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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 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.

1866 James Esgate	1885 James W. Easley
1868 Cornelius W. Prettyman	1885 Robert Watt
1870 Adam Stengle	1885 James D. Reese
1870 George E. Reed	1885 George W. Bowman
	1885 Daniel H. Willis
	1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield
1871 William E. Tomkinson	1886 George E. Wood
1871 Levin W. Layfield	1886 William W. Sharp
1871 Thomas H. Harding	1886 William R. Mowbray
1871 Franz O. B. Wallin	1886 Henry S. Dulany
1872 John P. Otis	1886 William G. Koons
	1886 James T. Prouse
1873 Robert Roe	1886 Benjamin F. Jester
1873 Frank C. MacSorley	1886 William P. Taylor
1873 William M. Greene	
1875 Walter W. White	1887 James H. Wilson
	1887 Harvey W. Ewing
1876 George W. Townsend	1888 George T. Alderson
1876 Wilbur F. Corkran	1888 John F. Anderson
1876 John M. Collins	1888 Frank F. Carpenter
1876 Thomas E. Terry	1888 Wesley W. Chaires
1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker	1888 Warren Burr
	1888 Joshua W. Gray
	1888 George W. Stallings
1878 Robert K. Stephenson	
1879 Olin S. Walton	1889 Vinal E. Hills
1879 Alfred Smith	1889 Truston C. Smoot
1879 Joshua M. Lindale	
1880 Harry Compton	1890 George W. Bounds
	1890 Melvin D. Nutter
1881 Louis P. Corkran	1890 Julius A. Brewington
1881 Sewall N. Pilchard	
1882 Allison P. Prettyman	1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan
1882 Charles H. Williams	1891 George A. Cooke
	1891 George P. Jones
1883 William B. Guthrie	1892 Van P. Northrup
1883 George L. Hardesty	1892 William S. H. Williams
1883 Vaughan S. Collins	1892 Theodore F. Beauchamp
	1892 Clarence W. Strickland
1884 William A. Wise	1893 William P. White
1884 Edmund H. Derrickson	1893 John P. Outten
1884 Thomas N. Given	1893 James T. Richardson
1884 William F. Dawson	1894 Henry G. Budd
	1894 John H. Beauchamp

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 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 Buren
 1905 Charles W. Moore
 1905 William R. Woodell

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

 1907 William H. Briggs
 1907 Tilghman Smith
 1907 Oden E. James
 1907 John R. Bicking
 1907 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
 1909 Chester L. Marsh

 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

 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

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

 1919 Earl M. Shockley
 1919 John H. Whedbee

 1920 John C. Bolton
 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 Sylvanus T. Hamblin

 1922 Gilbert T. Gehman
 1922 Charles H. Hudson
 1922 Wingate D. Short
 1922 Johnson H. Wright

(b) ALPHABETICAL ROLL AND DIRECTORY.

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

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

	Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1888	Alderson, G. T.	E Elkton, Md.	3
1912	Allen, G. S.	E St. Peters (P. O. Oriole, Md.)	3
1888	Anderson, J. F.	R 2122 Gillis St., Wilmington, Del.	1
1921	Andrews, M. S.	P Garrett Bib. Inst., Evanston, Ill.	2
1917	Atkins, C. H.	E Concord (P. O. Hobbs, Md.)	1
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E Hillsboro, Md.	1
1892	Beauchamp, T. F.	E Selbyville, Del.	2
1894	Beauchamp, J. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1897	Bennett, W. O.	E Laurel, Del.	3
1914	Benson, N. C.	E Seaford Ct. (P. O. Seaford, Del.)	2
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1920	Bolton, J. C.	E At School	1
1890	Bounds, G. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1885	Bowman, G. W.	R Laurel, Del.	17
1890	Brewington, J. A.	R Hebron, Md.	3
1907	Briggs, W. H.	E Easton, Md.	2
1915	Broadway, L. M.	E Wilmington, Del.	6
1904	Buckson, J. A.	E Zion (P. O. North East, Md.)	3
1894	Budd, H. G.	E Dover, Del.	12
1909	Bunting, J. J.	E Berlin, Md.	3
1888	Burr, Warren	R Nassau Pl., Hemstead, L. I., N. Y.	1
1888	Carpenter, F. F.	E Seaford, Del.	3
1888	Chaires, W. W.	R Marydel, Md.	1
1913	Chappell, J. W.	D Mt. Regia Sanatorium, Salem, Va.	5
1915	Clark, C. W.	E Clayton, Del.	1
1876	Collins, J. M.	R 1607 W. 13th St., Wilm., Del.	18
1883	Collins, V. S.	E Salisbury, Md.	6
1895	Collins, E. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1902	Colona, J. W.	E Dover, Del.	5
1880	Compton, Harry	E Powellville (P. O. Pittsville, Md.)	1
1912	Connelly, O. H.	E Millington, Md.	3
1891	Cooke, G. A.	E St. John's (P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	2
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E Crisfield, Md.	5
1881	Corkran, L. P.	R Middletown, Del.	6
1918	Cummings, W. H.	E Fairmount, Md.	2
1899	Dashiell, E. H.	E Cape Charles, Va.	2
1900	Davis, Howard	E Lewes, Del.	3

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1921	Davis, C. E.	D Cheswold, Del.	1
1884	Dawson, W. F.	E Princess Anne, Md.	3
1899	Dawson, G. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	10
1884	Derrickson, E. H.	R Odessa, Del.	2
1886	Dulany, H. S.	E Sharptown, Md.	3
1885	Easley, J. W.	R Kenton, Del.	4
1902	Eldridge, J. S.	E Dagsboro, Del.	2
1898	Ellis, G. R.	E Millsboro, Del.	1
1866	Esgate, James	R Los Angeles, California	37
1887	Ewing, H. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1900	Faulkner, F. N.	Sy. Delmar, Del.	1
1905	Ford, D. J.	E Magnolia, Del.	1
1915	Frye, A. B.	E Church Hill, Md.	2
1921	Gallion, H. W.	P Bishopville, Md.	1
1902	Gardner, J. H.	E Crapo, Md.	3
1922	Gehman, G. T.	P St. Paul's (Dover, Del.)	1
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.	E Red Lion, Del.	2
1921	Gilbert, B. W.	P At School	1
1895	Givan, D. J.	E North East, Md.	3
1884	Given, T. N.	E White Haven, Md.	2
1917	Godwin, W. F.	E Newark, Md.	1
1903	Goodhand, A. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1917	Grant, W. S.	E Rehoboth, Del.	3
1888	Gray, J. W.	E Cherry Hill (P. O. Elkton, Md.)	1
1873	Greene, W. M.	R Cheswold, Del.	19
1900	Greenfield, W. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	5
1903	Gunby, W. E.	E Cambridge, Md.	5
1883	Guthrie, W. B.	R Kenton, Del.	2
1903	Habbart, W. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1910	Hallman, E. C.	E Tangier, Va.	1
1921	Hamblin, S. T.	P At School (Drew)	2
1883	Hardesty, G. L.	R Seaford, Del.	9
1871	Harding, T. H.	R Wilmington, Del.	16
1906	Harris, W. G.	E Wilmington, Del.	5
1916	Harris, C. C.	E Rising Sun, Md.	3
1900	Hastings, G. W.	E Ocean View, Del.	1
1917	Hearn, W. A.	E Claymont, Del.	1
1918	Henvis, E. W.	E Claremont, Va.	1
1903	Herson, J. T.	E Salisbury, Md.	7
1909	Herson, Frank	E Newark, Del.	5
1920	Hess, W. L.	D Hebron, Md.	1
1889	Hills, V. E.	E Denton, Md.	3
1918	Hodgson, R. S.	E Odessa, Del.	2
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	R Bellevue, Md.	5
1897	Holt, T. S.	R Federalsburg, Md.	11
1906	Hubbard, C. L.	E Wilmington, Del.	5

	Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1900	Hudson, J. A.	E Wyoming, Del.	1
1922	Hudson, C. H.	P Hooper's Is. (Fishing Creek, Md.)	1
1896	Jackson, Leolan	E Sudlersville, Md.	1
1913	Jacobs, D. W.	E Milford, Del.	2
1907	James, O. E.	E Mt. Lebanon (P.O. Rockland, Del.)	3
1886	Jester, B. F.	R Wilmington, Del.	6
1899	Johnson, J. L.	E Crisfield, Md.	5
1891	Jones, G. P.	E Townsend, Del.	3
1898	Jones, J. W.	E Delmar, Del.	2
1898	Jones, O. E.	E Chestertown, Md.	3
1900	Jones, C. N.	E St. Michaels, Md.	4
1903	Jones, C. T.	E Chesapeake City, Md.	1
1905	Jones, E. W.	E Snow Hill, Md.	1
1915	Jones, R. C.	E Kent Is. (P.O. Stevensville, Md.)	2
1898	Kelso, H. B.	E Perryville, Md.	2
1904	Kelso, J. M.	E Houston, Del.	3
1886	Koons, W. G.	R Rising Sun, Md.	7
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E Delaware City, Del.	4
1913	Leach, J. A.	E Greensboro, Md.	4
1879	Lindale, J. M.	R Pomona, Chestertown, Md.	2
1920	McCabe, J. M.	E Port Deposit, Md.	1
1905	McCoy, J. C.	E St. George's, Del.	3
1905	McDade, H. R.	E Salisbury Ct. (P.O. Salisbury, Md.)	1
1906	McDowell, E. W.	E Middletown, Del.	1
1917	McGuire, W. T.	E Ocean City, Md.	2
1873	MacSorley, F. C.	E Federalsburg, Md.	8
1914	Marine, M. W.	E Felton, Del.	3
1909	Marsh, C. L.	E Gumboro (P. O. Frankford, Del.)	2
1902	Marshall, E. H.	E Mt. Pleasant (P.O. Laurel, Del.)	2
1900	Martin, O. L.	E Bethel & T.Ct. (P.O. Elkton, Md.)	2
1902	Matthews, W. E.	R Smyrna, Del.	1
1920	Minker, R. L.	E Boston University	2
1905	Moore, C. W.	E Camden, Del.	3
1898	Moore, F. X.	R Baltimore, Md.	2
1911	Moore, D. J.	E Trappe, Md.	2
1917	Moore, B. P.	E Nanticoke, Md.	1
1918	Moore, W. V.	E Newport, Del.	2
1905	Morgan, L. B.	E Chincoteague, Va.	9
1886	Mowbray, W. R.	E Dover, Del.	7
1912	Newton, G. F.	E Ebenezer (P. O. Newark, Del.)	2
1907	Nichols, R. P.	E Smyrna, Del.	4
1892	Northrup, V. P.	E Richardson Park, Del.	1
1890	Nutter, M. D.	E Hillcrest, Del.	2
1872	Otis, J. P.	R Marshallton, Del.	4
1893	Outten, J. P.	E Preston, Md.	2
1881	Pilchard, S. N.	R Hillsboro, Md.	2

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1896	Poole, L. E.	E New Castle, Del.	1
1900	Poole, W. C.	E Frankford, Del.	2
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	R Carlisle, Pa.	7
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	R Galena, Md.	6
1897	Prettyman, J. W.	E Somerset (P. O. Chance, Md.)	3
1909	Prettyman, E. C.	E Wilmington, Del.	8
1908	Price, J. T.	E Hurlock, Md.	3
1886	Prouse, J. T.	R Edge Moor, Del.	10
1870	Reed, G. E.	R Harrisburg, Pa.	1
1910	Reed, H. E.	E Milton, Del.	3
1916	Reed, O. B.	E Hockessin, Del.	1
1885	Reese, J. D.	R Dover, Del.	4
1907	Revelle, W. H.	E Rock Hall, Md.	1
1911	Rice, O. B.	E Chester-Bethel (P.O.Boothwyn,Pa.)	1
1893	Richardson, J. T.	E Harrington, Del.	3
1873	Roe, Robert	R Trappe, Md.	11
1918	Rowlenson, J. T.	E Crumpton, Md.	5
1910	Sard, T. J.	E Wilmington, Del.	5
1886	Sharp, W. W.	E Mt.Pleasant (P.O.Edge Moor, Del.)	2
1919	Shockley, E. M.	D At School (Drew)	3
1922	Short, W. D.	P Greenwood, Del.	1
1879	Smith, Alfred	R Camden, Del.	6
1896	Smith, G. P.	R Dover, Del.	1
1907	Smith, Tilghman	E Still Pond, Md.	3
1889	Smoot, T. C.	E Onancock, Va.	1
1906	Sparklin, J. L.	E Georgetown, Del.	2
1911	Spry, C. W.	E Georgetown, Del.	2
1888	Stallings, G. W.	R Lovettsville, Loudoun Co., Va.	1
1870	Stengle, Adam	R Wilmington, Del.	8
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1912	Sterling, G. E.	E Galena, Md.	2
1892	Strickland, C. W.	E Pittsville, Md.	4
1896	Sumwalt, J. W. R.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1885	Sunfield, E. C.	R Barnegat, N. J.	1
1908	Sutton, J. W.	E Cordova, Md.	1
1886	Taylor, W. P.	E Oxford, Md.	1
1904	Taylor, E. B.	E Fruitland, Md.	1
1897	Taylor, Harry	E Frederica, Del.	2
1916	Thawley, R. T.	D Y. M. C. A., Middletown, Conn.	5
1876	Terry, T. E.	R Bridgeville, Del.	8
1903	Thomas, G. S.	E Deal Island, Md.	2
1914	Thomas, E. P.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1871	Tomkinson, W. E.	R Rehoboth Beach, Del.	24
1876	Townsend, G. W.	R Ridley Park, Pa.	8
1914	Truitt, P. P.	E Phoebus, Va.	2

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1905 Van Blunk, J. M. S.	E Quantico, Md.	3
1895 Van Dyke, T. R.	E Cecilton, Md.	4
1871 Wallin, F. O. B.	R Sweden	22
1879 Walton, O. S.	R Red Lion, Del.	17
1906 Warren, J. H.	Sy. 310 Dickson Bldg., Norfolk, Va.	2
1885 Watt, Robert	Wilmington, Del.	7
1913 Wells, Z. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	6
1917 West, H. D.	E At School	2
1910 Wheatley, M. E.	E Ridgely, Md.	1
1919 Whedbee, J. H.	D East New Market, Md.	1
1875 White, W. W.	R Salisbury, Md.	4
1893 White, W. L.	E Bridgeville, Del.	2
1908 White, Leonard	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1914 White, Frank	E Centreville, Md.	1
1882 Williams, C. H.	R Snow Hill, Md.	9
1892 Williams, W. S. H.	R Georgetown, Del.	6
1902 Williams, G. C.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1912 Williams, G. W.	E Mt. Vernon (P.O. Pr. Anne, Md.)	2
1885 Willis, D. H.	R Cambridge, Md.	10
1912 Willis, Ivanhoe	E Marshallton, Del.	3
1887 Wilson, J. H.	E Charlestown, Md.	3
1906 Wilson, Daniel	E Hopewell (P.O. Port Deposit, Md.)	1
1916 Windsor, L. E.	E At School (Drew)	2
1884 Wise, W. A.	E Middletown, Del.	7
1886 Wood, G. E.	E Lincoln City, Del.	1
1905 Woodell, W. R.	E Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1918 Wootten, J. W.	E Tilghman, Md.	1
1922 Wright, J. H.	P At School	1
1918 Zimmerman, A. F.	D Stockton, Md.	1

SUPPLIES.

