
Ellendale, Del. (Sup.) T. S. Barrett	Milton, Del. H. E. Reed
Elliott's Island, Md., (Sup.) W. F. Atkinson	Mt. Pleasant, E. H. Marshall P. O. Laurel, Del.
Epworth (Sup.) G. T. Gehman P. O. Dover, Del.	Nassau, Del. (Sup.) L. T. McLain
Farmington, Del. (Sup.) G. T. Jones	Rehoboth, Del., W. S. Grant
Federalsburg, Md., F. C. MacSorley	Reliance, (Sup.) J. H. Thornton P. O. Oak Grove, Del.
Felton, Del. M. W. Marine	Seaford, Del., F. F. Carpenter
Frederica, Del. Harry Taylor	Seaford Circuit, N. C. Benson P. O. Seaford, Del.
Galestown & McKendree, (Sup.) H. E. Truitt P. O. Seaford, Del.	Vienna, Md. (Sup.) John McGrath
Georgetown, Del. J. L. Sparklin	Williamsburg, Md. (Sup.) J. P. Kelley
Georgetown Circuit, C. W. Spry	Wyoming, Del. G. W. Richmire
P. O. Georgetown, Del.	Zoar Circuit, To be supplied P. O. Georgetown, Del.
Greenwood, Del. (Sup.) W. D. Short	
Harrington, Del. J. T. Richardson	

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

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

Bayside, P. O. Sherwood, Md.	H. W. Gallion	Millington & Dulaney, O. H. Connelly P. O. Millington, Md.
Bozman, Md., J. W. Sutton	To be supplied	Odessa & Friendship, R. S. Hodgson P. O. Odessa, Del.
Burrsville, P. O. Harrington, Del.	T. R. VanDyke	Oxford, Md. (Sup.) W. B. Horner
Cecilton, Md., M. E. Wheatley	O. E. Jones	Piney Neck, (Sup.) F. L. Hicks P. O. Rock Hall, Md.
Chestertown, Md., G. P. Smith	A. B. Frye	Pomona, To be supplied P. O. Chestertown, Md.
Cheswold, Del., A. B. Frye	J. C. Bolton	Preston, Md. J. P. Outten
Church Hill, Md., J. C. Bolton	To be supplied	Queenstown, Md., (Sup.) Henry Covington
Clayton, Del., P. O. Hobbs, Md.	J. H. Whedbee	Ridgely, Md., Frank White
Concord, J. H. Whedbee	J. T. Rowleson	Rock Hall, Md., T. C. Smoot
Cordova, Md., J. T. Rowleson	V. E. Hills	Royal Oak, Md., (Sup.) S. L. Hanby
Crumpton, Md., V. E. Hills	W. H. Briggs	St. Michaels, Md., C. N. Jones
Denton, Md., W. H. Briggs	G. W. Stallings	Salem Circuit, To be supplied P. O. Centreville, Md.
Easton, Md., G. W. Stallings	G. E. Sterling	Smyrna, Del., R. P. Nichols
Fairlee, Md., G. E. Sterling	J. A. Leach	Still Pond & Betterton, Tilghman Smith P. O. Still Pond, Md.
Galena, Md., J. A. Leach	(Sup.) C. D. Sharpless	Sudlersville, Md., Robert Lawson
Greensboro, Md., W. H. Revelle	R. C. Jones	Tilghman, Md. Leolan Jackson
Henderson, Md., P. O. Stevensville, Md.	(Sup.) J. W. Easley	Townsend, Del., G. P. Jones
Hillsboro, Md., J. W. Easley	To be supplied	Trappe, Md. D. J. Moore
Kent Island, V. P. Northrup	(Sup.) W. N. Conaway	Wye Mills & Starr, P. O. Wye Mills, Md.
Kenton, Del. (Sup.) J. W. Easley		
Marydel, Md. To be supplied		
Middletown, Del. V. P. Northrup		

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

Annamessex, (Sup.) R. H. Wilson	Crisfield, Md.:
P. O. Crisfield, Md.	Asbury, W. F. Corkran
Ayres, Chapel, (Sup.) T. S. Dixon	Immanuel, J. L. Johnson
P. O. Leemont, Va.	Dagsboro & St. Georges, J. S. Eldridge P. O. Dagsboro, Del.
Berlin, Md., J. J. Bunting	Deal Island, Md. G. S. Thomas
Bishopville, Md., A. F. Zimmerman	Delmar, Del. J. W. Jones
Cape Charles, Va. E. H. Dashiell	Fairmount, Md. W. H. Cummings
Chincoteague, Va., L. B. Morgan	
Claremont, Va., W. A. Wright	

Frankford, Del.	W. C. Poole	Pocomoke Circuit,
Fruitland, Md.,	J. W. Wootten	(Sup.) M. H. Smith
Girdletree, Md.,	(Sup.) D. B. Prettyman	P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.
Gumboro,	C. L. Marsh	Powellville,
P. O. Frankford, Del.		E. B. Taylor
Hebron, Md.,	W. E. Matthews	P. O. Pittsville, Md.
Holland's Island, Md.,	(Sup.) S. T. Horseman	Princess Anne, Md.,
Mardela Springs, Md.	D. J. Ford	Quantico, Md.
Marion, Md.,	(Sup.) J. E. Parker	Roxana, Del.,
Mt. Vernon,	G. W. Williams	(Sup.) J. T. Graham
P. O. Princess Anne, Md.		St. Peters,
Nanticoke, Md.	Harry Compton	G. S. Allen
Newark, Md.,	W. A. Hearn	P. O. Oriole, Md.
Ocean City, Md.	W. T. McGuire	Salisbury, Md.:
Ocean View & Millville,	E. C. Hallman	Asbury,
P. O. Ocean View, Del.		J. T. Herson
Onancock, Va.,	Daniel Wilson	Grace & Stengle,
Parsonburg, Md.,	(Sup.) C. V. Steininger	W. P. Taylor
Phoebus, Va.	P. P. Truitt	Selbyville, Del.
Pittsville, Md.	C. W. Strickland	T. F. Beauchamp
Pocomoke City, Md.,	E. W. McDowell	Sharptown, Md.,
		H. S. Dulaney
		Smith Island,
		(Sup.) J. L. Derrickson
		P. O. Ewell, Md.
		Snow Hill, Md.,
		L. E. Poole
		Somerset,
		J. W. Prettyman
		P. O. Chance, Md.
		Stockton, Md.,
		W. L. Hess
		Tangier, Va.,
		W. F. Godwin
		Westover, Md. (Sup.)
		A. A. Bichell
		White Haven, Md.
		T. N. Given
		Whitesville, Del.,
		J. B. McCabe

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

Belle Fonte & Holly Oak,	Ebenezer,	G. F. Newton
To be supplied	P. O. Newark, Del.	
P. O. Wilmington, Del.	Elk Neck,	To be supplied
Bethel & Town Point,	O. L. Martin	P. O. North East, Md.
P. O. Elkton, Md.	Elkton, Md.,	G. T. Alderson
Charlestown, Md.,	J. H. Wilson	Hockessin, Del.
Cherry Hill,	Milton McCann	C. W. Clark
P. O. Elkton, Md.	Hopewell,	C. T. Jones
Chesapeake City, Md.	O. B. Reed	P. O. Port Deposit, Md.
Chester-Bethel,	J. A. Hudson	Marshallton & Cedars,
P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.		Ivanhoe Willis
Christiana, Del.	(Sup.) Thomas Pardee	P. O. Marshallton, Del.
Claymont, Del.	H. R. McDade	Mt. Lebanon,
Colora, Md.,	J. F. Anderson	O. E. James
Delaware City & Port Penn,	L. W. Layfield	P. O. Rockland, Del.
P. O. Delaware City, Del.		Mt. Pleasant,
		W. W. Sharp
		P. O. Edge Moor, Del.
		Newark, Del.,
		Frank Herson
		New Castle, Del.,
		J. R. Bicking

Newport & Stanton,	W. V. Moore	Eastlake,	E. C. Sunfield
P. O. Newport, Del.		Edge Moor,	B. W. Gilbert
North East, Md.,	D. J. Givan	Epworth,	E. P. Thomas
Perryville, Md.	H. B. Kelso	Grace,	J. W. R. Sumwalt
Port Deposit, Md.,	Warren Burr	Harrison Street,	W. E. Habbart
Red Lion, Del.	J. H. Geoghegan	Hillcrest,	M. D. Nutter
Rising Sun, Md.,	C. C. Harris	Italian Mission,	To be supplied
St. George's & Summit,	J. C. McCoy	Kingswood,	G. W. Bounds
P. O. St. George's, Del.		Madeley,	L. M. Broadway
St. John's,	G. A. Cooke	McCabe,	G. C. Williams
P. O. Lewisville, Pa.		Mt. Salem,	Leonard White
Zion Circuit,	J. A. Buckson	Richardson Park, Del.,	A. W. Goodhand
P. O. North East, Md.		Scott,	T. J. Sard
Wilmington:		Silverbrook,	R. K. Stephenson
Asbury,	G. W. Dawson	St. Paul's,	C. L. Hubbard
Brandywine,	W. E. Greenfield	and R. W. Cooke	
Brack-Ex and Elsmere,	(Sup.) R. H. Adams	Trinity,	E. H. Collins
(Sup.) R. H. Adams		Union,	H. W. Ewing
P. O. Marshallton, Del.		Wesley,	Z. W. Wells
Cookman,	W. G. Harris		

- E. W. Jones, Secretary of Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, and Manager of Goodwill Industry, Asbury Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.
- H. G. Budd, President, Wesley Collegiate Institute, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.
- J. H. Beauchamp, Assistant Manager Goodwill Industry, Asbury Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.
- E. C. Prettyman, Superintendent, Peninsula District of the Maryland-Delaware Anti-Saloon League, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.
- G. E. Reed, President, National Society for Broader Education, Grace Quarterly Conference, (P. O. Harrisburg, Pa.).
- J. W. Chappell, Soldier in U. S. Army Hospital, Salem, Va.
- F. N. Faulkner granted a Leave of Absence, Delmar Quarterly Conference, Delmar, Del. (See Paragraph 186, Discipline of 1920.)
- J. H. Warren granted Supernumerary Relation, Phoebus Quarterly Conference, Phoebus, Va.
- R. T. Thawley, E. W. Hervis, E. M. Shockley, L. E. Windsor, C. E. Davis, H. D. West, S. T. Hamblin, C. A. Gilbert, R. L. Minker, M. S. Andrews and W. H. Alderson were left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

IX.

JOURNAL.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—The Wilmington Annual Conference convened for its Fifty-Third Session in Immanuel Methodist Episcopal Church, Crisfield, Maryland, March 30, 1921, at 8.30 A. M.

PRESIDING OFFICER.—Bishop William F. McDowell called the Conference to order.

LORD'S SUPPER.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Bishop McDowell, assisted by G. C. Williams, and Howard Davis.

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

EXCUSED.—On motion of V. S. Collins, W. A. Wright was excused from attendance at the Conference Session.

DECEASED MEMBERS.—The Conference arose and stood while the names of our recently deceased brethren were called, after which the Bishop offered a brief prayer.

ORGANIZATION.—Secretary.—Disston W. Jacobs was unanimously elected Secretary, and named as his assistants J. R. Bicking and R. L. Minker.

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

Treasurer.—The Treasurer, V. E. Hills, named as his assistants:—O. E. Jones, J. B. McCabe, W. V. Moore, E. W. McDowell, E. P. Thomas, Frank White, W. H. Revelle, W. P. Taylor, O. B. Reed, H. D. West, C. H. Atkins, E. C. Hallman, T. J. Sard, A. B. Frye, C. W. Clark.

Bar of Conference.—The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the 8th row of pews from the chancel and the choir loft.

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

CONFERENCE PROGRAM.—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, amended by W. E. Tomkinson, the program of the Conference as printed was made the Official Program subject to modifications when deemed necessary, the hour of adjournment being fixed at 12 o'clock Noon.

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

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.—The following were nominated as ministerial members of the Conference Deaconess Board and they were elected: Dover District, W. E. Gunby; Easton District, T. R. Van-Dyke; Salisbury District, J. L. Johnson; Wilmington District, J. W. R. Sumwalt.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.—The following were nominated as members of the Bureau of Sessions to serve for a term of 3 years, and they were confirmed: T. F. Beauchamp, R. K. Stephenson, A. L. Johnson.

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 Paul P. Truitt from the Georgia Conference, and Harry Compton from the West Ohio Conference, and they 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 T. R. Jones to the Malaysia Conference, and that of J. C. B. Hopkins to the Colorado Conference.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. R. J. Wade, Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Conservation and Advance; Dr. Morris E. Swartz, Area Secretary; Frank Rines and Willis Rowe of the Area Staff; Rev. C. M. Elderdice, Pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, Crisfield, Md., were introduced, the first two named addressing the Conference.

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, L. E. Poole; Wilmington District, E. W. Jones, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. Robert Watt, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, was called, his character passed and he read a report of his work. The Effective Elders of this District were called, their characters passed and they answered affirmatively the questions required by the Discipline, relating to the pro-rating of ministerial support and the full support of the benevolences.

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

EXCUSED.—W. P. Taylor was excused to attend a funeral.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. 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 they answered affirmatively the questions required by the Discipline, relating to pro-rating ministerial support and the full support of the benevolences.

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 8.30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

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

ROLL CALL.—The Secretary called the roll of those not marked "present," and further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

DRAFTS.—The Bishop presented a draft from the Chartered Fund for \$35, one for special distribution from the Methodist Book Concern for \$1217.75, and one for the regular distribution from the Methodist Book Concern for \$3653.25. These drafts were ordered in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS.—The following resolutions were presented by V. S. Collins and, on motion, they were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Paragraph 339, Section 1, Discipline of 1920, plainly directs, "Each Annual Conference shall elect Conference Stewards, who may be either preachers or laymen, arranged in classes so that one-third of the members shall be elected each year; and,

WHEREAS, The charter of the Board of Conference Stewards of the Wilmington Annual Conference incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware by order of this Conference, (see Minutes of 1869, pages 24 and 25), equally plainly directs that, "The ministerial members of said Board shall be elected by ballot annually by the said Wilmington Annual Conference, and the lay members of the Board shall be elected by ballot by the Board of District Stewards of each Presiding Elder's District for the term of four years and until their successors have been duly elected as aforesaid;" and,

WHEREAS, It is thus seen that in three important particulars the charter of the Board of Conference Stewards is in direct violation of the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Stewards be and are hereby instructed to have their attorney, Caleb E. Burchenal, Esq., prepare and have duly executed amendments to the articles of incorporation that shall make the charter of said Board of Stewards harmonize with the Discipline in the following particulars:

1. Substitute the words "District Superintendent" for "Presiding Elder" wherever it occurs in the charter.

2. Strike out the whole section relating to membership and mode of election and substitute therefor a section that contains four provisions:

1. A Board to consist of nine members, consisting of five members of the Wilmington Annual Conference and four laymen, one from each Superintendent's District, to be elected by the Wilmington Annual Conference.

2. To arrange same into three classes so that three members shall be elected by the Wilmington Annual Conference at each session.

3. That the election shall be by ballot.

4. That the present Board of Stewards shall hold office until the session of the Wilmington Annual Conference meeting in 1922.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. W. A. Wise, Superintendent of the Easton District, was called, his character passed, and he read a report of the District. The Effective Elders of this District were called, their characters passed, and they answered affirmatively the questions required by the Discipline, relating to pro-rating ministerial support and the full support of the benevolences.

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.—W. A. Wise presented the following resolutions and, on motion, they were adopted:

WHEREAS, It appears to have been the long established custom of our Methodism to designate the various districts into which the several Conferences are divided, by the name of the city or town in which the residence of the District Superintendent is located; and,

WHEREAS, The District Stewards of the Easton District have recently secured a permanent residence for whoever may hereafter be assigned to the superintendency of that district; and

WHEREAS, For the sake of complete agreement of districts with residences within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference, as well as more accurate mailing information; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we hereby request our present presiding officer, Bishop W. F. McDowell, in the arrangement with the appointments this year, to substitute the name MIDDLETOWN for that of Easton in the case of the district involved by this request.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.—The Bishop announced the following as members of the Conference Board of Examiners:—T. F. Beauchamp, V. P. Northup, J. L. Sparklin, V. E. Hills, O. E. Jones, W. O. Bennett, E. W.

Jones, G. P. Jones, R. P. Nichols, J. J. Bunting, J. L. Johnson, W. H. Briggs, M. D. Nutter, Milton McCann and J. A. Leach.

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

CHANGE OF RELATION.—The District Superintendents presented the following names of those who request a change of relation, and they were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations:—S. N. Pilchard, E. H. Derrickson, W. B. Guthrie, F. X. Moore, G. W. Hastings, F. J. Cochran, G. A. Cooke and C. P. Keen.

QUESTION 4.—The Fourth Question, "Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?" was taken up. On request of V. S. Collins the case of C. V. Steininger, from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. V. S. Collins, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, was called, his character passed, and he read a report of the work of the District. The Effective Elders of this District were called, their characters passed, and they answered affirmatively the questions required by the Discipline relating to pro-rating Ministerial Support, and the full support of the benevolences.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.—The Effective Elders in special appointment were called and their characters passed.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Rev. E. M. Conover, representing the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, was introduced and addressed the Conference. Mrs. D. B. Street, representing the Woman's Home Missionary Society, was introduced to the Conference.

APPORTIONMENTS.—W. A. Wise announced the following apportionments:—Episcopal Fund, \$5,954, to be distributed among the Districts; General Conference Expenses, Dover District, \$985; Middletown District, \$918; Salisbury District, \$1,138; Wilmington District, \$1,266.

EXCUSED.—M. W. Marine was excused to attend a funeral.

ORDER OF THE DAY—CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.—For the purpose of considering the proposed constitutional amendments an order of the day was fixed for Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

CORPORATE SESSION.—The Conference went into a Corporate Session for the purpose of electing ministerial trustees of Wesley Collegiate Institute. The Chair was assumed by R. K. Stephenson, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees of said Institute. G. T. Alderson, V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran, W. R. Mowbray and T. F. Beauchamp were elected for a term of three years.

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

THIRD SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—At 8.30 o'clock Conference convened, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. Dr. J. H. Morgan led in prayer.

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

DICKINSON COLLEGE.—On motion of J. W. Colona, the privilege of the floor was granted Mr. H. P. Cannon, who presented the following. After Dr. J. H. Morgan, President of Dickinson College, spoke concerning the work of the school, on motion of V. S. Collins the resolution was adopted:

We congratulate Dickinson College on recent advances made, especially on the liquidation of its entire debt, a notable achievement. We congratulate the College also on the fact that its good work has secured from the General Education Board a promise of \$150,000 toward endowment, provided the other friends of the College contribute \$300,000 additional.

Because of our historic connection with this College and our interest in Christian education, we heartily approve the acceptance by the Trustees of the General Education Board's offer. We also endorse such a forward movement by the Trustees as may be finally decided upon as necessary to put the College on a solid financial foundation, and assure them also of our co-operation in it. In support of this movement we will call the attention of our people, both publicly and privately, to the work, worth, and need of Dickinson College; and will advise them that in helping on this forward movement of the College they will be aiding the Church and the Kingdom in our territory.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—Conference went into executive session on motion of G. W. Dawson.

QUESTION 11.—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Charles H. Atkins, Claude W. Clark, Alpha B. Frye, William F. Godwin, William S. Grant and Blanchard P. Moore were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elder's Orders.

QUESTION 10.—The Tenth Question, "What Members are in the Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. William H. Alderson and Ralph C. Jones were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elder's Orders under the Seminary Rule.

John C. Bolton, Wade H. Cummings, William T. McGuire, Willard V. Moore, John T. Rowleson, Harry D. West and John W. Wootten were

called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, they were advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year.

Roy T. Thawley was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, he was continued in the Studies of the Third Year.

QUESTION 8.—The Eighth Question, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Earl M. Shockley, John H. Whedbee and Edmund W. Hennis were called, their characters passed, the District Superintendents represented, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended.

John W. Chappell was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, and he was Continued on Trial in the Studies of the Second Year.

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

August F. Zimmerman, Raymond W. Cooke and William L. Hess were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and they were Continued on Trial and advanced to the Studies of the Second Year.

Joshua B. McCabe was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, he was Continued on Trial and advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year.

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 Milton S. Andrews, Harry W. Gallion, Benjamin W. Gilbert, Clarence A. Gilbert, Charles E. Davis and Sylvanus T. Hamblin, and, with the exception of the first named, who was not present, they were introduced to the Conference. The Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented, the Committee recommended, they were Received on Trial and placed in the Studies of the First Year.

QUESTION 12.—The Twelfth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up. The Registrar reported, the District Superintendent represented, and Reuben High Adams and Charles E. Davis were elected to Deacon's Orders under the Local Rule.

CHANGE OF RELATION.—On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, the following changes of relation were granted: W. B. Guthrie, G. W. Hastings, F. X. Moore and E. H. Derrickson from Effective to Retired, and the first two cases were referred to the Board of Stewards; G. A. Cooke from Retired to Effective, and the withdrawal of C. P. Keene, at his own request, when his credentials have been returned to the Conference. The right of S. N. Pilchard and F. J. Cochran to retire, according to Paragraph 188, Section 2, was recognized by the Conference, and their relation was changed from Effective to Retired.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—The Bishop was requested to grant a Leave of Absence, according to Paragraph 186, to F. N. Faulkner, on motion of his District Superintendent.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—The following were nominated and elected as members of the Committee on Conference Relations, for a term of three years:—F. F. Carpenter, G. P. Jones, J. W. Jones, C. L. Hubbard. The Conference ordered the Executive Session closed.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.—The following were nominated and elected Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference for a term of three years, the Secretary casting the ballot:—H. S. Dulaney, J. T. Richardson and Leolan Jackson.

ORDER DURING DEVOTIONS.—On motion of J. W. R. Sumwalt, it was ordered that, during the address of the Bishop to the class for admission into full membership on tomorrow morning, entrance within the bar of the Conference shall not be permitted and order in the adjoining room must prevail.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.—The proposed amendments to the Constitution were presented by Bishop McDowell: (See Paragraphs 618, 619, 620 of 1920 Discipline)—

1. Admission of Laymen to Annual Conferences. This was not adopted, the vote being none for and 99 against. The Conference deferred action on the amended amendment.
2. To change name of Quarterly Conference to Local Conference. This was not adopted, the vote being 2 for and 123 against.
3. To change the ratio of representation in the General Conference. This was adopted, the vote being 103 for and 9 against.

EXTENSION OF TIME.—On motion, time was extended.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. J. O. Spencer, President of Morgan College; Robert A. Brooks, representing the Methodist Book Concern; W. W. Davis, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, and Dr. J. B. Hingeley, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants, were introduced and addressed the Conference. Dr. Hingeley presented the Conference with a draft for \$250 from the Board of Conference Claimants, and it was ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

QUESTION 2.—The Bishop announced the transfer of Harry E. Reed from the New Jersey Conference.

MINUTE MONEY.—The Secretary announced that the balance in the Minute Fund is \$765.54, \$265.54 of which having been earned since the sum of \$500 was loaned to him two years ago.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, T. E. Terry pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—The devotions were conducted by Bishop McDowell as Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock.

QUESTION 8.—The Eighth Question was resumed. The Bishop addressed the class for Full Membership, and upon giving satisfactory answers to the usual disciplinary questions asked for admission into Full Membership, Earl M. Shockley and John H. Whedbee were so admitted, elected to Deacon's Orders and passed to the Studies of the Third Year.

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

GREETINGS.—The following telegram was received and read:—"Bishop W. F. McDowell.—The 58th session of the Delaware Conference sends greetings." (Signed) "Bishop J. F. Berry." The Secretary was instructed to make suitable response.

QUESTION 2.—The Second Question was resumed. The transfer into this Conference of Joseph S. Eldridge from the Northern New York Conference was announced.

RESOLUTIONS FROM LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, Mr. H. P. Cannon was granted the privilege of presenting to the Secretary a resolution from the Laymen's Association, with the request that same be considered by the Conference before its final adjournment.

QUESTION 36.—The Thirty-Sixth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. Through its pastor, W. E. Gunby, Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, Cambridge, Md., invited the Conference to hold its next annual session in that church on Plan No. 2. On motion of V. S. Collins the invitation was unanimously accepted.

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

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. Frank P. Parkin, Secretary, Atlantic Agency, American Bible Society; Dr. Clarence True Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals; Dr. Charles E. Ely, Professor of Religious Education and Rural Leadership in Dickinson College, and Dr. F. Watson Hannan, Professor of Biblical Theology and Homiletics in Drew Theological Seminary, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

WILM. CITY MISSIONARY & CHURCH EXT. SOCIETY.—J. H. Beauchamp, Corresponding Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society and Superintendent of the Goodwill Industries, presented and read a report of his work and it was adopted.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.—E. W. McDowell was appointed a member of the Conference Board of Examiners.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.—On motion of W. F. Corkran, L. W. Layfield, who has served 51 consecutive years in the active ministry, was requested to preach a semi-centennial sermon to the Conference at its session in 1922.

NORTH AMERICAN—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—The following was presented and read by Milton McCann, and was adopted:

In view of the publication of such splendid articles and inspirational editorials in the recent issues of the Philadelphia "North American" in its campaign on Sunday School work, and recognizing the importance of the dissemination of such valuable information and the general stimulus resulting therefrom; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, do hereby earnestly commend the North American for conducting such a campaign.

RESOLVED, Further, that we urge the various Sunday School forces to take such steps as may be found necessary to conserve the results of the awakening induced by this forceful method of publicity.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—The following resolutions were presented and adopted:—

RESOLVED:—I. That a Conference Board of Sunday Schools be organized in accordance with the Discipline, Par. 472, the provisions of said paragraph being hereby complied with.

II. That the Board, after it is properly constituted, shall select, or make provision for the selection, annually of the persons who are to compose the Board, except those named as being members ex-officio, such selection to be subject to the approval of the Annual Conference, the Board being empowered to fill all vacancies ad interim.

III. That the Board shall elect the following officers to serve for the period of one year, or until their successors are elected: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.

IV. That the Conference Board of Sunday Schools be now formed by the approval on the part of the Conference of the following persons who shall constitute the Board for the ensuing year, or until their successors are selected in accordance with above provisions:

Ministers: F. C. MacSorley, R. P. Nichols, Milton McCann, J. L. Johnson.

Lay: W. Harry Jones, Geo. T. Macklin, O. M. Shockley, L. E. Layfield.

V. That the Board shall make provision for the proper supervision of the various departments of Sunday School work by the selection of Departmental Superintendents as follows:

1. Superintendent of Children's Work;
2. Superintendent of Young People's Work;
3. Superintendent of Adult Work;
4. Superintendent of Administration, Religious Education, and Conservation.

VI. That the Board be empowered and directed to formulate plans for the proper organization of the Sunday School work in the Methodist Episcopal Churches within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference for the purpose of promoting the standard requirements as set forth by the Board of Sunday Schools.

VII. That the Board be empowered and directed to make selections and assignments to membership on the various Executive committees of the International Sunday School Association, when such selection is authorized by the Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.—T. E. Terry, Trustee of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, presented and read his report and it was adopted. He was nominated and elected Trustee of the Fund, on motion of W. E. Tomkinson.

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—C. W. Prettyman, G. C. Williams and D. W. Jacobs; Lay—W. O. Hoffecker, J. T. Taylor and E. B. Dennis, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference. The visitors to the respective colleges were nominated and confirmed. (See list of Official Visitors).

WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—Dr. H. G. Budd, President of Wesley Collegiate Institute, addressed the Conference in relation to the work of that school.

CONFERENCE SESSION.—On motion of V. S. Collins, it was ordered that when we adjourn we do so to meet this afternoon at two o'clock for the purpose of receiving the report of the Board of Stewards and considering the resolution from the Laymen's Association.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.—A committee, consisting of H. G. Budd, Alfred Smith and H. W. Ewing, was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commending the work of Dr. F. Watson Hannan during the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, J. T. Prouse pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened at two o'clock with Bishop McDowell presiding. F. C. MacSorley led in prayer.

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

DEACONESS BOARD.—The report of the Conference Deaconess Board was read and, on motion of J. W. R. Sumwalt, was adopted.

REPORTS.—Reports from the following committees were read and adopted:—Sabbath Observance, Bible, Epworth League, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Temperance.

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.

CONF. CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT REPORT.—E. H. Dashiell, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, read his report and it was adopted.

After the following resolutions were presented and read by J. W. R. Sumwalt, on motion of Robert Watt, Hon. Caleb E. Burchenal was granted the privilege of the floor and addressed the Conference:—

WHEREAS, As it has been deemed wise to discontinue the active work of the field secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Commission to have entered upon the minutes of the Wilmington Annual Conference its appreciation of the splendid work done by Rev. E. H. Dashiell as Field Secretary; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, First, that this Commission tender to the Rev. E. H. Dashiell its very deep appreciation for the faithful service he has rendered in placing in pledges over \$260,000. on its books, and in collecting in cash \$112,794. of said amount during his term in office; and

Second, be it further recorded that, in view of the Liberty Loan drives, the demands made upon this Conference for a suffering world, the needs of the Centenary and the delays in getting the question before the people on account of the "flu" epidemic, the stepping aside for a time for the Conference Academy drive, and also for the Centenary movement, the members of the Commission hereby publicly congratulate Rev. E. H. Dashiell on the high measure of success which has crowned his efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Commission and the Wilmington Annual Conference, and a copy be given to Rev. E. H. Dashiell with our grateful acknowledgment of the worth of his work and with the sincere good wishes of each member of this Commission.

A division of the question having been called for and granted, sections one and two were adopted, and the report was then adopted as a whole.

CONF. CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.—On motion of J. W. R. Sumwalt, Conference ordered the continuance of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, and E. H. Dashiell was made a member of same.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD SECRETARY.—Milton McCann, Field Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools, submitted his report and it was adopted.

MEMORIAL SESSION.—On motion of Alfred Smith, the Conference Memorial Service was ordered held at the close of the roll call in connection with the regular session in 1922.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—Conference was ordered to convene in executive session at 8.30 o'clock Monday morning, on motion of G. W. Dawson.

ADJOURNMENT.—Conference adjourned, Bishop McDowell pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH 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 W. E. Tomkinson offered prayer.

MEMOIRS.—The memoir of Howard T. Quigg was presented and read by Robert Watt; that of William O. Hurst, by Alfred Smith; that of Gordon R. Neese, by E. W. Jones.

F. F. Carpenter presented and read the memoir of Mrs. Fannie Greene; O. E. Jones, that of Mrs. Emma Lindale; R. P. Nichols, that of Mrs. Mary Hynson; G. A. Cooke, that of Mrs. Emma Ewing; and H. S. Dulaney, that of Mrs. Ida Lee Truitt.

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 Earl M. Shockley, John H. Whedbee, Willard V. Moore; Reuben H. Adams and Charles E. Davis were ordained as Deacons, the last two having been elected to Deacon's Orders under the Local Rule.

ELDERS.—Those elected to Elder's Orders were called and presented, and the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, ordained William H. Alderson, Charles H. Atkins, Claude W. Clark, Alpha B. Frye, William F. Godwin, William S. Grant, Ralph C. Jones and Blanchard P. Moore 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 Third day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-One, I ordained as DEACONS,

Earl M. Shockley	Reuben High Adams
John H. Whedbee	Charles E. Davis
Willard V. Moore	

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

William H. Alderson	William F. Godwin
Charles H. Atkins	William S. Grant
Claude W. Clark	Ralph C. Jones
Alpha B. Frye	Blanchard P. Moore

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

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL,
Crisfield, Md. Bishop.

SEVENTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock in Executive Session, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. W. F. Corkran led in prayer.

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

1922 CONFERENCE.—W. E. Gunby presented and read the following resolution and it was adopted:—

WHEREAS, The Wilmington Annual Conference has enjoyed great prosperity under the leadership of Bishop William F. McDowell; and,

WHEREAS, By his wise counsel, impartial decisions, splendid addresses and administrative genius he has endeared himself to us as a brother beloved; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we request the Board of Bishops at its semi-annual meeting to appoint Bishop McDowell to preside over this Conference at its session to be held at Cambridge, Md., in 1922.

CHANGE OF RELATION.—On request of his District Superintendent, Robert Watt, the case of J. H. Warren was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, and on their recommendation he was granted the Supernumerary Relation.

RESOLUTION—LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.—On motion of J. W. R. Sumwalt, amended by motion of E. H. Dashiell, the resolution adopted by the Laymen's Association and presented to the Conference was ordered printed in the minutes, and the Bishop was requested to make a statement in regard to this matter in open Conference, said statement also to be printed.

Resolution Adopted by Laymen's Association.

WHEREAS, The Charter of the Board of Conference Stewards of the Wilmington Annual Conference, adopted in 1869, provides that, "The ministerial members of said Board shall be elected by the Wilmington Annual Conference, and the lay members of the Board shall be elected by the Boards of District Stewards for the term of four years; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Conference Stewards has for fifty years been composed of eight members—four elected by the Wilmington Annual Conference and four by the Boards of District Stewards, respectively; and

WHEREAS, The Wilmington Annual Conference has passed a resolution to amend the charter of the Board of Conference Stewards, adopted in 1869, by taking from the laymen the right through Boards of District Stewards to elect four members of said Board of Conference Stewards, and giving to the Wilmington Annual Conference the right to elect the four lay members of said Board, and further increasing the members to nine—five of whom shall be ministers and only four laymen; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 339 of the Discipline of 1920 has been invoked as a reason for amending said Charter, although said provision has been in the Discipline for nearly thirty years; and

WHEREAS, The Laymen's Association, representing over 50,000 laymen of the churches in the Wilmington Conference, regard such action of the Conference as unwise and unjust and detrimental to the future success of the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Annual Conference, that we do emphatically protest against such resolution and action of the ministers of the Wilmington Annual Conference, and, in view of previous harmonious and effective work of the Board of Conference Stewards, we do further earnestly request that the Wilmington Annual Conference reconsider and rescind such resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the Wilmington Annual Conference.

Statement Made by Bishop McDowell.

On Saturday some resolutions adopted by the Laymen's Association were presented to the Annual Conference and at the time were not read. This morning they were read and ordered incorporated in the minutes. They were not discussed by the Conference.

On motion of Dr. J. W. R. Sumwalt, the Bishop was asked to make a statement touching the case, and upon request of W. A. Wise he was also requested to make a legal expression touching the whole situation.

The Annual Conference believed a certain change in the method of the incorporation of the Board of Stewards and method of electing them was desirable. The Laymen's Association believed differently. I think we shall work out a way unless we go to imputing motives or impugning motives, and we must not do that. I would have been glad for you to have been present and heard what was said. Indeed, you might have overheard all that was said in executive session this morning with absolute comfort, gratification and satisfaction to your souls.

The Bishop then re-read the opinion he read to the Conference.

BISHOP'S RULING.—W. A. Wise requested a ruling from the Bishop on the legal aspect of the question, which the Bishop presented as follows: The Bishop expresses the opinion that:

1. The Annual Conference of 1869 directed the incorporation of the Board of Stewards, including the number, the manner of election, etc.

2. The Board of Stewards thus created by direction of the Annual Conference is the creature of the Annual Conference, exercising its powers under the charter and discipline of the Church.

3. The Stewards are not authorized themselves to amend the Articles of Incorporation without authority from the Annual Conference, nor can the Annual Conference itself directly amend the articles.

4. It is the opinion of the Bishop that the Annual Conference has the authority to direct the stewards to obtain, according to the method prescribed by the laws of Delaware, such amendments as are not in contradiction of the Discipline of the Church or the laws of the state. And it is his opinion that when the Annual Conference does direct such changes as do not violate the laws of Delaware or the Discipline of the Church, it is the duty of the stewards to proceed according to the vote and instructions of the Annual Conference.

REPORTS.—Reports were received and adopted from the following committees:—Periodicals, Woman's Home Missionary Society and Board of Education for Negroes.

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

OPEN SESSION.—Conference ordered Executive Session closed.

CENTENARY CANVASS.—A canvass for Centenary funds on charges where such canvass is necessary to pay the apportionment, was ordered to be made during the month of May, on motion of W. A. Wise.