Name	Appointment	Year
Adams, R. H.	Brack-Ex (P.O. Marshallton, Del.)	3
Atkinson, W. F.	Elliott's Island, Md.	3
Baker, F. C.	Edgemoor, Del.	1
Barrett, T. S.	Eayside (P. O. Sherwood, Md.)	1
Buckson, W. C.	Reliance (P.O. Oak Grove, Del.)	1
Campbell, R. W.	Farmington, Del.	1
Conaway, W. N.	Wye Mills, Md.	2
Covington, Henry	Queenstown, Md.	2
Derrickson, J. L.	Ewell, Md.	4
Dixon, T. S.	Ayres' Chpl. (P.O. Leemont, Va.)	5
Dutton, C. R.	Mardela, Md.	1
Forrest, W. C.	Church Creek, Md.	1
Graham, J. T.	Roxana, Del.	3
Hanby, S. L.	Henderson, Md.	1

Name	Appointment	Year
Hicks, F. L.	Piney Neck (P.O. Rock Hall, Md.)	2
Horner, W. B.	Fairlee, Md.	1
Horseman, S. T.	Holland's Island, Md.	3
Kelley, J. P.	Westover, Md.	1
Kirby, R. L., Jr.	Royal Oak, Md.	1
Kliver, G. W.	Beckwith (P.O. Cornersville, Md.)	1
McLain, L. T.	Nassau, Del.	2
Mills, R. W.	Blades, Del.	5
Parker, J. E.	Marion, Md.	5
Pardee, Thomas	Christiana, Del.	2
Prettyman, D. B.	Girdletree, Md.	3
Reynolds, P. E.	Vienna, Md.	1
Sharpless, C. D.	Colora, Md.	1
Steininger, C. V.	Parsonburg, Md.	2
Thornton, J. H.	Bethel, Del.	1
Travers, Alonzo	Ellendale, Del.	1
Truitt, H. E.	Williamsburg, Md.	1
Tyler, E. S.	Lakesville (P.O. Andrews, Md.)	2
Walls, W. W.	Belle Fonte (P.O. Wilm'n, Del.)	1
Wilson, R. H.	Annamesssex (P.O. Crisfield, Md.)	3
Wright, E. N.	Little Creek, Del.	2

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Conaway, W. N.	Wye Mills, Md.	Rodgers, R. W.	Wilmington, Del.
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McNeal, James H.	Dover, Del.	Truitt, H. E.	Seaford, Del.
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Ralph, Wm.	Elkton, Md.	West, Lee C.	Laurel, Del.
Riggin, E. C.	Crisfield, Md.	White, E. W.	Roselle, Del.
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Savage, C. R.	Selbyville, Del.	Wilmot, A. A.	Wilmington, Del.
Seibert, Edwin	Claymont, Del.	Winder, E. J.	Seaford, Del.
Seymour, W. W.	Wilmington, Del.	Vingate, W. H.	Marshallton, Del.
Sharpless, C. D.	Colora, Md.	Wright, Ernest.	Little Creek, Del.
Shockley, O. M.	Showell, Md		

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1923—R. K. Stephenson, W. O. Bennett, J. M. Kelso.

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1925—W. F. Corkran, J. W. Colona, W. H. Briggs.

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Lay: Victor C. Hitchens, L. M. Price, Mayrice F. Alexander.
- 1924—Ministers: C. W. Prettyman, G. C. Williams, D. W. Jacobs.
Lay: W. O. Hoffecker, J. T. Taylor, E. B. Dennis.
- 1925—Ministers: F. F. Carpenter, R. P. Nichols.
Lay: A. B. Magee, E. J. Winder.

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- 1924—Ministerial:—G. T. Alderson, V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran, W. R. Mowbray, T. F. Beauchamp.
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1924—T. F. Beauchamp, R. K. Stephenson, A. L. Johnson.
1925—G. T. Alderson, W. L. White, H. P. Cannon.

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- 1923—R. P. Nichols, L. E. Poole, R. K. Stephenson, G. W. Hastings.
1924—G. P. Jones, F. F. Carpenter, J. W. Jones, C. L. Hubbard.
1925—Howard Davis, G. W. Dawson, E. W. McDowell, G. S. Thomas.

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Ministerial:—R. P. Nichols, F. C. MacSorley, J. L. Johnson, C. L. Hubbard.
Lay:—W. H. Jones, G. T. Macklin, O. M. Shockley, L. E. Layfield.

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Lay: H. P. Cannon, J. E. Drennen, J. W. Paynter, H. B. Moore, R. F. Powell, J. S. Mullin, W. H. Cole, Jr., R. O. Dulaney.

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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?**
Chester L. Marsh, Colorado; William R. Woodell, Blue-Ridge Atlantic.
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.
Gilbert T. Gehman, Charles H. Hudson, Wingate D. Short, Johnson H. Wright.
 - (b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.
None.
6. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**
 - (a) In Studies of First Year.
Milton S. Andrews, Charles E. Davis, Benjamin W. Gilbert.
 - (b) In Studies of Second Year.
John W. Chappell, Harry W. Gallion, Sylvanus T. Hamblin.
 - (c) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
 - (d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
None.
7. **Who have been Discontinued?**
Clarence A. Gilbert.
8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
William L. Hess, August F. Zimmerman.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
Joshua B. McCabe, Ralph L. Minker, Robert S. Hodgson.
9. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
 - (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
William L. Hess, August F. Zimmerman.
 - (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
Roy T. Thawley.

10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
John C. Bolton, Earl M. Shockley, John H. Whedbee.
11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
Wade H. Cummings, William T. McGuire, Willard V. Moore, John T. Rowleson, Harry D. West, John W. Wootten.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
None.
 - (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.
Edmund W. Henvis, Joshua B. McCabe, Ralph L. Minker, Robert S. Hodgson.
12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
 - (a) As Local Preachers.
Alonzo Travers.
 - (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?**
William H. Alderson, New York East; Raymond W. Cooke, Baltimore; Robert Lawson, West Virginia; Milton McCann, New Jersey; George W. Richmire, Southern California.
16. **Who have Died?**
Louis E. Barrett, Frederick J. Cochran, James W. Fogle, William W. Redman, William P. Compton, Philip H. Rawlins, Zach H. Webster, George S. Conaway.
17. **Who have been Located at their own Request?**
None.
18. **Who have been Located?**
None.
19. **Who have Withdrawn?**
Edwin Gardner, W. A. Wright.

20. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?
None.
21. Who have been Expelled?
None.
22. What other personal Notation should be made?
None.
23. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?
Frank N. Faulkner (1); John H. Warren (2).
24. Who are the Retired Ministers?
J. F. Anderson, G. W. Bowman, J. A. Erewington, Warren Burr, J. M. Collins, W. W. Chaires, L. P. Corkran, E. H. Derrickson, J. W. Easley, James Esgate, W. M. Green, W. B. Guthrie, T. H. Harding, G. L. Hardesty, E. L. Hoeffecker, T. S. Holt, B. F. Jester, W. G. Koons, J. M. Lindale, W. E. Matthews, F. X. Moore, J. P. Otis, S. N. Pilchard, C. W. Prettyman, A. P. Prettyman, J. T. Prouse, G. E. Reed, J. D. Reese, Robert Roe, Alfred Smith, G. P. Smith, G. W. Stallings, Adam Stengle, E. C. Sunfield, T. E. Terry, W. E. Tomkinson, G. W. Townsend, O. S. Walton, F. O. B. Wallin, W. W. White, C. H. Williams, W. S. H. Williams, D. H. Willis.
25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?
F. F. Carpenter, G. T. Alderson, T. F. Beauchamp, J. W. Colona, F. C. MacSorley.
Alternates:—W. L. White, R. P. Nichols.
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?
\$136,322.

- (b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$15,142.
31. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?
\$54,991.
32. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?
\$39,729.
(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?
\$46,146.
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?
Christ M. E. Church, Chincoteague, Va.

VIII.

APPOINTMENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

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

Beckwith & Spedden, (Sup.) G. W. Kliver P. O. Cornersville, Md.	Greenwood, Del., Harrington, Del. Hooper's Island, P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.	W. D. Short J. T. Richardson C. H. Hudson
Bethel, Del. (Sup.) J. H. Thornton	Houston, Del.,	J. M. Kelso
Blades & Epworth (Sup.) R. W. Mills P. O. Blades, Del.	Hurlock, Md., Lakesville, P. O. Andrews, Md.	J. T. Price To be supplied
Bridgeville, Del. W. L. White	Laurel, Del.,	W. O. Bennett
Cambridge, Md. W. E. Gunby	Leipsic, Del.	To be supplied
Camden, Del. C. W. Moore	Lewes, Del.,	Howard Davis
Canterbury, To be supplied P. O. Viola, Del.	Lincoln, Del., Little Creek, Del.,	G. E. Wood
Church Creek & Taylor's Island, (Sup.) W. C. Forrest P. O. Church Creek, Md.	Magnolia & Barratt's Chapel, D. J. Ford P. O. Magnolia, Del.	(Sup.) E. N. Wright
Crapo, Md. J. H. Gardner	Milford, Del. D. W. Jacobs	
Dover, Del.: St. Paul's, Wesley, J. W. Colona	Milford Neck, Supplied by Pastor of Frederica P. O. Frederica, Del.	
East New Market, Md., J. H. Whedbee	Millsboro, Del., Milton, Del.	G. R. Ellis H. E. Reed
Ellendale, Del., (Sup.) Alonzo Travers	Mt. Pleasant, P. O. Laurel, Del.	E. H. Marshall
Elliott's Island, Md., (Sup.) W. F. Atkinson	Nassau, Del. (Sup.) L. T. McLain	
Epworth, To be supplied P. O. Bridgeville, Del.	Rehoboth, Del., Reliance, (Sup.) W. C. Buckson P. O. Oak Grove, Del.	W. S. Grant
Farmington, Del., (Sup.) R. W. Campbell	Seaford, Del., Seaford, Circuit, P. O. Seaford, Del.	F. F. Carpenter N. C. Benson
Federalburg, Md., F. C. MacSorley	Vienna, Md. (Sup.) P. E. Reynolds	
Felton, Del. M. W. Marine	Williamsburg, Md. (Sup.) H. E. Truitt	
Frederica, Del. Harry Taylor	Wyoming, Del., J. A. Hudson	
Galestown & McKendree, To be supplied P. O. Seaford, Del.		
Georgetown, Del. J. L. Sparklin		
Georgetown Circuit. C. W. Spry		
P. O. Georgetown, Del.		

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

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

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

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

Annessex, (Sup.) R. H. Wilson	Cape Charles, Va. E. H. Dashiell
P. O. Crisfield, Md.	Chincoteague, Va., L. B. Morgan
Ayres Chapel, (Sup.) T. S. Dixon	Claremont, Va., E. W. Hervis
P. O. Leemont, Va.	Crisfield, Md.:
Berlin, Md., J. J. Bunting	Asbury, W. F. Corkran
Bishopville, Md., H. W. Gallion	Immanuel, J. L. Johnson

Dagsboro & St. Georges, J. S. Eldridge P. O. Dagsboro, Del.	Pittsville, Md. C. W. Strickland Pocomoke City, Md., J. R. Bicking Pocomoke Circuit, W. R. Woodell P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.
Deal Island, Md. G. S. Thomas Delmar, Del. J. W. Jones	Powellville, Harry Compton P. O. Pittsville, Md.
Fairmount, Md. W. H. Cummings Frankford, Del. W. C. Poole Fruitland, Md., E. B. Taylor	Princess Anne, Md., W. F. Dawson Quantico, Md. J. M. S. Van Blunk Roxana, Del., (Sup.) J. T. Graham St. Peters, G. S. Allen P. O. Oriole, Md.
Girdletree, Md., (Sup.) D. B. Prettyman	
Gumboro, C. L. Marsh P. O. Frankford, Del.	Salisbury, Md.: Asbury, J. T. Herson Salisbury Circuit, H. R. McDade P. O. Salisbury, Md.
Hebron, Md., W. L. Hess Holland's Island, Md., (Sup.) S. T. Horseman	Selbyville, Del. T. F. Beauchamp Sharptown, Md., H. S. Dulany Smith Island, (Sup.) J. L. Derrickson P. O. Ewell, Md.
Mardela, Md., (Sup.) C. R. Dutton Marion, Md., (Sup.) J. E. Parker Mt. Vernon, G. W. Williams P. O. Princess Anne, Md.	Snow Hill, Md., E. W. Jones Somerset, J. W. Prettyman P. O. Chance, Md.
Nanticoke, Md., B. P. Moore Newark, Md., W. F. Godwin Ocean City, Md. W. T. McGuire Ocean View & Millville, G. W. Hastings P. O. Ocean View, Del.	Stockton, Md., A. F. Zimmerman Tangier, Va., E. C. Hallman Venton, Md., To be supplied Westover, Md., (Sup.) J. P. Kelley White Haven, Md. T. N. Given Whitesville, Del., To be supplied
Onancock, Va., T. C. Smoot Parsonburg, Md., (Sup.) C. V. Steininger Phoebus, Va. P. P. Truitt	

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

Belle Fonte & Holly Oak, (Sup.) W. W. Walls P. O. Wilmington, Del.	Christiana, Del. (Sup.) Thomas Pardee
Bethel & Town Point, O. L. Martin P. O. Elkton, Md.	Claymont, Del., W. A. Hearn Colora, Md., (Sup.) C. D. Sharpless Delaware City, Del., L. W. Layfield
Charlestown, Md., J. H. Wilson Cherry Hill, J. W. Gray P. O. Elkton, Md.	Ebenezer, G. F. Newton P. O. Newark, Del.
Chesapeake City, Md., C. T. Jones Chester-Bethel, O. B. Rice P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.	Elkton, Md., G. T. Alderson Hockessin, Del., O. B. Reed Hopewell, Daniel Wilson P. O. Port Deposit, Md.

Marshallton & Cedars, Ivanhoe Willis P. O. Marshallton, Del.	Asbury, G. W. Dawson Brandywine, W. E. Greenfield Brack-Ex, (Sup.) R. H. Adams P. O. Marshallton, Del.
Mt. Lebanon, O. E. James P. O. Rockland, Del.	Cookman, W. G. Harris Eastlake, A. W. Goodhand Edgemoor, (Sup.) F. C. Baker Epworth, E. P. Thomas Grace, J. W. R. Sumwalt Harrison Street, W. E. Habbart Hillcrest, M. D. Nutter Kingswood, G. W. Bounds Madeley, L. M. Broadway McCabe, G. C. Williams Mt. Salem, Leonard White Richardson Park, V. P. Northrup Scott, T. J. Sard Silverbrook, R. K. Stephenson St. Paul's, C. L. Hubbard Trinity, E. H. Collins Union, H. W. Ewing Wesley, Z. W. Wells
Mt. Pleasant, W. W. Sharp P. O. Edge Moor, Del.	
Newark, Del., Frank Herson New Castle, Del., L. E. Poole Newport & Stanton, W. V. Moore P. O. Newport, Del.	
North East, Md., D. J. Givan Perryville, Md. H. B. Kelso Port Deposit, Md., J. B. McCabe Red Lion, Del. J. H. Geoghegan Rising Sun, Md., C. C. Harris St. George's & Summit, J. C. McCoy P. O. St. George's, Del.	
St. John's, G. A. Cooke P. O. Lewisville, Pa.	
Zion Circuit, J. A. Buckson P. O. North East, Md.	
Wilmington:	

- H. G. Budd, President, Wesley Collegiate Institute, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.
- E. C. Prettyman, Superintendent, Peninsula District of the Maryland-Delaware Anti-Saloon League, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.
- J. W. Chappell, Soldier in U. S. Army Hospital, Salem, Va.
- G. W. Dawson, Secretary, Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society and Pastor of Asbury Church, Wilmington, Del.
- J. H. Beauchamp, Superintendent of Goodwill Industries, McCabe Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.
- R. T. Thawley, M. S. Andrews, B. W. Gilbert, S. T. Hamblin, R. L. Minker, E. M. Shockley, L. E. Windsor, H. D. West, J. C. Bolton and J. Harry Wright left without appointment to attend one of our schools.
- Mrs. M. A. Sweet, Superintendent of Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.
- Miss A. G. Crothers, Parish Work, Union Church, Wilmington, Del.

IX.
JOURNAL.
DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—The Wilmington Annual Conference assembled for its Fifty-fourth Session in Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, Cambridge, Md., on Wednesday morning, March 22, 1922, at nine o'clock, with Bishop Wm. F. McDowell presiding.

LORD'S SUPPER.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by E. L. Hoffecker, F. C. MacSorley, H. G. Budd and L. E. Poole.

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

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE.—The Annual Conference of 1921 having ordered the memorial service to be held immediately after the calling of the roll, Rev. T. E. Terry, Chairman of the Committee on Memoirs, assumed the chair.

The memoirs of Frederick J. Cochran, written by S. N. Pilchard, and of William W. Redman, written by E. L. Hoffecker, were read by G. P. Jones; those of Philip H. Rawlins and James W. Fogle were presented and read by F. F. Carpenter; that of George S. Conaway, by R. P. Nichols, and that of Zach H. Webster, written by V. E. Hills, was read by W. A. Wise. Robert Watt was appointed to prepare the memoir of William P. Compton and submit same to the secretary for publication in the minutes.

G. W. Townsend presented and read the memoir of Mrs. Annie V. Bryan, same having been written by W. G. Koons; W. G. Harris, that of Mrs. Mary E. Sheppard; R. P. Nichols, that of Mrs. T. H. Haynes; and H. G. Budd, that of Mrs. J. W. Easley.

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

ORGANIZATION.—Bishop McDowell resumed the chair.

Secretary.—Disston W. Jacobs was unanimously elected secretary, and nominated as his assistants J. R. Bicking and R. L. Minker, and they were confirmed.

Statistician.—W. E. Gunby was unanimously elected statistician, and the following assistants were nominated and confirmed:—N. C. Benson, J. H. Geoghegan, A. W. Goodhand, G. R. Ellis, R. P. Nichols, G. E. Sterling, J. W. Wootten, Leolan Jackson, J. M. Kelso, H. B. Kelso, O. B. Rice and Lee C. West.

Treasurer.—The Treasurer V. E. Hills, nominated the following assistants and they were confirmed:—E. W. McDowell, W. H. Revelle, W. P. Taylor, O. B. Reed, W. A. Hearn, J. L. Sparklin, E. P. Thomas, Frank White, O. E. Jones, W. V. Moore, J. A. Leach, H. W. Gallion, T. J. Sard, J. B. McCabe, A. B. Frye and J. T. Richardson.

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

Postmaster.—J. T. Prouse was elected postmaster, and C. W. Spry, telephone secretary.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM.—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.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—Conference ordered the convening of an afternoon session at 1:30 P. M.

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

AUDITOR.—W. H. Briggs was nominated and elected auditor of all Conference accounts.

DRAFTS.—The Bishop presented a draft from the Chartered Fund for \$35., and one from the Methodist Book Concern for \$3,355., and they were ordered in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

METHODIST REVIEW.—W. P. Taylor, at the request of the Methodist Book Concern, was appointed agent for the Methodist Review.

INTRODUCTION.—R. A. Brooks, representing the Methodist Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

1923 MEMORIAL SERVICE.—On motion of T. R. VanDyke, the 1923 memorial service was ordered to be held immediately after roll call.

MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.—T. E. Terry, Trustee, submitted his report and nominated W. A. Wise as trustee of this fund and he was elected.

PASTORS' REPORTS—VOUCHERS.—On motion of W. A. Wise, the treasurer was instructed to give credit to all charges for centenary monies paid to headquarters where said pastors have not received proper vouchers covering same and when the District Superintendents make certification that the monies have been paid.

MARYLAND MARRIAGE LAW.—Conference ordered, on motion of G. T. Alderson, the following telegram sent to the Maryland General Assembly:—

The Wilmington Annual Conference, including the entire Eastern Shore, sends greetings to the Maryland General Assembly, and expressed the earnest hope that the pending bill proposing to amend the present marriage laws of the State will be speedily passed.

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

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—On motion of W. R. Mowbray, Conference waived the requirement of a Quarterly Conference recommendation in the cases of Mrs. J. W. Fogle and two minor children, Mrs. W. P. Compton and one minor child and Mrs. G. S. Conaway, and these cases were referred to the Board of Stewards.

COMMITTEE ON SECRETARY WORK.—At the request of the Secretary, the following committee was appointed to confer with him regarding his work:—E. H. Dashiell, H. G. Eudd, W. A. Wise and G. T. Alderson.

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 Chester L. Marsh from the Colorado Conference, and that of William R. Woodell from the Blue-Ridge Atlantic Conference, and they were introduced to the Conference.

INTRODUCTION.—Miss Jessie E. Arbuckle, representing the General Deaconess Board, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

CHANGE OF RELATION.—Conference granted permission to the District Superintendents to refer direct to the Committee on Conference Relations all requests for changes of relations.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.—The following were nominated by G. C. Williams as members of the Bureau of Sessions to serve for a term of three years and they were elected:—G. T. Alderson, W. L. White and H. P. Cannon.

EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT.—The following resolution was presented and read by H. G. Budd and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, The eighteenth amendment is now the supreme law of the land; and

WHEREAS, Obedience to the law of the nation is the first duty of a patriotic citizen; and,

WHEREAS, Certain citizens, certain officers of the law and certain newspapers who do not approve of the eighteenth amendment, hold it up to ridicule and by unpatriotic acts attempt to nullify that law; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we commend the Law and Order Leagues already organized at various points in our Conference territory; that we urge the formation of other Leagues until every city, town or civic center is properly organized; that we recommend that every Methodist Church become a center for this patriotic service; that every Methodist pastor be the leader of his own community in fearless denunciation of those who are disloyal to the constitution and the flag; that we highly commend the Governor of Delaware and all those newspapers that have faithfully stood by the proper observance of this law.

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

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—The following were nominated by the District Superintendents as ministerial members of the Conference Board of Stewards and they were elected:—F. C. MacSorley, Dover District; G. P. Jones, Middletown District; L. E. Poole, Salisbury District; E. W. Jones, Wilmington District.

INTRODUCTION.—Rev. J. R. Laughton, Pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was introduced to the Conference.

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

SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions and Rev. T. E. Terry, at the request of the Bishop, offered prayer.

R. K. STEPHENSON CONVALESCING.—A telegram advising the condition of R. K. Stephenson, who is now in the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, was presented and read by the Bishop, and his reappointment to Silverbrook was announced.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.—Rev. L. W. Layfield was requested to preach his semi-centennial sermon on Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question, "Was the character of each preached examined?" was taken up. W. A. Wise, Superintendent of the Middletown District, was called, his character passed and he read a report of his work. The character of the effective elders of the District were passed.

QUESTION 15.—The Fifteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of Milton McCann to the New Jersey Conference.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXTENSION WORK.—Dr. M. J. Trenery, Superintendent of the Extension Department of the Board of Sunday Schools, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

On motion, the name of C. L. Hubbard was substituted in place of Milton McCann on the Conference Board of Sunday Schools, and J. W. R. Sumwalt and Mr. H. H. Nuttle were added to the Board as representatives of the Area Council.

CASE OF MRS. MARTHA SWAIN.—Conference again waved the requirement of a Quarterly Conference recommendation and referred the case of Mrs. Martha Swain of Dover, Del., to the Board of Stewards, with the request that she receive this year from the necessitous fund an amount equal, at least, to the sum received last year.

QUESTION 23.—The Twenty-third Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?" was taken up. J. H. Warren was called, his character passed and he was continued in the same relation.

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.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Retired brethren present came and stood in front of the altar at the request of the Bishop, and after he had spoken briefly but very appropriately and the Conference had joined in singing, "We're Marching to Zion," J. W. Easley pronounced the benediction.

THIRD SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—At 8.30 o'clock Conference convened, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. After the singing of a hymn, the reading of the journals of yesterday's sessions, which were approved, after prayer by Rev. J. P. Otis, and the singing of another hymn, the Bishop presented Rev. L. W. Layfield, who, at the request of the Conference, preached his semi-centennial sermon. At the conclusion of the sermon and the singing of a hymn, the Bishop offered prayer.

GREETINGS.—Greetings from the Philadelphia and Washington Annual Conferences were received and announced, and the Secretary was instructed to return greetings to these Conferences.

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 characters of the effective elders of this District were passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—Conference was ordered to meet in Executive Session at 1:30 o'clock, on motion of W. A. Wise.

SALE OF PROPERTY.—Action and further discussion on a motion of W. R. Mowbray that the Conference permit the District Superintendent to sell the Willow Grove M. E. Church, formerly on Wyoming Charge, and a substitute motion by H. G. Budd that the District Superintendent be authorized to rent the church from year to year for community purposes, were, on motion of J. W. R. Sumwalt, deferred until Executive Session.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—The Bishop read a communication from members of the Maryland General Assembly identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of our Conference on the subject of Sabbath observance. Same was referred to the committee on Sabbath Observance and the Secretary of the Conference was instructed to acknowledge receipt of this communication and advise those brethren that it will receive our very careful consideration. (See report of Committee on Sabbath Observance.)

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

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—The report of the Conference Board of Sunday Schools was submitted and read by J. W. R. Sumwalt. At the request of the Conference, the Bishop spoke of his interest in the work this Board wished to undertake. On motion of J. W. R. Sumwalt the portion of this report relating to the appointment of a field worker and the apportioning of the amount of money to be raised by the Conference was unanimously adopted. The remainder of the report was then adopted and Conference ordered the present Board continued and named as additional members of the Board the District Superintendents and the members of the Area Council.

CORPORATE SESSION.—The Conference went into a Corporate Session for the purpose of electing ministerial trustees of Wesley Collegiate Institute. Both the President and Vice President of the Board of Trustees being absent, at the request of the Conference, Bishop McDowell presided. The following were elected trustees for a term of three years:—F. C.