SUMMER SCHOOL.—J. W. R. Sumwalt addressed the Conference in the interests of the Summer School at Dickinson College.

TREASURER'S REPORT.—The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted. V. E. Hills was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Conference for next year.

BOARD OF STEWARDS—REPORT.—T. N. Rawlins read the report of the Board of Stewards, together with certain recommendations, and it was adopted.

LEFT WITHOUT APPOINTMENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL.—The following members and probationers were left without appointments to attend school:—R. T. Thawley, E. W. Henvis, E. M. Shockley, L. E. Windsor, C. E. Davis, H. D. West, S. T. Hamblin, C. A. Gilbert, R. L. Minker, M. S. Andrews and W. H. Alderson.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.—On motion of G. T. Alderson, the apportionment of 1% of cash salary for the Bureau of Sessions was made the standing order of the Conference.

DR. F. WATSON HANNAN.—The following resolutions were presented and read and unanimously adopted:

The Wilmington Annual Conference, in regular session, records its keen appreciation of the presence and service of Dr. F. Watson Hannan of Drew Theological Seminary.

Dr. Hannan's addresses have been characterized by profound scholarship, epigrammatic clearness, undoubted orthodoxy and spiritual helpfulness; and his presence among us has been blessed in its brotherliness.

We congratulate Drew Theological Seminary and the Church at large, in the service of such a man, and we cordially and enthusiastically invite him to come again.

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

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:—R. K. Stephenson, T. F. Beauchamp, G. T. Alderson, F. F. Carpenter and J. W. Colona. Reserves:—H. W. Ewing and W. L. White.

COLLECTION.—A collection was ordered and taken, and was distributed according to list made out by the Secretary, all monies over the amount necessary being voted to the minute 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 Robert Watt.

RECOGNIZE ELDER'S ORDERS.—The Elder's Orders of C. V. Steinger were, on motion of V. S. Collins, recognized by the Conference, and the District Superintendent was requested to employ him.

EDIT JOURNAL.—It was ordered, on motion of W. E. Tomkinson, that the Secretary edit the minutes and the printed journal be the official journal of the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT.—Conference ordered the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. On motion of W. A. Wise, it was ordered that, after appropriate devotions and the announcement of appointments, Conference be adjourned. The appointments were read, 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.

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REPORTS.

(a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

W. R. MOWBRAY, District Superintendent.

We come again—glad for the reckoning time when we can stop long enough to get our breath—most lost in the race; come rejoicing in the over-watching care of our Heavenly Father who has permitted us to gather with unbroken ranks to greet one another and relate the record of our trying, in His name, to do the task assigned to us.

Death has not called any of the workmen away from the field and tasks to which we were assigned at the beginning of the year, but has allowed us in health and strength to finish the day's work.

On June the 20th, 1920, sister Fannie M. Greene, wife of our beloved brother Wm. M. Greene, ceased to live here, and went on and up to the higher and untroubled life. She had, for a long period, borne the heavy hand of affliction with christian fortitude and patience. Our brother, now in the evening time of his life, sits in loneliness, because of the absence of her who through the years shared with him the joys and sorrows, the successes and defeats of the years in the itinerancy. Our tender sympathy goes out to our brother and his children in this hour of their great sorrow.

Along in the Fall the death messenger entered the home of our Brother H. E. Truitt, Pastor at Galestown, Md., and when he departed the faithful, loving and devoted wife and mother was missing—she had gone hence and fond hearts were sorely smitten because of her absence. She leaves behind, her husband and one son, Rev. Paul Truitt, now a member of our Conference. She was a beautiful character. Passing through unusual affliction for years, she was ever patient, cheerful and deeply interested in all that pertained to her Master's kingdom. A good woman has gone to be with her Lord Whom she loved and served. Our hearts go out in tender sympathy to the sorrowing husband and son.

CHANGES:—Shortly after Conference Brother Harry E. Reed was assigned to Milton charge to take the place of Brother F. X. Moore who had been appointed to that place at Conference but did not report for service.

Brother Wm. D. Wilson, a Local Preacher residing in Lewes, was assigned to Nassau Charge instead of Brother Frank Brisbin, who declined to accept it. Brother Wilson has done splendid work on this charge as reports will show.

No supply could be found for Zoar Circuit as a whole, but Brother W. J. Tindal, a Local Preacher belonging to Asbury Church on that charge,

at the request of the people, has been preaching at two of the churches on the charge; namely, Asbury and St. Thomas.

The District has thus proceeded with the work, manned by thirty regular members of the Conference and seventeen supplies. It will thus be seen that the working force of the District, as represented by the regular members of the Conference, is steadily decreasing. We have a few good young men coming to us from Drew Theological Seminary, and how gladly we welcome them—they are ours. For the most part born and brought up in this territory, but when the Dover District looks toward them with longing eyes behold some one else slips in, and being able to offer them more nearly a proper support, they turn from us. No one can blame them. I certainly do not for I am sure they can preach the Gospel just as well—nay better—on a good support than they can on one that keeps them harried with the problems of debt. A reasonably full stomach is conducive to contentment.

Again I must say that unless the churches are willing to deal squarely and fairly with their ministers and give them a reasonable support, we shall still be fronted with the impossible task of properly manning the work. I am convinced that there are charges on this District whose members, including officials, burn up several times more money in gasoline on Sunday going away from the church than they give the whole week down to keep their minister in the half-filled church on the Lord's Day. So long as our people flaunt their luxuries in the faces of the struggling minister we shall have some such condition existing. It is little use to say, as many do, they ought to have such convictions as will send them out, despite the odds, to do service for God, to let money control is unworthy the high calling. This is usually the song of a hidebound skinflint. Many things might be said pro and con on this matter, but I only desire to ask one question. How are young men to have such high, noble and invulnerable convictions, when they are reared in the atmosphere of self-loving and self-pleasing homes? "Train up a child in the way he should go." A word to the wise is sufficient.

What is worse in this connection is the fact that, in some places, I find an undercurrent running in the direction of reducing salaries since prices have, in some instances, taken microscopic drops. This must not be for salaries now are not up to what they should have been in pre-war times, and though before-the-war prices may sometime again prevail, it will be disastrous to the interests of the church if then the salaries fall to the pre-war level. O, Church of Christ, stop making the ministers—those who bear the burden and the heat of the day—do all the sacrificing for the Kingdom! It is not good for your own souls. Some of the charges have recognized the need and have made substantial increases this year for ministerial support, while many remain about as they were four years ago.

There are yet eighteen charges on this District which pay less than \$1,000. salary, and many of these \$800. or less. Because of these conditions the men employed in these charges must, of necessity, turn aside to other employment in order to make bare living expenses. This divides their time and interest. The officials of one charge, who are seeking a

change in pastors, said to me, "We think he certainly could live on \$800. without doing work on the outside, for when he does that he cannot attend to his pastoral duties." True enough, but a man must have fuel for the engine or it will cease to run.

The following charges have advanced salaries:—Hooper's Island, \$500; Hurlock, \$450; Milton, Lewes, Camden, Dover and Magnolia, \$300 each; Beckwith & Spedden, Laurel, Bridgeville, Seaford, Millsboro, Milford, Felton and Wyoming, \$200 each; Blades & Epworth, \$150; Crapo, Church Creek, East New Market, Williamsburg, Federalsburg, Reliance, Mt. Pleasant, Seaford Circuit, Rehoboth, Ellendale and Little Creek, \$100 each; Epworth, \$75; making a total of \$5,375.

A word in this connection respecting the Episcopal Fund. In regular order I received the apportionment for the District for this fund on the basis of 1 3/4 % of salary plus house rent. Later in the year I received notice from Dr. Mains of a raise to 2 1/4 % on the same basis. This was occasioned, of course, by the increase in the number of the Board of Bishops. Under date of September 27, 1920, I sent out notice to each of the pastors on the District as follows:—"You will please note the change of per cent. in the Episcopal Fund as made by the Book Committee from 1 3/4 % to 2 1/4 %. The former rate was sent to you by authority of the Church. Now the same authority has made an increase to meet the increased demand, and I pass it on to you and your churches. Sorry that it comes thus in the midst of the year when some budgets are made up."

I find in some instances that the returns sent to me indicate that the pastors have forgotten the later communication and are reporting on the old basis of 1 3/4 %.

The raise of the per cent. by the Conference for the Retired Ministers' Fund to 12 % on the same basis, and the above raise in the Episcopal Fund has produced no little objection and in some cases harsh criticism, and developed a disposition to call a halt by not paying the increased amount. In such cases if the prorating of salaries were insisted upon it would cause the ministers concerned to be more deeply in debt for living expenses than they are at present.

CENTENARY:—Though I have tried, I have been unable to get any definite figures on Centenary collections, for the simple reason that in most cases there are none. The brethren are going at it personally from house to house and will not be able, until the last minute, to report for they are still looking for the last dollar. Reports coming in and information gained by the way indicate a condition not specially encouraging. The facts developed are about as follows:—The subscriptions, for the most part, were made for only one year. We have had too many "fives" already, and the people positively refused to go further on a term subscription. The excuse for a refusal to renew, if trouble is taken to name one, is that throughout the rural sections the poor and positively profitless crops during the past year have left them without ability to meet current expenses for their own use. The fact that money, the country over, is exceedingly tight, so that they have much difficulty in borrowing money to tide them over the stress. But I really fear the chief reason is that there is little vision and no particular interest in the great causes repre-

sented by the Centenary movement. They do not sense it and do not want you to try to make them do so. Someone has said that we are provincial. I doubt not that it is so, and the natural results are that we are self-centered and downright selfish. Our eyes do not see at all the poor, broken, war-stricken world, dying and with its well-nigh palsied fingers beckoning us to come to the rescue. Not all our people are so. Nay, some of them are deeply interested because they see and are in deep agony of soul because they cannot do more themselves and get others to come to the rescue. You can almost locate these by the statistical tables.

RURAL PROBLEMS:—In our rural territory we have every increasing difficulties in putting forward our financial programs, and for that matter all projects and plans of the church. The rural church problem is full of perplexities that vex the soul. Where the matter is to end no one can tell. Weak churches are growing weaker. The people, if they go to church at all, are going to the near-by towns, which is made easy by rapid and comfortable means of travel, and the country church is left practically empty. The general disposition, as I have noted it, is to place the blame for this condition where it will cause the least discomfort to the dear people; that is, put it on the preacher. "He is not efficient; he cannot preach; he does not draw; O, they would go, for they are hungry for the gospel," which THEY ARE NOT. Bishop Fowler said something like this, when addressing a class for admission into Conference, "Brethren, do not go round the barnyard trying to drive the cattle up to the rack, but put the fodder in it and they will come." True enough as far as it goes, but if the fields beyond are waving with luscious grasses the cattle will not be found at the rack nor yet in the pound. They will take to the fields for what is better. So people go where they find what they desire—what they want or think they do—and will roam the fields to find it despite the fodder in the rack.

Nobody claims perfection for the preacher, but this thing is not all caused by him, and as Bishop Quayle once said, "In the name of the Lord if we cannot be religious let us be fair." The worldly spirit which wants, nor yet brooks, any religious restraint; the many means of lazy dissipation on the Sabbath; the automobile, the Sunday newspaper; not to say more, has created a condition in the hearts of the folks which is far more responsible for our country problem than is the inefficient preacher. What our church needs, country and otherwise, is the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ with its sacrificial element dominant. Religion, pure, simple, vigorous, able to stand on its two feet and does not have to be nursed, able and willing to run on errands for the King. But that is not what the many want else they would seek it where it may be found—in the church of the living God. Anyone who denies himself this because he thinks the preacher is dull or uninteresting has lost his high privilege and entirely missed the purpose of the church. This purpose does not primarily involve the preacher but is, that he may withdraw to the silences of the sacred precincts of the church to hear what God has to say to his soul. If that desire is fixed and deep-seated in the soul, no dry-as-dust preacher can keep him from this the supreme source of help.

However, the condition is upon us. Let some wise one arise and tell

us a real remedy therefor. Something must be done. As Thomas Carlyle said, "If something be not done and that speedily, something will do itself, and that in a manner that will please nobody." Unless we can find a remedy very soon some of these churches will close themselves. It looks now as though the stronger parts of two circuits will have to be put together, making one instead of two. There are difficulties here; namely, the distances involved and the opposition of the two to being married—they do not quite love one another sufficiently. I fear some of them would rather die than to face marital infelicities. It is easier to diagnose the disease than to prescribe the remedy. Will someone do so speedily!

BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS:—Rather a remarkable work has been done on Hooper's Island. Some of you will recall that for two years prior to the last session of our Conference these people had no preacher and no regular services. About the close of last year they appealed to me saying, "We find we cannot do without a preacher. We must have one." They promised, if the present pastor were sent to them, he having served them for four years once, they would pay at least \$900. salary and build a parsonage this year. The record is about as follows:—A good substantial parsonage has been built along with the necessary outbuildings, such as garage, etc. Some new furniture has been placed in the home, and the whole cost is about \$3,800. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, out of the Emergency Fund, gave them \$1,000. The balance of \$2,800. has been put up by these people in actual cash. There is no debt. At the First Quarterly Conference they fixed the salary at \$1,000. But best of all a gracious revival of religion has swept the Island from end to end, resulting in 197 conversions. Up to the present 132 of these have united with our churches there, which number is nearly double the original membership. Hooper's leads the district in this good work.

Seaford has done itself proud in remaking their parsonage home. A cellar has been placed under the whole house, in which a pipeless heater has been installed, giving comfort to the dwellers therein. The changing of partitions has modernized the lower floor, and throughout paint and paper has been applied. The spiritual Carpenter of Seaford dwells in a most comfortable shop. This is as it should be.

No church has a moral right to house its preacher in discomfort or maintain a home which is a discredit to themselves. The preacher's should, at least, be a little above the average home in the community, not only for the preacher's sake but for their own sakes. Church property is a pretty good indicator of the kind of religion the folks carry about with them. Seaford also painted the church which stands beside the parsonage. This makes a most attractive church property of which Seaford need not be and is not ashamed. The cost of the above improvement was \$4,500., of which amount \$3,200, has been paid.

Vienna, under the leadership of its faithful pastor, has improved two of its churches. The church in the town and Manship. The total cost was \$1,250. which has been paid. Millsboro has made some very needed improvements in its parsonage and also in the church in town, amounting to \$1,679., which is all paid. East New Market has made extensive

improvements in the home church which cost \$927., which is paid. Lewes has installed new heaters in the church at a cost of \$1,200., which is also paid. Bridgeville has repainted the church without and decorated it within, making the commodious audience room very attractive. These improvements, costing \$1,200., are paid. The people of Little Creek are proud of their new parsonage recently purchased upon which they have made an outlay of \$500. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension helped them by a gift of \$700. from the Emergency Fund. They have never had a parsonage before, being under the necessity of renting, which has not been at all satisfactory. They now have a comfortable home for the preacher. Ebenezer church on Rehoboth charge has been thoroughly renovated, a garage built at Rehoboth; total cost, \$1500., paid. Other less amounts have been expended as follows:—Federalburg, \$637; Cambridge, \$600; Camden, \$400; Georgetown, \$400; Dover, \$566; Bethel, \$400; Wyoming, \$315; Beckwith, \$300; Reliance, \$300; Milton, \$550. Other charges report minor improvements amounting in all to \$20,608.

DEBT:—Cambridge has now reduced their debt during this present pastorate from \$22,000 to \$10,000, having paid this year, \$3,000, making a total of \$12,000 paid during the past three years. Lewes has paid on parsonage debt, \$2,000; Milton, \$550, on church debt. Other smaller amounts reported make a total of \$6,023.

LOSSES OF PROPERTY:—We have lost two churches by fire this Conference year. In June, Wesley Church on Lakesville Charge was struck by lightning and totally destroyed. There was a small amount of insurance on the property but the people have not sufficiently recovered from the blow to make much headway toward rebuilding. This may not be done.

In the Fall, White's Chapel on Nassau Charge was burned. Meetings were in progress at the time but the people had left the church at a seasonable hour with everything apparently all right, but from some unknown cause fire started sometime in the night with the above result. They had \$1,000 insurance, a totally inadequate sum. The people have risen up with full determination to rebuild. They have their plans and quite a sum of money ready to begin operations in the Spring.

Blades is proposing to build a new church this year. Plans are in hand, money is being solicited and secured and they expect, at an early date, to begin work. This is a very much needed improvement for this growing town.

REVIVALS:—We rejoice exceedingly on account of the revival spirit which has prevailed on the District this year. Crapo has been in continuous revival the whole year—conversions occurring in the regular services frequently. The pastor has been unassisted in this work and reports as a result of this year's work, 131 brought to the knowledge of the truth. Hooper's, mentioned before in this report, has had a remarkable awakening. The tabulated results show 197 converts which is more than twice the membership as it stood before the meeting began.

It has been a long time since Laurel was so aroused and awakened in revival work. The pastor reports that for nine weeks he toiled day and

night. Out of the toiling by the help of the Lord has come a harvest of 123 souls. What shall we say more! Words and time and space fail us to speak of all the work done in detail. Work has been done showing more than average results: In Millsboro, 111; East New Market, 111; Church Creek, 102; Lewes, 101; Magnolia, 98; Nassau, 82; Camden, 64; Galestown, 50; Bethel, 56; Blades, 51; Beckwith & Spedden, 50; Rehoboth, 45; Mt. Pleasant, 35; Milford, 36; Cambridge, 32; Lakesville, 27; Seaford, 25; Georgetown, 25; Epworth, 25; Bridgeville, 20; and others reporting smaller numbers, making a total as reported to me of 1,769. Every charge, with the possible exception of one or two, reports some conversions during the year. I do not know just how many have been received on probation, but nearly eleven hundred as per reports thus received. It looks now as though the Dover District would about reach its ten per cent. increase in membership this year. It should be more but no doubt some of these are reclamations, and, also, I think the other denominations which neighbor with us are ever ready to glean in the harvest fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and do not always confine their activities to the fence corners and the turning rows but take to the open field—least wise that was my experience in the pastorate. Well, they could not well get along without us and I presume we can afford to be generous. We praise God for the gracious outpouring of His Spirit upon us.

EPWORTH LEAGUE:—The Conference Epworth League held an Institute for a week in the Wesley Collegiate Institute at Dover, Del., which in every way—in numbers, in attendance, in program, in interest—outstripped all its predecessors. The Conference President and Cabinet left nothing undone in order to make it a success. One of the outstanding features of the program was the daily lecture on the Bible delivered by Dr. Wm. H. Morgan of First Church, Baltimore. There is no question but that the young people who attended were greatly helped and returned to their respective homes equipped to inspire and enthuse their local chapters. The pity of it is that more of the young people do not attend. There ought to be representatives from every chapter and charge in the Conference at these Institutes.

District Convention:—Under the direction of our District President, Rev. J. T. Price, a District Epworth League Convention was held in Hurlock, Md., on Nov. 9th and 10th. The general verdict of all who attended this convention is that it was one of the best ever held on our District. The unusual thing about our program was the having two of our bishops to participate in it. Bishop J. W. Hamilton gave an address on the first evening and our own Bishop Wm. F. McDowell spoke on the second evening. Both addresses were very helpful and inspiring and will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present. Besides the Bishops we had with us Dr. Frank Rines, who is a master hand with chalk and talk and specially in making the chalk talk. He so pleased, profited and enthused the people that there was instant and insistent demand for his further services on the District, and we were fortunate enough to secure his services at different times since, until he has addressed about fifteen of the churches on the District. May he come

again. Also the Rev. T. Reighton Jones, a returned missionary, gave a most interesting and instructive address. These, with our local talent, filled full a program of unusual interest and profit.

WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE:—The Institute is doing good work as is usual, this year. There are one hundred and seventy-one enrolled in all departments. With no intention to reflect on the student body of any previous year, we can say that there is a particularly good student body at the Institute this year. Not only are they attending to their intellectual work and seeking to make the most of their opportunities to fit themselves for future work in life, but there is also a very fine spiritual atmosphere pervading the institution. Dr. Budd tells me that they have one of the best religious class meetings held on Sunday mornings it has ever been his privilege to attend. This is made up of about twenty-five young men, every one of whom takes an active part in this service.

As a result of the use of The Literary Digest in the history class work and the consequent reading of that magazine's fervent appeal to help feed the starving children of Europe, the faculty and students have paid, through that paper, \$300. for that purpose.

The Treasurer, A. B. Magee, Esq., reports that \$157,259.45 have been received on the Endowment Fund, up to March 21, 1921. To the Treasurer the thanks of the Conference is due for his untiring zeal in the interest of this fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS:—From reports submitted at the various Quarterly Conferences the Sunday Schools of the District are in a good, healthy condition. I am, however, having increasing difficulty to get accurate statistical reports or any such reports in many cases. And if I ask the questions as prescribed by the discipline, I can get no response because the facts are not in the possession of the persons present.

A few of the schools have put on the program as outlined by the Board of Sunday Schools under the direction of Brother McCann, and are taking on new life. Beckwith & Spedden, Milford, Hurlock and Camden have entered upon this work. The schools have taken more interest in the Centenary, probably because of the close touch of the pastors, than any of the organizations of the church.

The reports coming in show that the District has responded to the various calls for help for the starving in Europe made by the several organizations such as our Sunday School Board, Board of Foreign Missions, Hoover, Near East, Literary Digest and others. These calls have met with a response amounting to \$5,536, which added to the \$300. given by the Institute makes a total of \$5,836.

The response to the call for the Temperance Building seems to have been very meagre. So far as reports have been received there has only been \$329. sent in. Evidently this appeal did not strike home to the hearts of the people like the various child feeding funds did. This is, perhaps, natural, yet this work is far more important than it is generally considered to be. May the next year bring better results if a try at all is to be made.

I am concluding this report. I want most sincerely to return thanks to our Heavenly Father for his unbounded goodness and his loving care during the trying days of the year. Also to express my great appreciation for the hearty cooperation and good will of the brethren, both ministerial and lay with whom I have been permitted to labor. May the good Lord bless you all.

EASTON DISTRICT.

W. A. WISE, District Superintendent.

With sincere gratitude to God for sufficient strength with which to prosecute the work, and in due acknowledgement of the manifold mercies that have crowned the months, we venture this brief report of another year's endeavor.

The health of the effective members of the district has compared favorably with that of former years. A few, however, have known the anxiety of physical hindrance, either personal or related to their families; but all, with perhaps one exception, that of brother W. B. Guthrie, have been able to resume their allotted work without suffering serious or permanent disability. Among the retired brethren, L. E. Barrett and Z. H. Webster, have spent much of the year "in the furnace of affliction"; but both have daily exemplified, to an unusual degree, the grace of a well grounded and beautiful hope.

Tuesday, October 26, great sorrow enveloped the parsonage at Pomona when Mrs. Emma E. Lindale, a bride of barely half a year, left that rapidly growing circle of new formed friends to join the larger company in heaven, and thus our honored Brother Lindale, for a second time in a decade, "bowed beneath the weight of a great grief." Very early in the morning, just before the break of day, Wednesday, March 9, at Smyrna, Delaware, Mrs. Mary E. Hynson, widow of Edwin H. Hynson, quietly passed into the world beyond to share the fellowships of Jesus and her sainted companion, a former and honored member of this Conference. At the appointed conference service a suitable memoir will be presented in memory of these translated ones, by Brothers O. E. Jones and R. P. Nichols.

Just here it seems eminently fitting that the following mention be made. On Tuesday, November 30, last, Prof. William N. Thomas, the singing evangelist, so well known to this Conference, from the parsonage at Middletown, Del., suddenly and without word of warning or farewell to his waiting host, answered the heavenly roll-call, and went hence to mingle his wonderful talent with those who "sing the song of Moses and the Lamb." Our last clear vision and memory of this man of God, and one "that lingers with us yet," was that of a brief call made to the district parsonage at Middletown last Fall while he was enroute to fill an engagement here at Crisfield with the Conference host. Standing in the middle of the parsonage floor, head thrown back and with that familiar

smile invariably seen upon his face, in clear, strong, ringing tones the singer sang:

"Here my tongue can never utter,
All the praise within my heart.
There in heaven's song of triumph,
I shall have a part.
Oh the joy for me awaiting, when His face I see."

Surely in the light and sunshine of that face up yonder, Brother Thomas sings today.

Because of the lack of men, one year ago, when Bishop McDowell announced the district assignments, Bayside, Hillsboro, Kenton, Preston and Trappe were left to be supplied. Subsequently these vacancies were filled by H. W. Gallion, W. H. Revelle, J. W. Easley, G. W. Richmire and A. P. Prettyman, the first named being a local preacher, the others, in Effective and Retired relation, and members of this Conference. For three months the district lines continued unbroken, when, owing to uncertain health, T. Guy Owens, serving Smyrna Circuit, was compelled to relinquish that work, since which time, and for reasons over which we have had no control, the circuit, thus vacated, continued unsupplied.

Quite early in the year, the Washington Area Council adopted a series of objectives for the area attainment, each being vitally related to the very heart and life of the territory to which we belong.

Beginning with the second quarterly conference we began to plan, preach and pray, stressing, perhaps more strongly than others, the following: 1—A completed constituency roll in each charge; 2—Thorough organization of this roll in accord with the Unit System; 3—A greater Sunday School consciousness and its attendant activity; 4—An evangelistic campaign and revival at each church; 5—Proper regard for the Centenary pledge, the responsibility and honor involved. Certain definite results follow:—In each fourth quarterly conference the constituency roll was reported as completed, with duplicate copies prepared and placed in the hands of the District Superintendent for use by him in cases of emergency. Many of the rolls, however, are positive credits to the men who so carefully and neatly prepared them, and doubtless are as accurate as available data would permit. Just a few, on the other hand, suggest the wisdom of revision, for upon their very face one may readily detect the absence of all real seriousness, so much so that they render wholly unreliable and impossible the district summary we had hoped and planned to prepare and present at this session of Conference.

At each fourth quarterly conference also, the various units were announced by the pastors as arranged, the respective leaders selected, nominated and confirmed, and the organization, as far as possible, was completed and made ready for the designed activity with the opening of the new conference year. As a matter of fact, in a few instances, the system has already been employed, and in each case the verdict is the same, "it works well, and solves many hitherto difficult problems."

The needs of the Sunday School. Our conference superintendent of Sunday School work, Brother Milton McCann, has promptly responded to

every call of the brethren, and, availing himself of every possible opportunity afforded, has secured the organization and grading of classes and schools in keeping with the standards of the parent Sunday School board. The work of Brother McCann, however, is none too highly esteemed among us. The surprising indifference with which some find conscience to regard it, adds unwarranted and inexcusable disparagement to his constant and consistent endeavors to "put on and over" a hard job. There is perhaps little chance, and for that matter, less need for the establishing of new Sunday Schools on this Conference ground, since that work, long ago, was well, if not overdone; but the constructive character of Sunday School work done by our conference worker, answers to a well recognized need, and is certain to justify itself in the not distant day. Twenty-two Sunday schools, 25 teacher training classes, together with 98 adult and young people's classes, have been thoroughly organized as visible results of his services thus far. Cecilton, Chestertown, Concord, Crumpton, Denton, Greensboro, Henderson, Millington, Preston, Ridgely, St. Michaels, Smyrna, Sudlersville, Tilghman, and Townsend each report renewed interest in their respective schools. An innovation introduced this year by the Caroline County public school board, by which public school scholars making an 80% record of attendance upon their chosen Sunday Schools, or public preaching services, during a given period of ten school weeks, receive credits affecting their grading, has materially strengthened, at least ten of the eleven Sunday Schools situated within the County named, some to the extent of from 20 to 35% in enrollment and attendance.

Separated from her historic and holy evangelistic fervor, Methodism would prove but slightly removed from many another "ism" that today appeals for a world-wide following. At her altar fires multitudes of sin-hardened souls hitherto have been melted and recast into life and character that have contributed much toward the moral and spiritual betterment of the world, and, today, in spite of the seeming slackness in revival estimate and effort, for which cause some find reason to cry out as if in despair, we still believe the spiritual spark lingers upon the altar and may yet be rekindled into flame. Every genuinely called minister of Jesus Christ knows full well, that the supreme and all overtopping purpose of his heavenly commission is that of seeking, finding, and leading erring souls to the Christ that saves. This is the burden of his holy office, his pulpit, his prayer, his heart, and for this his spirit-filled soul constantly craves, very much as his body hungers for bread. Some men come to this session sensible of a great spiritual invigoration because their ministrations, within the recent weeks, have been attested by special "anointings from on high." The area program for the pre-Easter period was carried out in quite a few of the churches, and Easter day was observed with prayer and special soul seeking interest, the evangelistic note being faithfully sounded by most of the pastors, and that with some good results. Very gracious revivals were conducted on the following charges: Bozman, Cecilton, Centreville, Chestertown, Clayton, Concord, Crumpton, Millington, St. Michaels, Smyrna, Sudlersville and Tilghman.

The Centenary and its possible showing this year has occasioned no little concern and anxiety throughout the district. Proper and timely attention have not been lacking; but unlooked for conditions have tried the metal of the district's best workers. The loss of original subscription lists—if such were ever taken—has proven a very serious hindrance, while certain contentions encountered by those attempting to recanvass their charges proved most difficult to overcome, and in some cases defeated the end sought. Some of our constituency stoutly protested having signed cards of any character. Others insisted they were advised that the subscriptions asked were for one year only. Still others, and especially those who do not, and will not, avail themselves of bona fide Centenary literature, either openly opposed the work, or allowed that the work being done was not worth while, and hence no longer appealed to them. Such conditions together with unquestionable interference by the widespread loss in canning industries and farm products, combined to place the Centenary somewhat in jeopardy. Nevertheless, the hope is entertained that a fairly creditable showing will be made by the district when the conference treasurer's tabulation of the actual facts is completed. Charges reporting entire quotas, or 10/12 of their apportionments raised, include Cecilton, Chestertown, Church Hill, Crumpton, Easton, Greensboro, Middletown, Smyrna and Sudlersville. Salem reports an increase of 45% over last year's contributions. Easton District last year, for Disciplinary benevolences, Annual Conference apportionments, current expenses, improvements, old debts paid, Ladies Aid contributions and other cash items, raised a budget of \$157,466. For similar items this year the figures given indicate that the budget covered will equal, if not exceed, the sum of \$160,000.

No new church building has occurred during the year, but six of the charges have given attention to more or less extensive improvements. Clayton, by a timely use of \$950, has decidedly beautified and improved their property. Thoroughly repainting the church, removing the old acetylene gas plant and putting in the place thereof handsome electric fixtures, which, in addition to other needed corrections, has resulted in a very attractive and finely lighted auditorium. Galena with the outlay of \$1850 has completely obliterated every semblance of the old fresco work from walls and ceiling by a liberal application of neat and appropriate tints of paint more befitting the house of the Lord. A handsome carpet and a new heater are included among the improvements made. Massey, on Millington Circuit, for months closed to service, has reopened its doors after being re-roofed and generally renovated. Neavitt, on Bozman charge, long isolated and oft rendered inaccessible by being unfortunately located, and on bad road, has at last been safely moved to the centre of the village, considerably rebuilt and rendered more attractive and serviceable at a cost of \$1050. Tilghman has been refloored with hard wood, the large memorial windows re-leaded, a new heating system put in and the floor of the audience room re-carpeted at an expenditure of \$4000. Trappe Church, with its metal ceiling and side walls thoroughly repaired and artistically painted, the floor entirely re-carpeted, now enjoys the satisfaction of a long needed improvement at the expense of

\$1200. Bishop John W. Hamilton preached and otherwise assisted at two of these reopenings rendering invaluable service at both Galena and Tilghman. Cecilton, strictly consisting of a rural constituency, though hard hit by the exceptional reverses so keenly felt by our "tillers of the soil," is, nevertheless, undaunted in desire and purpose to have a modern community house. Plans have been prepared and approved, building material secured and placed upon the chosen site, ground broken and foundation begun for the much needed house, which when completed will be 38x78 feet, conforming to the architecture of the present church property with which it is being connected.

In addition to the improvements made to our houses of worship, ten parsonages have been transformed into delightful homes where as many faithful pastors and their worthy families are made as comfortable in winter as in summer. Such are:—Cecilton, Centreville, Church Hill, Clayton, Cordova, Crumpton, Galena, Kenton, Tilghman and Townsend.

To be gratefully reckoned with, among the factors engaged in these latter good works, is the indispensable Ladies Aid Societies, who, with tireless endeavor and by a variety of ways, have succeeded in accumulating and expending this year the sum of \$11,000. At last this district has generously and splendidly met a long standing need by purchasing a very desirable and conveniently located dwelling in which to house the District Superintendent. One year ago a formal proposition to purchase or build such a residence for the district was submitted to the several fourth quarterly conferences with the result, that 39 of the total 42 charges took favorable action. Thirty-four of them, on electing delegates to the annual district steward's meeting, instructed their representatives "to vote for the best proposition," meaning location, character of property proposed, and price to be paid. Two well attended meetings of the district stewards were held. Eighteen different properties were offered, visited and examined, and, on April 20, last, the special committee of nine district stewards, without a dissenting voice, selected the dwelling now occupied by the writer, which decision was subsequently unanimously confirmed by the stewards in formal session on the date above mentioned. The property secured is situated in Middletown, Del., at the Northwest corner of South Broad and Hoffeecker Street. It is a comparatively new house, being barely four years old, built of frame, with slate roof, concrete foundation, front sidewalk and approach; modern in its various appointments and furnishings, having eight rooms beside attic, open halls and enclosed rear porch, hot water heat and electric light. The lot is 100x200 feet, neatly graded, set in beautiful grass, young fruit and shade trees, ornamental hedge, with a perfectly dry and well lighted cellar under the entire house. It has a commodious garage and poultry house, and sufficient garden to occupy the spare time, and exercise the surplus energy of a normal District Superintendent. That the district did not regard the action of its stewards as either unwarranted or extravagant is evidenced by the fact that the purchase price being promptly and equitably apportioned among the charges resulted in the following responses:—Bozman, Chestertown, Centreville, Cecilton, Church Hill, Crumpton, Easton, Fairlee, Galena, Greensboro, Middletown, Odessa,

Ridgely, Sudlersville and Townsend have paid their apportionments in full. Burrsville, Cheswold, Clayton, Concord, Cordova, Henderson, Millington, Rock Hall, Royal Oak, St. Michaels, Salem, Tilghman, Oxford, and Wye Mills have paid in full, adding 6% interest; while Bayside, Betterton, Hillsboro, Pomona and Kent Island have paid a large part of their allotted quotas. The purchase price of the house was \$7500. The cash paid into the hands of the district steward's treasurer, or now in hands of pastors, is \$6,125.18.

Gradually those officials responsible for securing funds sufficient to provide for estimated ministerial support, are being aroused and becoming more and more responsive to the necessity of a generous consideration of this subject which has never been more vital than now. The wisdom of a safe, business-like and effective system of finance becomes more imperative, and an increasing number of charges are lining up with the disciplinary suggestions with reference to items of ministerial support, apportioned benevolences and local current expense. Not a few have but recently discovered that the suggested budget, systematically covered by an annual every-member canvass, with the response thereto collected by means of either the single or duplex envelope, literally transforms the giving ability of a church, and works wonders in spite of the best warranted fears. Several other charges of the district have come into line and are now paying their pastors in full every week. Notwithstanding widespread failure of farm crops, the very indifferent fish and oyster seasons experienced by our watermen, 33 of the 42 quarterly conferences made estimates of advanced support:—Fairlee, \$25; Royal Oak, \$50; Salem Circuit, \$75; Centreville, Cheswold, Cordova, Odessa, Queenstown, Ridgely, \$100 each; Chestertown, Clayton, Easton, Greensboro, Kent Island, Kenton, Millington, Oxford, Townsend, Trappe, \$200 each; Rock Hall, \$250; Bayside, Cecilton, Church Hill, Denton, Hillsboro, Preston, St. Michaels, \$300 each; Henderson, \$330; Burrsville, \$400; Crumpton, \$500; Middletown and Tilghman, \$600 each; total estimated increase, \$7680.

Epworth League interest has not been permitted to fall among us. At several points on the district, where for some time both senior and junior chapters had been permitted to wane, reorganization has taken place and they are now doing commendable work. The usual convention of the district was enthusiastically held at Greensboro, Md., October 13-14, and the conference institute, now become a fixed even in our midst, was eagerly looked for and well attended by Easton District delegates at Dover, Del., in the early part of the conference year.