MacSorley, G. C. Williams, R. K. Stephenson, J. T. Herson, W. E. Gunby, R. P. Nichols.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made, doxology was sung, and Conference adjourned, D. H. Willis pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—Conference convened in Executive Session at 1:30 o'clock with Bishop McDowell presiding. G. W. Dawson led in prayer.

DISPOSALS OF CHURCH PROPERTIES.—The question of the disposal of the Willow Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, discussion concerning which was postponed at the morning session, was taken up. The substitute motion of H. G. Budd, authorizing the District Superintendent to rent the church from year to year, was laid on the table, and the original motion, giving the District Superintendent authority to dispose of the property, was carried.

On motion of G. W. Dawson, the Superintendent of the Wilmington District was authorized to dispose of our church property at Port Penn, Del.

The Superintendent of the Salisbury District was, on motion, granted permission to dispose of the church building at Holland's Island and the property of Jones' Church on Nanticoke Charge.

RE-ADMISSION.—The Baltimore Annual Conference was granted permission to re-admit J. L. Prettyman who located, at his own request, in 1920.

CONF. BOARD OF STEWARDS.—After being advised that the Conference Board of Stewards had not followed the instruction of the Conference in relation to the changes to be made in its charter, on motion of J. W. R. Sumwalt, Conference postponed action and authorized the appointment of a committee of five, said committee to confer with the Board of Stewards and with such other persons with whom they may wish to confer and report to the Conference in 1923.

The Bishop appointed the following committee:—W. E. Gunby, V. E. Hills, E. H. Dashiell, Frank Herson and J. W. R. Sumwalt, at Large.

WITHDREW.—The Fourteenth Question was resumed and, on motion of the District Superintendent, the Conference granted Edwin Gardner permission to withdraw.

ADJOURNMENT.—After the singing of the doxology Conference adjourned.

FIFTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. After the singing of a hymn and the reading of the journals of yesterday's sessions, which were approved, the Bishop introduced Dr. George Elliott, editor of the Methodist Review, who delivered a brief but very illuminating and inspiring address. The Bishop and Carlisle L. Hubbard then offered prayers.

EXCUSED.—T. J. Sard and J. A. Leach were excused to attend funerals.

THE METHODIST.—On motion of G. W. Dawson, plans of the Area Council concerning "The Methodist" were approved by the Conference.

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

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.—The effective elders in special appointment were called and their characters passed.

CHANGE OF RELATIONS.—On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, the following changes of relations were granted:—J. F. Anderson, Warren Burr, E. C. Sunfield, G. E. Reed, G. W. Stallings, G. P. Smith, and W. E. Matthews, from Effective to Retired; G. W. Hastings and J. W. Gray, from Retired to Effective; and F. N. Faulkner, from Effective to Supernumerary.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.—After the floor of the Conference had been granted to W. O. Hoffecker, who spoke briefly of the plan of the committee appointed by the Area Council to purchase a property suitable for the residence of our Bishop, and certain statements by J. W. R. Sumwalt, on motion, Conference approved the plan of said committee.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SECTARIAN INSTITUTIONS.—The following resolution, on motion of H. W. Ewing, was adopted and ordered sent to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, do hereby endorse the proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit sectarian appropriations (House J. R. 159), and urge its immediate passage.

CONF. TRUSTEES' REPORT.—W. F. Corkran submitted a report of the Conference Board of Trustees and it was adopted and the following were nominated and elected trustees of this Conference for a term of three years, the Secretary casting the ballot:—W. F. Corkran, J. W. Colona and W. H. Briggs.

SALE OF PROPERTY.—On recommendation of the District Superintendent and the Conference Board of Trustees, Conference ordered the sale of the property in Smyrna, Del., formerly used as a residence of the pastor of what was known as Smyrna Circuit.

INTRODUCTION.—Dr. J. B. Hingeley, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants, was introduced and addressed the Conference, and presented a draft amounting to \$250., which was ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.—The Bishop appointed Frank Herson a member of the Board of Examiners in the place of Milton McCann.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—On motion of the Secretary, an executive session was ordered at 1:30 P. M.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.—Conference elected G. C. Williams a member of the Bureau of Sessions in the place of Milton McCann.

APPORTIONMENTS.—W. A. Wise announced the following apportionments:—Episcopal Fund, \$6,782., to be distributed among the Districts as follows:—Dover District, \$1,379; Middletown District, \$1,351; Salisbury District, \$1,786; Wilmington District, \$2,266.

INTRODUCTION.—Dr. George Elliott, Editor of the Methodist Review, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

RESOLUTION.—On motion of Robert Watt, the following resolution was adopted:—

RESOLVED, That we have listened with pleasure and profit to the beautiful and fine spiritual interpretation of a great truth in the address of Dr. Elliott at the devotional service. How our hearts thrilled as he led us into the presence of Christ!

We also express our interest in his presentation of the merits of the Methodist Review, and we pledge our loyal support in his great work for the Kingdom.

INTRODUCTION.—Professor W. H. Easton, representing Morgan College, was introduced and addressed the Conference, and Rev. E. C. Keboch, was presented to the Conference by the Bishop.

ADJOURNMENT.—After the making of announcements and prayer offered by the Bishop, Conference adjourned.

SIXTH SESSION—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Bishop McDowell called the Conference to order in Executive Session at 1:30 o'clock. After the singing of a hymn, at the request of the Bishop, G. P. Jones led in prayer.

QUESTION 11.—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Harry D. West, William T. McGuire, Wade H. Cummings, Willard V. Moore, John T. Rowlenson and John W. Wooten 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.

John C. Bolton was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, he was continued in the Studies of the Fourth Year.

QUESTION 10.—The Tenth Question, "What Members are in the Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. Earl M. Shockley and John H. Whedbee 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.

Edmund W. Hervis was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, and he was graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elder's Orders under the Seminary Rule.

QUESTION 8.—The Eighth Question, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Joshua B. McCabe, William L. Hess, August F. Zimmerman, Ralph L. Minker, and Robert Hodgson were called, their characters passed, the District Superintendents represented, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, and upon giving satisfactory answers to the usual disciplinary questions asked for admission into Full Membership, they were so admitted. Joshua B. McCabe, Ralph L. Minker and Robert S. Hodgson were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elder's Orders under the Seminary Rule. William L. Hess and August F. Zimmerman were advanced to the Studies of the Third Year and elected to Deacon's Orders.

John W. Chappell was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, and he was Continued on Trial in the Studies of the Second Year, and on motion of G. W. Dawson, the Secretary was instructed to send the greetings of the Conference to this brother.

Raymond W. Cooke was called, his character passed, and the Bishop announced his transfer to the Baltimore Conference.

QUESTION 6.—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Harry W. Gallion and Sylvanus T. Hamblin were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and they were Continued on Trial and advanced to the Studies of the Second Year.

Milton S. Andrews, Charles E. Davis and Benjamin W. Gilbert were

called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and they were Continued on Trial in the Studies of the First Year.

Clarence A. Gilbert was called, and he was Discontinued at his own request.

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 Charles H. Hudson, Gilbert T. Gehman, Wingate D. Short and Johnson H. Wright, and, with the exception of the last 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.

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

EXPENSES OF BOYS' CONFERENCE.—The expense of entertaining the Older Boys' Conference was ordered paid by the Bureau of Sessions, on motion of W. F. Corkran.

EXCUSED.—W. F. Dawson was excused from further attendance at the Conference Session.

ADJOURNMENT.—After a request by the Bishop that Conference convene Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock and the pronouncing of the benediction, Conference adjourned.

SEVENTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—At 8:30 Conference convened, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

QUESTION 12.—The Twelfth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up. The recommendation was received in due form for the election to Deacon's Orders under the Local rule of Alonzo Travers. His character was passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendent recommended and he was elected to said orders.

DEATH OF L. E. BARRETT.—W. A. Wise announced the death of Louis E. Barrett, and the Conference instructed him to send a message of sympathy to Mrs. Barrett.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.—On motion of W. F. Corkran, F. C. MacSorley was requested to preach his semi-centennial sermon at the next session of our Conference.

NEAR EAST RELIEF.—The following resolution, presented and read by E. H. Dashiell, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The steadfast adherence to the faith by the tortured Christian peoples of the Near East in the face of Turkish persecutions held in abeyance for a period after the signing of the armistice but now renewed with increased ferocity, throws out a challenge to the Christian world; and,

WHEREAS, The orphan children of parents martyred for the faith of Christ are in imperative need of our continued love and help; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church heartily endorses the work of the Near East Relief; and that it commends to its members that they match the Moslem zeal to exterminate Christianity in those lands by a Christian zeal to save and perpetuate such heroic adherence to the cross; and that they do this, not only by active co-operation in the relief work, but by constant prayer that the nations may be moved by the spirit of God to grant them political justice.

RETURN OF CALL LOAN.—On motion of E. H. Dashiell, who presented and read same, this resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our Bureau of Sessions, upon Conference direction, issued to our Secretary, Rev. Disston W. Jacobs, for the purpose of financing the publication of the Minutes, a call loan of \$500.; and,

WHEREAS, Through this Committee the said \$500. is now returned; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, First, that we commend the business-like methods of the Secretary and record our satisfaction in the success which has attended his management of our secretarial work; second, that we re-affirm our request for co-operation with him, especially urging full conformity to his method of securing subscriptions to the minutes.

CHAIR.—Bishop J. W. Hamilton assumed the chair, at the request of Bishop McDowell.

QUESTION 36.—The Thirty-sixth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. Through its pastor, L. B. Morgan, Christ Methodist Episcopal Church, Chincoteague, Va., invited the Conference to hold its next annual session in that church under Plan No. 1. Following this, T. J. Sard, Pastor of Scott Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., extended an invitation to the Conference to hold its session in 1923 in that church on Plan No. 2. The invitation extended by Chincoteague Methodism was, by vote of the Conference, accepted.

WILM. CITY MISSIONARY & CHURCH EXT. SOCIETY.—Elwood W. Jones, Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary & Church Extension Society, presented and read his report and it was ordered printed in the Minutes.

CHAIR.—The Bishop resumed the chair.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Mrs. W. F. McDowell, Vice-President At Large of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop John W. Hamilton, Chancellor of the American University; Dr. W. W. Davis, General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance; Senator Orlando Harrison; Dr. Clarence True Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

REFERRED TO BOARD OF STEWARDS.—On motion of their District Superintendents, the cases of G. W. Stallings, J. F. Anderson and W. E. Matthews were referred to the Board of Stewards.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES.—J. H. Beauchamp, Superintendent of the Goodwill Industries, presented and read his report and it was ordered printed in the journal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.—The standing committees on Bible, Sabbath Observance and Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals read their reports and they were adopted.

JOINT SESSION.—Conference ordered that when we adjourn we do so to meet at 1:30 P. M. in joint session with members of the Laymen's Association and the Older Boys' Conference.

RESOLUTION—WM. P. HALL.—The following resolution was, on motion of V. S. Collins, who presented and read same, adopted:

RESOLVED, That we desire to place on record our high appreciation of the brave stand and skillful management of the moral forces of the House of Delegates of the Maryland Legislature by Hon. William Purnell Hall of the Second District of Baltimore City. His handling of the fight against Sabbath desecration, against race-track gambling, and his fight for the enforcement bill was masterful. We extend to Mr. Hall and his associates our grateful appreciation of his services to the state and to the nation.

OFFICIAL VISITORS.—The official visitors to the respective educational institutions were nominated by the Education Society through its secretary, G. C. Williams, and they were confirmed. (See list of Official Visitors.)

MANAGERS OF CONF. EDUCATION SOCIETY.—The following were nominated for managers of the Conference Education Society to serve for a term of three years and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference:—Ministerial—F. F. Carpenter and R. P. Nichols; Lay—A. B. Magee and E. J. Winder.

TRUSTEES—GOUCHER COLLEGE.—Conference nominated to the Board of Trustees of Goucher College the following, one of whom shall be elected a trustee of that institution:—Rev. W. A. Wise, Rev. W. E. Gunby, Rev. J. W. R. Sumwalt and Mr. Harry H. Nuttle, Mr. E. Benson Dennis, Mr. Joseph W. Coley.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS BY CONF. TREASURER.—Conference adopted the following after it was presented and read by G. C. Williams:

RESOLVED, That the Conference Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to disburse all Conference funds in his hands within fifteen days after the adjournment of Conference.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made, doxology was sung and Conference adjourned.

EIGHTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

JOINT SESSION.—Conference convened at 1:30 P. M. in joint session with members of the Laymen's Association and the Older Boys' Conference, Bishop McDowell presiding. After singing appropriate hymns, prayer was offered by Dr. J. H. Morgan, President of Dickinson College.

After the Bishop had introduced Rev. E. C. Keboch, Director of the Boys' Conference, who made a brief address, the following program was presented:

"Mobilized for Service," by Mr. W. Harry Jones, President of the Laymen's Association.

"Lafayette, We are Here," by Hughlett Golt, President of the Boys' Conference.

"And We Won't Come Back," by Bishop W. F. McDowell.

At the conclusion of the program, which was one of extreme interest and produced a profound impression upon the entire audience, and after standing and singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers," Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, who entered the church and was escorted to the platform during the singing of the hymn, was introduced, and delivered a very thrilling message on the vital importance of being loyal to the program of the Church.

ADJOURNMENT.—Conference adjourned after announcements were made and the singing of a hymn.

NINTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 2:30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding.

ORDINATION SERVICE:—

Deacons.—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders, and William L. Hess, August

F. Zimmerman and Alonzo Travers were ordained as Deacons, the last named 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 Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, the District Superintendents and other Elders, ordained Wade H. Cummings, William T. McGuire, Willard V. Moore, John T. Rowleson, Harry D. West, John W. Wootten, Edmund W. Henvis, Joshua B. McCabe, Ralph L. Minker and Robert S. Hodgson as Elders.

CONSECRATION SERVICE.—The Bishop then presented Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, who addressed the large congregation in the center block of the pews of which were seated members of the Boys' Conference in a body. After his splendid address on the subject, "Whatever, Wherever, Whenever, pleases Him," which was followed by an urgent appeal for consecrations to life service, the response to which was the dedication of 91 young lives to some form of Christian activity, 7 of whom decided for the ministry, Conference adjourned, Bishop McDowell pronouncing the benediction.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

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

William L. Hess
August F. Zimmerman
Alonzo Travers

and, assisted by Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, the District Superintendents and other Elders, I ordained as ELDERS,

Wade H. Cummings	John W. Wootten
William T. McGuire	Edmund W. Henvis
Willard V. Moore	Joshua B. McCabe
John T. Rowleson	Ralph L. Minker
Harry D. West	Robert S. Hodgson

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

Cambridge, Md.

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL,
Bishop.

TENTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. The journals of Saturday morning, Saturday and Sunday afternoons' sessions were read and approved.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—Conference, on motion, referred the case of Mrs. L. E. Barrett to the Board of Stewards.

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

QUESTION 15.—The Fifteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of Robert Lawson to the West Virginia Conference, and that of William H. Alderson to the New York East Conference.

REPORTS.—Reports from the following Boards and Standing Committees were read and adopted:—Boards of Epworth League, of Education, of Education for Negroes; Committees on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Periodicals, Hospitals, Woman's Home Missionary Society and Resolutions (Thanks). Those of Hospitals and W. H. M. S. were adopted without being read.

RESOLUTION FROM BOYS' CONFERENCE.—R. P. Nichols, representing the Conference Board of Sunday Schools, presented and read the following resolution from the Older Boys' Conference, and it was adopted:

RESOLVED, That we carry home the message of the First Methodist Boys' Conference, and pledge co-operation with our pastor and laymen in promoting the modern church program.

BOYS' CONFERENCE.—At the request of the Bishop, Dr. J. H. Morfan, President of Dickinson College, and Dr. H. G. Budd, President of Wesley Collegiate Institute, spoke on the significance of the Boys' Conference.

VOTE OF APPRECIATION—E. C. KEBOCH.—A vote of appreciation was given Rev. E. C. Keboch for his excellent management of the Older Boys' Conference, and to the Board of Sunday Schools for loaning him to us for this service, on motion of Robert Watt.

CONF. CLAIMANT END. COMMISSION.—The following resolutions were presented and read by E. H. Dashiell, and, on his motion, the request contained therein was granted and they were ordered printed in the minutes:

WHEREAS, Richard M. Cooper has serve the Conference Claim-

ant Endowment Commission as its treasurer ever since its organization; and,

WHEREAS, The said Richard M. Cooper has, by reason of advanced years and feeble health, tendered his resignation; be it, therefore,

RESOLVED, That the members of this Commission hereby record their deep regret at the loss of the services of so faithful and careful an officer, and hereby express their grateful appreciation for the wisdom and care exercised by him while treasurer in preserving the large fund entrusted to his keeping without the loss of a single cent; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of said Commission and read before a session of the Wilmington Annual Conference with the request that the Conference print them in the official minutes as a fitting tribute to the valued services rendered the Conference by Brother Cooper.

Plan for Investing Funds.—An outline of the plan for investing the funds of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, prepared by Hon. Caleb R. Burchenal, was presented by E. H. Dashiell, and it was ordered printed in the minutes without being read.

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

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:—F. F. Carpenter, G. T. Alderson, T. F. Beauchamp, J. W. Colona and F. C. MacSorley. Alternates:—R. P. Nichols and W. L. White.

CHAIR.—W. E. Gunby, at the request of the Bishop, assumed the chair.

STATISTICAL REPORT.—The report of the Statistician was read and adopted.

CHAIR.—The Bishop resumed the Chair.

TURKISH ATROCITIES.—Having presented and read the following, J. W. R. Sumwalt moved its adoption and Conference so ordered:

Hon. Warren Harding, President,
United States of America,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, deeply distressed at the renewal of the Turkish massacres and convinced that the Turk aims at nothing less than the absolute extermination of Christianity in the Near East, do

earnestly petition you to use the power of your great office in strong protest to the Turkish Governments both at Constantinople and at Angora against the continuation of these atrocities.

The United States when weak, made such a protest through President Monroe regarding a similar situation in Greece, and that protest played its part in the freeing of the Greeks. Also, when weak, the United States put an end to the ago-old atrocities of the Barbary States Pirates. Surely now, when strong, and when Turkey so desires American capital and goodwill, a protest from you would work mightily for the prevention of further atrocities against the Christian nationalities in the Near East to whom we owe a double debt both as fellow Christians and as fellow Allies.

We believe that such a protest would meet with the approval of the millions of citizens who are contributing of their means to alleviate the appalling need and we voice our own most earnest plea that such a protest be made as speedily as possible.

CHAIR.—J. W. R. Sumwalt, at the request of the Bishop, assumed the Chair.

DICKINSON AND W. C. I.—Dr. J. H. Morgan, President of Dickinson College, and Dr. H. G. Budd, President of Wesley Collegiate Institute, addressed the Conference concerning the work of their respective institutions, and the following resolution was, at the conclusion of Dr. Budd's address, presented by him and adopted by the Conference:

WHEREAS, Basket ball is an increasingly popular athletic sport which may be indulged in by students in both public and private schools, with their own, their parents' and their church's approval; and,

WHEREAS, The combination of basket ball and dancing has become so general that young people who are members of our own and other churches are compelled either to abandon this commendable sport or else to violate their religious convictions and break the rules of their church; and,

WHEREAS, The deplorable state of morals among many of the youth of our land calls for protest against the use of our school system to break down religious convictions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we vigorously protest against the combination of basket ball and dancing in the schools of the land; and,

RESOLVED, That we urge the Methodist pastors to use their influence and their voice against the use of basket ball games and other school functions to undermine the religious teaching of our churches and our homes; and,

RESOLVED, That we invite the ministers of other denominations, who have similar views to ours concerning the present-day unholiness of the dance, to join in this effort to protect the child life of our communities.

CHAIR.—The Bishop resumed the Chair.

RESOLUTION—DICKINSON COLLEGE.—Robert Watt presented and read the following resolution, and, on motion, it was adopted:

WHEREAS, One year ago this Conference, in recognition of the work of Dickinson College, heartily approved a movement to put the College on a sound financial basis, and gave assurance of co-operation in such a movement; and,

WHEREAS, The four other patronizing Conferences of the College followed with like action; namely, the Baltimore, Central Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Philadelphia Conferences; and,

WHEREAS, The administration of the College assisted by our own Church Board of Education is preparing for the movement we approved one year ago; therefore,

RESOLVED, First, that the time is now ripe for alumni, patrons and friends of the College to rally to its aid with strength and vigor; and,

Second, that we commend the College to the favor of all our people, and pledge our cordial support and hearty co-operation in this opportune movement to add largely to its material equipment and endowment.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—QUESTION 19.—A supplementary report from the committee on Conference Relations recommended that W. A. Wright be permitted to withdraw from the Conference when he shall have returned his credentials, and that the District Superintendent of the Salisbury District be requested to notify him of the action of this Conference and advise compliance with same, and the report of the committee was adopted by the Conference.

Election of Members.—The following were nominated and elected members of the committee on Conference Relations for a term of three years:—Howard Davis, G. W. Dawson, E. W. McDowell and G. S. Thomas.

REPORT OF BOARD OF STEWARDS.—Through T. N. Rawlins, President of the Board, the report of the Board of Stewards was received and adopted, and the recommendations and nominations made therein were approved. By a rising vote of thanks, Conference expressed to the Board their appreciation of the excellent services rendered.

INTRODUCTION.—Dr. Frank Rines, representing the Area Centenary Office, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

COLLECTION.—A collection was ordered and taken, and was distributed according to list made out by the Secretary.

1923 SESSION.—Conference adopted the following resolution after it had been presented and read by V. S. Collins:

RESOLVED, That we hereby petition the Board of Bishops to assign our honored Resident Bishop, William F. McDowell, to preside at the 1923 session of this Conference to be held at Chincoteague, Va.

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.

JOURNAL APPROVED.—Conference approved the journal of the morning's session without being read.

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

BISHOP'S REPLY TO RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.—The Bishop presented and read the following, and, on motion of V. S. Collins, it was ordered printed in the minutes:

The Bishop has had presented to him, by a committee appointed for that purpose, a committee for which he has the highest regard, the following resolution adopted by the Laymen's Association at its session on Friday, March 24, 1922:

WHEREAS, At its last meeting, the General Conference saw fit to remove the time limit on District Superintendents;

WHEREAS, There are now in this Conference three of the District Superintendents who are completing six-year terms; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference, that we deem such removal of said time limit unfortunate, and that we will use our best efforts to secure observance of the old limitations of service by the District Superintendents, believing by so doing the best interest of Methodism will thereby be promoted.

Bishop's Statement.

These resolutions have been widely published and are presented with a view to affecting the administration in making the appointments at this session of the Conference. The Bishop, not being able to reply directly to the Laymen's Association, desires to make the following statement to the Annual Conference which is equally interested with the Laymen's Association in the question thus raised.

First. He is always grateful for every expression from either laymen or ministers, singly or collectively, which will help to a clearer understanding of local or general conditions and to a better administration of the affairs of the Church.

There is a difference between a proper memorial to a General Conference, asking it to enact or re-enact laws which are desired,

and a declaration of purpose to secure, between General Conferences, the observance of a law that has been repealed, and the consequent ignoring of a law that has been enacted and put in force. The memorializing of a General Conference is a sacred right. The setting aside of one law is a serious menace to all law.

Second. The Bishop is responsible to the General Conference, and is under solemn vows to administer the law of the Church as it is, not as it was nor as it may some time be, nor even as earnest, sincere people wish it were. He sincerely regrets, therefore, that the Laymen's Association has declared that "it will use its efforts to secure observance of the old limitations," which would keep the administration on the basis of a law that has been repealed by the highest body in the Church.

He is sincerely convinced that the only true course for an officer, for members or citizens in Church or State is to observe faithfully and administer conscientiously the law as it is. The best interests of Church and State will be best conserved by holding this attitude to law rather than by applying personal or group preferences to its administration.

Third. The law now governing the Bishops in making district and pastoral appointments does not recognize any period as constituting a "term." It only recognizes the principle of making the appointments annually. For a Bishop to administer on any other basis would constitute serious maladministration on his part.

APPOINTMENTS READ.—The appointments were read, the hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," was sung. 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 are glad indeed to again welcome the Wilmington Annual Conference within the bounds of the Dover District to hold its annual session; glad to have you come to this our largest town and to our most beautiful and commodious church. I am reminded that this is the third time the Conference has held its annual session within the bounds of our District in the last six years,—Seaford, Dover and Cambridge. It is also the second time we have been so splendidly cared for by our present genial conference host, Rev. W. E. Gunby. We have added, by our coming, burdens to his already too heavy tasks, and we hereby express our appreciation of his painstaking interest and brotherly concern for our comfort. This Church requires much of its pastor. In the parlance of the builder, these splendid walls are constructed of "two-man stones," and the task which falls to the man who comes to care for the interests for which these walls were constructed has a "two-man job" but, let me say, every interest of this great church has been fully cared for by our hard-working host.

PASTORAL CHANGES.—There were a few changes necessary in the appointments as listed in the minutes for 1921. The folks at Vienna, at the very beginning of the year, refused to accept the supply assigned to them at Conference and, in consequence, were without a pastor for some time. In the early summer, Brother Paul E. Reynolds, a student in the Wesley Collegiate Institute, was appointed to this charge, giving them week-end service after school opened. He is very highly esteemed and well beloved by this people, but in this, as well as in all other like cases, the work cannot be thoroughly done because of the limited time available for it.

Rev. G. T. Jones, a local preacher, student at the Institute, was appointed to Farmington charge at Conference time. He was married and soon occupied the parsonage. The people were delighted with him and there was every promise of a good year when he was suddenly stricken by the grim monster and, at his bidding, passed out and on. This was in the early Fall. The people were greatly distressed at his going for he was well entrenched in their affections. One of the laymen said to me, "He is a young Timothy." Brother R. W. Campbell was appointed to

fill his place. He also is a student at the Institute and has proven himself a worthy successor to Brother Jones.

Brother E. M. Byrd, a local preacher appointed to Church Creek, left us in October to try his fortune with our brethren of the Church, South, and Brother Lee C. West of the Institute is completing the year to the satisfaction of the people of the charge.

In December the Rev. G. W. Richmire was transferred to another Conference and the Rev. Alfred Smith was appointed to fill out the year at Wyoming.

I have four of the young men, students of the Wesley Collegiate Institute, out at week-end service; two of them on four-point circuits. They are fine outstanding young men and full of promise for the years to come. I need them every one on full time service, but this would not be fair to them nor yet to the Church of the future. They must have time to prepare themselves for the great work ahead of them in the ministry.

DEATHS.—None of the brethren in the active ranks have been called away from us by death this year. The working force has not been broken and, for this, we are thankful. But the great reaper "with his sickle keen" has been busy among the ripened grain. Three of our brothers beloved in the Retired ranks have passed out the sunset gate of life and on to the eternal hills.

Brother W. W. Redman, who, for many years walked in the quiet vales, and, I doubt not, often in the shadows of the Retired relation, on Nov. 27, 1921, quietly, after voyaging for eighty-six years on this earthly sea, set the prow of his craft outward on the sea whose farther shore lies hard by the hills of God. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. H. Atkins, assisted by several brethren of the Conference. Suitable memoir will be presented by Dr. E. L. Hoffecker.

On December 10th, Brother P. H. Rawlins passed to the eternal scenes of which he so often spoke. He was a brother beloved, a father in Israel; long in the active service but for the past few years compelled, by failing eyesight and the frailties incident to his multiplied years, to spend his days in retirement from the active work, but in no way did he lose his interest in everything which pertained to the kingdom of the Lord. Though blind, he saw, and saw much, indeed, that many who were blessed with clear physical sight did not see. He communed with his Lord and was shown more than can be discerned by mere human sight. He was a prince among us. A mighty man is fallen in Israel. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. F. F. Carpenter, assisted by several members of the Conference. Suitable memoir will be presented by Rev. F. F. Carpenter.