Judging from information afforded by the pastor's quarterly conference report, it is perfectly safe to assert that at least 65% of our most active church officials neither subscribe for nor read our own church papers, and for that reason, largely, not only lack an intelligent conception of what their church is doing, but refuse all efforts of their pastors to bring them in touch with up-to-date Methodism, through the recognized official journals of the church, actually manifesting a surprising contentment to remain uninformed. Herein lies one of the most stubborn problems with which the average and most resourceful pastors seem utterly unable to cope. "Good Literature Day" was not as extensively observed

by the district as was hoped, in spite of the fact that both wisdom and our great need suggested the day be studiously employed. But few of the brethren have reported the result of this effort in their annual summary of work done. Perhaps Chestertown's fortunate pastor, with all the other excellent things done there this year, is entitled to the most honorable mention so far as the district, and perhaps Conference, is concerned, seeing that the Christian Advocate can be found in the home of every official member connected with that appointment, as well as in the homes of some who are not officials.

We are reasonably sure that no man from this district will rise and say, I have realized all I hoped and prayed and planned for this year. Many, indeed, have been compelled to glean who planned and prayed to reap. The multiplied difficulties unexpectedly encountered on every hand, and that twelve months ago none of us were wise enough to conceive or foretell, made the work unusually hard and exceptionally taxing, calling, both early and late, for persistent and unceasing endeavor on the part of every man. They have wrought well, though to do so, some were obliged to linger late, gleaning in the corners of their fields of labor, and barely taking time enough to catch the latest train in order to reach the seat of Conference and answer roll call. Words will not speak the sense of debt and gratitude we feel for the unremitting kindness and numerous favors shown by the brethren of the district throughout these months of toil together. It is literally a physical impossibility to repay in proportion to each man's desert; but God who seeth the heart, and readeth its hidden and deepest secrets, notes, even now, the sincere desire and wish that each might have his due. Asking the prayers of my brethren that Divine guidance may be ours in any further administration that shall effect the welfare of both them and their families, we respectfully submit this report.

Easton District Parsonage Statement.

Charge	Apportionment	Paid
Bayside	\$119.00	\$ 64.00
Bozman	170.00	
Burrsville	119.00	124.95
Cecilton	255.00	255.00
Centreville	238.00	238.00
Chestertown	306.00	306.00
Cheswold	128.00	131.84*
Church Hill	204.00	204.00
Clayton	170.00	175.10*
Concord	187.00	192.61*
Cordova	187.00	196.35*
Crumpton	170.00	170.00
Denton	255.00	

Charge	Apportionment	Paid
Easton	306.00	306.00
Fairlee	166.00	166.00
Galena	204.00	204.00
Greensboro	238.00	238.00
Henderson	106.00	109.18*
Hillsboro	204.00	142.12
Kent Island	204.00	105.00
Kenton	136.00	
Marydel	132.00	
Middletown	500.00	500.00
Millington	170.00	146.30
Odessa	119.00	119.00
Oxford	119.00	126.48*
Pomona	136.00	75.00
Preston	204.00	
Queenstown	153.00	
Ridgely	238.00	238.00
Rock Hall	170.00	177.65*
Royal Oak	114.00	119.70*
St. Michaels	204.00	214.20*
Salem	40.00	42.00*
Smyrna	357.00	
Smyrna Circuit	170.00	
Still Pond & Betterton	255.00	(Betterton) 102.00
Sudlersville	255.00	255.00
Tilghman	170.00	178.50*
Townsend	204.00	203.00
Trappe	170.00	
Wye & Starr	119.00	(Starr) 25.00
Savings Fund Interest		4.72
Rev. W. L. White (personal)		10.00

Total Receipts to April 7, 1921

\$5864.70

(*6% interest paid by the above charges.)

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Vaughan S. Collins, District Superintendent.

It was with a spirit of exalted jubilation that I left the seat of the Conference a year ago. The Sunday morning sermon of our good Bishop was ringing in my ears. "The harvest! THE HARVEST! That is where to place the emphasis. Not the soil; not the stony ground; not the wayside; not the

thorns and briars; no, not even the good ground. Do not waste your energies complaining of soil and soil conditions. The harvest! That is the thing that counts. If we sow, and water it with our tears we shall reap. God himself says so." So I fared forth determined with the help of God to aid every charge committed to my care to yield fruit for the Master, "some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred fold."

We were just closing our first year of Centenary conservation. "A million souls for Jesus by June 1, 1920," was the challenge of the Church. My soul leaped within me when it was first flung out at our meeting in Cleveland. It now burned as a fire in my bones that Salisbury District might win her share of the million. The time was short. Four charges were without Pastors, and could do nothing. In the tidewater sections it was "between seasons"—oysters going and crabs not yet coming. In farming sections during April and May farmers are worked to the limit of endurance. So in response to my appeal for a spring revival season several Pastors replied, "Impossible to conduct a soul-saving campaign now." But some rare souls always find the "Impossible" a challenge. Some such are among the faithful Pastors of Salisbury District. A few started special work; and before June first 177 souls had been won,—one-third of the whole number being right here in Immanuel Church, Crisfield. These added to the 1125 reported at the session of the Conference made 1302 accessions on probation during the Centenary year. We did not reach our quota but we did prove that God honors faithful Pastors by granting them conversions in the spring time just as well as in the autumn.

Manning the District.

When Conference adjourned a year ago three appointments on Salisbury District were left without Pastors, viz.: Mardela Springs, Nanticoke and Westover. Soon afterwards Pittsville was added to the number, Rev. W. H. Revelle being removed from Pittsville and assigned to Hillsboro, on Easton District. In order to supply Pittsville, Rev. C. W. Strickland was taken from Dagsboro and St. George's and Rev. C. V. Steininger, of the Virginia Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was secured and assigned to Dagsboro and St. Georges. After weeks of correspondence and advertising in the Christian Advocate Rev. Melvin H. Smith, a Baptist Minister who believes in Methodist doctrines and policy living at Asbury Park, N. J., was secured, in August, for Westover; Rev. Harry Compton, for thirty-seven years a missionary in South America, was secured for Nanticoke in September; and Rev. John L. Prettyman, a former member of this Conference, who was located at his own request a year ago, was secured, in November, for Mardela Springs. The year was thus half gone before the appointments were all supplied; and within three weeks from that date Rev. T. Reighton Jones, at Gumboro, resigned his charge to return to the Malaysia Conference to resume the work under the Board of Foreign Missions. Gumboro has been without a Pastor since that date.

Death of Rev. W. O. Hurst.

The most distressing vacancy on the District was that at Phoebus, Va. When I was first appointed to the District it seemed to me that Phoebus had great possibilities. Phoebus and Claremont were assigned to us by the Boundary Commission in 1905, so our first reports were for 1906. The Minutes of that year show that Phoebus came to us with a membership of 53, and a total S. S. enrolment of 86 and an average attendance of 55. Our statistics for 1916 shows a total membership of 69, and a Sunday School enrolment of 95, and average attendance of 70. In other words with the methods in vogue at Phoebus it had required twelve years to increase 16 in membership and 9 increase in Sunday School enrolment. The results, to me, were not satisfactory, for I believed in Phoebus. In August of 1918 Dr. W. O. Hurst was transferred from Salem Church, Pocomoke City, to take charge of the work at Phoebus, leaving Bro. Atkinson also there as assistant to Dr. Hurst. Bro. Hurst began at once a thorough organization of the limited resources at his command. These were the stirring days of the World War. Phoebus was daily filled with soldiers and sailors, and Fortress Monroe and Hampton Roads were seething with excited throngs. Bro. Hurst, with boundless enthusiasm and magnificent tact, threw his whole soul into the work to make Phoebus Church a spiritual beacon to the passing throngs. And just as he had completed his first card index, enrolling men, scores of them, from 41 different states, as a corps to assist him in army work, the armistice was signed, and in two weeks his whole organization was disbanded, troops mustered out and sent home, and Bro. Hurst had to plan an entirely new organization. However, he succeeded so well that by Conference time, 1920, he was able to report a total membership of 89, a gain of 20; and a S. S. enrolment of 289, a gain of 194. In other words, under the leadership of Dr. Hurst, Phoebus in a year and a half had gained 25% more in membership, and twenty-one and a half times more gain in Sunday School enrolment than during the preceding twelve years of our Church life at Phoebus. For the summer of 1919 he had planned a Vacation Daily Bible School. It was such a success he planned one for 1920 on more ambitious lines. He never lived to see that school finish its session. Overwork in planning for it, and setting in motion the opening machinery, so completely exhausted his vitality that after a few days of raging fever, that ran as high as 107 degrees, his candle burned to the socket, and my faithful friend, my son in the gospel, had gone to receive the reward of the faithful servant. Brethren, one of the cleanest, truest, most faithful servants of God among us went home when Bro. Hurst died. He literally gave his ALL of strength and life to his work. A suitable memoir will be read by Dr. Alfred Smith.

On the decease of Bro. Hurst, Miss Maggie S. Wilson, who for six months had been acting as assistant to Dr. Hurst, very kindly undertook to care for the work until I found a Pastor; and for one month and a half so efficiently filled the position that many of our people hoped I would not find a Pastor too promptly. Providentially, as I believe, at just the right moment, the way opened for Rev. Paul P. Truitt, one of our

own Peninsula boys, son of our beloved Rev. Horace E. Truitt, who has been for so many years a most helpful supply in our Conference, was secured for Phoebus, and the work has continued to steadily advance.

Bereaved Pastors.

Two of our Pastors have been bereft of their wives during the year, viz.: Rev. John W. Jones, Pastor at Cape Charles, and Rev. E. B. Taylor, Pastor at Powellville. Memoirs of the deceased will appear in the Minutes. May God grant His gracious comfort to our brethren in their bereavement.

Centenary.

This great forward movement of the Church, that touches and enlarges every activity of Church life and work, was undoubtedly the most advanced thought and most broad-visioned adventure the Church of God had undertaken in a thousand years. In its plans for a Church organized for the work of saving the world through Christ it outdistances anything of which I have knowledge in the whole range of church history. The former plans for world conquest for Christ have so largely been similar to the "Children's Crusade" of the Middle Ages—a religious dream, without adequate plans to perform the gigantic task, but the Centenary laid foundations in the eternal verities. A Church organized to the last man; a Church on its knees before God; a Church daily praying "Thy kingdom come," and then doing its level-best to help make the kingdom come; a Church every home of which has its family altar, and where fathers and mothers gladly give their sons and daughters to become ministers, missionaries, or deaconesses; a Church in which the law of the tithe shall be the basic principle of giving, and no member shall be considered as having **given anything** until he has first paid his debt of the Lord's tenth; a Church in which education of head and hand keep step with heart religion, so that the trained mind shall have a soul on fire with love of God as its daily companion and ally. Such a Church is the vision which the Centenary has tried to bring before the eyes of the Church in these wonderful days. I believe in the Centenary movement with all my heart. God is surely in it. I am sorry that some laymen and a few ministers have not yet seen the vision. I have honestly tried to help them see it on Salisbury District. Not only have I preached it, and taught it, from charge to charge, but September last I arranged for a two week's campaign. The Area Office staff, consisting of Dr. Morris E. Swartz, Executive Secretary, Rev. Frank Hines, his assistant, and Dr. Willis N. Rowe, of the Foreign Mission Board, visited our District, and held forty-three meetings at strategic points on the District, ten of which were group meetings. These meetings were most helpful, in many ways, not the least of which was the brotherliness of the men representing the cause. Everywhere they went the people were impressed with the evident sincerity of purpose and genuine love for the Master exhibited by these three men, and saw quite plainly that the Centenary was not a thing to be crowded down on people from the top, but was a brotherly attempt to

help a brother in doing his own work the better. The heart to heart talk with Pastors as to the difficulties they were facing tended to lighten the burdens, as well as to assist in removing opposition by giving the facts as to what the Centenary is really accomplishing. I have no doubt that the work of Dr. Swartz and his able helpers will show its fruitfulness when the statistical reports are made to this Conference.

I have every reason to believe the District will be in advance of last year on Disciplinary Benevolences. Two weeks ago I sent to every Pastor the direct question, "As you now see it, will your charge contribute as much as last year for the Centenary?" Forty-four Pastors replied to the question, as follows: 5 replied "No"; 3 replied "Doubtful"; 28 replied "Yes"; and 8 replied "We will advance." So I feel sure the District is growing in the grace of giving, and also that we will advance over last year's contribution.

Besides this immediate advance in giving I see much hope in the better methods of work among the Pastors due to Centenary plans. For instance, 35 Pastors report they have completed their "Constituency Rolls," and 15 report "Unit Leaders" have been appointed. This is a step in the right direction. We can never do our best until we really know our task, and this the "Constituency Roll" furnishes; and the best work, in Church or State, is done by co-operation with others, and this wisely chosen and wisely used Unit Leaders accomplishes. Better organization and then better working of the plans will succeed anywhere.

Men As Well As Money.

I was quite desirous to know how many men Salisbury District has sent into the ministry, so included that query in my annual questionnaire. Several Pastors did not answer the question; but 15 Pastors reported 46 ministers had gone forth from their churches, 37 of whom are in the active work.

Here is food for thought. While doubtless 46 is too low a figure for the total, the present number in the active ministry I take it is fairly accurate, because living people can remember easily for thirty years. So accepting 37 as the correct figure, then Salisbury District, this hot-bed of Methodism, during the last thirty years has not sent out enough ministers from her altars to fill the pulpits of our own District. Is it not time, therefore, for us to heed most earnestly the prayer of the Master, "Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest?"

I believe, however, a new and better day is dawning. Reply to my query reveals the fact that we have now in various secondary schools and colleges 97 young Methodists from our District; 10 of whom are studying for the ministry. While thankful that so many are being trained for higher usefulness I am by no means satisfied. We ought to have from our great District 500 students enrolled in our various Methodist Institutions, and we ought to have at least 50 of them studying to be ministers and missionaries and deaconesses and other life-service workers. Educationally speaking there "is yet much land to be possessed." There is on

Salisbury District one solid block of territory larger than the State of Rhode Island without any school of High School grade. Is it any wonder that we still have scores of officials who can neither read nor write? And the heart-breaking part of it is that so many of our people do not want better educational privileges for their children. During the past year Wicomico County, Maryland, with Salisbury the County Seat, voted on the proposition to bond the County for \$200,000 for erecting modern school buildings, as, so many of the present buildings are unsanitary, and wholly inadequate, as well as out of date in every way; but the proposition was voted down by a vote of 1,092 for to 3,094 against. See the fight that has been made throughout the State of Delaware. Our own Methodist Governor John G. Townsend, during his wise administration as Governor of Delaware succeeded in having written into the laws of the state more constructive, progressive legislation than any administration in the history of the State so far as I have knowledge. Among these forward-looking laws was the "School Code," which if faithfully carried out would have raised Delaware from the low position of forty-third State in educational standing to the very front rank among the states of the Union. A survey made by Federal experts showed that \$10,000,000 or more would be needed to put the school houses of Delaware into suitable condition for their work. In order to carry out this educational program one public spirited citizen of Delaware nobly pledged \$3,900,000 of his private fortune for the benefit of the children of Delaware, and thus aid in their equipment for life's work. But because it necessarily increased taxes a bit, and more still because it took the control of the district school out of the hands of local politicians, from the date of its enactment it has been so bitterly fought, all over the State, that the recent session of the General Assembly has so loaded it with amendments and emasculated its best provisions that just what remains is yet in doubt. O the pity of it, that ignorance, and prejudice, and avarice can be so appealed to by the small-fry demagogue that voters close the door of opportunity in the face of their own children!

Why does this item appear in my report? What has the public school questions to do with Church work? Reason enough. The Methodist Episcopal Church has ever stood for education. A Methodist Preacher is recreant to his trust if he is not intensely interested in the schools located in his charge. The Church ought not, DARE not shirk her duty to the children and youth. Besides, in this land of ours school life and church life are so interwoven that the line of demarcation binds rather than separates. I know one Church on Salisbury District that has been literally rent in twain for three years because the membership is divided on the question of improved school facilities for the children. I know one Pastor who had to move from his charge because he actively and openly, as he ought to have done, advocated an improvement in the grade of the local school. Is it any wonder that communities that thus fight against educational privileges for their own children should utterly fail to understand the great Centenary program, that seeks to bring enlightenment to the mind, as well as rejoicing to the heart, of mankind all round the world?

Epworth League.

The Epworth Leagues of the District continue to be helpful organizations in several of our churches where conditions are favorable. I am more than ever convinced that the key man in Methodism is the Pastor. Nothing succeeds in a Methodist Church as it should without the cordial co-operation of the Pastor, not even a Ladies' Aid Society. Sometimes, even with a live Pastor, the Epworth League is an additional load on a man already overburdened; but where the Pastor is sympathetic, and has a few devoted young people who will do the work under his guiding hand, the Epworth League continues a good training school for the younger members of our Church.

A very interesting Epworth League convention was held at Christ Church, Fairmount, in November last. Bishop McDowell honored us with his presence and spurred us to holier endeavor by one of his inspirational addresses. Rev. George E. Sterling is the District President.

Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies.

The women of our District are not as fully organized for missionary work as in my judgment they ought to be. Any Pastor makes a grave mistake who places a bar in the way of the organization of the women of his church into one, or both, of these bands of noble women. I know that some Pastors fear that the organization of these societies will interfere with the regular missionary offerings. After an experience of several years in pastorates where both societies flourished I have no hesitancy in saying that the women's missionary societies are a **help** and not a **hindrance** to the regular offering. The fact is that in most of our churches about the only intelligent study of missions attempted is carried on by the members of these societies; and where neither of these societies is organized there is no study of missions worthy of the name. Every charge ought to have at least one of these organizations, and many of our charges should have both. At present we have but 5 auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and but 10 auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Religious Education.

I am glad that the recent General Conference changed for the better the whole plan of organization and work of our Sunday Schools, and from now forward it will be known as the Religious Education department of church work. The forward look of the church in this direction is most commendable. I rejoice that Pastors report that 53 of the Sunday Schools of our District are organized according to paragraph 428 of the Discipline. I earnestly desire that every school shall be so organized. Rev. Milton McCann, our own Conference representative of the Sunday School Board, has visited several charges on the District and set up the entire organization in several of our schools. Wherever he has gone his work has proved helpful and stimulating, and is followed by increased attendance and in-

creased interest in Sunday School work. I sincerely hope he may be able to visit every unorganized school of the District during the coming year.

I can not give statistics of the schools, for I am unable to secure reports from one-half of the Sunday School Superintendents. I fear the reports of many schools as published in the official Minutes are but charitable guesses, rather than accurate figures.

Some of our Sunday Schools on the District are quite remarkable.

Claremont, Rev. W. A. Wright, Pastor, has one of the best organized Sunday Schools on the District, and shows an average attendance of 89% of enrolment for the year; Children's Day offering advanced from \$6 to \$48; expenditures for the betterment of the school increased \$200, and yet the school contributed to the church budget. At Christmas the school gave a treat to all the children of the community.

St. Stephens, on St. Peter's charge, has a school that has had 96% of enrolment for the annual average attendance, and 64 of the 70 members enrolled are Christians.

Rock Creek school, Somerset charge, Rev. J. W. Prettyman, Pastor, reports 100% as members or probationers of the church. Surely such schools deserve the title "nursery of the Church."

I note also that the Sunday School at Phoebus, with an enrolment of 95 in 1918, has an enrolment of 475 in 1921, with 40 accessions to the Church from the Sunday School this year, has spent **\$334.00 on its school this year**. I wonder if there is not a connection between the two? How can a Sunday School grow that spends only \$20 or \$25 per year for all the religious educational outfit for its young people?

District Conference.

On coming to the District I found one thing our District needed was a District consciousness—a District esprit de corps. I have sought diligently to inspire every Pastor with this spirit. True it is of every man, but doubly so of Methodist preachers, "No man liveth to himself." We all go **up** together, or we all go **down** together; and I want the trend ever to be upward on our District. To that end I organized a District Conference, not according to the Discipline; for the Disciplinary plan takes in work that we can better do on our District in the Quarterly Conferences. Our plan was much more informal,—a real conference of the Pastors of the District to plan for better work, and closer co-operation in kingdom building. The first meeting was held in Asbury Church, Salisbury, in connection with the District Stewards meeting; the second was held in October, 1919, in Whatcoat Church, Snow Hill, and the third, and by far the best, was held in Christ Church, Chincoteague, Dec. 1-2, 1920. A very helpful program was rendered, the men of the District opening their hearts to one another, explaining difficulties and assisting in the removing of them. So blessedly helpful were the two days spent together that three things resulted, viz.:

First, it was unanimously agreed to hold two District Conferences each year instead of one; and the invitation of Ocean View to hold the next Conference there in May was unanimously accepted.

Second, it was also unanimously agreed to hold a two weeks' intensive educational campaign, to cover every Church on every charge on the District, and to include every Pastor in the programs; the object being to bring to every Church the stimulus of addresses on missions, education, Sunday School and revival work, by other men besides the local Pastor.

Third, seventeen District Goals were set, toward which we will press with all our might.

We hope to have at least six returned missionaries to help us in this campaign, and we extend a cordial invitation to our Presiding Bishop to be with us, to as full an extent as his busy schedule will allow. Such a campaign we are confident will be of untold benefit to the churches, and to the Pastors who will be themselves responsible in every case for the programs rendered.

District Parsonage.

Our District Parsonage was purchased with the understanding that we were to be given possession December first, 1920.

The District Stewards did their part by electing a board of nine trustees to hold the property for them, and to look after all the details of transfer, the renovating of the property, the furnishing of the home, and all other necessary details.

For reasons that need not be detailed here the wishes of the District Stewards and the District Superintendent in the matter have not been carried out. After much annoyance we finally got possession of the property on December 30, 1920, but at this writing it has been only partly renovated and partly furnished.

The treasurer reports the following amounts have been paid by the various charges:

Annamessex	\$17.67	Pocomoke Circuit	27.70
Ayres Chapel	28.91	Powellville	37.17
Cape Charles	46.61	Newark	34.50
Chincoteague	40.71	Princess Anne	71.98
CRISFIELD—		Quantico	47.79
Asbury	118.00	St. Peters	55.75
Immanuel	110.19	SALISBURY—	
Claremont	36.96	Asbury	190.57
Delmar	72.57	Grace	38.94
Frankford	24.00	Selbyville	77.88
Fruitland	49.56	Sharptown (in full)	139.03
Mardela Springs	73.34	Snow Hill (in full)	273.48
Marion	33.04	Stockton	63.13
Nanticoke	41.30	Tangier	100.00
Ocean View	35.00	Westover	13.27
Onancock	48.38	White Haven	35.40
Phoebus	24.19	Whitesville	62.00
Pittsville	40.58		

Charges that have paid in full.

Berlin	Parsonburg
Bishopville	Sharptown
Mardela Springs	Snow Hill

NOTE:—Roxana made two payments last year, or one half of amount due, as credited in Minutes, 92nd page, amount \$75.00.

Pastoral Support.

The District continues its fine advance in pastoral support. For the first time in the history of the District, if not in the history of the Conference, it is possible to report that no Pastor on Salisbury District, whether a member of the Conference or a supply, will receive less than \$1200 for his year of service. Every charge but eight set their salary at \$1200 or more, and every one of the eight has been sufficiently supplemented from Domestic Missions to reach the minimum.

Every Charge on the District but four advanced their Pastor's salary this year, as follows: Hebron, Mt. Vernon, Ocean City, Quantico, St. Peters, Grace & Stengle, Smith's Island, \$100 each; Westover \$150; Annamessex, Ayres' Chapel, Bishopville, Claremont, Deal's Island, Frankford, Fruitland, Girdletree, Marion, Nanticoke, Newark, Onancock, Pocomoke Circuit, Roxana, Selbyville and Somerset, \$200 each; Mardela Springs \$215; Fairmount \$250; Cape Charles, Chincoteague, Asbury (Crisfield), Dagsboro and St. George's, Delmar, Sharptown, Stockton, and Tangier, \$300 each; Ocean View \$350; Pocomoke City and Snow Hill \$400 each; Berlin, Immanuel (Crisfield) and Pittsville \$500 each; and Asbury (Salisbury) \$600; a total of **\$10,165.00** for the year.

Add to this the \$500 increase in salary the District Stewards gave the District Superintendent and the \$217 increase in Episcopal Fund, and we have \$10,882 increase for the year.

Add this to the \$18,304 advance for pastoral support secured during the three preceding years and it gives a grand total advance of **\$29,186.00** for the four years of my administration.

If any brother thinks this fine advance just "happened so" let him make another guess. We still have a few officials whose principal religious effort is to attend the First Quarterly Conference to oppose any advance in Pastor's salary, and then to attend the Fourth Quarterly Conference and ask for a change of Pastors; but they are becoming fewer in number every year, and we trust will soon all be gone—somewhere. However, in most Quarterly Conferences our wide-a-wake, progressive laymen are in the majority, and these keep the ark of God moving forward. Believing it to be my duty, I do not hesitate to preach the gospel of adequate support for the faithful Pastor. No man can do his best work for God and the Church with the fact constantly staring him in the face that even by the strictest economy he cannot possibly meet his current needs. May God bless these faithful ministers of His who are worthy of the best, and may God also bless these equally faithful laymen who respond so nobly to every call of duty.

Conference Claimants.

The above advance in Pastor's salaries has not been made at the expense of the Conference Claimants fund. The last official communication received from our lamented Dr. W. O. Hurst was a letter congratulating Salisbury District on leading the Conference in percentage of apportionment raised for this fund. This exalted position we hope the District will maintain this year.

Debt Paying.

We are trying hard to have Salisbury District reach the financial independence of Longfellow's blacksmith, of whom he says

"He looked the whole world in the face,
For he owed not any man."

That is our ideal and we are steadily pressing toward it. During the past year debts aggregating \$13,656 have been paid by 12 charges as follows: On Churches, Delmar, \$3,000; Girdletree, \$650; Ocean View, \$225; Pocomoke City, \$3,000; St. Peter's, \$80; Somerset, \$100; Remson Church, Stockton, \$3137. On parsonages, Pittsville, \$1050; Powellville, \$110. On both churches and parsonages, Deal's Island church, \$500, parsonage, \$200; Hebron, church, \$1260, parsonage, \$60; Onancock, church, \$159, parsonage, \$125.

Improvements.

Twenty-eight charges have improved their churches as follows: Claremont, \$10; Ayres Chapel, \$15; Hebron, \$30; Marion, \$70; Pocomoke Circuit, \$50; Bishopville, \$136; Ocean View, \$180; Quantico, \$100; Pittsville, \$150; Phoebus, \$190; Venton, \$200; Tangier, \$213; Somerset, \$300; Parsonburg, \$300; Grace and Stengle, \$326; Girdletree, \$466; Mt. Vernon, \$481; Immanuel (Crisfield), \$500; Pocomoke City, \$640; Fairmount, \$700; Onancock, \$925; Annamessex, \$1350; Delmar, \$1400; Deal's Island, \$1500; Smith's Island, \$9,000; and Ocean City, \$14,800; total \$39,702.

Twenty-seven charges have improved their parsonages as follows: Girdletree, \$43; Ocean View, \$20; Ayres Chapel, \$33; Dagsboro & St. Georges, \$34; Marion, \$35; Princess Anne, \$50; Hebron, \$75; Mt. Vernon, \$80; Quantico, \$100; Roxana, \$100; Pocomoke City, \$126; Mardela Springs, \$133; Claremont, \$140; Bishopville, \$141; Somerset, \$150; Deal's Island, \$200; Annamessex, \$200; Whitesville, \$210; Fruitland, \$250; Frankford, \$280; Fairmount, \$300; Onancock, \$300; Sharptown, \$352; St. Peter's, \$364; Newark, \$350; Asbury, Salisbury, \$500; and Grace and Stengle, \$826; a total of \$6,143. Making a grand total for improvements of \$45,844.

Famine Relief.

Nor have our people been negligent to the cry of distress arising in so many quarters of the globe. Twenty Pastors report that they have

collected and forwarded \$4308.00 for Armenian, Near East, and China famine sufferers. Many others took the offering but as they did not report to me I have no way of knowing the amounts sent.

Conversions and Accessions.

I had hoped after four years of persistent effort to secure accurate and uniform reports so as to be able to report the growth of the Church itself at this Conference. I wanted so much to know the exact numbers enrolled in our Sunday Schools; the numbers converted at Methodist altars during the year, and the total number of accessions to the Church; but I have so far found it impossible to secure reports. Not one-half of the Sunday School Superintendents made a written report to any Quarterly Conference, and several of these by no means accurate. But twenty-four out of forty-eight (just one-half) Pastors have reported the number of conversions during the year; but these report 1333 conversions. Forty-five Pastors report 2073 accessions during the year. As several Pastors held special services culminating at Easter I hope the final reports will materially increase these figures.

However, even these figures show most conclusively that on Salisbury District revival fires still burn; that the Pastors still preach Jesus as the Savior from sin; that the Holy Ghost still convicts of sin; that the Church of God has not lost its gracious power to win men.

Items of Special Interest.

This glance at District affairs should be supplemented by mention of those charges and Pastors who have made some special effort in Kingdom building.

First I name three "Supplies,"—men who because of lack of early advantages never have been able to gain admission to the membership of the Conference, but called of God to preach are faithfully performing the work.

The first of these I name Rev. Thomas S. Dixon, Pastor of Ayres' Chapel charge, Va. Bro. Dixon is serving his ninth consecutive year as Pastor; he has seen the charge increase in pastoral support from less than \$200 to \$900, and it will doubtless be \$1000 next year. During the past year his people have purchased for him a Ford car, and he is invited to return next year. Surely this is a record of which any of us could well be proud.

Rev. James L. Derickson, Pastor of Smith's Island, might well be known as "the building Parson." Almost everywhere he goes he builds a Church or a parsonage. At Smith's Island he has completed a really beautiful little two-room church, all ready now to be dedicated. (It will not be dedicated until June, however, because of local conditions.) Bro. Derickson is much beloved by his people who unanimously voted for his return, after advancing his salary \$100 for the current year.

At Roxana, Rev. John T. Graham, Pastor, has occurred one of the outstanding successes of the year. Roxana is not the easiest place in the world to succeed; but brother Graham, aided by his unusually good

helpmeet, took hold of the situation with such tact and good judgment that soon the parsonage was improved; and congregations increased and Sunday Schools grew until the people under the inspiration of the Pastor set about renovating and beautifying the Church at Roxana. New pews, new artistic windows, and new carpets were installed; a new entrance and tower built; new concrete walks laid and church painted inside and out, and a new lighting system installed, at a total cost of \$5600. January 23, 1921, was the date of reopening, when the Pastor was assisted by the writer and Rev. W. H. Briggs of Selbyville; and every dollar of the improvement was provided for in cash and reliable subscriptions, without one dollar from the Centenary. The Pastor informs me that every dollar has already been paid in so that Roxana is free of debt. When one considers that little Roxana this year has advanced her Pastor's salary \$200 and paid it; put \$100 on its parsonage; has paid \$5600 in cash for church improvements; and yet comes up to last years standard on all Disciplinary Benevolences her Pastor deserves at my hands a "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The record of building achievement for the year, however, reaches highwater mark in the completion of our beautiful church at Ocean City, Md., Rev. E. P. Thomas, Pastor. Twenty-six years ago, for what reason I do not know, at a meeting called without my knowledge, although I had been appointed chairman of the commission to arrange the matter, we Methodists withdrew from Ocean City, leaving to our Presbyterian brethren the entire field of operations. For twenty years we carefully stayed out of the field, during which time Methodists who moved to Ocean City joined the Presbyterian Church, because there was no church of their denomination in the town. Six years ago a petition was presented to my predecessor, Rev. George P. Jones, signed by about 100 persons, requesting him to send a Methodist Pastor to start a Church and Sunday School at Ocean City. Being a wise, efficient Superintendent he granted their request, so far as he was able, by recommending in his report (Minutes of 1915, page 61): "We recommend that this work (Sinepuxent) be annexed to Ocean City, Md., where we believe the time is at hand for organizing our Methodists already there and provide for them a Pastor." The Presiding Bishop, being a wise man, approved the recommendation of this good Superintendent, and Rev. Charles W. Spry was appointed Pastor, who started the new work. One year later Rev. W. C. Poole, with quite a record for carrying through church-building projects, was appointed Pastor; and notwithstanding the fact that during the two years he was Pastor the congregation had to change its place of meeting no less than five times, by the hardest of hard work he carried the church membership up to 70, and developed a united band of devoted workers that would be hard to equal anywhere.

In 1918 Rev. E. Parks Thomas, just out from Drew, was secured as Pastor. This bundle of energy, industry, and zeal, with a good dash of common sense thrown in for good measure, soon had things moving forward. Even the World War, with its concomitant changes and high prices could not stop the advance. God blessed him with revivals, and growing congregations. His winning personality brought out the best

that was in his loyal little band, and others gathered about him, until November 14th, 1920, we saw the consummation of six years of toil, when the beautiful new church was dedicated. Bishop Hamilton and the writer were present. Three enthusiastic congregations filled the new temple. The Bishop was at his best; the congregation were most liberal; the visitors from adjoining charges came to HELP, and not simply as onlookers; and when the day was done the total cash and subscriptions were sufficient to meet all needs. The total costs of building, grounds and equipment amount to approximately \$19,000. This magnificent result would not have been possible but for the inspiration of the Centenary and generous aid from that fund; and also for the devoted loyalty of such laymen as Senator Orlando Harrison, A. F. Powell, and R. F. Powell, of Berlin, Senator Wm. P. Jackson of Salisbury, and others all over the District and beyond. A full list of the contributors outside of Ocean City will be published in due time.

Rev. R. H. Wilson, Pastor at Annessex, has installed an electric light plant in St. Peter's, at a cost of \$1350, and improved the parsonage at a cost of \$200, all paid for. No wonder his people ask for his return.

Rev. J. P. Outten completes a four-year pastorate at Deal's Island most successfully. They have advanced the Pastor's salary \$200 this year; have put in a fine electric lighting plant costing \$1500; have paid \$200 on parsonage improvements; and the Pastor comes to Conference rejoicing with all bills paid, with no decrease in Centenary; and with 80 accessions to his churches this year. We rejoice in his success.

Somerset charge under the leadership of Rev. J. W. Prettyman, stands near the head of the list in conversions and accessions, reporting 145 conversions and 113 accessions; and besides an advance of \$200 on Pastor's salary, \$300 improvements on churches and \$150 on parsonage, reports no falling off in Centenary.

The Conference will be glad to know that Rev. John L. Prettyman, who one year ago requested location, has since November been serving most acceptably Mardela Springs. By his faithful work along all lines of endeavor he fairly earned the invitation to return which was unanimously voted him at the Fourth Quarterly Conference.

How I wish time and space permitted me to mention the excellent work of Rev. A. F. Zimmerman, at Bishopville; W. A. Hearn, at Newark; John J. Bunting, at Berlin; Daniel Wilson, at Onancock; W. P. Taylor at Grace and Stengle (Salisbury); of W. F. Dawson, at Princess Anne; G. S. Allen, of St. Peter's; and H. S. Dulany, at Sharptown. These and others, deserve special mention, but I must forbear.

Pittsville would never forgive me if I left them out of the record of heroic achievement. When Rev. W. H. Revells requested that he be released from Pittsville to go to Hillsboro, Pittsville woke up. I held their first Quarterly Conference during the interregnum. I urged them to set their salary, and name a liberal one and told them plainly I could have no hope of securing the kind of man they needed unless they authorized me to offer at least \$1500 salary. The older men, who have had a struggle to pay \$1000, hesitated. A half dozen younger men sitting in the

rear of the room, several of whom were not officials, finally asked if they might say a word. "Yes, speak up what is in your minds," I replied. They said, "What is the use of higgling over a few hundred dollars? How can you expect the best kind of a man at the lowest kind of a price? We say, promise Bro. Collins to pay \$1500 to whomever he sends, and if you cannot raise the money we will pay it ourselves." It was done, and Rev. C. W. Strickland was sent to them from Dagsboro. From that day Pittsville started a new record. They started the forward movement by putting in parsonage furniture and improvements to the amount of \$560; they then paid the \$1050 old parsonage debt that had hung like a pall over them ever since it was built; they held revival meetings in which 59 were converted, and 75 accessions followed; they spent \$150 in church improvements; took their share of the advance for Superintendents and Bishops; and the Pastor comes to Conference paid in full, and with more than \$100 more Centenary money than last year. Good for Pittsville!

The two years work of Rev. J. W. Jones at Cape Charles have been years of steady growth. Each year the salary has advanced \$300, and congregations and Sunday School tax the capacity of the building. Cape Charles is on the roll of honor, having for the second year paid her full Centenary quota. Plans have been inaugurated to build a \$50,000 new church, and the fund for that purpose is already started. With such a plant, and with such people to man it, Cape Charles has a bright future.

We are glad to learn that Chestertown has followed the noble example of Cape Charles, whose faithful Pastor months ago secured a subscription to the Christian Advocate from every official member.

Rev. E. C. Hallman, at Ocean View and Millville, in one short year and a half has changed a charge that was disunited and struggling to pay a \$1000 into a harmonious, successful charge paying \$1400; old debts paid; 70 accessions in membership; and an advance of \$150 in Centenary. 1500 pastoral calls, introduction of the budget system, tireless industry and sanctified common sense explain this success. The membership are a unit for his return, at a salary of \$1600.

One can not think of Chincoteague without thinking of Rev. L. B. Morgan, who was appointed Pastor there sometime away back in the Dark Ages. They have had an Easter each of the four years I have known the charge, and every year Chincoteague breaks out into a brand new, risen, enlarged, beautified life that transcends the former state as the butterfly transcends the caterpillar. This year they have outdone themselves. They have advanced the Pastor's salary \$300; have again paid in cash \$175 more than their full apportionment for Centenary; they have already pledged \$20,000 on their new Church, even before they have their plans completed; they are planning to build their church during the coming year, and then invite the Conference to hold its 1923 session with them; and if you will just accept their invitation they will give you a welcome and furnish a bill of fare that even the best eaters among you will find he has "not room to receive it." God bless Chincoteague and her faithful Pastor.

Rev. Paul P. Truitt, coming to Phoebus October 8th, has not only maintained the high standard of Dr. Hurst, but somehow the rate of ad-

vance seems accelerated. The membership of the Church has doubled this year, 75 having been received since October 8th. Thus in less than six months the church at Phoebus has gained nearly five-fold what was gained in the twelve years under the preceding system. The Sunday School enrolment is now 475, with an attendance of 186 the Sunday preceding the report to be. That Sunday School that in 1918 paid \$45 for Missions this year pays \$400 for Missions, \$8 for Board of Sunday Schools, and \$39.00 for other benevolent offerings. Bro. Truitt is evidently the man for Phoebus, and under his leadership Phoebus will become one of our strong charges in a few years. Phoebus is a standing testimony to the value of the Centenary; for without the Centenary the advance at Phoebus would not be possible.

Rev. E. W. McDowell is an example of what fidelity to all the work of a Methodist minister can accomplish. When he arrived at Pocomoke City a year ago and found that because the church had good credit at the Bank they had been allowing a debt to accumulate from year to year until it had reached the sum of \$3,000 he was horrified. When he found that refreshments and hack hire for Sunday School picnics that were enjoyed three or four years ago remained unpaid he said, "We will pay as we go or we will have no picnic." Of course, the picnic of 1920 was paid for, spot cash. Then he made plans to rid the Church of that debt. Bro. E. J. Schoolfield told him whenever he secured \$2700 he could come to him for the balance. On March 3rd Bro. McDowell claimed that \$300, for he had in cash \$2811.50. So once more Pocomoke City is clear of debt. More than that, they advanced the Pastor's salary \$400; have put \$640 improvements on the Church, and \$126 on the parsonage; have had 82 accessions during the year; have 5 students in school or college, one of whom is studying for the ministry; and best of all a united official Board is behind him, who asked unanimously for his return. We ought to have that new parsonage next year.

Rev. L. E. Poole is completing his sixth year at Snow Hill, and judging by all the tests it has been a most successful year. Salary was advanced \$400; and a total of 75 accessions, with a net increase of 10%; congregations fine; Sunday School the largest in its history, with an increase in enrolment of 30%, and 40% in attendance; every interest of the church looked after, and an advance of at least 50 per cent. in Centenary offerings, with a united Quarterly Conference which unanimously desires his return, and appointed a committee to see that their wishes are carried out. So, of course Bro. Poole is happy serving such a loyal, delightful people.

Asbury (Salisbury), Rev. J. T. Herson, Pastor, continues its forward march. Revival services held this year resulted in 150 conversions, and a total of 191 accessions during the year. Congregations continue to tax the capacity of the church, and this loyal people rally to the support of their faithful Pastor in a way that is hopeful for the future. Asbury this year improved the parsonage at a cost of \$500; gave \$700 for Near East relief, and \$296 for China relief; has 21 students away in schools and colleges, one of whom is studying for the ministry; advanced her Pastor's salary \$600; gives \$200 for Domestic Missions; and lays

on the altar the full apportionment for every Disciplinary Benevolence. No wonder her popular Pastor is invited to return.

Asbury (Crisfield), is also forging to the front under the able leadership of Dr. W. F. Corkran. The great new church program goes on apace. \$30,000 has already been raised in cash, and \$100,000 "clearly in sight" the Pastor informs us.

The foundation for the new structure is laid; and the bids for enclosing the buildings are in hand. The enterprise has not been rushed, the officials wisely waiting for a drop in prices of material and labor. Pastor's salary advanced \$300; benevolent offerings all in advance of last year; and financially the church was never in better shape. In spiritual things the Church is all aglow. Early last autumn McComb and Clase, Evangelists, were engaged, and a meeting was held that overshadowed any revival held in this section in the memory of man. For weeks the community was stirred. Men came for miles around. Four hundred and fifty souls were converted, and 230 of these joined Asbury, while scores of others united with churches all over the south end of Somerset County. The power of that meeting is still felt. Laymen filled with the presence of the Holy One have started a round of evangelistic meetings that is bringing to life some churches that were dead and others that were dying have found a new lease on life. By a practically unanimous vote the Pastor is invited for another year.

Immanuel (Crisfield) has gone forward by leaps and bounds ever since Rev. John L. Johnson landed in town three years ago. This indefatigable worker is ably assisted by his wife, his sister and his mother-in-law. As dear Bro. L. E. P. Dennis told the writer shortly before his translation, "Every member of the family is an ASSET to the Pastor's work, and not a LIABILITY." It is literally true. A masterful organizer, Bro. Johnson has the knack of setting folks to work. He took the Pastor's Bible class, gave it the new name of "Baraca Class," and told it to "Grow"; and 12 men soon numbered such scores of men that difficulty is found in housing them comfortably. He found a half-dead Epworth League; and he "breathed on it the breath of lives," and today it numbers 300 of as live young people as you ever saw. He organized a handful of children into a Junior Church; and they now number 261. He found a Sunday School with a reported enrolment of 648, and an average attendance of 208; and the school has now more than 1200 enrolment, and the attendance has passed the 800 mark. Wednesday evenings instead of facing the 30 or 40 faithful ones of three years ago, the Pastor meets on an average 250 of the best people of his flock, who pray, and sing and rejoice over God's goodness to them. Immanuel appreciates her Pastor. Immanuel co-operates with her Pastor. Immanuel supports her Pastor financially. In three years Immanuel has advanced in salary from \$1,500 to \$3,000, and at the Fourth Quarterly Conference I was requested to see that Bro. Johnson is returned, and they promise to pay him \$3,600 next year. After three years of such loyal co-operation and mutual affection I could only humbly reply, "What the Bishop hath joined together let no District Superintendent put asunder."

But I must close this already voluminous report, although the story is not half told. This record is rather a sketch of samples of work we attempt on Salisbury District, rather than a complete record of these modern "Acts of the Apostles." Only when we stand before the great white throne together will we know all that has been accomplished this year in His name.

What has been my share in this wonderful work? Well, I hold from six to ten Quarterly Conferences each week, preach three times every Sunday, and not infrequently during the week. I average 2,500 miles in the automobile every three months, and yet it took two books of clerical orders on railroads besides to cover the work. I have sent out some hundreds of letters, and slept in enough different beds to please the most changeable minded. But the miles I have ridden and the sermons I have preached I do not count as my chief task. As I see it, my principal task is to hearten the brethren, the Pastors. These are the men on whom the brunt of the battle falls, on their brave hearts rest the burdens. They are the ones who must face the prejudice, and the indifference, and sometimes the active opposition of those who should be their allies, but are sometimes found in camp with the enemy. When I find a Pastor financially straitened I try to get the brethren to relieve the situation by advance in salary. When I find one sitting in the shadows because of indifference or worse of the brethren I tell him

"God is in His heaven—
All is right with the world."

"Harvest time will come to every sower, so get up and sow,—sow beside all waters." If I find one writhing in torture because of biting attacks of evilminded men, I do my best to pour the balm of healing into that wounded soul—and then try to pull the teeth of the biter so as to prevent future attacks. Daily do I pray for every Pastor on our District, that God may make us all holy men, and gentle, and patient, and brave, and true, as we ought to be; and even as I pray there steals into my soul His peace which "passeth all understanding." Glory be to God, for his unspeakable gift!

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

ROBERT WATT, District Superintendent.

As we gather today in our 53rd Annual Session the shadows mingle with the sunlight, for two of our beloved co-workers have entered into the joy of their Lord, Brothers Howard Townsend Quigg and Gordon R. Neese. Both lingered but a few days before the call came.

Brother Quigg was seized early Easter Sabbath morning one year ago, and against the advice of Dr. Merritt Burke, his physician, he preached his Easter sermon. It was his last, for shortly after, while hands of love were ministering to him, "the weary wheels of life stood still," and "he was not, for God took him."

Brother Neese was stricken on a Thursday and the following Monday we laid his tired body to rest. Up to the last he held himself ready to assist his brother ministers, and within a week preached for his pastor, Brother Elwood Jones. Appropriate memoirs will be presented.

Grace Church is sorely bereft in the death of Charles Scott, Esq., a grandson of Bishop Levi Scott, and a son of the Rev. Alfred T. Scott, for many years a member of the Wilmington Conference. Brother Scott was a tower of strength in Grace Church, which he loved as a lover his bride. For many years he was its treasurer and he administered his trust with capacity and fidelity. To make Grace Church a factor in all that was truest and best in church and community life was his one ambition. His devotion to the church was beautiful, and withal, he had a triumphant Christian experience. May the number of such laymen be multiplied.

Brothers Leonard White, Arthur W. Goodhand and F. J. Cochran have not been without their trials. Brother White has fully regained his health; God spared the life of the lad so desperately ill in the Richardson Park parsonage; but Brother Cochran has been out of service since November. He is broken beyond permanent recovery, and will ask for a Retired Relation. The District Superintendent had all these pulpits in charge and the brethren responded freely so that no services were missed.

Because of unavoidable circumstances growing out of family affliction, Brother F. X. Moore was granted a release from his work, and the Rev. W. Vaugh Moore, pursuing a course at Drew, was secured to fill the vacant pulpit. He has proven a perfect fit in a difficult charge and there is a unanimous desire for his return. Brother F. X. Moore did fine work while in charge. A parsonage remodeled and modernized at a cost of \$4000; the salary advanced from \$1500 to \$2000; improved congregations, all attest to his success. Brother and Sister Moore won many friends while at Newport and Stanton Charge.

In spite of the hard times the upward trend in the increase of pastors' salaries continues. Forty-two have advanced this year: Claymont, \$2000, increase, \$1100; St. Pauls, Elkton, Richardson Park, and Kingswood, \$600; Union, Asbury, Newport and Stanton, \$500 each; Cookman, Wesley, Hopewell, Newark and St. Johns, \$400 each; McCabe, Rising Sun, Zion, Port Deposit, Mt. Salem, New Castle, Mt. Pleasant, Chesapeake City, \$300 each; Trinity, Silverbrook, Scott, Hill Crest, East Lake, Brandywine, Epworth, North East, Marshallton, Ebenezer, Charlestown, and Hockessin, \$200 each, and the Hockessin Church presented Brother Claude Clark with an auto; Madely, \$350; Brack-Ex, Red Lion, Mt. Lebanon and Cherry Hill, \$100 each; St. Georges, \$50.

The number of charges in 1885 paying \$1000 and over for ministerial support was 36, now it is 150. The total then for ministerial support was \$107,129, last year it was \$263,726. The total contribution then for support of Conference Claimants was \$4887; in 1920 it was \$21,237. The offering to Missions 35 years ago was but \$15,248; in 1920, \$139,375. That is, we doubled the support of the men in the active ranks but increased five fold the support of the Retired men.

Let us remember that this increase was made with but a very small fraction of our membership tithing. What might we not accomplish if but 30% were tithing?

Since 1885 we received on probation 16,000 persons, but our net gain was but 2000; that is, we saved one in eight. During the past ten years we have saved five in eight. An evangelistic program that embraces all departments of the church, extending throughout the year, using the Sunday Schools and the Epworth Leagues to the best advantage for the Kingdom, a sympathetic care for our youth, and a real passion for souls will make sure the hope of the church.

The most notable material event of the year was the gift of a chime of bells, fourteen in number, from Mr. and Mrs. Melville Gambrell, to Grace Church. The chime came from the foundry of the Menelley Company of Troy, New York. This chime is the best money could procure. They cost \$18,000. The dedicatory service was held Thanksgiving night. An hour before the service the street and church yard was thronged with a multitude seeking admission. The audience numbered full 1200. The service was in charge of Dr. John W. R. Sumwalt. Bishops Willam Fraser McDowell and Charles L. Mead delivered appropriate and inspiring addresses that stirred the great gathering. Mr. Gambrell had asked to be excused from speaking but his request could not be granted. Dr. Sumwalt presented Mr. Gambrell and he made a telling address, in the course of which he paid a high compliment to Mr. Burchenal, whom, Mr. Gambrell told his hearers, was the first man to suggest the gift. At the close of his address he presented to the Church from Mrs. Gambrell and himself, the chimes, and Bishop McDowell received the gift and read the service of dedication. It was a great night in the history of a great church and a jubilant and hopeful spirit pervaded the assembly.

This gift was but one of many from the donors of the chime. The Florence Crittenden Home, our Conference Claimant Endowment Fund, and many of our churches being the sharers in the beneficence of Brother and Sister Gambrell.

Trinity church comes next in the extent of its material improvements, the cost reaching the almost miraculous sum of over \$12,000. This is the church which last year paid the last dollar of its debt, and owes but \$4000. on its present improvements. First comes the new parsonage—a model of beauty and utility, one of the most complete parsonages in the City. Not to be distanced by the men the Ladies' Aid Society had furnished the parsonage with the best that money could buy. Brother E. H. Collins, the pastor, superintended the work and wrought with his own hands for months, sometimes far into the night, and the time and labor he put into the enterprise would constitute a generous donation. A goodly number of his men members did likewise. All manifested a real love for the building which was to house the prophet of the Lord. In addition to the new parsonage, the church was thoroughly renovated and a modern electric lighting system installed. Compare the picture of the old tin church with this modern church and parsonage, and we can have some faint conception of the transformation wrought.

Brandywine has completed its first Centenary Unit, a beautiful, modern parsonage, furnished with the finest furniture money can buy. The total cost \$9000, \$6400 of which has been paid this year.

The new parsonage at Hill Crest was occupied early in the fall. It

compares favorably with the best homes in that growing suburb, and is in keeping with one of the finest suburban churches in the City.

The building fund at Silverbrook is now over \$30,000. Brother Elwood Jones is closing a five year pastorate with marked success. This building fund has grown under his supervision, the salary has gone from \$1000 to \$2000, and the membership almost doubled.

McCabe, beautiful for situation, rich in promise for the future, with the salary advanced from \$1800 to \$2500, the membership and Sunday school largely increased, and \$4858 raised this year for debts and improvements. The predictions that Brother G. C. Williams was the right man in the right place are more than fulfilled. The new church will soon be erected.

Other improvements and debts reported paid are:—Port Deposit, \$1553; St. Paul's, \$1000, following the payment of \$20,000 last year; Hopewell, \$500; Richardson Park, \$600; Union, \$675; Marshallton and Cedars, \$2360; Epworth, \$2000; St. George's, \$600; Mt. Pleasant, \$1787, and the charge, because of the development under the pastorate of Brother Hugh B. Kelso, must be divided into two appointments; Harrison St., \$500, and the parsonage to be built this year; Elkton, \$534, and Dr. G. T. Alderson is making his personality felt not only in the church but in the community; Madeley, \$1800, and plans for additions to the property in the near future; Perryville takes \$1600 from its ancient debt, and G. W. Hastings has, in spite of physical handicaps, done for this charge a lasting service; Mt. Salem pays \$1500 on its \$20,000 building, and \$700 for improvements (the property is now clear of debt for the first time in years); Brack-Ex, \$1000; Asbury, \$1319; Zion, \$225; Colora, \$500; Claymont, \$6,000, with salary advanced from \$900 to \$2000, and the Sunday School membership doubled, some idea of the growth of this rapidly developing church can be gained.

East Lake takes \$2300 from its debt and increases all the benevolences; New Castle has paid \$2100 for improvements, and adds \$2000 to the organ fund; Cookman spends \$500 for improvements, and \$2000 added to its building fund; Scott church reports for improvements, \$1325; Rising Sun, \$430; Red Lion, \$400; Chesapeake City, \$800. Claymont has expended \$6000 on renewing its church property, adding greatly to its attractiveness, and to the comfort of the congregation by providing modern pews and electric light system. Its salary advanced from \$900 to \$1100, with the good work just begun, will give some idea as to the growth of the rapidly developing church. Kingswood, \$500.

The total for improvements and debts will reach over \$75,000, when the eleven pastors from whom no report of any kind has been received up to March 29th, have reported. In the old, haphazard days it was the habit to wait until the last Sunday, and if it happened to be stormy, we all know what the result was. But in this new days of weekly contribution for the benevolences, it seems a bit strange that the old habit sticks. Brethren, these things ought not so to be.

Liberal response was made to the appeals for the War sufferers. Grace Church gave \$4747; Silverbrook, \$1250; Rising Sun, \$880; Elkton, \$732; Mt. Salem, \$530; Harrison St., \$478; Zion, \$317; Marshallton,

\$180; St. George's, \$210; Epworth, \$180; Mt. Pleasant, \$230; St. Paul's, \$100; Richardson Park, \$100; Hopewell, \$80; Union, \$105; Asbury, \$50; Port Deposit, \$185; Brandywine, \$101; East Lake, \$111; Newark, \$167; McCabe, \$234; Perryville, \$38; Cookman, \$170; Brack-Ex, \$40. Some churches took no offering, others contributed through the State and County organizations, 16 have made no report, and a few gave varying amounts. It is safe to say that the total will reach at least \$12,000. This amount should have received Centenary credit, but it did not.

Two innovations in the way of experiments were tried this year, each with encouraging success. The first was the combining of a group of interests, including the annual District Stewards' Meeting, the District Epworth League convention, and an all-day meeting for the ministers and laymen, in the interest of the Centenary. I think it was the unanimous opinion that the experiments were a decided success, and New Castle, which still felt disappointed that the Conference did not agree to hold its session in connection with the hundredth anniversary of the founding of New Castle Methodism, concealed its disappointment by furnishing free entertainment for the two days, and Crisfield will have to go some to excel New Castle in its generous hospitality.

The evening speakers were Dr. Francis B. Short and our own Bishop McDowell. It was universally agreed that the evening services more than met expectations. And the day services were well sustained, and we had the pleasure of hearing from the lips of Dr. Morris E. Swartz, our Washington Area Secretary, one of the best Centenary addresses we have ever heard. There is what, for want of a better characterization, can be termed a "brotherly sanity" about Dr. Swartz which makes him a good working companion.

Brief mention should be made also of the wonderful exhibit brought to us the evening of February the 7th, by Dr. Ralph Diffendorfer. It was, as Bishop McDowell in his introductory address termed it, "the results of the Centenary by the way of spoken word," which, after all, is the vital thing. I do not hesitate to say that, if this soul stirring exhibit could be put on in our stronger churches the objections to the Centenary would be minimized and genuine interest in it tremendously stimulated, and we have example in Wilmington Methodism to sustain this assertion.

I regret that it becomes necessary to revert to a matter which was considered at some length in last year's report; viz., the persistent publication in the Centenary communications of a District quota based on a misunderstanding, to put it mildly, on the part of the representatives of the Joint Centenary Commission.

Briefly put, the case is this: An agreement was reached by which we agreed to an excessive quota, based upon the presumption that the District should receive Centenary credit for funds raised by churches in the survey, those funds being for purely Centenary purposes. After the Centenary campaign was over it was found that because of a certain rule adopted by the Commission, Centenary credit could be granted only when the extra funds actually passed through the central treasury, and even if such extra funds did pass through the central treasury, they could not be returned to the churches involved, in excess of the District allotment.

Hence, difficulty. Much of the funds referred to were tied up in buildings. Manifestly there could be no solution there, and churches which had, at great sacrifice, gathered extra funds would not part with them without an assurance of their return; that is, they could not be expected to meet their Centenary obligation and sacrifice special funds raised for Centenary purposes.

Now in perfect good faith, based on the assurance that this matter would be adjusted, and based also on the right of readjustment within the limits of the District obligation to the Centenary, certain readjustments were made where it was manifest that an unreasonable, and excessive quota had been laid upon certain churches. A full, detailed analysis was sent to the central office, but no relief has come, and churches which have met a readjusted quota are reported deficient and the District made to appear deficient far beyond the facts. For, if the original agreement had been kept, the District would be paid in full and 20% in excess to date. We have felt this situation keenly, and it has made the gathering of Centenary funds needlessly difficult. I speak for churches as loyal and self-sacrificing as exist anywhere. They should not be reported in the "slacker" class, when they do not merit that label. I am assured that this difficulty will receive due attention and the injustice be removed.

Much might be said concerning the serious industrial depression which is upon us. That a disastrous panic has not swept the country is due largely to the wisdom, ability and foresight of big brained men of affairs. One of whom, and in a large sense, the chiefest of them all, is a citizen of Delaware. A man who has given of the best that was in him to the task of averting a panic. If the average man knew how such men employ their financial talents on behalf of the public, criticism would give place to commendation and appeals to prejudice to words of praise.

Wilmington has felt the pinch tremendously. Thousands of men have been thrown out of employment. Many of our churches, most of them, have been hit hard enough to cause apprehension, but I have yet to hear of a single instance where the every-member canvass does not equal last year's, and in many cases goes beyond it, and the same is true of the benevolences.

Ten years ago the situation referred to would have caused a panic of fear, and the coffers of the church would have suffered depletion. Again and again it is asked, "will not the Preachers' salaries be lowered?" The answer is "NO." For the laity is swift to admit that the church was a long time in putting the support of its ministers anywhere near where it belonged, and somewhat commensurate with his worth to the church and the community. There is no disposition to be "penny wise and pound foolish" by reducing preachers' salaries. The churches are beginning to realize the investment value of a live wire preacher, it is well that they should, for it is an asset which needs to be remembered.

Now, how does it come to be that in this hour of widespread financial adversity the churches hear and obey the word of their great Commander, "speak unto the children of Israel that they go FORWARD." What is the explanation of this good cheer, this optimistic heroism, this good,

old fashioned Methodist grit, which will not be dismayed in the face of threatened defeat? Do these qualities answer the question? No, they played their part, they excite our admiration, but there was a bigger factor at work. The dominant, prevailing factor that under God has put new spirit in the church and fibered it up to put down and out any opposing force, is the forward movement in Methodism sometimes called the "Centenary." That it brought its worries, unduly increased betimes by indifferent diplomacy, and undue rigidity, we admit, but with all this, it has cleared our vision; it has shed a new radiance on the path that leads hard by the cross; it has shown the church the littleness of its giving, and the fitfulness of its service; it has revealed the timidity of our faith, and the fact that the people called Methodists, have not, and are not now, in anything like proportionate numbers meeting the Divine conditions.

But blessed be God with the added burdens have come a larger faith, a more intrepid spirit, and a fuller recognition of the opportunities of the Kingdom. And while the church has not yet approached the limits of its possibilities, either as to its service or its substance, it will never return to its limited giving and its spasmodic service. The Sun of Righteousness has dawned with a new radiance, and with hope enkindled and enthusiasm fired "we follow the gleam," and the pierced hand beckons us onward to the sun crowned heights of "Mt. Delectable."

It is about time that we ceased talking about the bigness of our giving as measured by the limits of our ability. If 50% of our Methodists were tithing stewards the result would amaze us.

Nevertheless, lest I seem either unappreciative or unsympathetic let me add that the record of the year past should prompt our glad hosannas. For one church, Richardson Park, exceeds by \$175 its maximum quota for the Centenary, and the Pastor, Brother Arthur W. Goodhand, reports all benevolences increased. Five churches raise their quota in full:—Elkton, Harrison St., McCabe, Scott, and St. Paul's. It is but just to say that with the revised quota this number would be increased. Three charges fall below last year, but 27 excel last year's record, and in the face of the industrial depression referred to this is little short of a miracle. It should be remembered, too, that several of these churches expended large sums for local improvements and debts, and added nearly \$14,000 this year to pastors' salaries.

Our City Missionary work has made substantial progress. Brother Beauchamp will report details.

A word concerning the Good Will Industries may be of interest to the Conference. Its slogan "Not Charity, but a Chance" gives a fairly clear impression as to its nature. It forms the physical approach in seeking to reach with the Gospel those whose faith has wavered and many of whom have utterly wrong notions of the church and its relation to their welfare. And this is no small agency in bringing to these classes the message of a new life.

One fact of which I shall speak later becomes increasingly clear to my mind that has to do with our City Missionary work. For the most part our funds after administration expenses were met have gone directly

to maintaining workers among the foreign speaking people in our City. But since it has become the announced policy of the Board of Home Missions to align, as quickly as possible, our foreign speaking work with our English speaking churches, it is of the utmost moment that we find some sure means of assisting in the maintenance of those churches which constitute and must increasingly constitute the centers and basis of our foreign speaking work. By reason of the fact that these churches are situated in the midst of an alien population, it becomes necessary that they be supported. Later in the session I shall mention a plan by which, with the approval of the Conference, this can be done.

It is impossible when speaking of our City Missionary work, and particularly our Good Will Industries, to lose sight of "Old Asbury," the mother of Wilmington Methodism. Eight years ago the fate of this church of noble history was in the balance. With a reduced and discouraged membership, a rapidly diminishing income, the outlook was gloomy. At this juncture Brother George White Dawson was assigned to its pastorate. The rest is history. In simple justice it must be recorded that this man saved this church from the almost uniform fate of down-town churches. That unusual measures were resorted to to keep this historic church with open doors in the midst of a polyglot population goes without saying. There have been criticisms, sincere I doubt not, but to those of us who know the inside facts criticism gives place to gratitude, especially when we consider the nerve-taxing problems the pastor of this church has confronted. And, thank God, the danger of the removal of this old church has vanished. It will continue to serve a community greatly in need of the service it alone can render.

Always first, always at the foundation of all worth-while work for the church, comes evangelism.

There have been some gracious manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the conversions of sinners and in the perfecting of the saints. The ingathering at St. Paul's was 350; at Scott, 214; Union, 96; Silverbrook, 65; Newark experienced the most blessed spiritual awakening in years, the College and the town being equally affected. There were 70 conversions. North East had a revival that revived, and it has laid the foundation for better things further on.

Every church on the District had at least one service, quite a number held three. With several churches to hear from, the number of accessions will reach at least 1800; it may go well beyond that number.

Several of the churches made sane use of the "Win One Legion." Among whom were Grace, St. Paul's, Cookman, Wesley and others.

A special word of hearty commendation is due Wesley and its pastor, Brother Zach W. Wells. Wesley has closed one of the best years in its history. Not many months ago, because of its location in a rapidly growing foreign neighborhood, the question of its sale was seriously discussed. But wiser councils prevailed. It was felt that to move elsewhere would be like running away from its opportunity. So instead of removal, largely through the instrumentality of the pastor, the church was made attractive with freshly frescoed walls, electric lights, none better anywhere, were installed. Well, Wesley is alive, very much alive,

and is doing the best work in its history. It will be a crowning blunder if the policy of running away from "the stranger in our midst" is continued. Up to date, Wilmington Methodism has not committed that folly. May the good work go on.

A single word about the remarkable development at Newark. Its salary has doubled, its benevolences increased seven fold, a new church is in sight, and as a mark of esteem, a new car is to be presented to Brother Frank Herson, whom we all love, to facilitate his work as a pastor. This brother came to us a stranger three years ago, but he has won his way most wonderfully into the hearts of the people and ministers.

Early in the winter a plan was submitted to the Methodist Preachers of Wilmington for a united evangelistic campaign. The City was separated into five divisions, with a leader in each. The North Side, with Trinity, Kingswood, Brandywine, McCabe and East Lake, constituted the first division, with Brother E. C. Sunfield in charge.

This was the first to get under way, and under the leader of that past master of evangelism, Rev. E. C. Sunfield, things began to move. A committee of fifty was appointed, with sub-committees, including the young people, who were pledged to definite work.

After prayer and council together the plan was launched. First, an all day meeting was to be held in each church on Thursday. This service began with 14 and grew into a multitude. People lived for one day in the house of God. There were Bible readings by Brother Sunfield, a conference, followed by a sermon in the afternoon, and a spirited revival service at night. None but the five ministers were asked to preach at night, and this was wise, for they, with a goodly number of their respective congregations, were there each night. It may be possible to have a worth while revival with a new voice each night, but it rarely succeeds. The Sabbath afternoon mass meetings were in charge of the laity, and right well did they measure up to the opportunity.

The few times that circumstances permitted me to be present impressed upon me the fact that God was with his servants in unmistakable power.

Never will any present forget that Good Friday Night Communion service. The sweetness, and tenderness and power of the Holy Spirit were radiantly present. During the progress of the service five unconverted persons received the Communion for the first time, and afterwards, eleven souls came to the Master in the broken emblems and shed blood. It was a wonderful service and few dry eyes were to be seen that night.

One beautiful incident merits special mention. A year ago, on Good Friday, at the Communion table, a young woman came and kneeling, found Jesus. Last Friday she came with her arm around her mother and brought her to Jesus. The atmosphere of heaven was manifest in McCabe church that night, and all felt that it "was good to be there."

A gratifying feature of the service was to see prominent business men, many of whom had never done personal work, going out and literally bringing their friends to Jesus.

What was the net outcome of the meetings? Nearly 100 conversions, and five ministers and churches not only quickened in spiritual

life, but bound together by new ties of friendship and love, brothers in the Love Divine, "true yoke fellows in the Gospel of Christ." And from this united movement there emerges an example of Connectional Methodism that constitutes a church solidarity that promises large things for the Methodism of the North Side, and, please God, for the Methodism of the City.

And the best of it is that the movement is to go forward in an enlarged and perfected fashion. For next year in the Fall the union meetings will begin, and an all day service each week, closing with a union prayer meeting every week in the year, the summer included.

It should be said that Brother E. C. Sunfield was the leading spirit in all these meetings. Though handicapped physically, and concerned by the protracted and serious illness of his dear wife, he never faltered for a moment, but went straight through to the end. Repeated expression of appreciation from both ministers and laymen were frequently heard. God has gifted this "Good Minister of Jesus Christ" with evangelistic gifts in unusual measure.

Similar evangelistic movements were projected on the East and West Sides, but for various reasons they were not as successful as the great North Side meeting. Next year a different method will be tried and it is hoped that a City-wide movement will result.

The length of this report admonishes me that it should be brought to a close. The clamor is for brief sermons, brief reports, brief everything that appertains to the church of God, but there is time, *ad lib*, for the movies, all sorts of recreation, and every description of social affairs. Now all these things are well enough in their place, but many who grant them full time act as though they were developing a case of acute indigestion, if the church service runs a bit after nine in the evening.

Understand, I am not inveighing against recreation of a wholesome character, or pure fun. Few do, but I submit before Him who broke His heart to make a haven in which the storm pursued can hide and be safe, that it is about time that the Methodist folks, and that includes the prophets of the Lord, put God and His church in first place. "We are not our own, we are bought with a price." We must be His without reserve. "Neutral, we cannot be." We have our rights, but where the rights of "the Body of Christ" are concerned, our rights must take second place.

The men who, this year and in other years, have supported me, loved me, borne with me, are hearing familiar statements in all this, but it "must be line upon line, and precept upon precept" until the people called Methodists have made the right alignment with Jesus Christ in all things that make for the building of His Kingdom among us.

There are and have been, and recently growing deeper and stronger, longings that only Him, "Whose we are and Whom we serve" can interpret.

Bear with me my brothers in the Kingdom and patience of our common Lord. I cherish dreams concerning our City Methodism which I have learned to love, and dreams, please God, are destined to "come true," but what I most long for is to see this historic Methodism made sacred

by the selfsacrificing heroism of as Christly a band of people as ever followed our common Lord, fully surrendered to Jesus Christ. Thank God the things which once divided us have disappeared to a very large extent. "We be brethren."

To know that those charged with official responsibility were ready to "play the game all the way through, in all its vital departments, Christian, which includes Intercession, Life Service and Tithing, will mean that the glory of the Lord shall dwell among us, and "the slain of the Lord will be many." For this we hope, and work and pray and strive and insist, in season and out of season, whether they will bear or forbear. And as representatives of these spiritual concerns, we representatives of our Church and our Bishop must stand by the ministers who have the red blood and sanctified consecration to put the program of Jesus the Christ to the fore, and let our officials know that we thus stand.

There are "troublers in Israel" in some places because Israel has need to be troubled. A church, through its officials who are unmindful of, or as in a few cases (thank God, VERY few on the Wilmington District) who are opposed to the program of the denomination, has no right to ask that a faithful, loyal leader of the flock of God be removed, unless it can be shown that such a leader lacks sanctified common sense in the administration of church affairs.

Not every leader has that sort of sense. It is better to bend than break, if principle is not at stake. There are cases where expediency and sanctified diplomacy should find expression. The people cannot be driven. They can, for the most part, be led. There are exceptions, I speak of the average.

No man has been favored with saner, more loyal support than have I during the most trying year of my ministry. I believe that the men with whom I have fellowshiped love me, I know that I love them. And in the words of our illustrious founder "the best of all God has been with us." Blessed be God for fellowship such as this, and blessed be God who has given us the victory. And no fellowship has been sweeter or dearer than the fellowship of our Resident Bishop. May the All-Father keep this Prince in Israel with us many years.

(b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

BIBLE.

There is an ever-growing recognition of the fact that only the teachings of the Bible and their exemplification in the lives of individuals and nations can restore its moral condition and solve the world's problems after the recent world conflict. It calls for the hearty and combined support of every Christian Church in our land. We most cordially endorse the plan of the American Bible Society for the observance of a Universal Bible Sunday on November 27, 1921, or some adjacent Sunday, for the presentation of the claims of God's Word upon all ages and all classes.

We would recommend that all our pastors with the Superintendents of our Sunday Schools, secure the Army and Navy edition of the New Testament and Psalms, or the New Testament alone or both, and distribute to the people.

This great International Bible Society is one of the eight Disciplinary causes authorized by our Church. It was organized in 1816, and is now in the 105th year of its world-wide usefulness. It is not a commercial enterprise, but sells its Scriptures in varied editions, bindings, and languages at actual cost of production, and makes donations of hundreds of thousands of volumes to those who are unable to pay for the same; and, therefore, it has special claims upon the generosity of all Christian people. The Home and Foreign Missionary Societies are absolutely dependent upon this organization for Scriptures in 150 or more languages and dialects, into which it is translated today.

The Budget for 1921 calls for the raising of \$1,222,367. This is the largest budget ever adopted by this historic Society.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Never in the history of the Conference has the Epworth League been doing more real work for the Kingdom than at present. The day of numbers is past and the activities of the young people are counting in the work of the church. The success of the Centenary is largely indebted to the activities of this organization through their conventions, institutes, Bible and Mission Study Classes, and the Stewardship of Life has led a number into the ranks of Christian leadership.

The "Win My Chum Week," where worked, has proven a blessing and opportunity of service among the young people.