Brother J. W. Fogle, one of our active, energetic younger men, passed to be "forever with the Lord" on Feb. 26, 1922. He was stricken in the midst of the years and compelled to take the Retired relation. He was very anxious to be about his Master's business; felt that he must preach and was looking forward to taking light work this year. But our ways are not God's ways. We propose and He disposes. Thus at the beckon-

ing of his Lord he went out. Brother F. F. Carpenter will also present his memoir.

So march, march, our fellow laborers and brethren beloved through the gate which ever swings outward to give them exit but never swings inward to bring them back to us, and we stand looking westward at the unmarked trail and solemnly and sadly bid them adieu until the morning.

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS.—There has been considerable building on the District this year and most of it has been about completed.

White's Chapel on Nassau charge, which was burned two years ago, has been replaced by a very neat little structure quite suitable to the needs of that community. It has a basement under the entire building which is fitted up for community services. It is heated by pipeless heater; lighted by electricity; has hard-wood pews and stained glass windows and walls and ceiling covered with decorated metal. It is a gem of a church building. These people deserve a great deal of credit along with their pastor, Rev. L. T. McLain, for the manner in which they have carried this church project to completion. The cost was about, \$7,500. Of this they have paid, \$7,000; leaving only, \$500, yet unpaid, which is a great achievement for them and meant some real sacrifice on their part. There are no regrets and they are happy. The Church was dedicated on one of the most stormy days in the winter, Dec. 4th. The pastor was assisted in the dedicatory services by Rev. H. E. Reed of Milton, Del., and the writer.

Blades has long needed a new church building in which to house their growing congregation. They have constructed a neat and attractive two-room church on the site of the old one, using a part of the frame of the former building. It is heated by pipeless heater; lighted by electricity; has metal walls and ceiling; seated with modern hardwood pews; has stained glass windows and is in every way up to date. This house would have been dedicated this year had it not been for the delay in some of the final furnishings. It will meet the needs of this community for years to come. Rev. R. Ward Mills, the pastor, has been the active spirit in this enterprise and but for his tact, wise leadership and undaunted courage it could hardly have come to such satisfactory completion. The good people of this place have given and given until they feel it keenly, but they have proceeded on the principle that nothing is too good or too much for the Lord's cause and they rejoice in it. The cost of the building is about, \$7000.00, of which \$3,500. have been paid.

Mt. Zion, Bethel Charge:—Those who recall the little church which stood like a lonely sentinel along the cement road leading from Seaford to Laurel, about half way, and remember its rather shabby appearance will be surprised when they travel that way now to see a splendid modern structure which stands in the place of the old one. It has long been desired and greatly needed and now accomplished. Mt. Zion is good to look upon and is a credit to the faithful few who, led by their pastor, Rev. G. E. Wood, have made this achievement possible. The detail of the finish and furniture have not been supplied to me. The cost of this build-

ing is about \$7,000, of which \$3,000 have been paid this year, which is a very fine showing. It would have been dedicated this Conference year had it not been for the tardiness of transportation companies.

Wesley Church on Lakesville charge has been under construction this year but is not yet completed. The last time I saw it there was the promise of a very attractive church. I do not have the latest information respecting this building. They have paid \$300 on it this year. Rev. E. S. Tyler is the pastor.

The interior of this beautiful church in which we are met has been decorated at a cost of \$1400, which is paid.

Milford has installed new lights in the church, improved the parsonage and other minor improvements at a cost of \$2500; all paid.

Millsboro has put electric lights in the parsonage, painted the exterior of the church, put new carpet on floor, painted the inside, all at a cost of \$1,978, and paid the bill.

McKendree Church on Galestown Charge has been thoroughly renovated. The decorative work was done by the pastor, who is quite some artist. The whole cost was \$850; no debt.

East New Market has made the home church look "amaist as weels the new," and spent \$1,098 in doing so.

Crapo has improved most of the churches on the circuit more or less this year, also made the parsonage quite attractive, at a total cost of \$1,626, and paid the bill.

Seaford has installed electric lights in their church, which add greatly to the comfort of the congregation. Cost of this was \$500; \$300 has been paid.

Other improvements are reported as follows:—Laurel, \$600; Georgetown Circuit, \$500; Rehoboth, \$600; Milton, \$447; Reliance, \$425; Hurlock, \$400; Bridgeville, \$394; Armory, \$350; Greenwood, \$315; Georgetown, \$300; and others reporting less amounts bring the grand total for building and improvements to \$28,969.

DEBTS.—The following amounts have been reported paid on church indebtedness:—Cambridge, \$2,700; Lewes, \$1,150; Georgetown, \$600; Greenwood, \$300; Seaford, \$871; Epworth, \$25; Lincoln, \$34; making a total of \$5720.

REVIVALS.—There has been an earnest and devoted interest in the work of saving souls this year, but the results, from reports coming to me, do not indicate quite so large an ingathering as last year.

Cambridge, in the month of May, had a city-wide revival campaign led by the local ministry and assisted by the Bob Johnson Evangelistic Party. The work was thoroughly organized and prosecuted with vigor and a great blessing came to this city. The net result to Zion Church was 150 converted and united with the church. This large result was due in a great measure to the careful follow-up work done by the pastor of Zion Church. This great Church has had an unusual season of prosperity during the present pastorate. A debt of \$23,000 on the church has been reduced to \$7,500; the membership increased by about three hundred; improvements to the interior of the church this year amounting

to \$1,400, and every department of the church work in excellent shape.

Milford has had a year of marked prosperity. A census of the town was taken during which every white family of the town was interviewed and this revealed some remarkable things, among them the fact that nearly one-half of the white population of the town expressed a preference for the Methodist Episcopal Church. A revival was held in January in which the pastor was assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Wm. C. Mealing. It was a great meeting. By actual count 6000 people attended these meetings during the time of their continuance. By conversion, renewals, the locating of those who had united with no church but were Methodists, about 100 have been added to the church. I think the pastor, possibly, leads the Conference in the matter of Christian Advocate subscriptions. Fifty new ones and 100% renewals comprise his list, making a total of sixty-three in all.

There have been other very profitable and successful meetings. Lincoln has had exceptionally fine revivals in two of the three churches on the charge; namely, Lincoln and Slaughter Neck. The pastor has done most of the work himself. There were 84 conversions.

Woodland on Reliance charge had a great season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; converts, 43. Trinity and Greenwood churches on the Greenwood charge had unusual meetings. Pastor reports 79 conversions.

The same may be said of quite a few other charges. East New Market, 34; Rehoboth, 47; Hooper's Island, 43; Armory, 38; Ellendale, 33; Felton, 31; Houston, 22; Georgetown Circuit, 14; Leipsic, 14; Dover, 17; Magnolia, 11; Millsboro, 12; Lewes, 10; Hurlock, 19; Crapo, 15; Lakesville, 16; Blades, 18; others reporting less numbers, making a total as reported to me of 868.

CENTENARY.—I have made an earnest effort to ascertain just how the Centenary account stands on the District, but have not succeeded to any satisfactory degree. It looks now, from reports received, that the District will not quite measure up to last year in Centenary contributions. Reports have come in, I think, because I have insisted but with incomplete figures and in quite a few instances none at all, because the people in these cases cling to the habit of putting off "the evil day" as long as possible, which makes it hard for the minister and the people as well.

There is an increasing opposition to the Centenary in many places, specially in the rural sections, and in some places it is like flaunting the red flag in the face of a bull even to mention it—it stirs up the fight.

Not so long since a pastor was apologizing to me for the small congregation present and said, "One reason for this is that they said they were sure you were going to speak on the Centenary and they were not going to hear it." I am advising the brethren in such cases to drop the word "Centenary" from their vocabulary, specially in public speech, and use the word "Missionary" instead. No use irritating the dear people needlessly.

Quite a few of the larger churches are taking the work of the Centenary seriously and I might say gladly, and are coming up splendidly.

It is true we have had an exceptionally hard year financially. No one denies that. With frost and freeze for our fruit and failure in our general crops as well as in the fish and oyster business in the tide-water sections, we have been hard hit.

I was talking a few days ago with a close personal friend of mine, an ardent Methodist, an optimistic spirit, the owner of a dozen or more farms, who said that for the first time in his long business career his farms had netted him a dead loss of exactly \$2,000 in the year 1921. "But," he continued, "this has been a very bad year but the years have not all been bad and those to come will not all be bad years. I shall pay my part to the Church out of the years that were good, and if I could not do it any other way I would borrow money and pay it." If such a spirit were general among our people there would be no shortage in our church finances.

The bad conditions are real beyond question, but this fact is not the worst feature of the situation. In these times even, if the people would deal squarely with the Lord; if He had His proper and legitimate share out of the wreck; if we did not charge all the losses to the Lord—strange how it is always the Lord's part which is lost; if He could have the tithe after the old Jewish standard out of what we do have, no cause of His, as represented by the Methodist Episcopal Church, would suffer or fail for want of funds to support it. There is no noticeable shutting down on the luxuries and pleasures of the people. The Lord's cause must take the shortage.

Where there is no vision the people perish. If our people would one time climb to some Pisgah's height and get a vision of this old broken, bleeding, sin-burdened world and sense their relation to this situation and hear God's heart-breaking cry to His people to help Him restore the world to sanity and salvation, there would not, there could not be this self-satisfied, selfish attitude toward the Lord and His work, for in thus seeing it would be discovered as our work as well as His. How long, O, Lord! How long before our people shall awake? May the Lord of hosts hasten the day!

EPWORTH LEAGUE.—It is hardly an open question as to whether the Epworth League has entirely measured up to the purposes of its founders. The Society is primarily intended to be a school of training for young people in matters of religious and church life and service so they might, in after years, be well equipped for larger fields of service and responsibility in the church. The fact is that it has become more or less a Society operated by folks who have reached middle life or more and whose habits of church work have become pretty well established. They tell us, on inquiry, that the young people, for some reason, refuse to take the leadership in their own organization or the one intended for them. I do not pretend to give reasons for this condition. I think, however, the fact that it is so is open to little doubt, judging by those who are usually in charge of the Sunday evening devotional services. Quite a few of the charges have no leagues at all for the reason that there are not a sufficient number who are interested enough to keep them alive. There are

quite a few exception to this general condition. There are yet some wide-awake, active chapters of the League on the District and some consecrated young people who help to make them so and I believe an increasing number of them.

The League Convention.—Despite the facts named above, there is enough vigorous life and vitality left to enable us to put on and carry through a very fine program at our Epworth League Convention, which was held at Federalsburg on October 4th and 5th, 1921. Our President, Rev. J. T. Price, and his cabinet arranged the program and it is generally conceded that for material and execution it was the best program of recent years. There was an unusually large attendance of young people and there were thirty-three of the ministers of the District present. Dr. Frank Rines was with us and met the preachers in the interests of the Centenary and also addressed the convention. The evening speakers, Dr. E. L. Hubbard of Cambridge and Dr. H. D. Mitchell of Washington, D. C., gave splendid addresses, which proved an inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to hear them.

Conference Institute.—I feel sure that the splendid spirit manifested in our District Convention was due in no small part to the effects of our Conference Institute. Quite a goodly number of our young people having attended this Institute, which was held at the Wesley Collegiate Institute in Dover, Del., July 9-16, 1921, in charge of our Conference President, Rev. W. G. Harris. The Institute is planned to create more interest in religious matters on the part of our young people and to instruct them in things pertaining to the Kingdom of God and Methodism. Classes were conducted in Bible Study, Church History, Church Methods, Home and Foreign Missions and Christian Stewardship. Nearly 100% of those present enrolled as tithers; twenty-seven consecrated themselves to Life Service and are now making further educational preparation for their life work. There was a strong faculty, notably among them, Dr. Lewis of Drew Theological Seminary, who had charge of the Bible Study classes. The delegates enjoyed, in the interim between class work, wholesome recreations which were provided for them by those in charge of the Institute. The enrollment reached 131, which was 25% more than last year. Larger things are being planned for this year when they meet again on July 18th at the Institute in Dover, Del.

SALARIES.—There has been but little change in the salaries paid the pastors this year. The tendency seems to be toward reduction and in two or three cases notice has been given of such reduction next year. The claim being that the price of living has been reduced and they seem to feel that it would be an unpardonable sin should a preacher receive a nickel more than is necessary for actual close-fitting living expense, and the same folks are ready to censure the minister if he does not lay by something for his days of retirement. This is a suicidal policy whoever pursues it and can work nothing but disaster to the cause. The charges advancing salaries this year are, Cambridge, \$400; Milford, \$100, and Crapo, \$100; making a total of \$600.

WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—Under the most efficient direction of President Henry G. Budd, the Wesley Collegiate Institute has had a good year. The enrollment this year is not quite so large as last year, due, no doubt, to the financial stringency. The enrollment in all classes this year is 128.

The Treasurer, Arley B. Magee, Esq., reports that up to March 14th the total amount received on the endowment fund is \$189,643.05, of which \$30,532.60 have been paid this year; that is, from June 1921 to March 14, 1922. This is a most excellent showing and very pleasing to the friends of the Institute. Dr. Budd states that the Wilmington Conference Educational Endowment Fund leads Methodism in the matter of collecting their funds. Again, thanks abundant to Treasurer Magee.