The program of the League is big enough to be workable in any church and pliable enough to work in the most remote corner.

May we call your attention to the annual conventions? The District Officers should have the co-operation of every minister, so as to make it benefit every Epworth League on the District.

The Institute at Dover is no longer an experiment but a success that surpasses the most optimistic anticipations. Our slogan this year is a representative from every charge. The ministers can make this possible. We offer the cheapest rates and the best faculty of any of the 110 Institutes. The location is ideal and stimulates interest in our own Wesley Collegiate Institute.

May we record our appreciation of the interest our Resident Bishop has shown, who, by his presence and encouragement, inspires all to do their best.

We welcome the co-operation of the Board of Sunday Schools and assure them our support.

The Board of Education, through Dr. MacRossie, is planning a class for undergraduates of the Conference during Institute week. The Conference Officers are glad to welcome this innovation and urge all young ministers of the Conference to take advantage of this opportunity.

The Epworth League of today is a world force in a World Church, and the Epworth League is now one of the recognized Boards of the Church and all dues and special gifts will be given credit through the Centenary.

BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR NEGROES.

The needs and possibilities of the great work for which this Board stands call for much larger consideration and more generous support than this cause receives.

The results of the more than half century's work in this direction were the gathering of a negro membership of over 350,000, with 3500 Churches, and more than 2000 ministers.

The 18 schools with about 350 teachers and nearly 6000 students are further evidences of the successful activities of this Board.

However, when we remember that our negro population mounts up to more than twelve millions, a large percentage of which looks to our Methodism for training and leadership, the need of multiplied facilities and intensified activities is emphatically urged.

The work of Morgan College and Princess Anne Academy, institutes closely related to our own Conference territory, is most gratifying in its results. These, as well as all the other institutions of the Board, are turning out students who are potent factors in the social, intellectual and spiritual uplift of the Negro race.

We recommend the work of this Board to the liberal and unbiased consideration of our people.

METHODIST HOSPITAL.

The list of novel lovers would be incomplete were we to leave out all reckoning in addition to David and Jonathan, Damon and Pythias, Tennyson and Author Hallan, our own Methodist Hospital and ourselves.

Its long years of usefulness and fidelity to the work it has striven to do more and more causes us to believe that our love for it is a compact of sense, not sentiment. The preacher and the medical evangelist are lovers, too. In each other they find a friendship that satisfies and suffices the soul.

Every man and every woman needs just such a friend as this, a complement for the half finished and oft half famished soul. All who have ever had the need of a doctor have realized the worth of these master spirits that try hard to keep this earthly tabernacle in repair. How blessed them to know of an institution under our own jurisdiction and management that tries to fulfill all that great lovers believe in and are found in their compage with the great physicians and lovers challenge to GO HEAL in addition empowering us.

Of all blessing in life, health is first and most fundamental. So intimately related are mind and body that if men are to become wiser or better or more productive, nothing can contribute more than health, improved and maintained. For the highest efficiency, soundest minds should tenant soundest bodies. Great creators of great values should have master machines with which to function.

The healer of the body adds much to the sum of human happiness, but greater than this is his contribution to human intelligence and progress by keeping great plants in repair, by which great power may be productive.

Our hospital is an honor to our church, and its staff of physicians is as fine as any the profession has produced. Its equipment is surpassed by none, and our appreciation of its high standards of moral and medical ethics has long since had honorable mention.

Freely has it ministered to the poor and the needy until in the last year over fifty thousand treatments have been given. Crowded to its capacity, it must build in the coming year a new addition. The halt, the lame and the afflicted press us on every side and we cry out as never before, "Come Thou over and help us." We need your prayers, we need more nurses, and we need your money. Break now the alabaster boxes of your hearts affection. Thanking you for all you have done in the past, we give you our motto for the coming year, "A sound body with a sound mind makes righteousness serviceable."

Your committee cheerfully commends our hospital to the attention of our people believing it fully worthy of our liberal support. It is transmitted Christianity and fulfills the desire suggested by our Lord in the text, "The whole need not a physician, Go ye and heal the sick. And in as much as ye do it to the least of these ye do it unto Me."

PERIODICALS.

That we are tremendously influenced by what we read, whether it be good or bad, none can deny. Hence, we urge the reading of the very best. Where is it to be found? In the periodicals of our Church. We, therefore, recommend the placing of The Christian Advocate, Epworth Herald and The Methodist in every home.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Reaffirming our belief in the Sanctity of Sunday as an inseparable part of the fundamental law of Maryland; reasserting our promise to cooperate with the Lord's Day Alliance in its all important work of conserving the Lord's Day as a day of rest for all, that those who will may have it as a day for worship; we heartily welcome the State-Wide Educational Campaign projected by the Lord's Day Alliance and pledge the cooperation of the District Superintendents, Pastors and laity of our Conference by naming a Lord's Day Committee in every charge, whose first duty shall be, in cooperation with the Pastor, to arrange a Lord's Day program for three of the mid-week meetings each year.

We further recommend that these Lord's Day Committees, authorized in this resolution, take such other steps as will help build up strong sentiment for a proper observance of the Lord's Day, that will prevent the commercialization by open stores, open theatres or open sports on the Lord's Day.

We further recommend that as judgment must begin at the house of the Lord, we pastors protest against the violations of the Sunday laws by the managers of Campmeetings who grant the privilege to sell ice-cream, candy, tobacco, etc., on the Lord's Day; and recommend that the members of this Conference refuse to preach at such campmeetings.

We further recommend that the names and addresses of the Chairmen of these Lord's Day committees be sent to Dr. W. W. Davis, P. O. Box 724, Baltimore, Maryland.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Sunday School work in the Wilmington Conference appears to have taken an upward trend during the past year. There seems to be an increased desire to inaugurate better lines of work, and adopt more progressive objectives. The reports from last year showed that the downward trend had been somewhat checked, while an advance was made along some lines, especially in the number of accessions to the Church from the Sunday School.

A brief summary of the work during this year might be mentioned.

1. **New Schools.** Several schools have been organized or reorganized during the year. Few possibilities for new schools seem to be in evidence in this territory.

2. **Buildings.** We notice that in the selection of plans for new buildings, or the enlargement of present structures, in most instances, insufficient attention is paid to adequate facilities for religious educational work in the Sunday School.

3. **Teacher Training Classes.** The results of the campaign along this line have not been very gratifying. About 27 classes have been enrolled with a membership of about 260, while a few are taking the Correspondence Course under the direction of the Board of Sunday Schools. More attention should be given in the various schools to the proper training of workers.

4. **Bible Classes.** Organization of departments and classes is on the increase. The total for the year in this Conference is 117 registered classes with a membership of nearly 2100.

5. **Schools Graded.** Most of this work has been done in connection with the intensive campaigns conducted by the Superintendent of Sunday School Work. Over twenty schools have been graded and departmentalized during the past year under the direction of the Superintendents. In these schools graded lessons were also introduced or advanced courses arranged for, workers instructed, teachers found when needed, and decision day held in most places resulting in over a hundred taking the step for Christ.

6. **Institutes.** Early in the year eight institutes were conducted by the Superintendent for the training of workers. At least seventy-two schools were represented with a total attendance of over seven hundred.

7. **Program.** Since the inauguration of the intensive campaign under the direction of the Superintendent, the response in immediate results has been very gratifying. A survey of the situation seems, however, to indicate the following needs:

(1) Development of a more intensive desire for a standardized Religious Educational program in the Sunday Schools.

(2) Increased confidence in material and doctrinal presentations in Lesson and Training curriculum.

(3) Increased confidence in the value of set-up programs, standard training courses, and in organization which might be expected in group, District, and Conference.

We would urge each Sunday School to be represented in the following schools for the training of workers during the Summer: The Epworth League Institute at Dover, Del., July 9-16th, and the Summer School of Religious Education at Dickinson College, July 11-21st.

TEMPERANCE.

Grateful to Almighty God for the victories over the liquor traffic, we pledge ourselves with renewed energy and devotion to the cause of law and order.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Conference pledges itself to the President of the United States and the Governors of Maryland and Delaware in every effort to uphold the law of the land. That we earnestly request the President of the United States to appoint for Commissioner of Internal Revenue and Commissioner of Prohibition, men who are in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment and its honest enforcement.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we earnestly urge our constituency to use every effort at their command to secure the election of men to the House of Delegates and the State Senate of Maryland who will favor the enactment of laws to assist the Government in upholding the adopted policy of prohibition, and that will place Maryland on record in favor of laws needed to resist every treasonable attempt to nullify the supreme law of the land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we ask the Congress of the United States to refuse all efforts to liberalize or weaken the Volstead Law. We further ask that necessary amendments be made to the Volstead Law to carry our fully the spirit and letter of the Constitution of the United States.

We heartily endorse the program of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church, including the erection of the headquarters in the Nation's Capitol, the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and that of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland and Delaware, and urge our constituency to give their unstinted support to these organizations.

We further endorse the plan as outlined by the Anti-Saloon League of America for world-wide prohibition of the liquor traffic.

THANKS.

WHEREAS, In his kind Providence, our Heavenly Father has permitted up to assemble once more in Annual Session; and

WHEREAS, We are now nearing the close of our work; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we express our hearty appreciation to all who have in any way contributed to our comfort.

To the Official Board of Immanuel Methodist Episcopal Church for the use of their beautiful and commodious edifice, so well arranged for both the comfort and convenience of the Conference; to the Trustees of Mt. Pleasant M. P. Church for the use of their Church; to the Elks for their "Home," where our examinations were conducted; to the Banks for their assistance to the Conference Treasurer and his committee; to the Postmaster, Mr. A. B. Cochrane, whose thoughtfulness provided us with a sub-station in the Church; and to Mr. E. Benson Dennis, Jr., who so graciously filled the position of Postmaster; to the Rev. John L. Johnson, whose genial and unselfish devotion to every interest of the Conference has endeared him to all; for the excellent music rendered by the Choir, assisted by W. O. Hoffecker, at all the anniversaries and especially the evening song services; to Bishop McDowell, whose gracious presence and godly counsel have not only guided the affairs of the Conference in smooth waters, but have inspired us to greater endeavor to make our lives and work what they ought to be; to the good people of Crisfield of all the churches who have so heartily welcomed us to their homes and have so thoughtfully provided for our needs and comfort; and to our Heavenly Father for His Divine guidance, for His gracious presence with us in our fellowship and work, and for the propitious outlook of another year of Service in His name. For all of these we wish to record our most sincere gratitude and to Him we here and now pledge our all for the doing of His will and the accomplishment of His mission to Save the World.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

It is a well recognized fact by those familiar with conditions on the foreign fields, that only women can minister to the needs of women in a non-christian land. Upon this fact the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society places its claim for existence. For more than fifty years this Society has been recognized by the Methodist Episcopal Church as the agent of the church to raise up a trained Christian womanhood from among the women of non-christian lands. Its activities are evangelistic, educational and medical—not distinct but cooperative.

The Wilmington Conference is so situated that a part of its territory belongs to the Baltimore Branch and the other part to the Philadelphia Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The receipts of these two parts for the Society this year have exceeded \$8,500, which is an advance of \$1000 over last year.

The slogans for the year are, "Take the trouble to double," and "On to the Villages." Our auxiliaries are at work that these slogans may be realized in a large increase of membership and added funds to send the gospel on to the villages of the foreign field. Each man, woman, and child can have part in sending the Gospel of our all-loving Christ to the most benighted spots in heathendom. To double in membership and funds here and evangelize there are two parts of one great work; viz., bringing the world to Christ.

We commend this Society for its noble work and its holy ambitions, and recommend that each Pastor in our Conference cooperate with this splendid organization in its endeavor to extend the kingdom of God.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This great host of saintly women is, in this time of need and trial, holding high the standard raised in former years.

They realize that, from the human standpoint, Uncle Sam is the hope of the world. They know well, however, that an Uncle Sam without the Christian Sabbath, the Christian Church, and the preaching of the Cross of Christ, would be, like Samson shorn, only a blind and blundering giant among the nations; or like Samson in his agony, would, in his inevitable fall pull down with him the pillars of civilization and involve the world in ruin. If they can save Uncle Sam, they have gone far to save the world. They have, therefore, taken for their watchword the familiar motto, "For God and Home and Native Land."

The growth of this Society is one of the most hopeful signs of the times. In 1918, it had reached a membership of 361,463. In the past two years the gain has been 91,257. In the year past it has raised \$2,287,207. This large sum has been expended for the propagation of the Gospel and the building of the Kingdom in the United States and its dependencies. Their work is to cleanse and strengthen the very heart of the world. Let us give them our prayers, our sympathy and our heartiest support.

DEACONESS HOME.

The work of the Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home has continued as usual during the year at 307 West Street, Wilmington, under the supervision of Mrs. Margaret A. Sweet, the Superintendent, Miss Nestor and Miss Edwards as Kindergartener. The parish workers, Miss Crowthers at Union Church, Miss Purdy at McCabe and Miss Holcombe at Epworth, have devoted themselves to the upbuilding of the churches with which they are connected. Through their ministry strangers have been visited and won, children added to the Sunday Schools, while the sick and old have been made to feel the touch of Christian fellowship. The work in the Settlement has not been as large as in some years because fewer teachers have been available. Total enrollment in classes, 160; number of families reached, 128; calls made, 3762. The Junior League and Sunday School have been most encouraging. Other activities include a fine Kindergarten, domestic science, basketry, sewing, and a Mother's Club. The Treasurer, Mrs. E. E. Rheuby, reports receipts for the year, \$3508.07; Disbursements, \$3302.02, leaving a balance, March 25th, of \$206.05. The Superintendent reporting for her co-workers says, "I believe each one has tried to follow the injunction given by St. Paul, 'Study to show thyself approved, unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth.'"

EMMA L. WELDEN, Sec'y pro tem.

(c) SPECIAL AND FINANCIAL.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Treasurer's Report.

March 30th, 1921.

RECEIPTS:

Balance at last report	\$263.56	
Sale of Harmony Church	234.00	
Earnings on Investments	176.60	
Interest on Savings	8.38	
		\$682.54

DISBURSEMENTS:

Milton, Carey Fund	\$100.00	
Beckwith, Thomas Fund	60.00	
Parsonburg, Wimbrow Fund	60.00	
Balance in hand	462.54	
		\$682.54

Barratt's Chapel Fund.

Balance last report	\$51.46	
Interest on Government Bonds	16.96	
Interest on Government Bonds	17.04	
Interest on Savings	1.37	
		\$86.83

R. K. STEPHENSON, Treasurer.

MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.

Receipts.

From Rev. V. E. Hills, Conference Treasurer, Apr. 22, 1920....	\$ 206.00	
From Churches on Dover District	9.40	
From Churches on Easton District	44.00	
From Churches on Salisbury District	22.00	
From Grace Church, Wilmington District	32.00	
		\$ 313.40
Balance in Treasury April 1st, 1920:		
Contingent Relief Fund	\$507.57	
Hopkins Special Fund	188.25	\$ 695.82
		\$1009.22

Disbursements:

Disbursed as follows:

J. C. B. Hopkins	\$188.25	
W. B. Guthrie	50.00	
		\$ 238.25
Balance in Treasury, March 28, 1921	770.97	\$1009.22

THOS. E. TERRY, Trustee.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.

The general financial depression of the year has been reflected in the difficulty with which the work of the Commission has been conducted. But, in spite of the depression, substantial progress has been made. The dirge of doubt is lost in the song of hope, and we look to the future with undisturbed confidence.

After the last Conference, when our goal was advanced to five hundred thousand, some of our laymen strongly urged another intensive campaign. Pursuant to their desire your Secretary, at the Commission meeting in June, presented the only plan by which he believed such a movement could succeed. The plan was not adopted; but, after prolonged discussion, a substitute plan was outlined with request that it be put into operation. All summer was given to this matter in an earnest endeavor to get in shape for an intensive action in the Fall. But the plan proved unworkable, and at the meeting at Dover, October 19th, was abandoned. At that time the voices of all the District Superintendents were against another intensive campaign. The Secretary also advised against it; and the Commission, by unanimous vote, abandoned it for the present. This left only four months in which to directly work for results, as neither Christmas Sunday nor the last two Sundays before Conference are ever available. Among the Churches we were confined largely to securing the assumption by them of what remained unmet of their original minimums. The pledges were as follows: Claymont, \$300; Cheswold, \$399; Chester-Bethel, \$200; Ridgely, \$696; Burrsville, \$300; Marshallton, \$100; Hockessin, \$200; Newport-Stanton, \$300; Eastlake, Wilmington, \$1000; Concord, \$300; Galena, \$432; Cherry Hill, \$460; Crumpton, \$469; Fruitland, \$680; Church Hill, \$848; Hebron, \$926; Beckwith-Spedden, \$1000. In addition to this, bequests bring the amount up to twenty thousand. Had we been able to have worked the full year, as heretofore, we have no doubt the result, even in face of the financial depression, could have been more than doubled.

The cash return this year has been about nine thousand dollars—the smallest yet; although there has been no year during which we have

given more earnest attention to that phase of the work. However, the AVERAGE cash return, including the present year, has been more than twenty thousand dollars. Cash collected to date, including original holdings, is a hundred and thirty thousand dollars, the Commission having collected more than \$112,794; pledges and bequests aggregating \$150,000.

At the October meeting above alluded to the matter of inducing our people to make bequests to this Fund was discussed at length. Mr. Caleb E. Burchanal suggesting the advisability of specializing in that field, and volunteering to make any change necessary, or draw in full, without charge, any will in which five hundred dollars or more was left to this Fund. The Commission was decidedly impressed that this is the one way now to complete the Endowment; and, upon motion by Mr. Burchanal, directed that special attention from then on be given to securing bequests. During the five months from that meeting to this Conference, the Secretary, in connection with his other work, has been assembling data which shows that there are about thirty-five millions of dollars held by Peninsula Methodists which must soon be left to something or somebody. No little of this is held by persons without immediate heirs. Every involved principle of the Gospel dictates the bequeathing of some of it to the aged and reired servants of the Kingdom.

In studying the field, we have been surprised to find the number of preachers and widows who are making provision for this Fund in their wills. Only a small percentage have anything to will; but those who have are not forgetting the cry of their brothers in distress. From time to time we have reported bequests from both preachers and widows. A few weeks ago one of our prominent pastors told me he had set apart something for the Fund in his will; and a few days ago, while in conversation with Dr. Robert Watt, we learned that he has included the Cause among the beneficiaries of his residuary estate. Dr. Vaughan S. Collins has contributed in Liberty Bonds five hundred dollars, which he desires shall be designated "The Vaughan S. Collins Fund," it being his intention to add to the amount from time to time until it reaches at least a thousand dollars. He wishes it understood, however, that while this is his purpose, he makes no pledge beyond the five hundred already paid.

We have found also widows of our preachers, living in comparative obscurity and economizing to the last penny in order to subsist on the meagre income from two or three thousand dollars and what they were allowed by the Conference, who were nevertheless ready, upon suggestion, and even without suggestion, to will part or all of what they had to their husbands' brothers in the ministry and to other widows like themselves. They who give their lives to God, and then at death what of earthly goods they may have become possessed, are giving their "little all"; and it will appear presently, built into the foundations of the eternal Kingdom. There is something so noble about this—something so full of abandonment to the Cause for which both preachers and their wives have lived—that the Church should be moved by it.

And the Church is moved by it. There is more intelligent sympathy for this Cause among the laity than ever before, and they are beginning to catch the vision of devoting at death a part of their possessions to it. They are beginning to see that it is absolutely fundamental to all spiritual achievement, and that, in placing their money here, they are, in the highest and truest sense, giving to missions and all other enterprises of the Church—for "how can they hear without a preacher?" No proper expenditure upon a foundation is wasted, while failure to put in the foundation what ought to go there often results in disaster.

The Commission which puts forth this call to our people, are themselves setting the example, and we believe that by next Conference almost every member will have designated in this way some appropriate sum for the Claimants. Hon. Walter O. Hoffecker, of Smyrna, an outstanding figure in the public life of Delaware, and for years a leader in Methodist activities on the Peninsula, is President of the Commission. It gives us special pleasure to mention the fact that it is his purpose to, in the immediate future, adequately recognize in his will this sacred claim. Our lay people ought to be glad to follow the will of God, the guidance of their pastors, and the example of such leaders among their own number.

We owe certain duties to our families which are plainly defined in the Bible. But we clearly, under the will of God, have no right to minister to the unspiritual ambition, love of power or vanity, of our relatives—children or others. Many Christians have left fortunes to heirs-at-law to be utterly dissipated on the Kingdom of Satan. We have no right to do that, and are guilty if we do. Nor have we any right, under the law of God, to leave to others the decision of what shall be done with our property. We have heard men say: "The law makes a good enough will for me." But that is the will of the State, and may be far from the will of God in their particular cases. After his will is made, a man looks on it and says: "This is MY will." Can he look on it and say: "This is GOD'S will?" Being stewards, we have no right to dispose of what we control except in accord with the will of the Owner. It is misappropriation, under the laws of Heaven; and those are the laws by which we are to be judged. The will of God is the centre on which the universe turns, and must be the standard for all Christians.

The Commission for Conference Claimants, in making the appeal which is now set forth, recognizes the validity of these principles and urges the Church to conformity. This within itself is a long step forward, distinctly marking an epoch of progress in spiritual thought. If we do not grow weary in well doing, but will continue to wisely and patiently educate and appeal, the future must hold a rich harvest for the glory of God in strengthening the bulwarks of Methodism within the historic precincts of this Conference.

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.	\$ 150.00
To Rev. John Hough, father, and Rebecca E. Hough, mother. By Mrs. James P. Hoffecker, 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 Tonowanda, 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
To Emma Prettyman, wife. By Rev. C. W. Prettyman, Carlisle, Pa.	\$ 500.00
To Vaughan S. Collins Fund	\$ 500.00

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

In 1920 we had 43 men, 49 women and 2 children on the list of Conference Claimants. We now have 46 men, 50 women and 2 children. Of these, 3 ministers and one widow have relinquished their claims. One retired minister and two widows have died during the year.

The average salary for full members of the Conference for 1920 was \$1400.00, making the annuity claim \$20.00 for each year of effective service of our Retired ministers. The unexpectedly large number of new claimants, and a deficiency of more than \$3000.00 in the amount collected from the pastoral charges, have prevented our paying as much this year as we had expected to be able to do. The annuity paid is \$14.00 for each year of service, only 70% of the amount due. And the amount set apart for necessitous cases is not sufficient to meet pressing needs.

Collections by Districts.

District	Apportionment	Paid	Increase	Deficiency
Dover	\$ 6,915	\$ 6,626	\$2,079	\$ 289
Easton	5,910	5,461	1,326	449
Salisbury	7,430	7,031	1,630	399
Wilmington	9,750	7,614	1,429	2,136
Totals	\$30,005	\$26,732	\$6,464	\$3,273

Receipts from all sources for disbursement to the Claimants are:

Collections	\$26,124
Interest from Investments	4,996
Book Concern Dividend	4,871
Board of Conference Claimants	250
Chartered fund	35
Total disbursed	\$36,276

The amount disbursed last year was \$27,310.

The new legislation adopted at the last General Conference (see paragraph 337 of Discipline of 1920) provides that a sufficient amount shall be apportioned to the pastoral charges to meet the annuity claims in full, and, also, subject to Conference action, to meet the necessitous claims. The amounts needed to meet all claims are as follows:

Annuity claims	\$46,180
Necessitous cases	4,309
Board of Conference Claimants	608
Total required	\$51,097

Before the apportionment is made there must be deducted the sums received from the Chartered Fund, the Book Concern, interest on investments and the Board of Conference Claimants, amounting to a total of \$10,152, leaving \$40,945 to be apportioned to the charges, of which \$36,278 is to meet annuity claims, \$4,059 for necessitous cases and \$608 for the Board of Conference Claimants.

We therefore recommend that the sum of \$40,945 be apportioned for the current year, and divided among the several districts on the "grade" plan as follows:

Dover District	\$ 9,500
Easton District	8,145
Salisbury District	10,160
Wilmington District	13,140
Total apportioned	\$40,945

We request that the sum of \$20,961 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 for 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 V. G. Westerfield, for Harry Westerfield; Mrs. W. P. Compton, for Rev. W. P. Compton.

We further request that the distribution of the funds to the claimants by the Board be adopted without reading.

Very respectfully submitted,

THOS. N. RAWLINS, 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 1921. They were approved by the Conference.

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.			
		Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Fund	Amount Paid
CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.					
MINISTERS.					
1919	43	Barrett, L. E., Chestertown, Md.	860	602	602
1906	17	Bowman, G. W., Laurel, Del.	340	238	238
1920	30	Brewington, J. A., Hebron, Md.	600	420	155 575
1920	23	Chaires, W. W., Bozman, Md.	460	322	278 600
1921	40	Cochran, F. J., 509 Bellevue Ave., Hammonton, N. J.	800	560	560
1905	27	Collins, J. M., 1607 W. 13th St., Wilmington, Del.	540	378	378
1913	20	Compton, W. P., Mrs. W. P. Compton, Trustee, 6725 Lansdowne Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	400	280	420 700
1906	44	Conway, G. W., Smyrna, Del.	880	616	84 700
1917	36	Corkran, L. P., Sudlersville, Md.	720	504	504
1921	37	Derrickson, E. H., Odessa, Del.	740	518	518
1919	34	Easley, J. W., Kenton, Del.	680	476	476
1871	5	Esgate, James, Dr. Thomas D. Esgate, Trustee, Riverside, Calif.	100	70	255 325
1918	29	Fogle, J. W., Seaford, Del.	580	406	244 650
1920	32	Gray, J. W., Landover, Md.	640	448	448
1904	21	Greene, W. M., Cheswold, Del.	420	294	294
1921	37	Guthrie, W. B., Queenstown, Md.	740	518	132 650
1914	31	Hardesty, G. L., Seaford, Del.	620	434	16 450
1906	30	Harding, T. H., 1011 W. 7th St., Wilmington, Del.	600	420	55 475
1921	21	Hastings, G. W., Blades, Del.	420	294	56 350
1918	42	Hoffecker, E. L., Bellevue, Md.	840	*	*
1911	10	Holt, T. S., Federalsburg, Md.	200	*	*
1917	12	Jester, B. F., 2304 Monroe St., Wilmington, Del.	240	168	168
1916	30	Koons, W. G., Rising Sun, Md.	600	420	80 500
1919	40	Lindale, J. M., Chestertown, Md., R. D.	800	560	560
1921	23	Moore, F. X., 1135 Valley St., Baltimore, Md.	460	322	322
1919	47	Otis, J. P., Marshallton, Cedars, R. D., Del.	940	658	658
1917	35	Prettyman, A. P., Galena, Md.	700	490	490
1916	48	Prettyman, C. W., Carlisle, Pa.	960	672	672
1921	40	Pilchard, S. N., Hillsboro, Md.	800	560	560
1913	26	Prouse, J. T., Edgemoor, Del.	520	364	66 420
1911	39	Rawlins, P. H., Seaford, Del.	780	*	*
1891	28	Redman, W. W., Lincoln City, Del.	560	392	108 500
1919	34	Reese, J. D., Dover, Del.	680	476	476
1912	38	Roe, Robert, Trappe, Md.	760	532	532
1917	38	Smith, Alfred, Camden, Del.	760	532	532
1915	40	Stengle, Adam, 407 W. 21st St., Wilmington, Del.	800	560	560
1916	39	Terry, T. E., Bridgeville, Del.	780	546	546
1897	24	Tomkinson, W. E., Rehoboth Beach, Del.	480	336	139 475
1915	38	Townsend, G. W., Ridley Park, Pa.	760	532	532
1901	24	Wallin, F. O. B., Venersborg, Sweden	480	336	336

Date of Claim	Service	CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.	Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Fund	Amount Paid
1906	21	Walton, O. S., Red Lion, Del.	420	294		294
1920	33	Webster, Z. H., Denton, Md.	660	462	263	725
1919	16	White, W. W., Salisbury, Md.	320	224	351	575
1914	31	Williams, C. H., Snow Hill, Md.	620	434		434
1917	19	Williams, W. H. S., Georgetown, Del.	380	266		266
1913	28	Willis, D. H., Cambridge, Md.	560	392		392
WIDOWS.						
1915	43	Adams, Mary R., Dover, Del.	645	451	24	475
1903	21	Avery, Lydia M., Box 151, Hollywood, Calif.	315	221		221
1881	8	Bain, Sarah B., 709 Sixth Ave., Altoona, Pa.	120	84	241	325
1909	40	Bolton, Mary J., 151 Everitt St., New Haven, Ct.	600	420		420
1903	9	Bovie, Selma C., 21 King Road, Madison, N. J.	135	94	106	200
1895	4	Brindle, Ellen M., Greensboro, Md.	60	42	283	325
1896	33	Bryan, Annie V., Easton, Pa.	495	346		346
1915	30	Burke, Laura F., 813 Jefferson St., Wilmington, Del.	450	315		315
1918	31	Burke, Margaret, Richardson Park, Del.	465	325		325
1909	31	Chandler, Mary E., Crumpton, Md.	465	325		325
1890	8	Chatham, Anna D., Rev. R. P. Nichols, Trustee, Smyrna, Del.	120	84	191	275
1892	17	Creamer, Sarah V., Dr. J. W. R. Sumwalt, Trustee, Wilmington, Del.	255	178		178
1891	17	Foreman, Mary E., 614 W. 20th St., Wilmington, Del.	255	178	72	250
1914	39	Fosnocht, Bessie B., 116 Whaley Ave., New Haven, Ct.	585	410		410
1891	20	Gardner, Louisa, Smyrna, Del.	300	210	190	400
1906	16	Graham, Anna M., Clayton, Del.	240	168	72	240
1893	25	Gregg, G. Annie, Kenton, Del.	375	263		263
1908	26	Grise, Mary E., Pocomoke City, Md.	390	273		273
1904	43	Haynes, Mrs. T. H., Smyrna, Del.	645	452		452
1921	25	Hurst, Frances P., 804 Market St., Wilmington, Del.	375	263		263
1919	31	Jaggard, Annie M., Millsboro, Del.	465	325		325
1919	17	Kenney, Mary Jane, Selbyville, Del.	255	178	97	275
1917	9	Lewis, H. Bertrude, Kelso Home, Forest Park, Baltimore, Md.	135	95		95
1915	38	MacNichol, Maude, Cambridge, Md.	570	399	161	560
1920	34	McPaul, Mary E., 1516 Clayton St., Wilmington, Del.	510	357		357
1917	23	Martindale, Sallie W., Salisbury, Md.	345	242		242
1899	18	Merrill, Araminta, Upper Fairmount, Md.	270	*		*
1920	32	Mitchell, Jennie S., Centerville, Md.	480	336		336
1917	25	Morgan, Minnie S., 1221 Washington St., Wilm'ton, Del.	375	263		263
1916	10	Murray, Pauline Nelson, Snow Hill, Md.	150	105		105
1921	38	Neese, Elizabeth F., 204 Union St., Wilmington, Del.	570	399		399
1909	35	Nelson, Evelyn, Snow Hill, Md.	525	368		368
1917	33	O'Brien, M. Cornelia, Dover, Del.	495	347		347
1887	21	O'Neil, Mary A., 234 N. Carey St., Baltimore, Md.	315	221		221
1918	7	Poole, Maria O., 1540 N. 60th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	105	73	127	200
1882	6	Prettyman, Emma, Salisbury, Md.	90	63	187	250
1921	27	Quigg, Mrs. H. T., Haverford, Pa.	405	284		284
1919	29	Roberts, Mary B., Middletown, Del.	435	305		305
1893	14	Robinson, Martha R., Perryman, Md.	210	147	103	250
1904	35	Sheppard, Mary E., Frankford, Del.	525	367	33	400
1884	15	Shilling, Emma E., The Marion, Wilmington, Del.	225	157	43	200
1905	12	Sidell, Sarah D., 49 Lawrence St., Bloomfield, N. J.	180	126	124	250
1901	12	Swain, Martha H., Dover, Del.	180	126	124	250
1903	37	Sypherd, Josephine, 22 S. Stenton Pl., Atlantic City, N. J.	555	389		389
1914	9	Talley, Elva, Edgemoor, Del.	135	94	131	225
1906	30	Todd, Alice C., Wendenah, N. J.	450	315		315
1918	21	Westerfield, Lulu V. G., Port Deposit, Md.	315	220	180	400
1878	12	Weston, Laura E., 2315 Ridgeway Rd., Wilm'ton, Del.	180	126	99	225
1913	43	White, Elnora, Millington, Md.	645	451		451
1920	31	Wyatt, Elmira P., Laurel, Del.	465	326		326
CHILDREN.						
1916	43	Murray, Edwin Nelson, Mrs. Pauline Nelson Murray, Trustee, Snow Hill, Md.	215	151		151
1918	23	Westerfield, Harry G., Mrs. Lulu V. G. Westerfield, Trustee, Port Deposit, Md.	115	80	123	203
* Claim relinquished.						

WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

Sixth Avenue Mission.

This is our oldest mission. With an enrollment of 115, an average attendance of 46. This work is under the direction of Miss Lillian B. Carter. There have been eight baptisms, seven Bibles given away, three families cared for with food. Easter, Children's Day and Christmas celebrated with appropriate programs. This mission is worthy of our help.

Foreign Work at Asbury Church.

This work is under the care of the City Missionary Society with Miss Flora M. Folsom, Florence Strickland and Norris Elzey as teachers. They have an enrollment of 110, an average attendance of 25. We have been making a special effort with Mr. Elzey to take care of the boys and welcome them in the Sunday School proper, with some visible results.

Miss Strickland has done a good work in bringing in some adult Italians and forming a class in the regular Sunday School.

At the Christmas entertainment, which was held with the regular Sunday School, more than 125 foreign children were present. There is here a splendid opportunity to do a great work with the right kind of program put on to reach the people. The Kindergarten has been carried on eight months during the year under the direction of the City Missionary Society and Asbury Church.

Italian Missions.

This work has been under the care of Rev. John E. Hill and wife and Miss Florence Strickland. Sunday School has been conducted every Sunday afternoon with an enrollment of 100, average attendance of 30. I have watched this work faithfully for four years and am convinced that with careful training of the children which we have tried to do, the work which is slow, is worthy of all that we have done and will bring forth fruit in the future.

I have always felt that to have a man live on the immediate ground would be a protection to the property as well as a guardian over the spiritual welfare of these children. Rev. Norris Elzey, who is especially adapted to work with boys, has consented to take up this work and live in an apartment in the Church. We recommend his appointment to this work.

On February 28, 1921, a fire broke out in the Church, caused by the crossing of electric wires, damaging the property to the amount of \$2302, which is covered and has been paid by the Bird, Ford Insurance Company. The fire did not damage the building enough to prevent worship after the rubbish had been removed.

Receipts.

Balance on hand March 1st	\$ 55.79	
Received from Home Board	2258.30	
Received from Churches	3088.65	
Received from 6th Ave. Mission	95.39	
Received from 6th Ave. Mission Rent	182.00	
Personal & Faith Fund	512.50	\$6192.63

Disbursements.**Salaries:**

J. H. Beauchamp	\$1066.74	
Miss Carter	600.00	
Miss Folsom	570.00	
Mr. Hill	1088.00	
Miss Strickland	120.00	\$3444.74

Traveling Expenses	146.01	
Traveling Expenses for delegates to Convention of Cities	74.88	

Rents:

Sixth Avenue	\$ 300.00	
Mr. Hill's house	108.00	\$ 408.00

Repairs to Properties	567.91	
Payment on note Italian Mission	500.00	
Interest on notes	435.00	
Insurance and Taxes	186.34	
Water Rent	20.00	
Light and Fuel	52.65	
Stationery and Printing	10.50	
Christmas treats and donations	48.92	
Balance on hand	297.68	\$6192.63

J. H. BEAUCHAMP, Superintendent.

THE GOODWILL INDUSTRIES.

The object and method of this Institution is to provide for the religious, educational and industrial welfare of the poor and neglected. By the inspiration of religion, by industrial education, by the encouragement of thrift and healthful conditions of living and labor, this organization seeks to prevent pauperism; and by means of Christian co-operation it seeks to relieve the temporary distresses of the unfortunate.

Receipts.