DISTRICT PARSONAGE.—The first District Parsonage owned in the Wilmington Conference was purchased during the administration of my brother, A. S. Mowbray, on the Wilmington District, now occupied by Dr. Watt. The last one to be bought is on the Dover District, which was purchased this year. A district home on the Dover District has been an imperative necessity years without number. During the year the various Quarterly Conferences of the District voted that this necessity be met, and voted also to share the cost on the basis of 15% of the cash salary of the pastor, payable in four equal annual installments. Considering the fact that they were to have the residence of the Superintendent, Dover placed a bonus of \$1,000 on the project. At a meeting duly called, a committee was appointed to select a property and take all legal steps to secure it for the District. The committee is composed of the following gentlemen: Mr. F. M. Jones, Georgetown, Del.; Mr. Thomas Davis, Milford, Del.; Mr. S. S. Andrews, Cambridge, Md.; Mr. C. M. Phillips, Hurlock, Md.; Rev. H. G. Budd, Dover, Del. The committee has since been incorporated and thus becomes the permanent custodians of the property.

The property selected is a very attractive and convenient one situated on the North East corner of Cecil and Bradford Streets, Dover, Del., and faces the South, having an outlook across the campus of the Institute. The cost was \$8,500. The property is under lease for 1922 and is not available to the District until Jan. 1, 1923. After that there will be no more wandering, houseless superintendents, having nowhere to lay their heads, which has been the unpleasant experience of several of them in the years past.

Payments have been made, as attested by the books of the treasurer, as follows:—Georgetown, \$85; Hurlock, \$67.87; Frederica, \$41.25; Felt-on, \$48.75; Ellendale, \$26.25; Mt. Pleasant, \$37.50; Milford, \$86.25; Dover, \$78.75; Harrington, \$45; Houston, \$45; Milford Neck, \$11.25; Farmington (by Todd's Chapel), \$8; Leipsic, \$11; Armory, \$18.75; Lewes, \$67.50; Church Creek, \$18.75; Beckwith, \$22.50; Vienna, \$26.25.

CHANGE OF NAME.—The name of the Church in Dover which has for many years been known as the "Armory" has, by due and legal process, been changed to St. Paul. Thus, "Armory" will disappear from the head of the list of appointments and, I presume, properly appear, "Dover—St. Paul" along with, "Dover—Wesley."

CHURCH BURNED.—On Sunday morning, March 12th, our very neat and attractive church at Lebanon on Camden Charge was totally destroyed by fire. The house adjoining the church caught fire which communicated to the church. The Robbins Fire Company of Dover responded to the call for help but they could not reach the scene of the fire in time to save the church. This could easily have been done had it not been for the unspeakable roads in which the fire truck stalled. Another charge which stands with the many against Delaware's dirt roads.

In closing this report I desire to express my profound gratitude to God for His unbounded love and for His sustaining grace during the year which has been one of unusual stress and anxiety.

To my fellow laborers who have made possible whatever has been done, in so far as it depended upon human agencies; to the laymen of the District who, with rare exceptions, have been uniformly kind and courteous, I extend my sincerest appreciation and my hearty thanks.

In January there was held an Inspirational Conference at Seaford, Del. Drs. Swartz, Rines, Don, Colt and others were present, representing the Area office, and gave us information and inspiration. This was a great day for Methodism.

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

W. A. WISE, District Superintendent.

Another year of great and gracious opportunity, related to the thrilling activities of our Lord's earthly kingdom, has all too rapidly passed, and, after our annual custom, we come to recount something of the year's endeavor, and gratefully record our achievements.

Having been re-assigned supervision of the Middletown District, with somewhat of a distinct consciousness of the many difficulties involved, we promptly faced the task, resolved to spend and be spent for the glory of God and the coveted welfare of both the local and general church interests. How well the work has been done, He "who knoweth all things," knows best.

In 1919 this District was operated by 36 effective, 2 retired and 6 supply men. In 1920, 33 effective, 3 retired, and 6 supplies. In 1921 the pastoral personnel, because of additional deaths, retirements and the absence of sufficient available men, was 31 effective, 3 retired and 8 supplies, while very early in the year, Brothers Lawson and Bolton, being obliged to withdraw from their charges and seek medical treatment at the hands of the Federal Government, Sudlersville and Clayton were subsequently cared for respectively by an additional retired member of the Conference, and a student from Wesley Collegiate Institute. With these, and one other interruption of a different nature, involving the use of the

fifth retired man, we have labored together in earnest endeavor to "put over" the year's program.

We are profoundly grateful to our heavenly Father for the excellent health enjoyed during the entire year. In this blessing all the effective men have shared, apart from the two exceptions noted in the above paragraph. However, the "white horse and his rider" have neither permitted us to go unnoticed, nor unharmed. Today heaven's blood-washed throng is augmented by, at least, six white-robed spirits, who have gone from our midst to join the crowned loved ones who preceded them thither. May 24th, at Kenton, Mrs. James W. Easley; August 8th, at Smyrna, Mrs. Thomas H. Haynes; October 10th, at Middletown, Mrs. James E. Bryan; February 24th, at Denton, Zach H. Webster; February 25th, at Smyrna, George S. Conaway; October 11th, at Kenton, David S. Clark, an honored and highly esteemed local preacher. Services befitting the memory of each were held at the place of death, and suitable mention in each case will be presented and read by Brothers H. G. Budd, R. P. Nichols, W. G. Koons, V. E. Hills.

Hopeful of offsetting something of the District's Centenary shortage reported one year ago, the Area Centenary workers were invited to our territory, and a schedule arranged by which the several representatives were able to visit four-fifths of the charges with their instructive and inspiring messages before the first month of the year had closed. Subsequently, in the month of August, Drs. Swartz and Rines returned, when, with the assistance of other representatives from the rural department of the Home Board, the remaining one-fifth was reached with Centenary data sufficiently illuminating and forceful to satisfy and silence every reasonable objector, and afford all needful information to those who would hear with hearing ears and unprejudiced minds. Wednesday, January 11th, at Cecilton, the District Inspirational Meeting was held. An Area team of eight, under direction of Dr. M. E. Swartz, braved the terrific storm, and with no lack of enthusiasm or effort, effectively reviewed and outlined Centenary activities, past, present and prospective.

The District will scarcely be able to show itself immune to the unusual industrial conditions that have obtained within its borders, nor very largely overcome, if at all, the inevitable consequences. Farming and canning industries constitute the two main dependencies of our constituency, and from these they derive the bulk of their income; hence, the well known and widespread embarrassment of these has quite seriously affected every material interest of the home, the church and the state as well. Nevertheless, abundant evidence has been seen of purpose on the part of our officials in the local churches to prove themselves loyal to the several items of ministerial support, current expense, and absolutely needful repairs and improvements. At the same time manifesting considerable concern for, and continued interest in, the Centenary claims and personal obligations thereto.

The visit of the Area team of workers was followed up with a brief memorandum of benevolent apportionments for the current year, which was placed in the hands of all preachers in charge, and intended to meet

all cases of immediate budget purposes. At the Second Quarterly Conferences a carefully prepared combined statement and questionnaire covering every phase of the year's program to date was added to the above note. Subsequently, an official call was made for immediate report to the general treasurer at Chicago of all funds intended for Centenary purposes; while on numerous occasions, either in the open Quarterly Conference or with the pastor in private, the Stewardship program for the months of February and March and the tithing week, climaxing on Easter day, were fully and consistently presented and urged. Special attention was directed to the valuable little manual, "The Stewardship Self Starter," sent to the pastors and intended for their special guidance as well as that of their local workers in the stewardship campaign. In the Fourth Quarterly Conferences quite a few of the pastors reported having followed the Stewardship program in most of its detail. The schedule of sermon subjects recommended was adopted by some, and the various units of the charges were being used with frequent indications of desirable results. Of the 42 questionnaires sent out, 28 were returned with some of the data necessary for an intelligent forecast of what the District will do this year in the matter of Centenary and apportioned benevolences. The outlook given below is based solely upon the figures taken from the reports made to the District Superintendents.

Cecilton and Chestertown report the Centenary and other six benevolences raised in full; Church Hill, Cordova, Galena, Henderson, Piney Neck, Preston, Royal Oak, St. Michael's and Trappe report an increase over last year in the eight general interests. Centreville, Clayton, Middletown and Wye Mills report having maintained their benevolent record of one year ago; while Elayside, Cheswold, Denton, Fairlee, Greensboro, Kenton, Millington, Oxford, Odessa, Queenstown, Ridgely, Rock Hall, Salem, Still Pond, Tilghman and Townsend report their utter inability to sustain the standard of 1921.

The latest official comparative statistical statement of Centenary and Apportioned Benevolences contains the following information: In 1918 the Middletown District total was, \$7942; 1919, \$8595; 1920, \$38,843; 1921, \$28,870. The latter figures indicate an advance in 1921 over 1918 of \$20,928, but at the same time this proves a decrease of \$9,972 from the higher mark attained in 1920. This considerable decrease was participated in by 33 of the 42 charges, the 9 exceptions being Bozman and Neavitt, Chestertown, Crumpton, Easton, Greensboro, Kenton, Pomona, Salem, Sudlersville. From the same official statistics we observe that the District per capita payment on apportioned benevolences in 1918, prior to Centenary propaganda, was but 90c; 1919, \$1.01; 1920, \$4.45; 1921, \$3.34; the latter amount being an increase of \$2.34 over that of 1918, but at the same time a decrease of \$1.15 from that of 1920. Certain quite plausible reasons might be alleged as to why but 9 charges appear able to report no benevolent decrease last year, particularly since 3 of the 9 named are to be rated as among the weakest of the District, and also are located in those sectors of the territory so sorely and repeatedly stricken by most serious adverse conditions, but we refrain

from either reflection or comment. Nevertheless the indications are that the District per capita of 1922 will not quite equal that of 1921.

Church and parsonage improvements have been projected as follows: Easton has removed the immense chandelier that hung so conspicuously in the auditorium there, and in its stead has generously studded their beautiful ceiling with handsome pendent electric fixtures, much to the satisfaction of the many worshippers who crowd that spacious room to overflowing at almost every service; cost incurred and paid being \$1736. Hillsboro repainted and recarpeted their church, reupholstered the pulpit furniture, and furnished the pulpit stand with beautiful new copies of the Holy Bible and the church hymnal. Kent Island repaints and generally renovates the church at Dominion, adds a fine new organ to the equipment at Stevensville, besides securing a greatly needed water-tight cemented cellar for the prospective heating plant at the latter place. Outlay made and provided for \$1200. Oxford church and parsonage completely wired and outfitted for electric light; also the parsonage at Royal Oak, cost at the former place, \$320, at the latter, \$200. Queenstown church repainted, \$166; with plans in making for building of a much needed parsonage during the coming year. Salem, on Salem Circuit, one of the neatest and best kept of our small country churches, has been made more so this year with an outlay of \$275. St. Michael's officials have kept pace with the extended improvements in that town. The entire frontage and approaches of both church and parsonage having been completely laid in as fine a piece of concrete workmanship as can be found most anywhere, the parsonage coming in for its needed care with a liberal coat of paint, the entire expense being, \$900. Cecilton rejoices over the completion and dedication of their well equipped community house; the dedication taking place Sunday, October 30, the pastor, T. R. Van Dyke, being assisted in that service by Drs. Clarence True Wilson, J. W. R. Sumwalt and the District Superintendent. A good work bravely begun and persistently carried forward, heroically finished, and capable of telling a most interesting story of what vision, grace and sanctified grit can do, with the right leadership and a consecrated following. From the very inception of this enterprise the cooperation of this people has been of the princely sort, sacrificial and scriptural, for they have literally "brought the tithes into the storehouse," and then some. Including construction and equipment, the total investment has been \$25,000; which amount is about all covered with reliable subscription, and though sorely distressed like others by crop failures, and numerous other hindrances, discouragements and losses, Cecilton folk are "paying their vows (even now) unto the Lord," at the rate of from three to four hundred dollars each monthly mark-up day. Moreover, they are glad to do so, since the community house has already demonstrated the wisdom of its building, and is abundantly calculated to life still higher the intellectual, moral, social, and spiritual tone of the people, and while so doing, bring that rural community more and more under the shadow and sheltering influence of the Christian Church. At Concord, Galena, Ridgely and Union Church on Crumpton charge, movements have been inaugurated looking toward pro-

viding community houses, and other social accommodations are assuming promising shade so that next year, with the least favorable change in industrial conditions, will find these charges providing for themselves just what the needs of the day require.

Other charges making improvements and for which no detailed account has been given are: Bozman, \$700; Crumpton, \$670; Tilghman, \$360; Piney Neck, \$200; Townsend, \$175; Chestertown, \$160; Bayside, Odessa and Still Pond, \$150 each. Others with smaller sums make the total for improvements to be \$7483.15.

Old indebtedness cancelled this year has been as follows: Easton, \$1600; Smyrna, \$700; Crumpton, \$525; Denton, \$500; Centreville, \$433; Middletown, \$325; Tilghman, \$310; Trappe, \$212; Ridgely, \$171; Odessa, \$80; Oxford, \$70; Queenstown, \$24; total, \$4825.50.

We are not privileged to report any decided advance in ministerial support. In fact, but six charges took steps in this direction:—Galena and Piney Neck add \$300 each, to pastor's salary; Easton, \$200; Millington and Salem, \$100 each; Oxford, \$60; total, \$1060. We, however, congratulate ourselves upon the fact, that while the great majority of our Methodist wage earners, at the beginning of this Conference year, faced a reasonably certain decrease in their individual incomes, yet not one charge in its Quarterly Conference estimate for ministerial support, proposed a dollar less than was estimated and paid a year ago.

The splendid work of the elect women of the District, the Woman's Foreign Missionary, the Woman's Home Missionary and the Ladies Aid Societies are an achievement worth record. The former Missionary organization is represented in this District by 10 auxiliaries with a membership of 528. The treasurer of the District societies reports having received over \$1400 this year for their work in the foreign field, and lays claim to Middletown's being the best organized District within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference. Their financial showing this year represents an increase of 15% over that of a year ago. This, together with the \$1000, and possibly more, raised by the Woman's Home Missionary Society within our borders, plus the more than \$10,000 collected and disbursed by the Ladies' Aid Societies of the District, make the fine total of \$12,400.