Store Sales	\$ 4,525.99	
Membership Fees	22.00	
Home Board	10,032.97	
Donations	16.00	
Other Income	16.48	
Loans	552.18	\$15,165.62

Disbursements.

General Expense	\$ 1,750.28	
Property and Alterations	790.44	
Equipment	6,222.04	
Wages	5,004.71	
Auto Expense	579.33	
Advertising	124.12	
Freight	178.80	
Interest	247.28	
Donation	10.00	
Insurance	18.00	
Home Board Tax	30.97	
Balance on Hand	209.65	\$15,165.62

Assets.

Cash on hand	\$ 209.65	
Property	\$12,000.00	
Alterations	6,222.04	\$18,222.04
Goods on hand	3,500.00	\$21,931.69

Liabilities.

Mortgage	\$ 8,000.00	
Wilmington City Missionary Society	950.00	
Security Trust & Safe Deposit	700.00	
Loans	552.18	
Unpaid bills	350.00	
	\$10,552.18	
Resources	11,379.51	\$21,931.69

Number of bags out	12,000
Number of bags received	2,100
Number of customers	5,335
Number of articles sold	11,348
Labor given to more than 50 persons.	

Our store has been open since October 17, 1920.

J. H. BEAUCHAMP, Superintendent.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

We are glad to present the report of the work of the Wilmington Conference Education Society for the school year of 1920 and 1921. It is refreshing indeed to observe the increased interest on the part of our people in education in general, and in the effort we are making to assist worthy young men who need help in their struggle for adequate preparation for the work of the ministry.

During the year seventeen men have received assistance through your society to the amount of \$1475.00, which is a small advance over the amount given to nineteen men the year before. Four new applications for assistance have come into our hands at this session of Conference, which increases the number to twenty-one, the largest number we have ever had in prospect for the work in any one year, so far as we can discover. There seems to be, therefore, an increase in the number of men looking toward the ministry as a life work within the bounds of our Wilmington Conference.

The Board of Managers of your Society is anxious not only that we may be able to give financial assistance to all who need it and apply for it, but also that all those who receive assistance through your Society shall continue in school until they have completed the course in some one of our institutions of College grade,

We are living in a day when education is becoming more general, and the minister should be prepared to compete with, and appeal to, the best trained minds in his parish; and it is the judgment of the Board of Managers of your Society that every young man who begins today to prepare for the ministry should have as his object the completion of a College course.

In order that our candidates for the ministry may obtain the necessary training for their life work we pledge every worthy man all the assistance within our power; but we feel we have a right to ask of them that they do their full share. Certainly any earnest young man will be willing to make some sacrifice in order to make the financial burden as light as possible both upon the Education Society and upon himself. Therefore, we wish to give as our honest opinion that young men preparing for the ministry, by and with the assistance of your Society, should remain single until they have completed their full school career.

Do not forget that under our present working plan the success of your Society is involved in the success of the Centenary. The Centenary Commission has guaranteed the money for our educational interests through its guaranty of the money for the Board of Education. It is, therefore, important to us as a Conference, that we raise every dollar asked by the Centenary Commission and as much more as we can, in order that our Educational interests may be advanced.

We wish to commend the splendid work being done today by the Board of Education of our Church. It is a source of great satisfaction to every Methodist to observe the progress made by that Board under the leadership of Dr. A. W. Harris and his staff, and we earnestly plead that the General Board receive the most loyal support of every member

of this Conference, and that we pledge our honor to make the collections for the Children's Day Fund as large as possible.

We would also call attention to the excellent grade of work being done by Dickinson College, Wesleyan University, Syracuse University, Goucher College, Morgan College, Drew Theological Seminary, Boston University, and our own Wesley Collegiate Institute. We believe these schools to be second to none in their respective fields of work, and commend them to the consideration of those who are seeking safe and efficient institutions of learning in which to educate their children.

RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Annual Conference notify the President of the Board of Trustees of Goucher College that the Conference, acting under the charter provision of Goucher College, nominates as a trustee of the College from the Wilmington Conference, the Rev. John W. R. Sumwalt.

GEORGE C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

XI.

CONFERENCE PLAN OF EXAMINATIONS.

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, 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 Middletown, Del., in charge of Rev. V. P. Northrup, and at Laurel, Del., in charge of Rev. W. O. Bennett.

At this Mid-year examination, (October 5, 1921), 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 E. W. McDowell

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 5, 1921. The rest of the written work in his hands by February 1, 1922.

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

Second Year.

1. (a). Dictionary of The Bible,—(Hastings) W. O. Bennett
 (b). The Bible in the Making,—(Smyth) W. O. Bennett
 (c). How We Got Our Bible,—(Smyth) W. O. Bennett
2. A Short History of the Christian Church,—(Moncrief) 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) E. W. McDowell
4. Introduction to the Study of Comparative Re-
 ligion,—(Jevons) M. D. Nutter

Collateral Reading and Study:—

1. Studies in Christianity,—(Bowne) E. W. McDowell
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,—(Fauce) 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) E. W. McDowell

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.

XII.

MEMOIRS.

HOWARD TOWNSEND QUIGG.

Scarcely had our Conference good-byes been spoken, when like a flash of lightning out of a clear sky, came the announcement of the sudden death of the Rev. Howard Townsend Quigg.

The circumstances that marked the close of his ministry were ideal. Early that Easter Sunday morning one year ago he complained of an excruciating pain in his left shoulder. His physician was summoned and afforded him relief. When his family remonstrated against any attempt at preaching he replied, "I shall preach as usual this morning; there is no reason why I should not." And preach he did, for as his hearers listened they felt that it was eloquence not born of earth which characterized that Easter sermon. It lives as fragrant memory in many lives.

Brother Quigg was the son of the Rev. John Bolton Quigg, and Jane Holland Townsend Quigg, and was born in Quantico, Maryland, November 10, 1855. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Helen Townsend Quigg, and Edith Adelaide Price, both of New York City; a brother Alfred Townsend Quigg, of Providence, Rhode Island; and two sisters, Mary Grace Quigg, and Mrs. William Holmes, both of Evanston, Illinois.

Brother Quigg entered the Philadelphia Conference in 1874, when but nineteen years of age, and in 1904 was transferred to the Wilmington Conference and stationed at Georgetown, Delaware. His subsequent appointments were:—Milford, Delaware; Ridgely, Maryland; Elkton, Maryland; Greensboro, Maryland; and Newport, Delaware.

One is keenly conscious of the limitations of human speech, when he seeks to characterize even approximately the man and the minister which were embodied in Howard Townsend Quigg. To our near vision "his sun has set while it is yet day."

As man and brother, his was a charming, winsome personality, which made him the very embodiment of the real gentleman. He was that ALWAYS be the circumstances what they might. However sharp the debates in which he was a competent and able participant, he never lost his poise nor courteous bearing. No blunt or crude witticisms ever fell from his lips. He greeted the sharpest verbal thrusts with a smile, and the contributions he made from time to time to these discussions out of a treasury of rare and accurate knowledge, came with the authority of proven fact, not the guess work of a superficial mind. In all this the genial, courtly gentleman was predominant.

He was a man's man. He impressed the strong men of his various charges with a virility that won for him their respect and admiration.

But it was as a minister that he won his chief distinction. He possessed in a large degree the qualities and equipment of a real minister of the New Testament.

The strength and charm of his literary style were impressive, and he brought to the subject the gift of interpretation, a well balanced mind and a breadth and comprehensiveness which lent both weight and worth to his utterances, whether oral or written. One felt that he must either answer his facts or agree with his conclusions.

His versatility was a source of constant wonder to his brethren. One could not mention in his presence any subject, literary, historical, philosophical, biblical or political without being amazed at the fullness of his knowledge and his ability to discuss with cogency and interest every phase of the subject under consideration. What a reader he must have been, and how perfect must have been his powers of assimilation! And, withal, there was an originality of expression which marked all his deliverances that was most striking.

But these were not the chief characteristics which marked his ministry. To a fine literary culture there were added the devotion and ability of a Preacher of the Word. His pulpit was his throne. When there he spoke as doth a king, a prophet, and a priest who gave his message with conviction. His was no vague or groping faith. He saw clearly, he felt deeply, he believed profoundly. Yet as prophet and preacher he was not the passive recipient of a creed of the long ago, for he held with the Apostle to the Gentiles that he "must prove all things and hold fast to the good." And how rich in a chastened imagery were his sermons, and what spiritual inspiration attended their deliverance. His hearers felt that "a master of assemblies was declaring unto them the whole counsel of God."

Then, too, he was a faithful shepherd of the flock. He entered into their joys and their sorrows. He never spared himself in the doing of his tasks. His was an intelligent and sympathetic ministry as shepherd of his people. There was nothing spectacular about any phase of his ministry. No show of emotion. No effort to do other than evince a spirit of tender sympathy and lend the hand of a kindly help in an hour which called for the best that is in him who shepherds his flock.

This brief tribute would be sadly lacking in completeness were no mention made of a phase of this man's ministry with which many were unacquainted. He was a superb organizer. He accepted the plans of the church and adapted them in most remarkable fashion to their desired ends. The writer was amazed to discover that in the last charge committed to this good man's care he had one of the most comprehensive and workable organizations on the District.

My personal fellowship with Howard Townsend Quigg revealed in him a sun clear soul; a life richly equipped for his great task; a desire to know and do his Lord's will; a deep, intense, devoted interest in the spiritual culture of his flock; an unselfishness and lack of envy that were beautiful; a modesty most striking in one whose intellectual possessions and achievements might well have ministered to boasting. We shall not soon see his like again. He was "a Good Minister of Jesus Christ." He loved God and lived in His presence.

In the brave and lofty words of one of his favorite authors we can say:

"Into the infinite mystery that girds our life around,
Into the measureless silence wherewith death's shore is bound—
Thou hast gone forth, beloved, and I were mean to weep
That thou hast left the shallows and dost possess the deep."

The funeral service was held in the Newport Methodist Episcopal Church, where our sainted brother closed his earthly ministry. The service was in charge of the Rev. Frederick W. Coleman, of the New England Southern Conference, who was led into the ministry by Brother Quigg while pastor of Montgomery Avenue, Philadelphia. The church was crowded with a weeping assembly, among whom were many of our ministers, several of whom assisted in the brief service. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

ROBERT WATT.

WILLIAM OSCAR HURST.

William Oscar Hurst, son of Lorenzo and Sarah Jane Hurst, was born on a farm near Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland, December 18, 1865.

He was educated in the Public Schools, the Wilmington Conference Academy and St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, from which latter institution he received the degree of A.B., A.M. and D.D. He joined the Wilmington Conference in the spring of 1892 and was sent to Cape Charles, Virginia. His appointments following this were, Queenstown, Clayton, Odessa, Newport, Greensboro, Seaford, Milton, Fairmount, Pocomoke City and Phoebus, Virginia. He went to his last appointment during the stress of war times and ministered most efficiently to the soldiers stationed there. Indeed, it seems more than likely that the over-burden which he took upon himself here, contributed to his untimely death.

Brother Hurst took an active part in all the work of the Conference. He served for eighteen (18) years in succession on the Board of Examiners, and for the last four (4) years was a member of the Conference Board of Stewards, and for the last two years its Chairman.

In attempting a brief analysis of the life and character of Brother Hurst, it may be said of him in a general way that he was one of St. Paul's "Good Ministers of Jesus Christ," and to an exceptionally large degree he filled out Wesley's ideal, "a man of one book and one work." He gave himself without reserve to the work to which he had been called, and literally wore out his frail body before his time. But to be more specific he was first of all a deeply spiritual man, a man of faith and prayer and consecration. He lived in an atmosphere of devotion, and sought by every possible means within his power to lift men and women and children up out of their sinfulness and sordidness into the life and liberty of the children of God, and in this work he was remarkably successful. At Pocomoke City, his last appointment except one, nearly three hundred (300) persons made a profession of faith under his ministry, and the membership of the church was increased 33 1/2 %.

He was not only a man of faith and prayer, but also a man of scholarly attainments. He was a diligent student and a prodigious reader of the best literature. While looking after every detail of the work of a pastor, he found time to read books—the best old books and the best new books, and all the time kept abreast of the times in the things that make for efficiency in the life of a minister of the gospel.

In his intercourse with the people and in his pulpit ministrations he was tactful, cultured and refined and always made people feel that they were in the presence of a scholarly, Christian gentleman. He could not be coarse or rough or uncouth. Gentleness and refinement seemed to be inherent to his very being. In his work as a minister, he was very fortunate in his help-meet, Frances Price, of Queenstown, Maryland, to whom he was married January 30, 1895. One son was born of this union, William Price Hurst, and both the wife and son survive him. He died at Phoebus, Virginia after a long illness from typhoid fever, August 3, 1920, and was buried at Centreville, Maryland, where his dust awaits the resurrection of the just. To our short-sighted vision it seems a calamity for one so young and so useful to be taken away from us. There were so many tasks uncompleted and so much work yet to do, and work that he was so well-fitted to do, that we stand dazed and bewildered by the severity of the shock, but God knows best and we shall some day understand that "all things work together for good to them that love God." Till then we must walk by faith and patiently wait for the good time "when we shall know as even we are also known."

ALFRED SMITH.

GORDON R. NEESE.

"Lives of great men oft remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

Since good men are the truly great men of earth, it is fitting that their departure from this world should be the occasion for a review of their lives and works, that others may be inspired thereby. This is especially fitting when a member of the fraternity of Methodist ministers passes to his heavenly home. With the knowledge that a good life is a mighty bulwark for God and humanity, and with the desire to pay suitable tribute to the memory of an associate in the Christian Ministry, the writer would review briefly the life and achievements of this brother beloved, Gordon R. Neese.

This man of God was born October 5, 1858, at Wytheville, Wythe County, Virginia, his parents being George J. and Mary Fanning Neese. He was converted in his early teens at the bedside of his dying sister, and soon became convinced of his call to the Christian Ministry. Brother Neese received his scholastic training in preparation for the ministry at

Emory and Henry College. Before finishing his collegiate course, he yielded to the counsel of prominent church officials, and decided to take up immediately the work of the pastorate.

In 1878, at the tender age of twenty years, Brother Neese presented himself to the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for reception on trial. Having been duly received, he was assigned to Loudon Circuit, Virginia, as junior preacher. His other appointments in this conference were, Lewisburg, Sherando, Eagle Rock, Roucenerter, Monroe, and New River. All these charges were large circuits over which this young pastor rode horseback, fording rivers, and going long distances over lonely mountain trails. His experience in these charges were often similar to those which came to the early circuit riders of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Many times cold and hungry, he faltered not in his eager efforts to win souls for God.

The pressing needs of his large and growing family caused Brother Neese to leave the Virginia Conference in 1892, and to associate himself with the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. One year away from the church of his childhood, however, was sufficient for him, and the next year found him seeking admittance to the Wilmington Conference. Beginning work in this Conference in 1893, he continued in the Effective Relation until 1920, when declining health made it advisable for him to seek the Retired Relation. At this time he had completed forty-two years in the Christian Ministry.

Brother Neese's first appointment in this Conference was Houston, Delaware, where a most gracious and remarkable revival broke out which continued for twenty-one weeks, the converts of the meeting numbering 448 souls. The revival on this circuit was characteristic of those which attended his ministry in practically all his appointments. He was distinctively an evangelistic preacher. His messages were delivered in power and on numerous occasions persons fell senseless under his preaching. He pointed out the awful character of sin and the dread condition of the sinner. He held up Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient sacrifice for sin, and offered Him as the would-be Saviour of all humanity. While Brother Neese had special and unusual gifts in the winning of souls, he suffered no other interest of the Church to be neglected. He built three churches and rebuilt eight others.

Brother Neese was at all times an able and fearless expounder of the truth. He carefully and prayerfully studied the Scriptures, preaching at all times what he found therein. Preaching one time in a Virginia community he declared God's readiness to save all people, the blacks as well as the whites, and that salvation is obtained only through repentance and faith. A hotel keeper in the town was roused to fury by such teaching, and came to Church the next night with the declared purpose of killing the preacher. The meeting broke up in confusion, people climbing out the windows in their fear. This preacher, who had not hesitated to declare the whole counsel of God, feared not the face of any man. Walking toward the door, he confronted his furious opponent who was brandishing his pistol. The innkeeper declared his awful purpose of shooting the preacher through the heart. Brother Neese drew back his coat and said,

"Here I am; now shoot me if you will, but I have nothing to retract." Cowed and shamed by the brave spirit of the preacher, his opponent cried out, "It is you who are the man and I am the fool." He craved Brother Neese's pardon and henceforth was his friend.

Fearless and courageous in his denunciation of sin, our brother had the gentleness of a child in his dealings with the sinner. He was a true shepherd of souls. People readily recognized his love for them, and soon learned that he would go to any lengths in his efforts to serve them. Some twenty-five years after his departure from a certain field in this Conference a man in that community lay upon what he thought was his dying bed. He had been converted during Brother Neese's pastorate but had afterward yielded to strong drink. Tormented with the thought of his sin he felt that eternal punishment would soon be his portion. His wife asked him if there were not someone whom he would like to pray with him. He answered, "Yes, if I could see Brother Neese I believe he could help me into the Kingdom of God." A telegram was sent at once and Brother Neese soon came. Kneeling by the bedside of the sick man, he held him up in prayer before a throne of grace and mercy. The man laid fresh hold upon God and was gloriously converted. He recovered his health and is now a faithful Christian.

Almost all of Brother Neese's ministry was spent in fields where the labor was arduous and the remuneration small. He frequently was misunderstood and sometimes was bitterly assailed, but he never lost faith in the One to whom he belonged and whom he delighted to serve. He had by his side in his ministry a wife who was a helpmeet indeed. This companion of his toil was Miss Elizabeth F. McMillion of Green Briar County, West Virginia, whom he married in 1881, and who survives him. Of this union, nine children were born, five girls and four boys, all of whom are living. The home life of Brother Neese was most beautiful and delightful. What he preached to others he lived in his home. He was a kind, affectionate husband, and a sympathetic and devoted father. When asked in his dying moments if he had any message for his children, he said, "No. They all know what I want them to do." The children grown to manhood and womanhood took great delight through recent years in hedging their parents about with substantial evidences of their affection.

One year ago, Brother Neese, at his own request was granted the Retired Relation, and it was the joy of his children to help provide for him in his more quiet days. This period of retirement was little more than nominal, however, for he had a religious zeal and ardor which did not diminish with his declining physical strength. He was almost constantly engaged in assisting his brethren in their parishes. The place selected for his home was near Silverbrook Church, Wilmington, Delaware. He associated himself with the Quarterly Conference of this Church and his family became members there. Then began a fellowship with the writer which was most delightful and helpful. It was his joy to assist his pastor in every possible way. He rendered most valuable service to this Church, and its membership greatly deplore his death.

Brother Neese's last Sabbath of strength was spent in preaching God's Word morning and night in the writer's Church. His last visit to the Church was to lead the midweek service in the pastor's illness. It was as he would have had it be. The evening of his life was indeed glorious. In those last days there was a light upon his face which must have been a reflection of the wondrous light of that land whither he has gone. Wednesday night's service over he went to his home to go out no more. Heavy cold laid hold upon him which soon developed into pneumonia. This dread disease soon claimed its victim, and, despite loving care and expert professional attention, he passed to his reward Thursday afternoon, February 10, 1921. In the home at the time of his death were most of the family, the Rev. Z. W. Wells, and the writer.

Funeral service at the home was held the following Monday morning in charge of Dr. Robert Watt, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, assisted by the writer. The following brethren took part in the service: Revs. D. J. Given, T. J. Sard, G. T. Alderson, and J. P. Otis. Several other members of this Conference attended the services at the home and were present at the interment which took place at Riverview Cemetery, Wilmington, Delaware, the latter service being in charge of the Masonic Fraternity of which Brother Neese was an honored member.

Thus passed from earth to heaven one who was a good minister of Jesus Christ, a man who, like Paul, was "not ashamed of the gospel of Christ," for he believed it was "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

ELWOOD W. JONES.

FANNIE MORRIS GREENE.

There are times when it is fitting that we step aside from the ordinary activities of life, and give a moment to the memory of them,

"Who we've loved long since
And lost a while."

Mrs. Fannie Morris Greene, the daughter of Wesley L. and Elizabeth Price Morris, was born near Stanton, Delaware, October 7, 1852, and died in Seaford, Delaware, June 26, 1920.

If there is any advantage in heredity our sister was blessed. She was in direct line with Robert M. Morris, who, during the Revolutionary struggle, was the friend and support of General George Washington, raising by his personal efforts the million and a half dollars which enabled the leader of the Colonial forces to conduct the campaign which resulted in the surrender of the British forces under Cornwallis, and achieved American independence.

When a child, Mrs. Green, left an orphan, made her home in Camden, Delaware, with her aunt, Mrs. Mary Jackson, with whom she lived until February 28, 1877, when she was married to Rev. Wm. M. Greene

of the Wilmington Conference, with whom she lived until her death in Seaford, Delaware, June 26, 1920.

Sister Greene was received into the Methodist Church in 1870 by Rev. J. E. Bryan, who was then pastor of Camden. During the years following, she lived a consecrated life, endeavoring to assist in the work of the charges to which her husband was appointed, and caring for the parsonage home, and training the family with which God blessed them.

She was a born musician. Endowed with a voice of unusual quality, she attracted the attention of professional musicians from whose flattering offers she turned away to use her rare talent for Him from whom she received it. In the use of that voice she was modest and retiring, and while she enjoyed appreciation, she did not seek publicity, but preferred to use her talent in bringing sunshine and happiness to the circle in which God had placed her.

During her last sickness Mrs. Greene was a great sufferer. There were moments of intense agony. Nevertheless, there was not an hour when she was not sustained by the power of the Christ to whose service, as a child, she had dedicated herself.

After appropriate services at the home in Seaford, we laid her to rest in God's acre near her old home, there to await the dawn of that last glad Easter Day, when all that are in the grave shall hear His voice, and hearing, shall live.

She is survived by her husband, a daughter and three sons, who live to cherish her memory and emulate her virtues.

F. F. CARPENTER.

EMMA LEE LINDALE.

Emma E. Lee was one of five children born to William T. H. and Emma O. Lee in Easton, Maryland. Of this family circle, the father died in June, 1912. The mother, one daughter, Mrs. Maud Blakeslee of Newark, N. J., and three sons, Claude of Easton, and Dodson and Hoburg of Washington, D. C., remain.

Emma was naturally a favorite, being the youngest, and of a winsome, affectionate disposition, and of keen intelligence. She was, from the first, trained in Sunday School and Church going, the family being connected with the Methodist Protestant branch of Methodism in her native town. Removing with her parents to Washington, D. C., while yet of school age, she completed her studies in that city. While there she was a member of the Fourth Street Methodist Protestant Church. When grown she moved to Newark, N. J., residing for a while with her sister, and attended the First Methodist Protestant Church of that city. Subsequent changes brought her family to Wye Mills, Maryland, in January of 1919.

Here her association with the Methodist Episcopal Church began. The Rev. J. M. Lindale was her pastor then, to whom she was married in April of last year, and with whom she took up the duties of the pasto-

rate the same month at Pomona, Maryland. From then until her death in October, hers was a blessed service. Delighted in by all who knew her, friendly and loving to all, she was a helpmeet indeed both in the home and church. Her impulses were for "welfare work" and she was ready to serve any who needed her, but she especially loved little children and youth.

Her illness was brief. She was missed but a few days from the church and from among the people who, without exception, had learned to love her. All that many friends and loved ones could do was unavailing. But though loving life and keenly sensitive to its joys and opportunities, she was ready and unafraid when the call of the Master came to her the 26th day of October last. Funeral service was conducted October 28th, at Pomona Parsonage, by the Rev. N. O. Gibson, of Chestertown, a former pastor of her family, assisted by the Rev. A. H. Covey. Interment was made in Spring Hill Cemetery, Easton.

So the precious spikenard of a beautiful devotion and service was poured out. She leaves a Christian example and sweet memories to all who knew her. But the sudden closing of such a life and work (she had just completed her 36th year), affords an example of the mystery of Divine Providence. Faith can only whisper:

"Hush! oh, hush! for the Father protioneth as He will,
To all His beloved children and shall they not be still?
Is not His will the wisest, is not His choice the best?
And in perfect acquiescence is there not perfect rest?"

O. E. JONES.

MARY A. HYNSON.

A beautiful life closed on this world when the pure spirit of Mary A. Hynson passed from earth to heaven. When the night was far spent and day was at hand Wednesday morning, March 9, 1921, she entered into her well-earned rest. Her death occurred in the home of her son, Walter W. Hynson, in Smyrna, Delaware.

Mary A. Wint was born in Springfield, Pennsylvania, August 6, 1846, the daughter of Nathan and Anna Slaughter Wint. On May 1, 1866, she was joined in marriage to Edwin Harman Hynson, at that time a member of the Wyoming Conference and shortly after her marriage came with her husband to their labors of love and devotion in the Wilmington Conference. Since her husband's translation to Glory on July 29, 1899, she had made her home with her children.

There are certain traits of character of a good woman which it needs no wise man to proclaim in form of proverbs. Her worth is beyond the standards of anything of which earth has use and knowledge. She carries the sweetness and purity and cheer of her life so unmistakably that "to know her is to love her, to name her is to praise." The acquaintance, to say nothing of the friendship and the deeper bonds of love, of Sister Hynson was an inestimable privilege and a genuine inspiration.

Her heart had early acknowledged and loved her Saviour and she unreservedly gave her utter devotion to Him and His cause in the Church. She walked by the side of her husband in all the sacrifices and triumphs of a rich and fruitful ministry, bringing a beautiful sweetness of consecration, a refined purity of spirituality, and the practical service of an understanding heart. As a diligent worker in the Sunday Schools of the churches her husband served and in many other lines of church activity, she combined initiative and executive faculties with a "saving sense of humor," equipping her, in consequence, with invaluable gifts and graces for the public work of a pastor's wife.

But it was in the home life that her influence probably exerted its greatest power of good. Her life there always suggested the alabaster box of most precious ointment. Not to husband only, not to devoted children alone, did her home life contribute its blessings and guidance. Her husband indeed found in it the inspiration of his best service. Her children, doubtless because of it, found the best that life can discover, a Saviour. But her home life reached out in special and effective ways into the lives in the communities where it was God's providence His servants should labor. This was particularly true of the young people, and most particularly true of the young men. That home life was the source of the service and goes far to explain the success of many young men who are now doing their part and filling useful places in the world.

Three children mourn her loss, Mrs. Jacob Morris of Lewes, and Walter W. and Frank H. Hynson of Smyrna. Appropriate services were held in the home of her son, Walter W. Hynson, on March 11th, with the writer in charge. Rev. Milton McCann participated in the service. One of Sister Hynson's favorite hymns of hope and trust closed the funeral:

"I hope to see my Pilot face to face,
When I have crossed the bar."

Assuredly, all who esteemed and loved her can unite in the confident belief that there is:

"No moaning of the bar, musical drifting
Of time's waves, turning to the eternal sea,
Death's soft wind all her gentle canvas lifting;
Christ IS her Pilot to the peace to be."

RANSOM P. NICHOLS.

EMMA DRENNEN EWING.

Emma Drennen Ewing, after a lingering illness, passed to her Heavenly Home, April 30, 1920. She was buried beside her husband, Rev. Amos A. Ewing, in the cemetery of St. John's Church, Lewisville, Pa. Rev. W. F. Ewing, of the Philadelphia Conference, was present at the funeral and delivered the funeral address. Her husband, Rev. Amos A.

Ewing, joined the Wilmington Conference in 1867 and was a zealous preacher of the Gospel until the time of his death, which occurred January 19, 1872. Her married life was brief, her husband having lived only one year after their marriage. The remaining forty years of widowhood were spent in Chester, Pa., and Collingswood, N. J., in which place she passed the closing years of her life in the home of her beloved daughter, Mrs. F. H. Foster.

Sister Ewing was a beautiful Christian character. Her piety was steadfast, being grounded in an intelligent faith. She was a shining example of the faith that works by love and the patience that is not weary in well-doing. She loved the church and was always in her place when worship or service was required. She loved God and she loved the people around her. She held firmly the confidence and affection of a large circle of relatives and friends. Her life was quiet, serene and cheerful, because she was hid with Christ in God. She left to her loved ones the testimony of redeeming grace, and the legacy of a radiant and transparent life.

GEORGE A. COOKE.

IDA LEE TRUITT.

Mrs. Ida Lee Truitt was the daughter of James S. and Elizabeth Taylor, and was born at Newark, Md., February 15, 1855, and after a life of consecrated service to the Lord Jesus Christ, was called to her heavenly home December the 4, 1920. She was married to the Rev. Horace E. Truitt, and for 26 years shared with him in the Effective Ministry. Sister Truitt lived a beautiful life. She was a shining light, exerting a great influence over both Christian and non-Christian lives. She had a rich Christian experience. To know her was to love her. Her many friends speak of her as a rare jewel, and though dead, she yet speaketh. This woman of God was a great inspiration to her husband and in his ministry, and as a consequence many souls were won to the Cross. Her influence in her home was of an especial character. One son preceeded her to the Spirit-land, and the other, Rev. Paul Truitt, is a member of this Conference, a very successful Minister, stationed at Phoebus, Virginia.

For her this life's fleeting day is done. For her the beginning of life's eternal day. She crossed the bar and passed out to sea just as the sun was sinking in the West, and yet in her spiritual vision she beheld the sunrise of the eternal morning. We are accustomed to speak of her passing as that of death. To her it was not death—only transition to a more glorious sphere—it was life beyond the grave, and she spoke of it only as "going home." A short while before she passed away she had a dream—it was of heaven, and in her dream she beheld the innumerable throng. Speaking of it she said to those about her, "I will be there tonight." To her it was but going home. No terrors, no misgivings, no fear—just as the tired child goes to slumberland at the twilight hour, she went out into the great beyond. I wish it were possible to write of her as she really was; of that sweet christian character; of the woman

of God as I knew her, but it is beyond the measure of expression. As a child she was a faithful follower of God, and to the day of her death it was a life dedicated to His service. As a wife, as a mother, as a friend of humanity, she was a spiritual uplift to all about her.

To be in her presence was to feel you were kneeling at God's footstool. She was the most saintly woman I have ever known.

Some years ago I stood at the monument of "Shakespeare" in Stratford, England. At the base of that monument was the inscription, "Taking him all in all we shall never see his like again." As I write I am thinking how typical that is of her life, for I never expect "to see her like again." For many years she was a great sufferer, but she never complained at her lot. To her it was God's way. Such perfect resignation, such unbounded faith only those who knew her can ever realize. Of self-sacrifice I must say a word. She would not have others neglect any duty for her. To the very last she insisted her husband leave her each Sabbath day and preach the gospel. To the son (also a minister) who had come from another State to be with her in her last hours, she said—"Go home and preach tomorrow. You can come back Monday. I will try and wait for you." This was to be her last Sabbath on earth and she realized it, and yet she would have him go. He went back as she had asked him to do. God let her wait, as she believed He would, and Paul was with her when the end came. To the writer her death brings sadness and sorrow. She came into my life 25 years ago, and passed out again. A few months ago we met once more as neighbors, and as a friend I had known in bygone days. I learned to love her because of her goodness—because I believed her to be one of God's chosen few. She was so pure in heart, so God-like, her life was an inspiration to me and to all who knew her. I am not unmindful that in her last hours, with body racked with pain, she thought only of others—of their safety from harm. But, it could not have been otherwise. It was in keeping with the life she had lived.

And now she is gone. We, whom she has left behind, will think of her as one we knew and loved, and have lost awhile, of one who, I believe, stands today glorified without fault before God's white throne. As we think of the whiteness of the lily as the emblem of purity, so shall I think of her. In the language of the poet, I believe "She has gone back to the God who gave her as white as she came."

The following verses were composed and written by her just a few days before she passed away. In simple language they tell of what she was—of what she lived for. Standing as she was at the threshold of death, they are an evidence of that faith which she felt would sweep her through the "Gates of New Jerusalem, washed in the blood of the Lamb."

I do not know why pain should come
To shake my earthly frame;
Nor why affliction should oppress
Those who adore His name;
But, this I know, whate'er my lot,
He doeth all things right.
In sickness, sorrow, pain or loss,
His presence gives me light.

I do not know where He may lead,
Nor what may be my fate;
Nor if my little day of life
Will early close or late.
But this I know, He gives me now,
A vision naught can blight,
I am His own; He died for me,
His presence gives me light.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Snow Hill, Md. Appropriate addresses were made by Brothers L. E. Poole, Charles H. Williams and Daniel B. Prettyman and H. S. Dulaney, after which the body was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery of the aforesaid town.

H. S. DULANEY.

SARAH ELIZABETH JONES.

Sarah Elizabeth Jones, wife of the Reverend John W. Jones, was born November 25, 1877, and died May 13, 1920.

Between these two dates lies the record of a singularly beautiful and devoted life. To our short-sighted vision this life ended all too soon. Dying in her forty-third year, when her powers, naturally, should have been at her best, when she was the splendid support of her husband in his work for the Kingdom, when her two daughters needed most the tender care of a Mother's love, she has been and will continue to be sadly missed in her home and by an ever widening circle of devoted friends. Yet we must not question that her work was done and well done, and that the time for rest from toil had come. In her all too brief life she had wrought well, meriting the approval of her friends, and gaining the "Well done" of the God Father of all faithful workers. Quickly she passed from the toil of the earthly vineyard to the "Joy of her Lord." Thinking of her early translation, we comfort ourselves with the lines of our sweet New England poet:—

"And early called, how blest are they
Who wait in Heaven their harvest day."

Mrs. Jones was well born. She was the daughter of John Fletcher and Elizabeth McLaughlin of Wilmington, Delaware; a family whose devotion to the church of Jesus Christ has been notable. Her Father, who had long been an acceptable Local Preacher in the city of Wilmington, preceded his daughter to the heavenly home only a few months.

Mrs. Jones was well prepared for the work of a minister's wife, not only by reason of her splendid inheritance, and her careful and correct religious training in her home, but also by the training she received in the schools. She received her preparatory training in the public schools of her native city, and continued her studies in the private school of Miss

Biggar, from which she graduated. She was thus well prepared, from the standpoint of intellectual advantages, for the work of a minister's wife. But, in addition to a splendid inheritance and a fine education, she had a definite and very satisfactory christian experience. She was converted at home under the careful instruction of her parents, and soon joined Mount Salem Church, under the pastorate of the late Rev. S. M. Morgan. It was in this church that the writer of this obituary first became acquainted with her, noting with great satisfaction her gradual and splendid development in the christian faith. Her deep piety thus early shown marked her out for a life of great usefulness in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. From the hour of her conversion her christian life developed normally and beautifully until the hour when she peacefully resigned the earth life to enter upon the joys of the life eternal.

She was a devoted christian woman, holding clear and definite convictions on the fundamentals of the faith once for all delivered unto the saints. From these convictions she never wavered. If doubts assailed her soul she was always able to dispell them, and to keep alive her faith, and to keep warm her heart. The early fires kindled on her heart in conversion never went out. She fed the flames continually. She kept her intellectual life active by constant reading of the best literature, so that she was able to stand side by side with her husband in his intellectual growth, and to support him in his work, while at the same time she kept the tides of holy joy surging through her soul by her devotion to the work of the churches where she served. Intellectually and spiritually she was the mate of her preacher lover. Her special work was in the Sunday School, where she saw her opportunity for the largest helpfulness to her husband. She was largely instrumental in introducing the graded lessons in the schools where she served. She also consecrated her talents in music to the enrichment of that important part of public worship. Like her Master, she went about doing good in her parishes. She soon discovered the aged, the poor, the unfortunate to whom she ministered with such loving devotion they soon learned to depend on her for help in the emergencies of their life. Perhaps it was the fact of her always rather frail health that made the bond of sympathy between her and the sick and the shut-ins so strong and tender. Having been comforted of God in her afflictions she knew how to bring the same comfort to those who were passing under the rod of bereavement and sorrow. She was a ministering angel to many such, who learned to love her coming and bless her for her help.

Her tastes were all conservative, her disposition retiring, and yet her spirit was always cheery, even under the weight of ill health. Refinement was not simply an acquirement with her, but it was rather a natural state of being. She lived with the purer and better things of life, and knew not how "To blind her soul with clay."

This spirit made her an ideal home maker, where there always prevailed a spirit of restfulness, undisturbed by the passing excitements of the day, or the many problems that naturally disturb the life of the itinerant. She made her home a haven of rest for her husband, and a place of holy love and delight for her children.

She was united in marriage with the Reverend John W. Jones, May 18, 1904. Of this union there were born three daughters, one of whom, some years ago, went on ahead to the better land, while the other two remain to cherish the memory of a devoted mother and to cheer the father in his loneliness and to help him in his work.

Mrs. Jones displayed great skill in training her children. She was utterly devoted to them. She will live in their memory as a holy and sacred influence, a richer legacy than gold or lands.

It was while nursing her little daughter through a severe case of the influenza that she contracted the disease which so vitally affected her already weak heart. She made a brave struggle to recover, but the tide was against her. An acute case of myocarditis released the chastened spirit from its clay tenement, and on the morning of May 13th, Ascension Day, her redeemed spirit entered into the ageless life.

The funeral service was held in the home of her sister in Wilmington. The pall bearers were members of the Official Board of Cape Charles Church, who made the long journey to testify of their love for the wife of their minister. The writer of this obituary had charge of the services which were largely attended by the friends of the departed. The interment was in Mount Salem Cemetery, where the family lot is located.

The sadly bereaved husband has the sympathy of all his fellow laborers in the Wilmington Conference. And while this may comfort him somewhat yet he will be constantly saying with another sorely bereaved lover—

"Yet in these ears till hearing dies,
One set slow bell will seem to toll;
The passing of the sweetest soul
That ever look'd with human eyes."

HARVEY W. EWING.

XIII.

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.	30	10
1836	Thos. J. Quigley	Oct. 19, 1870.	Laurel, Del.	65	44
1850	Daniel Titlow	Feb. 7, 1871.	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	4
1867	Amos A. Ewing	Jan. 19, 1872.	Cecil County, Md.	30	4
1848	Alfred Cookman	Nov. 13, 1872.	Newark, N. J.	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey	July 9, 1871.	Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct. 3, 1872.	Frankford, Del.	34	13
1825	T. J. Thompson	Nov. 29, 1874.	Wilmington, Del.	71	49
1828	Robert E. Kemp	Mar. 6, 1875.	Greensboro, Md.	73	32
1832	Wesley Kenney	June 24, 1875.	Smyrna, Del.	70	42
1835	Henry Sutton	Mar. 23, 1876.	Philadelphia, Pa.	68	28
1871	George A. Campbell	Sept. 7, 1876.	Frankford, Del.	30	4
1862	John W. Weston	Apr. 23, 1877.	Wilmington, Del.	38	15
1837	John D. Curtis	July 25, 1877.	Wilmington, Del.	61	40
1845	David R. Thomas	Feb. 13, 1878.	Wilmington, Del.	58	30
1870	Andrew J. Crozier	Jan. 21, 1879.	Wilmington, Del.	41	7
1829	Joshua Humphriss	Jan. 23, 1879.	Salisbury, Md.	78	41
1868	Francis M. Chatham	May 29, 1878.	Berlin, Md.	41	8
1857	Edward G. Irwin	Mar. 12, 1879.	Wilmington, Del.	50	21
1848	John Hough	Mar. 27, 1879.	Near Trenton, N. J.	58	31
1857	Thomas J. Williams	Mar. 29, 1879.	New Castle, Del.	53	21
1870	Wm. I. Bain	May 13, 1880.	Pocomoke City, Md.	36	10
1832	Wm. Urie	Nov. 13, 1880.	Smyrna, Del.	67	43
1860	Thomas F. Plummer	Feb. 2, 1881.	Wilmington, Del.	44	8
1833	Elijah Miller	Apr. 15, 1881.	Sudlersville, Md.	71	49
1836	John W. Pierson	May 6, 1881.	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1880	Francis P. Quigley	Aug. 19, 1881.	Hopewell, Md.	27	2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman	Feb. 27, 1882.	Newark, Md.	36	9
1865	Benj. W. Chase	Dec. 11, 1882.	Seaford, Del.	48	17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack	June 24, 1883.	Cambridge, Md.	67	46
1834	I. T. Cooper	Apr. 12, 1884.	Camden, Del.	78	26
1829	Henry Colclazer	Dec. 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
1831	Isalah D. Johnson	Mar. 4, 1887.	Bridgeville, Del.	33	6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil	Mar. 9, 1887.	Church Hill, Md.	55	28
1854	Jos. Dare	Oct. 22, 1887.	Newark, Del.	56	32
1836	Frank M. Morgan	Feb. 11, 1889.	Philadelphia, Pa.	34	3
1849	William Merrill	Oct. 23, 1889.	Upper Fairmt, Md.	75	28
1873	Isaac N. Foreman	June 12, 1890.	Lincoln Del.	47	17
1841	John Allen	Dec. 3, 1890.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	72	33
1855	Samuel T. Gardner	Jan. 3, 1891.	Pivot Bridge, Md.	60	33
1889	Samuel J. Baker	Sept. 22, 1891.	Laurel, Del.	33	2
1870	Thos. O. Ayres	Oct. 4, 1891.	Delaware City Del.	53	21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer	Jan. 10, 1892.	Milton, Del.	45	19
1840	Vaughan Smith	Nov. 21, 1891.	Wilmington, Del.	79	43
1845	Charles Hill	June 22, 1892.	Salisbury, Md.	70	47
1833	James L. Houston	Sept. 18, 1892.	Trappe, Md.	82	32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin	Oct. 17, 1892.	Bel Air, Md.	52	24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher	Dec. 12, 1893.	Bridgeville, Del.	62	17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg	Jan. 24, 1893.	Wyoming, Del.	68	36
1847	Joseph Robinson	Feb. 18, 1893.	Perryman's, Md.	68	45
1835	George Barton	Mar. 19, 1893.	Church Hill, Md.	84	11
1843	James A. Brindle	Apr. 6, 1894.	Greensboro, Md.	73	48
1860	Nicholas M. Browne	Feb. 4, 1895.	Middletown, Del.	58	35
1850	James Hubbard	Apr. 4, 1895.	Philadelphia, Pa.	76	4
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

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EFFECTIVE
1862	Merritt Hulburd	Oct. 10, 1896.	Wilmington, Del.	54	34
1873	Newton McQuay	May, 1887.	St. Michaels, Md.	57	21
1896	William G. Chance	Sept. 13, 1897.	Quantico, Md.	38	2
1848	Wm. B. Walton	June 21, 1898.	Salisbury, Md.	77	43
1850	John B. Quigg	July 30, 1898.	Wilmington, Del.	72	46
1845	John H. Caldwell	March 11, 1899.	Dover, Del.	79	45
1860	Andrew D. Davis	April 13, 1899.	Georgetown, Del.	72	35
1845	Henry Sanderson	Aug. 16, 1899.	Ridley Park, Pa.	80	34
1859	Edwin H. Hynson	July 27, 1899.	Smyrna, Del.	64	39
1845	Wm. E. England	Jan. 20, 1900.	Philadelphia, Pa.	79	48
1857	Thos. S. Williams	Jan. 20, 1900.	Northeast, Md.	65	41
1888	Chas. P. Swain	May 22, 1900.	Deal's Island, Md.	41	12
1874	David F. Waddell	Dec. 20, 1900.	Westminster, Md.	48	28
1836	Benj. F. Price	Mar. 22, 1901.	Elkton, Md.	84	60
1851	Jas W. Hammersly	April 19, 1901.	Brooklandville, Md.	78	40
1877	Walter E. Avery	April 22, 1902.	Wilmington, Del.	50	25
1860	J. Owen Sypherd	Sept. 3, 1902.	Wilmington, Del.	69	39
1872	John D. Kemp	Sept. 21, 1902.	Chestertown, Md.	65	30
1856	William F. Talbot	Feb. 26, 1903.	Dover, Del.	73	27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard	Apr. 13, 1903.	Frankford, Del.	65	41
1843	Thos. H. Haynes	May 23, 1903.	Smyrna, Del.	81	51
1853	Geo. A. Phoebus	May 28, 1903.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	74	33
1868	Jonathan S. Willis	Nov. 24, 1903.	Milford, Del.	74	43
1867	John D. Rigg	Dec. 16, 1903.	Hockessin, Del.	65	27
1869	Edward Davis	Jan. 9, 1904.	Newark, Md.	84	28
1856	John France	Mar. 10, 1904.	Wilmington, Del.	69	48
1879	E. K. Creed	Apr. 24, 1904.	Philadelphia, Pa.	58	25
1890	E. R. Sidell	May 14, 1904.	Philadelphia, Pa.	43	14
1853	J. B. Merritt	July 8, 1904.	Fairlee, Md.	78	32
1872	G. W. Wilcox	Dec. 15, 1904.	Salisbury, Md.	62	20
1889	James E. Graham	July 13, 1905.	Seaford, Del.	52	16
1853	Robert W. Todd	Jan. 18, 1906.	Baltimore, Md.	75	52
1858	S. T. Morris	Apr. 13, 1906.	Roselle Park, N. J.	73	45
1879	C. A. Grise	Apr. 12, 1907.	Berlin, Md.	51	28
1868	F. 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	H. H. Nelson	Oct. 27, 1908.	Delaware City, Del.	62	39
1860	H. W. Bolton	Jan. 8, 1909.	Camden, Del.	69	29
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow	Feb. 8, 1909.	Dover, Del.	81	42
1869	E. H. Miller	Jan. 22, 1911.	Sharptown, Md.	66	43
1876	W. L. P. Bowen	Mar. 11, 1911.	Newark, Md.	77	17
1866	E. E. White	Dec. 26, 1912.	Oxford, Md.	69	46
1853	W. M. Warner	Apr. 16, 1913.	Millington, Md.	83	41
1897	J. W. Talley	Aug. 9, 1913.	Near W Im'gt'n, Del.	42	9
1868	I. G. Fosnoecht	Dec. 3, 1913.	Smyrna, Del.	65	45
1858	H. S. Thompson	Apr. 1, 1914.	Smyrna, Del.	79	52
1865	G. W. Burke	Apr. 30, 1914.	Smyrna, Del.	78	42
1872	R. H. Adams	Sept. 11, 1914.	Philadelphia, Pa.	71	42
1869	T. B. Hunter	Nov. 12, 1914.	Monrovia, Cal.	77	42
1876	E. C. 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.	88	40
1886	Clinton T. Wyatt	Feb. 7, 1920.	Denton, Md.	56	34
1884	Daniel F. McFaul	Mar. 6, 1920.	Wilmington, Del.	82	34
1878	Howard T. Quig	April 4, 1920.	Newport, Del.	61	42
1892	William O. Hurst	Aug. 4, 1920.	Phoebus, Va.	54	28
1878	Gordon R. Neese	Feb. 10, 1921.	Wilmington, Del.	62	41

XIV.
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.....	T. E. Martindale
14	" 8, '82	Middletown.....	J. F. Hurst.....	John D. Rigg
15	" 7, '83	Cambridge.....	J. F. Hurst.....	John D. Rigg
16	" 5, '84	Wilm'ton—Asbury.....	M. Simpson.....	John D. Rigg
17	" 12, '85	Snow Hill.....	W. L. Harris.....	John D. Rigg
18	" 4, '86	Elkton.....	S. M. Merrill.....	John D. Rigg
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield.....	W. F. Mallalieu.....	John D. Rigg
20	" 7, '88	Wilm'ton—Union.....	H. W. Warren.....	John D. Rigg
21	" 20, '89	Easton.....	C. D. Foss.....	John D. Rigg
22	" 26, '90	Milford.....	R. S. Foster.....	John D. Rigg
23	" 19, '91	Centreville.....	Thos. Bowman.....	John D. Rigg
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace.....	C. H. Fowler.....	John D. Rigg
25	" 15, '93	Middletown.....	E. G. Andrews.....	A. S. Mowbray
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury.....	S. M. Merrill.....	A. S. Mowbray
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna.....	J. H. Vincent.....	A. S. Mowbray
28	" 18, '96	Dover.....	J. F. Hurst.....	A. S. Mowbray
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown.....	H. W. Warren.....	A. S. Mowbray
30	" 23, '98	Lewes.....	J. M. Walden.....	A. S. Mowbray
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge.....	J. P. Newman.....	A. S. Mowbray
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth.....	C. D. Foss.....	A. S. Mowbray
33	" 20, '01	Wilm'ton—Grace.....	E. G. Andrews.....	A. S. Mowbray
34	" 19, '02	Crisfield.....	Daniel A. Goodsell.....	A. S. Mowbray
35	" 18, '03	Easton.....	I. W. Joyce.....	A. S. Mowbray
36	" 16, '04	Dover.....	Earl Cranston.....	A. S. Mowbray
37	" 15, '05	Wilm'ton—Grace.....	J. M. Fitzgerald.....	A. S. Mowbray
38	" 14, '06	Pocomoke City.....	D. A. Goodsell.....	W. A. Wise
39	" 20, '07	Smyrna.....	C. C. McCabe.....	W. A. Wise
40	" 18, '08	Wilm'ton—Asbury.....	J. F. Berry.....	W. A. Wise
41	" 17, '09	Milford.....	D. A. Goodsell.....	W. A. Wise
42	" 16, '10	Salisbury.....	D. H. Moore.....	W. A. Wise
43	" 15, '11	Wilm'ton—Asbury.....	J. W. Hamilton.....	W. A. Wise
44	" 13, '12	Wilm'ton—St. Pauls.....	T. B. Neely.....	W. A. Wise
45	" 26, '13	Crisfield.....	L. B. Wilson.....	W. A. Wise
46	April 1, '14	Berlin.....	J. F. Berry.....	W. A. Wise
47	March 24, '15	Laurel.....	Earl Cranston.....	W. A. Wise
48	" 29, '16	Wilm'ton—Union.....	R. J. Cook.....	W. A. Wise
49	" 28, '17	Seaford.....	J. F. Berry.....	W. A. Wise
50	" 20, '18	Dover.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
51	" 26, '19	Chestertown.....	F. M. Bristol.....	D. W. Jacobs
52	" 24, '20	Wilm'ton—Grace.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
53	" 30, '21	Crisfield—Immanuel.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs

XV.
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 Hulbert, L. E. Barrett, Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran. Reserves—W. E. Avery, V. S. Collins.
1900. Robert Watt, T. E. Martindale, W. F. Corkran, C. S. Baker. Reserves—A. S. Mowbray, J. D. C. Hanna.
1904. A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, Adam Stengle, C. S. Baker. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, W. G. Koons.
1908. A. S. Mowbray, Adam Stengle, W. G. Koons, S. M. Morgan. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, Robert Watt.
1912. C. A. Hill, R. K. Stephenson, Robert Watt, G. P. Jones. Reserves—E. L. Hoffecker, C. W. Prettyman, G. T. Alderson.
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.

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

MINUTES.—Of Lay Electoral Conference held in Mount Pleasant Methodist Protestant Church, Crisfield, Md., April 1, 1921.

MEMBERS.—Dover District.—Bethel, Chas. E. Gordy; Bridgeville, Henry P. Cannon; Blades, E. F. Dukes; Cambridge, S. Spry Andrews; Camden, I. T. Cooper; Crapo, Brady L. Todd; Dover, W. A. Powell; Federalsburg, Chas. A. Covey; Galestown, J. W. Hastings; Georgetown, H. C. Conrad; Hooper's Island, Howard Simmons; Hurlock, A. O. German; Lakesville, E. S. Tyler; Laurel, S. T. Smith; Lewes, Rolla Hart; Magnolia, J. K. Sapp; Mt. Pleasant, L. H. Hill; Reliance, Chas. Lankford; Seaford, Mrs. Ella C. Emory; Seaford Circuit, C. J. Elzey; Vienna, E. F. Kemp; Zoar, T. P. West.

Easton District.—Burrsville, S. P. Brown; Cecilton, Mrs. Sarah B. Van Dyke; Centreville, J. Milton Arrindale; Chestertown, M. A. Toulson; Clayton, Thos. W. Downing; Church Hill, W. J. Massey; Concord, H. H. Nuttle; Cordova, J. J. Reese; Crumpton, J. Thomas Smith; Easton, J. W. Wheatley; Galena, James D. Davis, Jr.; Greensboro, Miss Lena A. Lewis; Hillsboro, W. E. Sylvester; Millington, R. J. Taylor; Preston, A. W. Sisk; Rock Hall, Mrs. T. C. Smoot; Salem Ct., Edward Lieby; Smyrna, W. O. Hoffecker; Still Pond, Wm. H. Krusen; Sudlersville, W. Harry Jones; Tilghmans, Mrs. W. H. North; Trappe, H. L. Slaughter; Wye Mills, Wm. E. Rowe.

Salisbury District.—Ayers Chapel, L. T. Crowson; Annessex, S. Reed Chaffee; Chesapeake, L. C. Lawrence; Chincoteague, C. O. Disbrow; Cape Charles, George B. Tilghman; Crisfield—Asbury, Clarence Sterling; Crisfield—Immanuel, I. S. Lawson; Deals Island, S. T. Horseman; Delmar, Frazier G. Elliott; Fruitland, L. Hobbs; Fairmount, Harry Branford; Girdletree, A. T. Hudson; Hebron, E. T. Culver; Mardela Springs, C. I. Bennett; Marion, E. T. Landon; Onancock, Chas. F. Watson; Parsonburg, E. E. Brown; Pittsville, Algè E. Wimbrow; Princess Anne, A. J. Taylor; Pocomoke City, R. R. Brittingham; Pocomoke Circuit, Samuel A. Evans; Powellsville, Mrs. Lou Truitt; Roxana, G. W. Derickson; Salisbury—Asbury, Wm. T. Dashiell; Salisbury—Grace, John E. Niblett; Selbyville, W. A. Law; Sharptown, W. D. Gravenor; Westover, E. W. McDorman; White Haven, C. W. Raynor.

Wilmington District.—Ebenezer, George Knotts; Edge Moor, Wm. A. Vandergrift; Hopewell, H. H. Kirk; Mt. Pleasant, George W. Weldin; Newark, C. A. Short; New Castle, Dr. Julius Dodd; Newport & Stanton, D. A. Combrooms; North East, J. Edward Davis; Perryville, George Waldran; St. Georges, George L. Denney; Wilmington—Brandywine, R. S. Loomis; Cookman, C. C. Lynch; Eastlake, John A. Smith; Epworth, Wm. Taylor; Harrison Street, W. T. Houpt; Kingswood, Mrs. Minnie F. Bounds; McCabe, T. B. Ely; Madely, Robt. T. Davis; Mt. Salem, Frank P. Gentieu; Richardson Park, F. E. McKinsey; Scott, Harry J. Wright; St. Pauls, T. B. Cartmell; Trinity, R. G. Humphries; Union, Allen F. Lewis.

After a Love Feast led by Wm. J. Downing, the Lay Electoral Conference was called to order by Enrolling Secretary, Clarence A. Short. Brother Humphries led in prayer. Roll was called, to which ninety-eight delegates responded. On nomination of W. A. Powell, Judge H. C. Conrad was elected Chairman, and C. A. Short, Secretary, for the session of Lay Electoral Conference. H. P. Cannon, M. A. Toulson, Allen F. Lewis and I. S. Lawson were appointed a Committee on Credentials. Brother Cannon, Chairman of the Committee, moved that the delegates answering roll should constitute this Conference. Motion prevailed.

The Constitutional Amendment proposed by the session of the General Conference in 1920 were then taken up in their order.

Amendment I, Admission of Laymen to Annual Conferences. Vote: For, 0; against, 96.

The amended amendment, as proposed by Laymen's Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was then introduced and after a general discussion a vote was taken, resulting, for, 35; against, 52.

Amendment II, Change of Quarterly Conference to Local Conferences, was next voted upon, resulting, for 38, against 48.

Amendment III, Change in Ratio of Delegates to General Conference, resulted as follows: For, 75; against, 2.

The minutes of the Conference were read and approved.

Upon motion, the Lay Electoral Conference adjourned.

HENRY C. CONRAD, Chairman.

CLARENCE A. SHORT, Secretary.

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference was held at Mount Pleasant Methodist Protestant Church, Crisfield, Md., April 1, 1921. The session was called to order by the President, Walter A. Powell. In his address he outlined many of the modern Church problems and gave suggestions for remedying the same. "It is not wealth, sensationalism, social service, individualism or other 'isms' that will save the world, but the redeeming love of the Savior propagated through an awakened, purified Church. Times change; fundamentals, honesty, morality, duty to country, family, Church and God are the same in all the ages. Renewal of spiritual life of the Church, soul cultivation and the development of the ministers into higher types of spiritual leadership are essential if modern spirit of unrest is to be conquered and peace prevail."

Upon motion, the delegates to the Lay Electoral Conference were declared accredited members of the Laymen's Association, except in case of other representatives presenting proper credentials. Four such changes were noted.

The President appointed the following Committees:

Nominations: H. C. Conrad, F. G. Elliott, Robert T. Davis and Wm. H. Krusen.

Finance: Rolla Hart, Clarence Sterling and J. M. Arringdale.

Resolutions: Mrs. Ella C. Emery, H. H. Nuttle, W. A. Law and Chas. F. Lambert.

Dr. W. W. Davis was introduced and spoke on Lord's Day Alliance, asking for a closer observance of the Sabbath to preserve our civilization, to build up our ministry, and to preserve our institutions from evil influences. He asked support for an educational propaganda to be put on in the churches of the Wilmington Conference. See Resolution I.

Dr. Morris E. Swartz spoke on the Centenary. He characterized the Centenary as the greatest movement in Church history and defined it as "the organized effort of the Methodist Episcopal Church to help Jesus answer the prayer he prayed the night before he was crucified when he prayed, (see John 17:25.)"

"The pledges are about 72% net at present. The greatest need now is a rebirth of the Centenary passion; for it will lead us to give gladly what we have promised and owe to the Kingdom—give it as an offering in love; it will develop anew the zeal for evangelism, and it will exalt the stewardship ideals—intercession and life service.

The Centenary saved the foreign missionary movement. Had it not been for the increased funds a large number of missionaries must have been brought home."

Dr. Chas. E. Ely, Professor in Dickinson College, spoke on the causes and remedies for ministerial shortage. "First of all and all the time be sure that proper influences surround young men, especially those who are students in college." (See Resolution II).

Dr. H. G. Budd, President of Wesley Collegiate Institute, was introduced and emphasized the remarks of Dr. Ely and outlined the present prosperous conditions of the Institute.

Judge Henry C. Conrad, Lay Delegate to the 1920 General Conference, in a brief address gave some personal impressions of that Conference and the legislation enacted by it.

The Finance Committee reported that the accounts of the Treasurer were found correct and recommended a collection of \$20.00 be taken to defray expenses of printing the minutes, etc. The collection was then taken and amounted to \$20.00.

Judge Henry C. Conrad, Chairman of Nominating Committee, reported the following nominations:

President: W. Harry Jones, Sudlersville, Md.

Vice Presidents: T. B. Ely, Wilmington, Del.; Victor C. Hitchens, Laurel, Del.; J. W. Wheatley, Easton, Md.; I. S. Lawson, Crisfield, Md.

Secretary: Clarence A. Short, Newark, Del.

Treasurer: Samuel T. Smith, Laurel, Del.

The nominees were unanimously elected.

Dr. J. O. Spencer, President of Morgan College, was introduced and gave a survey of the work being done by that institution and mentioned many notable results of the training received by the students.

Dr. J. B. Hingeley, Secretary, Board of Conference Claimants, was presented to the Laymen's Association and gave a most inspiring talk on the work being done for the Retired Ministers, and asked that renewed efforts be put forth to meet the new demands.

The Committee on Resolutions, through its Chairman, H. H. Nuttle, presented the following resolutions, which were taken up in their order and adopted:

I.

Reaffirming our belief in the Sanctity of Sunday as an inseparable part of the fundamental law of Maryland;

Reasserting our promise to cooperate with the Lord's Day Alliance in its all important work of conserving the Lord's Day as a day of rest for all, that those who will may have it as a day of worship;

We heartily endorse the State-Wide Educational Campaign projected by the Lord's Day Alliance and urge the cooperation of the laity of our Conference within the bounds of the State of Maryland to aid in the building up of a strong sentiment for a proper observance of the Lord's Day, that will prevent its commercialization by open stores, open theatres or open sport.

II.

We congratulate Dickinson College on recent advances made, especially on the liquidation of its entire debt, a notable achievement. We congratulate the College also on the fact that its good work has secured from the General Education Board a promise of \$150,000 toward endow-

ment, provided the other friends of the College contribute \$300,000 additional.

Because of our historic connection with this College and our interest in Christian education, we heartily approve the acceptance by the Trustees of the General Education Board's offer. We also endorse such a forward movement by the Trustees as may be finally decided upon as necessary to put the College on a solid financial foundation, and assure them also of our co-operation in it. In support of this movement we will call the attention of our people, both publicly and privately, to the work, worth, and need of Dickinson College; and will advise them that in helping on this forward movement of the College they will be aiding the Church and the Kingdom in our territory.

III.

WHEREAS, The Charter of the Board of Conference Stewards of the Wilmington Annual Conference, adopted in 1869, provides that "The ministerial members of said Board shall be elected by the Wilmington Annual Conference, and the lay members of the Board shall be elected by the Boards of District Stewards for the term of four years; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Conference Stewards has for fifty years been composed of eight members—four elected by the Wilmington Annual Conference and four by the Boards of District Stewards, respectively; and,

WHEREAS, The Wilmington Annual Conference has passed a resolution to amend the charter of the Board of Conference Stewards, adopted in 1869, by taking from the laymen the right, through their Boards of District Stewards, to elect four members of said Board of Conference Stewards, and giving to the Wilmington Annual Conference the right to elect the four lay members of said Board, and further increasing the members to nine—five of whom shall be ministers and only four laymen; and,

WHEREAS, Paragraph 339, Discipline of 1920, has been invoked as a reason for amending said Charter, although said provision has been in the Discipline for nearly 30 years; and,

WHEREAS, The Laymen's Association, representing over 50,000 laymen of the churches in the Wilmington Conference, regard such action of the Conference as unwise and unjust and detrimental to the future success of the Ministerial Endowment Fund; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference that we do emphatically protest against such resolution and action of the ministers of the Wilmington Annual Conference, and, in view of previous harmonious and effective work of the Board of Conference Stewards, we do further earnestly request that the Wilmington Annual Conference reconsider and rescind such resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the Wilmington Annual Conference.

IV.

RESOLVED, That we the members of the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference extend to the Pastor and members of Mt. Pleasant M. P. Church, the ladies of Asbury M. E. Church of Crisfield, the Pastor and members of Immanuel Church, and to the people of Crisfield our thanks and hearty appreciation for their generous hospitality such as we have seldom enjoyed.

On motion, a committee, consisting of T. H. Rawlins, H. P. Cannon and H. H. Nuttle, was named to present Resolution III to the Annual Conference.

The Laymen's Association adjourned to meet at the seat of the next Annual Conference.

WALTER A. POWELL,
President.

CLARENCE A. SHORT,
Secretary.

OFFICERS OF LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

- 1872—President, John F. Williamson; Secretaries, Dr. W. T. Collins, I. T. Matthews.
1876—Pres., R. J. Jump; Secretaries, I. T. Matthews, J. H. Bell.
1880—Pres., John F. Williamson; Secy's, P. F. Causey, Dr. R. J. Price.
1884—Pres., Henry F. Pickles; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, Henry S. Dulaney.
1888—Pres., H. C. Dodson; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, W. H. Dashiell.
1892—Pres., I. T. Matthews; Sec'y, Joseph Smithers.
1896—Pres., H. F. Pickles; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. W. Coley.
1900—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. S. Collins.
1904—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, Wesley Webb.
1908—Pres., W. O. Hoffeecker; Secy's, C. A. Short, A. R. Spaid.
1912—Pres., R. D. Jones; Secy's, C. A. Short, H. R. Moore.
1916—Pres., E. J. Winder; Secy's, C. A. Short, A. Galt Starr.
1920—Pres., H. C. Conrad; Secy's, C. A. Short, V. C. Hitchens.
1921—Pres., H. C. Conrad; Secy., C. A. Short.

LAY DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

- 1872—Delegates, Daniel M. Bates, Walter H. Thompson.
Alternate, John F. Williamson, Thomas Mallalieu.
1876—Delegates, John F. Williamson, Thomas Mallalieu.
Alternate, W. J. Jones, Dr. Geo. C. Tyler.
1880—Delegates, I. T. Matthews, T. B. Coursey.
Alternate, J. F. Dawson, P. F. Causey.
1884—Delegates, F. A. Ellis, Alfred G. Cox.
Alternate, Dr. A. E. Sudler, Jos. Pyle.

- 1888—Delegates, H. P. Cannon, L. S. Melson.
Alternate, Joseph Pyle, Dr. A. E. Sudler.
- 1892—Delegates, Dr. A. E. Sudler, Joseph Pyle.
Alternate, I. T. Parker, J. W. Melson.
- 1896—Delegates, Dr. W. L. Gooding, W. H. Jackson.
Alternate, T. J. Truxton, G. F. Jones.
- 1900—Delegates, Chas. B. Lore, G. E. Hukill, Jos. E. Holland, Geo. A. Cox.
Alternate, S. H. Baynard, G. C. Moore, J. W. Fletcher, L. E. P. Dennis.
- 1904—Delegates, C. B. Lore, H. P. Cannon, R. M. Cooper, J. E. Ellegood.
Alternate, A. W. Sisk, Geo. C. Moore, L. S. Melson.
- 1908—Delegates, J. P. Holland, I. T. Parker, W. O. Hoffecker, R. D. Jones.
Alternate, John G. Townsend, Jr., Joseph W. Coley, J. C. Mullikin.
- 1912—Delegates, Chas. H. Jefferson, John G. Townsend, Wm. Saulsbury, Joseph W. Coley.
Alternate, Mrs. Jeannie M. Field, A. W. Sisk, Wm. T. Records.
- 1916—Delegates, E. J. Winder, Thos. H. Bock, Melville Gambrill, Martin B. Burris.
Alternate, I. M. Lenderman, W. O. Hoffecker, L. E. P. Dennis.
- 1920—Delegates, E. C. Hardesty, H. C. Conrad, L. Atwood Bennett, J. W. Wheatley.
Reserves, Joseph Mallalieu, R. F. Powell, J. S. Mullin, Jr.

GENERAL STATISTICS

OF

WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

 (Fifty-Third Session)

1921.

 W. E. GUNBY, Statistician,
Cambridge, Md.

 V. E. HILLS, Treasurer,
Denton, Md.

STATISTICAL
DOVER DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership					Epw'th League		Church Property							General Conference Expenses				
	Local Preachers	Prep'try Mem.		Full Members			Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses.	Appropriated for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance Due
		Received During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Deaths During Year													
		Year																	
1 Arm'y & As'y	8	8	96			15		2	\$ 4500	1	\$2000				\$ 178				
2 Beckwith	40	18	321	60	5	75		2	10000	2	2500				353				
3 Bethel	1	46	180	12	4			2	600	1	2500				175				
4 Blad's & Epw	13	42	180		4	25		2	3000	1	1500				150				
5 Bridgeville	27	33	379	26	6			1	6000	1	2500	1200			850				
6 Cambridge	1	34	633	20	4	90	80	1	85000	1	6500	800	3000	12000	2000				
7 Camden	28	37	172		3	19	30	2	10500	1	1800				808				
8 Canterbury	2	7	175	10				3	6000			110			125				
9 Church Ck & Taylors Isl.	2	71	27	161				3	8600	1	1500	50			200				
10 Crapo	2	133	133	400		11	25	4	12000	1	1200	250		75	275				
11 Dover	2	28	35	401		2	25	2	40000	1	8000	335	125	100	1481				
12 E. N. Market	1	65	39	241	10	6	80	3	9000	1	2500	928			260				
13 Ellendale	1	1	1	190	26	6	29	26	18900	1	800	275			255				
14 Elliott's Isl.	1	11	6	55	6	37		1	3500	1	600				95				
15 Epworth	1	7	16	45	8	1	33		2300			152			96				
16 Farmington	2	12	12	151		2		4	10000	1	1600				817				
17 Federalsburg	2	10	10	331		6	20	51	12000	1	4000	610			425				
18 Felton	25	8	389		4	46	45	3	11000	1	3000		150		253				
19 Frederica	5	5	225	4		20		1	10000	1	3000								
20 Galestown & McKendree	1	48	11	118		2	24	2	2500	1	1200		133		117	120			
21 Georgetown	1	11	23	557		4	90	60	25000	1	12000	400			600				
22 Georget'n Ct	10	16	387		2			4	7000	1	1000				120				
23 Greenwood	2	2	262		5			4	7800	1	1600	250			400				
24 Harrington	1	1	255		5			1	10000	1	4000	150			400				
25 *Hooper's Isl	1	145	145	82		2		3	5000	1	3500	3800	165		175				
26 Houston	15	20	226		3			3	10000	1	3200	139			175				
27 Hurlock	1	4	10	163	6	4	50	82	8000	1	3000	200			350				
28 Lakesville	1	25	15	84	4			4	5000	1	500	120			12				
29 Laurel	2	104	104	608	12	5	105	50	55000	1	5000			13000	1800			10	
30 Leipsic	1	1	67		1			2	7080	1	1800				151				
31 Lewes	54	68	438	18	2	46	58	1	25000	1	3500	1200	2000	2800	725				
32 Lincoln	1	2	24	388	2	5		3	12500	1	2200	2100			195				
33 Little Creek	1	11	11	101		2		2	4800	1	1500	700			150				
34 Mag. & Br Ch	82	86	296	19	1	40		3	8500	1	2800	9			385			3	
35 Milford	36	3	501	10	8	90	40	1	15000	1	5000				725				
36 Milford Nk & Williams'le	2	68			2			1	1500						31				
37 Millsboro	74	73	150		3			3	6500	1	1500	1699			179				
38 Milton	1	16	212		5	30		1	14000	1	3000	522	550		389				
39 Mt. Pleasant	1	29	41	285		2		3	5500	1	2500	200			100				
40 Nassau	1	79	79	325		12		3	6000	1	1000	225			100				
41 Rehoboth	1	38	38	226	40	6	20	2	12500	1	2500	1000	200	400	400				
42 Reliance	1	14	5	214	6	3	28	3	5000	1	3000	300			179				
43 Seaford	1	17	521	28	2			1	12000	1	2500	3200	1300		766				
44 Seaford Ct	5	30	400		5	50		4	6800	1	2500	175			250			2	
45 Vienna	1	17	17	106	7	1		3	6000	1	1200	1250			90				
46 Williamsb'rg	1	10	107	8	2			3	5000	1	1500	300			138				
47 Wyoming	8	4	141	17	3			2	10000	1	2580	315			150				
48 Zoar	4	240						4	7000										
Total	26	1364	1355	12258	354	159	1017	664	11057380	44	121000	24737	7898	29513	1671	33			

STATISTICAL
DOVER DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Sunday Schools											
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars not including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enroll't in all Depts. Incl. Cradle, Ho I, Home Dept., Off's, Teach's, Schis	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Scholars incl. Home Dept. who are Church Members or Probationers	Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.	Paid by Sunday School to Centenary and Appor-tioned Benevolences	Sunday School Expenses; Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
1 Armory and Asbury	23	92	16		181	61	32				68	89
2 Beckwith and Spedden	44	250	28		322	173	44		225	27	250	160
3 Bethel	55	224	19		278	88	32		95	30	90	109
4 Blads & Epworth	28	267	51		346	155	27		20	138	75	
5 Bridgeville	28	362	100	10	500	150	27	400		160	350	
6 Cambridge	65	710	24	75	874	400	65	675	30	1500	350	
7 Camden	22	157	10	10	177	106	22	180	9		188	
8 Canterbury	33	190			223	125	33	50	2		96	
9 Church Creek and Taylor's Island	27	152			179	100	27	75	35	50	26	
10 Crapo Circuit	75	440	25	40	580	350	75	150	133	500	200	
11 Dover	22	220	28	22	292	148	22	125	49	315	325	
12 East New Market	38	227	11	10	286	195	37	140	46	128	160	
13 Ellendale	87	370		36	443	167	37	185	6	25	200	
14 Elliott's Island	7	63			70	50	7	16	3	60	25	
15 Epworth	57	130	20	30	237	100	34	80	15	25	55	
16 Farmington	20	175	25	20	240	60	20	120	8	85	100	
17 Federalsburg	30	327	20	10	387	173	30	170	18	250	119	
18 Felton	54	288	23	45	410	190	54	163	23	175	108	
19 Frederica	30	133	10	12	185	55	30	10		211	73	
20 Galestown and McKendree	21	159		12	192	100	21	129	35	60	60	
21 Georgetown	20	306	14	22	362	130	20	147	11	300	136	
22 Georgetown Circuit	60	397		45	502	160	60	291	3		80	
23 Greenwood	70	300		30	400	210	70	200		75	150	
24 Harrington	20	151	15	25	211	92	20	101	2	314	170	
25 Hooper's Island	13	122			135	80	13	43	36	80	40	
26 Houston	34	148	38	49	269	125	34	50	2	269	135	
27 Hurlock	23	174		23	220	115	20	145	6	300	125	
28 Lakesville	18	40			58	25	18	40	10			
29 Laurel	44	700	36	45	825	275	44	325	43	380	279	
30 Leipsic	10	45			55	29	10	15		12	44	
31 Lewes	42	476	72	38	628	209	42	310	32		275	
32 Lincoln	43	249	20	46	358	254	43	112	2	200	190	
33 Little Creek	6	30			36	20	6	8	8	20	15	
34 Magnolia and Barrett's Chapel	48	225		30	303	155	48	203	69	155	76	
35 Milford	35	355	35	20	445	200	35	275	30	345	250	
36 Milford Neck and Williamsville	12	90										

**STATISTICAL
EASTON DISTRICT.**

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership				Epw'th League		Church Property							General Conf'ce Expen's			
	Local Preachers Received During Year	Full Members			Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses 1912, '22	Appropriated for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance Due
		Prep'y Mem.	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Mem-bers														Deaths
1 Bayside.....	18	18	111	16	2	100	75	2	\$ 7000	1	\$ 1000	\$ 200	164	12	12	12	
2 Bozman.....	7	6	128	2	2	14000	1	2000	1100	900	182	16	16	16	16	16	
3 Burrsville.....	30	22	224	15	8	102	60	4	6500	1	2000	6	663	443	6	6	
4 Cecilton.....	30	44	245	15	7	1	30	30	10000	1	7000	908	1500	1500	6	6	
5 Centerville.....	25	1	274	7	1	1	45	72	9500	1	3000	1500	663	443	6	6	
6 Chestertown.....	17	13	333	9	3	85	5	1	20000	1	8000	95	1500	1500	7	7	
7 Cheswold.....	1	1	110	25	1	30	1	1	7500	1	2800	250	6000	977	7	7	
8 Church Hill.....	4	4	210	34	1	1	1	1	15000	1	8000	700	400	400	4	4	
9 Clayton.....	1	1	180	42	1	1	1	1	7000	1	4000	936	400	400	16	16	
10 Concord.....	34	36	229	20	1	53	3	3	10000	1	2000	210	200	200	15	15	
11 Cordova.....	10	12	168	1	2	75	3	3	10000	1	2000	907	35	35	20	20	
12 Crumpton.....	16	7	187	28	2	45	75	1	8000	1	9000	125	500	500	20	20	
13 Denton.....	7	20	297	28	2	57	1	1	10000	2	5000	1589	1187	1187	11	11	
14 Easton.....	40	6	343	5	2	107	23	2	20000	1	5700	50	1200	1187	4	4	
15 Fairlee.....	10	11	130	22	2	69	23	1	8000	1	2000	1850	200	200	20	20	
16 Galena.....	1	1	285	50	1	80	1	1	12000	1	5000	120	175	175	4	4	
17 Greensboro.....	5	5	98	15	4	1	1	1	6000	1	2000	128	128	128	3	3	
18 Henderson.....	1	1	180	42	1	25	2	2	8700	1	4000	1000	200	200	3	3	
19 Hillsboro.....	10	4	360	12	2	80	30	4	20000	1	3500	1500	200	200	4	4	
20 Kent Island.....	1	2	131	10	2	3700	1	1	3700	1	2000	280	240	240	4	4	
21 Kenton.....	2	5	185	10	4	30	35	4	10000	1	1500	75	125	125	4	4	
22 Marydel.....	19	4	330	37	2	43	1	1	18000	1	6000	175	780	780	4	4	
23 Middletown.....	39	43	208	1	1	33	37	3	10000	1	2000	281	336	336	4	4	
24 Odessa.....	1	9	9	127	3	30	15	1	12000	1	2500	29	835	835	4	4	
25 Oxford.....	1	9	9	75	1	1	1	1	15000	1	2500	75	150	150	12	12	
26 Pomona.....	1	19	116	26	5	50	20	2	7000	1	2000	176	90	90	4	4	
27 Preston.....	1	19	227	26	5	50	20	3	15000	1	8000	100	350	350	6	6	
28 Queenstown.....	4	5	198	25	1	20	3	3	8000	1	2500	160	171	171	6	6	
29 Ridgely.....	11	11	178	17	2	35	1	1	10000	1	2500	236	400	400	4	4	
30 Rock Hall.....	5	2	104	17	2	28	32	3	12000	1	3000	50	200	200	3	3	
31 Royal Oak.....	15	2	311	37	2	138	85	1	8000	1	3000	95	600	600	5	5	
32 St. Michaels.....	1	5	56	21	2	12	1	1	40000	1	3000	95	580	580	8	8	
33 Salem Ct.....	38	4	576	26	11	2	1	1	21000	1	8500	511	925	2495	8	8	
34 Smyrna.....	9	219	2	11	2	1	1	1	8500	1	2000	600	75	75	8	8	
35 Smyrna Ct.....	8	2	214	17	1	201	49	2	22000	1	2200	535	535	535	20	20	
36 Still Pond.....	15	68	841	10	2	50	3	3	15000	1	5000	900	500	500	20	20	
37 Sudlersville.....	10	8	162	12	4	45	2	2	10000	1	2000	900	2200	537	20	20	
38 Tighman Is.....	8	16	213	4	4	40	2	2	19500	1	4000	140	500	500	11	11	
39 Townsend.....	6	10	700	5	1	15	2	2	4000	1	2500	120	120	120	4	4	
40 Trappe.....	1	1	2	2	2	4000	1	1	2000	1	2000	75	50	50	4	4	
41 Wye.....	15	451	421	8641	638	113	1504	756	91	495900	41	129000	15553	4815	12829	19571	267
Total.....	15	451	421	8641	638	113	1504	756	91	495900	41	129000	15553	4815	12829	19571	267

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EASTON DISTRICT.**

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	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's, Teach's Schls. Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Scholars incl. Home Dept. who are Church Mem-bers or Probationers	Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.	Paid by Sunday School to Centenary and Appor-tioned Benevolences	Sunday School Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
1 Bayside.....	2	29	147	22	169	95	29	85	11	75	95
2 Bozman.....	2	33	246	17	296	101	81	70	7	135	50
3 Burrsville.....	4	20	250	20	270	208	20	210	22	20	65
4 Cecilton.....	2	42	337	30	409	141	41	161	15	208	109
5 Centerville.....	1	26	229	22	310	180	26	24	24	208	75
6 Chestertown.....	1	26	270	64	412	142	26	184	18	650	250
7 Cheswold.....	1	27	184	21	262	75	27	71	15	100	75
8 Church Hill.....	3	39	244	14	297	116	39	140	4	100	96
9 Clayton.....	1	10	175	10	195	85	140	149	149	86	90
10 Concord.....	3	34	234	19	287	150	34	38	13	100	80
11 Cordova.....	3	38	201	25	264	79	38	38	13	55	55
12 Crumpton.....	3	44	175	16	235	125	44	106	106	175	175
13 Denton.....	1	35	212	35	302	115	35	135	7	125	211
14 Easton.....	7	31	224	25	280	125	31	90	40	400	211
15 Fairlee.....	2	17	201	14	232	60	17	60	8	356	56
16 Galena.....	2	21	160	7	205	98	21	60	8	84	73
17 Greensboro.....	1	22	262	38	322	160	22	92	10	84	73
18 Henderson.....	3	27	123	15	150	90	27	90	5	50	278
19 Hillsboro.....	2	30	210	33	273	100	30	118	7	100	100
20 Kent Island.....	3	40	260	30	300	180	40	160	6	100	150
21 Kenton.....	2	10	64	15	103	75	10	15	2	3	85
22 Marydel.....	3	23	118	15	156	100	23	60	3	30	60
23 Middletown.....	1	16	156	16	172	76	16	121	17	300	185
24 Millington.....	3	39	209	27	275	116	39	90	31	150	104
25 Odessa.....	1	13	76	15	104	52	15	15	2	200	55
26 Oxford.....	1	11	80	11	91	65	11	15	2	150	15
27 Pomona.....	2	12	82	8	102	50	12	25	2	75	125
28 Preston.....	3	30	239	40	309	150	30	80	80	126	125
29 Queenstown.....	3	20	205	20	225	90	20	15	15	57	75
30 Ridgely.....	1	15	127	1	148	110	15	50	7	100	78
31 Rock Hall.....	1	17	212	34	263	105	17	40	8	138	102
32 Royal Oak.....	3	20	180	20	200	90	20	33	5	58	38
33 St. Michaels.....	1	30	260	15	315	185	30	230	15	350	250
34 Salem Circuit.....	2	22	73	11	106	35	22	32	2	22	22
35 Smyrna.....	1	24	184	80	252	118	24	190	33	400	191
36 Smyrna Circuit.....	2	22	133	35	190	70	22	46	46	40	113
37 Still Pond.....	2	33	175	33	241	121	33	50	37	378	140
38 Sudlersville.....	2	31	185	20	236	120	31	95	39	100	136
39 Tighman's Island.....	2	39	225	90	354	187	38	160	9	300	180
40 Townsend.....	2	26	215	10	273	155	26	55	8	176	125
41 Trappe.....	2	25	125	20	193	55	25	48	5	100	50
42 Wye.....	2	16	60	7	76	50	16	25	30	80	80
Total.....	82	1085	7727	245	836	495	1205	3086	422	6789	4234

STATISTICAL

EASTON DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support								Baptisms				
		Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.		Support Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'mnts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Adults Baptized	Children under instruction for membership
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid				
1 Bayside.....	W. W. Gallion.....	\$1100	\$1100	\$100	70	70	14	14	86	86	1270	9	9	
2 Bozman.....	J. W. Sutton.....	1150	1150	150	70	70	20	16	123	123	1350	4	9	
3 Burrsville.....	G. W. Williams.....	1220	1220	120	77	56	14	14	86	25	1315	82	13	
4 Cecilton.....	T. R. Van Dyke.....	1950	1950	150	126	126	29	29	220	220	2325	4	12	
5 Centerville.....	M. E. Wheatley.....	1900	1900	400	105	105	29	29	151	151	2185	4	10	
6 Chestertown.....	O. E. Jones.....	2500	2500	500	143	143	35	35	245	245	2923	4	21	
7 Cheswold.....	G. P. Smith.....	970	970	120	59	59	18	18	92	92	1139	6	6	
8 Church Hill.....	O. B. Reed.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	34	34	183	183	2022	6	13	
9 Clayton.....	J. C. Bolton.....	1400	1400	200	84	84	21	21	122	122	1627	2	9	
10 Concord.....	A. B. Frye.....	1200	1200	100	77	77	22	22	135	135	1484	1	15	
11 Cordova.....	J. H. Whedbee.....	1350	1257	150	84	71	21	21	135	135	1484	106	16	
12 Crumpton.....	J. T. Rowleson.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	21	21	147	147	1973	14	10	
13 Denton.....	V. E. Hills.....	2300	2300	600	126	126	35	35	184	184	2645	2	5	
14 Easton.....	W. L. White.....	2400	2400	400	140	140	42	42	245	245	2827	2	20	
15 Fairlee.....	G. W. Stallings.....	1125	1125	125	70	70	20	20	119	119	1334	1	5	
16 Galena.....	H. D. West.....	1350	1350	150	84	84	28	28	147	147	1609	1	15	
17 Greensboro.....	J. A. Leach.....	1775	1775	175	112	112	30	30	196	196	2113	3	8	
18 Henderson.....	C. D. Sharpless.....	1050	1015	100	66	66	26	10	116	26	1117	141	1	
19 Hillsboro.....	W. H. Revelle.....	1750	1750	250	84	84	26	26	114	114	1974	4	4	
20 Kent Island.....	G. S. Thomas.....	1600	1600	200	98	98	24	24	120	120	1842	16	16	
21 Kenton.....	J. W. Easley.....	1150	1150	150	70	70	17	17	125	125	1362	2	5	
22 Maryland.....	Edwin Gardner.....	875	800	100	54	54	16	16	77	50	920	102	2	
23 Middletown.....	V. P. Northrup.....	2300	2300	800	140	140	30	30	245	245	2715	1	4	
24 Millington.....	O. H. Connelly.....	1350	1350	150	84	84	20	20	122	122	1576	24	15	
25 Odessa.....	E. H. Derrickson.....	950	950	150	50	50	16	14	98	98	1116	5	6	
26 Oxford.....	W. B. Horner.....	1200	1200	200	70	70	14	14	98	98	1382	20	20	
27 Pomona.....	J. M. Lindale.....	950	950	150	56	56	18	15	98	80	1101	21	9	
28 Preston.....	G. W. Richmire.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	30	30	143	143	1978	14	14	
29 Queenstown.....	W. B. Guthrie.....	1120	1020	70	47	12	12	12	110	100	1179	133	4	
30 Ridgely.....	Frank White.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	25	25	172	172	2002	4	32	
31 Rock Hall.....	T. C. Smoot.....	1400	1400	150	87	87	31	28	153	125	1640	31	4	
32 Royal Oak.....	S. L. Hanby.....	850	850	300	49	49	14	14	76	76	989	1	15	
33 St. Michaels.....	H. N. Jones.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	29	29	184	184	2018	2	11	
34 Salem Circuit.....	C. Covington.....	300	300	24	24	6	6	37	37	367	30	30		
35 Smyrna.....	R. P. Nichols.....	2350	2350	250	147	147	41	41	257	257	2795	4	14	
36 Smyrna Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	5	5	31	31	44	.....	9	9
37 Still Pond.....	Tilghman Smith.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	27	27	184	184	2016	4	49	
38 Sudlersville.....	Robert Lawson.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	29	29	184	184	2018	15	15	
39 Tilghman's Is.....	Leolan Jackson.....	1750	1750	150	112	112	27	27	195	196	2085	12	12	
40 Townsend.....	G. P. Jones.....	1600	1600	200	98	98	28	28	172	172	1898	1	23	
41 Trappe.....	A. P. Prettyman.....	1850	1850	150	84	84	22	22	90	90	1546	1	1	
42 Wye.....	W. N. Conaway.....	850	850	100	52	52	20	20	71	20	932	61	3	
Total.....	.....	60335	60032	7790	3665	3518	986	952	5889	5461	70196	681	34

TREASURER'S

EASTON DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGE	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference					Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference										Other Cash Items						
	Centenary and Apportioned Benevolences	Children's Day Fund (Board of Education)	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Ed. Endow. Buildings, Special Gifts	Hospitals and Homes	City Missionary or Church Extension Society	Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund	Anti-Saloon League	District Parsonage	1/2 Salary Conference Entertainment	Other Collections	Total Benevolences Ord'd by Annual Conference	Support of District Superintendent	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	Support of Conference Claimants	Annual Conf. Investments for Conf. Claimants	Board of Epworth League	General Conference Expenses	Total Incl. Disciplinary and Annual Conf. Benevolences and Other Cash Items	
1 Bayside.....	800	15	.....	.....	815	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	70	14	86	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	509
2 Bozman.....	332	5	.....	.....	337	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	57	16	123	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	619
3 Burrsville.....	20	1	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	56	14	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	143
4 Cecilton.....	1250	10	.....	.....	1260	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	105	29	220	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2013
5 Centerville.....	641	15	51	.....	707	.....	20	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	251	376	126	29	220	.....	.....	3	1057
6 Chesterto'n.....	2835	14	136	298	3078	.....	54	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	164	791	140	35	245	51	.....	4	4351
7 Cheswold.....	244	2	.....	.....	246	.....	26	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	86	56	18	92	51	.....	7	547
8 Church Hill.....	754	.....	.....	.....	754	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	25	105	34	183	.....	.....	4	1105
9 Clayton.....	276	.....	.....	.....	276	.....	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	62	84	21	122	.....	.....	2	608
10 Concord.....	584	3	.....	.....	587	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	215	274	77	22	135	121	.....	3	1184
11 Cordova.....	60	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	150	200	71	21	135	.....	.....	2	509
12 Crumpton.....	750	.....	.....	.....	765	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	70	105	21	147	.....	.....	3	1150
13 Denton.....	1182	14	48	.....	1194	.....	36	20	13	84	20	.....	5	196	126	35	184	103	.....	.....	17	1886
14 Easton.....	2465	54	283	317	3119	.....	10	20	10	99	.....	.....	20	377	536	140	42	245	45	.....	3	4130
15 Fairlee.....	323	4	.....	.....	327	.....	36	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	56	70	20	119	.....	.....	2	594
16 Galena.....	300	5	.....	.....	305	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	84	28	147	39	.....	2	620
17 Greensboro.....	1616	5	38	.....	1659	.....	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	17	88	112	30	196	5	.....	4	2114
18 Henderson.....	70	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	53	89	66	10	26	.....	.....	8	264
19 Hillsboro.....	424	10	.....	.....	434	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	80	148	84	26	114	9	.....	3	815
20 Kent Is.....	560	5	.....	.....	565	.....	17	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	60	92	98	24	120	85	.....	2	986
21 Kenton.....	371	10	.....	.....	381	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	26	17	125	.....	.....	.....	1	549
22 Maryland.....	9	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	16	50	.....	.....	.....	1	119
23 Middletown.....	2117	8	168	343	2636	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	214	332	140	50	245	204	.....	1	3588
24 Millington.....	590	.....	81	98	769	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	51	84	20	122	68	.....	2	1120
25 Odessa.....	750	7	18	63	838	.....	6	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	10	78	50	18	98	25	.....	2	1113
26 Oxford.....	91	1	.....	.....	92	.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	70	14	98	.....	.....	2	836
27 Pomona.....	85	5	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	56	15	80	12	.....	.....	308
28 Preston.....	523	53	43	619	10	160	225	105	30	143	1	1123
29 Queensto'n.....	84	25	109	47	12	100	1	269
30 Ridgely.....	387	13	3	20	423	34	20	15								

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NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership					Epw'th League		Church Property							General Conference Expenses			
	Local Preachers	Prep'ry Mem.		Full Members		Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses	Appropriated for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance Due
		Received During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members														Deaths During Year
1 Annessex	30	9	200	1	40	2	8000	1	2500	1800	400	125	125	600				
2 Ayres Chapel	84	1	230	1	70	3	5200	1	1000	59								
3 Berlin	35	35	303	11	30	4	25000	1	4500									
4 Bishopville	15	15	284	9		4	8000	1	1500	277								
5 Cape Charles	6	6	229	17	50	1	6500	1	3000	299				906				
6 Chincoteague	10	25	157	12		2	4000	1	2500	100				325				
7 Claremont	14	18	102	23	42	1	2700	1	2300	109				1450				
8 Cris'd-Asbury	217	7	628	12	92	1	11000	1	5000	15000	600		600	550	10			
9 Immanuel	193	19	421	43	6	800	1	8000	1	8000	2823			1807				
10 Dagsboro	25	4	141	30	30	2	9000	1	4000	33				300				
11 Deal's Island	60	325	5	75	36	2	23500	1	2500	200	700	600	1000					
12 Delmar	32	410	14	40	32	1	15000	1	10000	1500	3000	600	600					
13 Fairmount	4	308	30	6	40	3	9500	1	2300	1000			300					
14 Frankford	52	64	312	30	25	3	9000	1	2000	275			200		2			
15 Fruitland	9	50	194	3	20	45	3	10700	1	2500	250		200					
16 Girdletree	15	15	215	5	6	3	9500	1	2500	509	650							
17 Gumboro	1	14	272	4	19		4	6200	1	2500	100	1800	1150	150				
18 Hebron	5	5	150	2	35	4	25000	1	3000	100			150					
19 Holland's Isl.			15	10	25	1	1500	1					40		1			
20 Mardela Sp'g		15	35			3	7000	1	2500	150			150					
21 Marion	4	6	129	4	28	2	12000	1	3000	75			150					
22 Mt. Vernon			186	2		2	12500	1	4500	561			228					
23 Nanticoke	20	20	111	22	5	3	9500	1	1500				100					
24 Newark	34	22	117	32	53	3	9000	1	2500	430			150					
25 Ocean City	16		197	2	2	2	22000		12950	6500			300					
26 Ocean View	1	72	3	338	11	2	12000	1	2500	225	250	117	305					
27 Onancock	5	13	170	6		2	7000	1	5000	900	25	800	275					
28 Parsonsburg	5	10	288	3		3	6700	1	1000	300			200		5			
29 Phoebus	53		174	4	42	1	6000	1	4000	176			493		5			
30 Pittsville	1	61	107	288	4	160	3	9500	1	3500	525	1035	200					
31 Pocomoke	38	10	405	15	65	28	1	30000	1	2000	700	3000	602					
32 Pocomoke Ct	1	33	5	194	1		4	1200	1	1500	225		800					
33 Powellville	13	13	306	11	4	20	4	5500	1	1500		110	100					
34 Princ'ss Ann	1	18	13	252	44	3	30000	1	6000	425			362					
35 Quantico	1	18	13	239	13	3	3	9500	1	2000	100		140					
36 Roxana		17	301		35	20	2	10000	1	1500								
37 St. Peter's	54		248	4	5	41	2	9500	1	2000	366	80	185		2			
38 S'b'y-Asbury	85	85	865	8	120	1	100000	1	10000	600			2500		12			
39 -Grace	39	68	197	3	35	35	2	14500	1	3300	563		600	459				
40 Selbyville	2	3	829	6		2	30000	1	3000				300					
41 Sharptown	1	3	40	286	25	5	7000	1	3000	450			235					
42 Smith's Isl.	32	1	510		2	100	3	16000	1	1500	4000		5000	300				
43 Snow Hill	33	15	436	21	5	40	1	30000	1	2500			700					
44 Somerset	115	85	315	5	75		2	15000	1	1500	350	100	300					
45 Stockton	3	1	352		4	40	4	22500	1	2500		3187	763	375				
46 Tangier	43	34	470	10	9	200	1	16000	1	1500	360	50	850	1027				
47 Venton	6		29				1	1000		200			25					
48 Westover			66				2	6000	1	2000	23		926					
49 White Haven	7	7	105		2		2	6060	1	2200	200		1000	100				
50 Whitesville	1	2	38	840	29	2	4	17000	1	2000	210							
Total	20	1571	890	14403	447	157	1987	969	106	668200	47	143100	48872	13437	23680	19747	37	

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NAMES OF CHARGES	Sunday Schools											
	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. Grades	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Scholars incl. Home Dept. who are Church Members or Probationers	Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.	Paid by Sunday School to Centenary and Appropriated Benevolences	Sunday School Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
1 Annessex	2	24	125			149	75	24		20		45
2 Ayres Chapel	2	29	350			379	280	29		230		125
3 Berlin	1	23	196	41	17	277	134	23		176		269
4 Bishopville	4	58	552			610	275	58		12		288
5 Cape Charles	1	25	242			281	189	25		6		325
6 Chincoteague	2	30	240		35	305	190	30		125		250
7 Claremont	1	16	121	6	15	158	87	16		75		164
8 Crisfield-Asbury	1	24	554		60	638	350	24		336		1500
9 Immanuel	1	34	1372		164	1570	680	34		1000		140
10 Dagsboro and St. Georges	1	30	500		25	565	225	40		25		50
11 Deal's Island	2	40	340		35	380	250	40		27		300
12 Delmar	1	35	425	27	35	520	260	35		32		250
13 Fairmount	2	27	173		25	225	125					542
14 Frankford	3	52	420		35	577	215	52		210		40
15 Fruitland	3	88	300		32	370	200	38		275		375
16 Girdletree	2	22	190		12	224	95	22		12		10
17 Gumboro	4	49	359			408	211	49		258		10
18 Hebron	1	20	121		16	157	60	20		75		5
19 Holland's Island	1	9	30			39	25	9		8		3
20 Mardela Springs	3	44	120		10	174	125	44		130		8
21 Marion	2	24	141		15	180	85	24		82		4
22 Mt. Vernon	2	35	246			281	198	35		190		150
23 Nanticoke	3	40	256	20	20	336	250	40		20		136
24 Newark	3	21	159		12	192	102	21		57		89
25 Ocean City	2	25	175	25		225	140	25		70		8
26 Ocean View and Millville	2	30	279		20	329	150	30		250		60
27 Onancock	2	30	250			280	150	30		200		5
28 Parsonsburg	3	44	390			434	210	42		200		5
29 Phoebus	1	27	278	60	110	475	116	27		40		334
30 Pittsville	3	43	333			376	204	42		250		56
31 Pocomoke City	1	29	314	30	37	410	188	29		288		38
32 Pocomoke Circuit	2	19	137			156	76	19		10		42
33 Powellville	4	34	381		20	435	250	34		34		13
34 Princess Anne	1	17	290		20	327	190	17		15		320
35 Quantico	3	40	300		20	360	150	40		150		12
36 Roxana	2	41	538		20	599	260	40		8		
37 St. Peter's	2	40	263		40	340	200	40		290		54
38 Salisbury-Asbury	1	42	700	25	70	837	450	42		500		400
39 -Grace and Stengle	2	28	293	40	49	410	161	28		140		34
40 Selbyville	2	32	200	50	17	299	150	32		170		3
41 Sharptown	1	25	272		18	315	123	25		150		2
42 Smith's Island	3	24	350			374	190	24		32		250
43 Snow Hill	1	18	328		22	368	160	17		225		15
44 Somerset	2	35	225			260	125	35		260		100
45 Stockton	4	52	374	6	50	482	169	49		220		4
46 Tangier	2	47	733			780	435	47		9		665
47 Venton	1	9	65			74	38	7		15		2
48 Westover	2	21	130		6	157	65	19				75
49 White Haven	2	12	100			112	80	12		5		21
50 Whitesville	4	60	405			465	300	60		335		2
Total	105	1583	15633	330	1061	18604	9366	1543		6903	1145	14746

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NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Baptisms			
		Support of Pastor			Support of District Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Cl'mnts			Total Deficiency	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children under instruction for Membership
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Total Paid for Ministerial Support				
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$				
1 Annessex	R. H. Wilson	\$1125	\$1125	\$125	\$60	\$75	\$15	\$20	\$90	\$90	\$1810	14	2	2	
2 Ayres Chapel	T. S. Dixon	990	990	40	50	50	15	83	83	1188	6	6	6		
3 Berlin	J. J. Bunting	2200	2200	200	128	128	86	36	219	219	2578	18	28	28	
4 Bishopville	A. F. Zimmerman	1925	1925	125	73	73	22	22	133	133	1553	14	14	14	
5 Cape Charles	J. W. Jones	2500	2500	400	97	97	24	24	160	160	2781	1	10	10	
6 Chincoteague	L. B. Morgan	2000	2000	200	70	70	20	20	117	117	2207	1	2	2	
7 Claremont	W. A. Wright	1400	1400	200	36	36	27	27	56	56	1519	9	14	28	
8 Crisfield-Asbury	W. F. Corkran	2750	2750	250	180	180	57	57	337	337	3324	39	48	48	
9 Immanuel	J. L. Johnson	3500	3500	500	182	182	52	52	359	359	4098	6	58	24	
10 Dagsboro & St. G.	C. N. Steining	1500	1500	200	100	100	30	30	194	194	1824	1	6	24	
11 Deal's Island	J. P. Outten	2000	2000	200	100	100	25	25	135	135	2260	1	15	15	
12 Delmar	F. N. Faulkner	2200	2200	400	115	115	35	35	209	209	2559	15	15	15	
13 Fairmount	G. E. Sterling	1675	1675	175	92	92	26	26	145	145	1938	3	3	3	
14 Frankford	D. J. Ford	1550	1500	150	82	82	20	18	123	95	1695	80	4	4	
15 Fruitland	J. W. Wooten	1350	1350	150	76	76	18	18	134	134	1578	2	19	10	
16 Girdletree	D. P. Prettyman	1320	1320	120	70	70	18	18	120	120	1528	7	7	7	
17 Gumboro	T. R. Jones	1300	900	100	70	70	18	18	117	60	1048	457	1	1	
18 Hebron	W. E. Matthews	1400	1400	200	58	58	18	18	95	95	1571	1	5	5	
19 Holland's Is.	S. T. Horseman	255	255	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	258	4	4	4	
20 Mardela Springs	J. L. Prettyman	1150	1150	150	42	42	12	12	73	30	1234	48	2	2	
21 Marion	J. E. Parker	1350	1350	150	60	60	15	15	95	95	1520	1	4	4	
22 Mt. Vernon	D. J. Moore	1400	1400	200	83	83	24	24	143	143	1650	14	14	14	
23 Nanticoke	Harry Conifon	1500	1500	200	70	70	16	16	133	133	1719	15	10	10	
24 Newark	W. A. Hearn	1350	1350	150	55	55	18	18	97	97	1520	11	45	45	
25 Ocean City	E. P. Thomas	1150	1150	150	40	40	10	10	50	50	1250	2	10	10	
26 Ocean View & M'e	E. C. Halliman	1550	1550	150	80	80	22	22	141	141	1793	10	12	5	
27 Onancock	Daniel Wilson	1700	1700	300	74	74	21	21	131	131	1926	12	6	6	
28 Parsonburg	W. C. Poole	1300	1300	100	80	80	24	24	155	155	1559	3	11	11	
29 Phoebus	P. C. Pruitt	1400	1400	400	40	40	18	18	51	120	1598	22	9	6	
30 Pittsville	C. W. Strickland	1650	1650	150	60	60	16	16	89	99	1825	8	14	14	
31 Pocomoke City	E. W. McDowell	2000	2000	200	122	122	36	36	221	221	2379	7	28	25	
32 Pocomoke Circuit	A. A. Bichell	1300	1200	100	46	46	15	15	80	80	1341	100	2	12	
33 Powellsville	E. B. Taylor	1325	1244	125	63	63	18	18	99	73	1398	107	23	23	
34 Princess Anne	W. F. Dawson	1700	1700	300	116	116	34	34	207	207	2057	1	8	10	
35 Quantico	J. W. S. VanBlunk	1450	1450	150	77	77	22	22	138	138	1687	7	23	23	
36 Roxanna	J. T. Graham	1300	1300	100	70	70	20	20	119	119	1509	2	4	4	
37 St. Peters	G. S. Allen	1650	1650	150	86	86	22	22	151	151	1909	4	21	21	
38 Salisbury-Asbury	J. T. Herson	4100	4100	500	307	307	74	74	404	404	4885	8	23	50	
39 Grace & Stengle	W. P. Taylor	1206	1206	200	64	64	18	18	112	112	1400	2	10	15	
40 Selbyville	W. H. Briggs	2200	2200	260	126	126	36	36	224	224	2586	2	34	3	
41 Sharptown	H. S. Dulaney	1800	1800	200	78	78	34	34	140	140	2052	21	21	21	
42 Smith's Island	J. L. Derrickson	1450	1450	150	90	90	22	22	177	177	1789	1	45	45	
43 Snow Hill	L. E. Poole	2250	2250	250	164	164	48	48	299	299	2761	5	11	11	
44 Somerset	J. W. Prettyman	1550	1550	150	92	92	30	30	155	155	1827	27	27	27	
45 Stockton	W. L. Hess	1550	1550	150	92	92	24	24	182	182	1848	2	1	1	
46 Tangier Island	W. F. Godwin	1950	1950	150	145	145	42	42	264	264	2401	37	37	37	
47 Venton	800	800	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	805	805	805	805	805	805
48 Westover	M. H. Smith	750	735	125	50	50	12	12	77	82	829	60	1	2	
49 White Haven	O. L. Martin	925	925	125	55	55	17	17	102	75	1072	27	5	5	
50 Whitesville	J. B. McCabe	1425	1425	125	97	97	27	27	173	173	1722	1	1	1	
Total		80021	79875	9285	4264	4283	1216	1227	7819	7041	62068	874	126	684	837

TREASURER'S

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference					Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference							Other Cash Items																										
	Centenary and Appor-tioned Benevolences	Children's Day Fund (Board of Education)	Woman's Foreign Mis-sionary Society	Woman's Home Mis-sionary Society	Total Disciplinary Be-nevolences	Ed. Endow. Buildings, Special Gifts	Hospitals and Homes	City Missionary or Ch'ch Extension Society	Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund	Anti-Saloon League	Domestic Missions	1/4 Salary Conference Ex-tertainment	Other Cash Items	Total Benevolences Or'd by Annual Conference	Support of District Super-intendent	Support of Bishops (Epis-copal Fund)	Support of Conference Claimants	Annual Conf. Investments for Conf. Claimants	Board of Eyworth League	General Conference Ex-penses	Grand Total Incl. Disciplinary and Annual Conf. Benevolences and Other Cash Items																		
																						21	10	2	1	125	116	18	5	326	20	184	700	50	15	83	71	5	448
																						1080	417	1290	1200	1705	1067	15	10	30	36	600	153	63	111	25	180	52	263
1 Annessex	241	10	2	1	241	116	18	5	326	20	184	700	50	15	83	71	5	448																					
2 Ayres Chapel	112	2	1	1	125	15	5	30	36	600	153	63	111	25	180	52	263	5	10	308																			
3 Berlin	1080	10	2	1	1067	116	18	5	326	20	184	700	50	15	83	71	5	448																					
4 Bishopville	878	39	1	1	417	15	5	30	36	600	153	63	111	25	180	52	263	5	10	308																			
5 Cape Charles	1215	75	1	1	1290	10	10	10	30	36	600	153	63	111	25	180	52	263	5	10	308																		
6 Chincoteague	1200	1	1	1	1200	79	4	10	30	36	600	153	63	111	25	180	52	263	5	10	308																		
7 Claremont	179	46	1	1	225	10	10	10	30	36	600	153	63	111	25	180	52	263	5	10	308																		
8 Crisfield-Asby	1596	109	1	1	1705	10	10	10	30	36	600	153	63	111	25	180	52	263	5	10	308																		
9 Immanuel	1821	282	1	1	2104	15	10	10	30	36	600	153	63	111	25	180	52	263	5	10	308																		
10 Dagsboro & S. G.	328	50	1	1	378	45	15	15	32	32	600	153	63	111	25	180	52	263	5	10	308																		
11 Deals Island	670	25	1	1	695	10	10	10	30	36	600	153	63	111	25	180	52	263	5	10	308																		
12 Delmar	440	18	109	1	567	10	15	15	30	36	600	153	63	111	25	180	52	263	5	10	308																		
13 Fairmount	542	3	1	1	545	5	10	15	30	36	600	153	63	111	25	180	52	263	5	10	308																		
14 Frankford	200	6	1	1	206	10	8	4	20	20	4	116	162	82	18	95	5	5	5	5	5																		
15 Fruitland	700	1	1	1	832	47	32	19	24	24	48	70	18	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120																		
16 Girdletree	290	26	1	1	316	19	24	19	24	24	48	70	18	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120																		
17 Gumboro	57	1	1	1	57	70	18	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120																		
18 Hebron	216	1	1	1	216	7	7	2	22	6	37	58	18	95	5	5	5	5	5	5	5																		
19 Holland's Is.	1	10	10	1	21	1	1	1	2	2	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1																		
20 Mardela Spgs.	125	1	1	1	125	16	12	12	22	42	12	30	10	1																									

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (Local Preachers, Probationers, Full Members), Epw'th League, Church Property (Land, Buildings, Parsonages, etc.), and General Conference Expenses.

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools (Officers and Teachers, Scholars not including Home Department, etc.), and Sunday School Expenses (Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.).

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

TREASURER'S

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences, Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference (Ed. Endow., Buildings, Hospitals, etc.), Other Cash Items, Grand Total Incl. Disciplinary and Annual Conf. Benevolences and Other Cash Items.

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