The obligations of the charges toward the District Parsonage have received commendable attention and are very greatly appreciated. Bozman and Neavitt, Denton, Kenton, Piney Neck and Trappe pay their apportionments in full together with interest thereon up to the time of remittance. Friendship, Dulaneys, Queenstown, Wye Mills, Still Pond, make proportionate payments; while Bayside, Cecilton, Centreville, Chestertown, Church Hill, Crumpton, Easton, Greensboro, Pomona make good their over due interest, thus enabling the District treasurer of this fund to make an additional payment of \$1378.34, on account, which payment leaves a balance to date of \$708.91 unpaid. This amount, with interest at 6% from July 1, 1920, is fully apportioned among the several charges deferring payments until a more convenient season, and will so continue until the final dollar of indebtedness be cancelled.

Good Literature Day was somewhat indifferently remembered or observed. From information afforded by a few of the pastors for this tabulation, we find there are 249 Christian Advocates, 111 Methodists and 12 Methodist Reviews taken by our entire District membership. With a reported membership of 9062 Full members and probationers, and at least one-third of this number occupying official relation of some sort, a total of 372 subscriptions does not speak volumes to the credit of our people in their support or appreciation of the church papers. Surely there is great room for improvement here.

For six consecutive years, we have vainly labored to ascertain something of the real legal status of our church and parsonage property. Much pleading, praying and prodding yet remains to be done by someone, before proper official conscience is aroused, and absolutely necessary action be secured with reference to these matters of sacred trust, where property interest are persistently jeopardized. The existence and whereabouts of deeds, articles of incorporation, official seals and fire insurance papers, are not merely questions of ignorance, but have become problems, quite difficult of solution in different places. During the closing year, in three separate instances, church property has been endangered by hitherto indifference and inexcusable neglect, in spite of frequent warnings given to certain church officials who, nevertheless, are permitted to continue in official relation to dominate and determine other vital interests of the church with a similar show of unawakened and undisturbed conscience.

There has been a growing interest taken in Sunday school work that proves to be one of the most pleasing and promising signs of the year's activities. Increased attendance has been repeatedly reported at quite a few points, possibly due to systematic and thorough canvass for Sunday school material, but certainly indicative of an aroused sentiment with relation to this department of the church work. Great satisfaction is expressed and high hopes are entertained with reference to the possible outcome of an increased number of adult bible classes, both male and female, organized and much alive during the year. The influence of these is quite pronounced at Centreville, Cecilton, Chestertown, Crumpton, Easton, Greensboro, Preston, Smyrna, Still Pond, while the perfectly legitimate rivalry between the two sexes, as to increased membership and support of the school finances, has proven beneficial and well worth while.

The 32 senior and 20 junior chapters of the Epworth League, prove that organization for our young people to be not yet extinct within our territory. The well attended convention held at Centreville, October 11-12th, was all that could be expected. A fine intellectual and spiritual program, carefully prepared and splendidly rendered, with first rate entertainment by a princely host, added much to the comfort and profit of the large list of delegates; while the masterly addresses delivered by Dr. J. E. Crowther of "Wayfarer" face and now pastor of Arch Street M. E. Church, Philadelphia, on "The Switzerland of the Soul," and "Who shall rule Africa tomorrow?", proved a highly fitting climax to that delightful annual gathering of Middletown District Epworthians.

Finally, systematic evangelistic efforts made during the year, brought blessed and much desired results in the form of conversions. Marydel, for weeks considerably demoralized and without a pastor, was, perhaps, the least promising field though not the least needing revival effort. When no other man could be prevailed upon to go, and going, stay, because of a divided public mind and the meagre promise of a reasonable support, Brother W. W. Chaires, one of our honored and retired brethren, at the expense of an automobile, through accident on the public highway and at the risk of his own life therein, came to the relief of the District Superintendent and bravely undertook this most unpromising task at Marydel. Today his is the consequent satisfaction of witnessing an entire community aroused as never before with great revival fervor, and 107 persons gloriously saved and many of them added to the church. C. D. Sharpless, now closing a very happy five year pastorate at Henderson, adds to his otherwise splendid record the conversion of 89, with 65 accessions. Queens-town has been greatly favored and profited by the pastorate of another supply, Brother Henry Covington, a man of God, big hearted, big souled and with gifts, grace, and usefulness such as rightly directed, brings things to pass, comes to Conference with 68 conversions and 59 accessions. R. C. Jones, at Kent Island, where prayer meeting experiments early in the morning and late at night, found an average attendance of 75 at the unusual hour of 6 A. M., wrestling with God in prayer and supplication for greater consecration of believers and genuine conviction of sinners, is grateful to God for 85 conversions as the fruits of faith and practice. O. H. Connelly has proven a real spiritual leader at Millington, where for two consecutive years he has held and extended and blessed work of grace; 68 converted this year to be added to a similar number one year ago. J. A. Leach is closing his third year at Greensboro with 40 conversions.

R. S. Hodgson at Odessa and Friendship, gives full proof of his calling with leading 29 to the foot of the cross during his otherwise good year's work. A. B. Frye at Church Hill, R. P. Nichols at Smyrna, Leolan Jackson at Tilghman, have each had the joy of seeing 25 persons seek and find Christ as their personal Saviour. J. T. Rowleson, G. E. Sterling and Frank L. Hicks have shared in a goodly number of conversions, and others with smaller numbers are able to rise up and testify that there is still abundant reason for them to proclaim, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

And, after all, brothers, that is the supreme fact, and ours is the supreme work of making that fact known to those around us. This is the first and foremost, as well as the ultimate end, of all real Christian service, and to this we are called. The results are as "the honey out of the rock" for which we may well crave. The "joy of the Lord" which "is our strength," and for this we may well pray, for, without these seals to our ministry, namely, the salvation of never dying souls, no matter what else may be forthcoming, the heart of every normal man of God, will both fret and faint with the overwhelming sense of its own destitution. Remembering that to us, as well as to them, is the promise, "He that goeth

forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Wherefore, "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

With an ever present reminder of increased obligation to the faithful men of Middletown District for their unstinted cooperation and favors, that we can neither number nor repay, and with thanks to God, our common Father, for His infinite patience, help and love, this report is respectfully submitted.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

VAUGHAN S. COLLINS, District Superintendent.

It was the first century of the Christian era. The Church of God was staggering forward, persecuted on all sides, weakened by discord within and cursed by worldlings without. The aftermath of seven centuries of war was blighting the world. The moral obtuseness of men; the lack of chastity among women, the forms of religion used to inflame passion and to cater to licentiousness; crime rampant, marital fidelity a subject for scorn and jest,—all this the Church of God must face, and fight.

In the midst of such conditions a District Superintendent, no longer young, was bowed in deep thought. The outlook was not roseate. He had a tremendously large District, and transportation was difficult. Numerous rivers must be crossed, with ferries even more crude than those across the Wetipquin and the Wicomico. Numerous bays and arms of the Great Sea must be crossed, sometimes as boisterous as Tangier Sound or the Chesapeake. Financial conditions were bad, and business stagnation covered the world. Ministers were scarce, and among the few he did have some were not satisfied with their appointments, and wanted to go to the "upper districts" where they imagined work would be easier and pay bigger. Among his laymen, even more were dissatisfied with the preachers he had sent them, and wanted him to import for them preachers that could sing like angels, pray like saints, preach like Isaiah, and live on manna sent with the dew every morning, and never mention Centenary nor tithing. Both ministers and laymen blamed him when things went wrong. He tried to help out by doing double work; but it seemed useless, and the effort unappreciated. If he wrote letters of advice his preachers resented it as an attempt to "boss" them; and if he labored with the laymen, divided as they were into cliques and factions, he was accused by both factions of siding with the other side.

And Conference was coming. It was to meet in Corinth. He must prepare his report. And what could he report worth reporting? He knew full well that Peter and Apollos, and all the other District Superintendents in order to gain a sympathetic hearing from the brethren and the approving nod of the Bishop would bring in reports of deeds accomplished and

difficulties overcome that would use up all the descriptive adjectives and adverbs in the vocabulary before it came his turn to report. What would be left for him to say? He knew he had worked as hard as any of them, and under as adverse conditions. To barely state the facts would seem like boasting, and he did not like to boast, but he felt he must state the facts. So calling to his assistant, Titus, he bade him write that report which has thrilled the Christian world for eighteen centuries:

"Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also. * * * Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak foolishly) I am more; in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

"Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

"Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of (anxiety for the welfare of) all the churches.

"Who is weak and I am not weak? Who is tempted (and drawn into sin) and I flame not with indignation?"

Well said, noble Paul. There is no need for you to call on God to testify to the truth of your report for we know you state facts. It sounds just like you had traveled Salisbury District for five years.

Just as artists frequently paint a dark background in order to bring into bolder relief the picture they would have you see, so let me hastily sketch the sombre background of Salisbury District during the past year.

"Hard Times"

At every one of the 194 Quarterly Conferences held, I think without exception, I have had sung into my ears one song, with innumerable variations it is true, but the central theme of the melody has been always the same, viz.: "Hard times, and wuss a comin'." This song I have heard from one end of the District to the other,—from the flower-bedecked village of Claremont to the verdant meads of Ocean View. Sometimes the song was rendered as a solo, sometimes a duett, sometimes a trio or a quartet; and sometimes it assumed the majestic, swelling rythm of a symphony chorus with full orchestral accompaniment. Surely there is one thing on which the laymen of the District are of one mind and heart, viz: that we have had hard times this year. If we were equally one on the great subject of being "Storehouse Stewards" we could have laid on the Lord's altars even this year enough to have paid our Centenary quota in full, and would have

enough left over as a thankoffering to God to have paid for the new home of our good Bishop in Washington.

The financial situation with us is like this. Our principal sources of revenue might be stated as agricultural, timber and seafoods. Somehow in all three of these branches of industry prices and supply have chased each other all the year but without getting in touching distance. If we had fish or oysters the price was low; if the prices went up, weather conditions prevented their being caught. Fruits, that usually bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars, were virtually wiped out by the late freeze last spring. Lack of employment due to business stagnation has been quite serious in many places. At Sharptown, for instance, where a shipyard has for generations furnished the principal employment for the town, since the war the shipyard has been not only sold, but dismantled; so the shipcarpenters, some of them the mainstay of our church there, have been compelled to go to Norfolk, Newport News, Baltimore, New York,—anywhere to get a few days work. Then since the New Year came in we have had blizzard after blizzard, and deluges of rain for a string of Sundays, which made our roads practically impassable and broke up all services for several weeks in our rural churches. But we might have known something like this would happen when we put that water amendment in the Constitution, and elected a Baptist as President of the United States. As we Methodists were doubtless very much the cause of both of these events we ought not to grumble if a little more water than usual comes our way.

"Sickness of the Ministers"

Then sickness among our ministers has materially interfered with the work of the District. Rev. W. F. Dawson was for months a sufferer, and so was his wife, both being in a hospital in Baltimore at the same time; but both are now much improved. Rev. L. E. Poole, usually exhibiting excellent judgment, most inopportunistically selected his revival meeting time for a month's vacation in the form of an aggravated illness that finally yielded to treatment. Rev. H. S. Dulaney has twice been to the Methodist Hospital for a malady the nature of which is obscure, but the second X-ray examination showed the cause was removed and his condition normal. Even the indefatigable Rev. John L. Johnson suffered a temporary breakdown in the midst of his autumn work and is now confined to his home with an infected foot. Rev. A. F. Zimmerman, the earnest young Pastor of Bishopville, was unfortunately kicked while cranking his Ford, and had his arm broken in two places. Pluckily he never missed a service. That young man has good stuff in him. Rev. C. V. Steininger was also on the sick list for a while. Rev. W. E. Matthews, of Hebron, has for six years or more suffered from failing vision, which reached such a stage that an operation was necessary to prevent total blindness. Dr. L. Webster Fox, of Philadelphia, performed a most successful operation; but his vision is yet so impaired that brother Matthews will ask for a retired relation at this session of the Conference. Such a list of sick ministers I have never known on any District during my connection with the Conference. It has necessarily affected the efficient working of the District.

"Pastors Changing ad Interim"

When Conference adjourned at Crisfield a year ago I was happy in the fact that at last Salisbury District had a Pastor for every appointment—the first time since my appointment to the District. In September things began to happen. Rev. A. A. Bichell, supply at Westover, without asking my consent to the arrangement, notified me that he was leaving Westover as he had already accepted another appointment in the Central Pennsylvania Conference. The same mail that brought me tidings of brother Bichell's desertion brought me a request for work from Rev. G. W. Hastings, who was placed on the retired relation at the last session of the Conference. So brother Hastings accepted the work thus dropped by brother Bichell, and has greatly endeared himself to the people.

Bro. Hastings will ask that he be restored to the active relation at this session of the Conference.

About the same time Rev. W. A. Wright, Pastor at Claremont, sent his resignation, withdrawing from both the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to take effect on October 23rd. I ask that his case be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations. Rev. W. E. Tomkinson, our own retired veteran of four score and four years, was sent in December to fill out the Conference year; and right nobly has he accomplished that difficult task.

In October, also, the wife of Rev. M. H. Smith, supply at Pocomoke Circuit, was pronounced a sufferer with tuberculosis, and her physician ordered her to the mountains. Through the kind liberality of the laymen of the charge and a gift of \$50 from the Domestic Missions fund brother Smith was enabled to move his family to the Catskill mountains, and a letter from him states they are doing well.

These are some of the difficulties we have faced during the past twelve months,—hard times, sickness, broken ranks. Now let us turn to some things accomplished.

District Stewards

For five years I have preached to the Pastors that they should nominate for District Stewards only the very best of their official men. A District Steward should not only be a man deeply and sincerely spiritual, but he ought also to be a man of good business ability and one who is thoroughly loyal to his own Pastor and to his own church. A man disloyal to his Pastor will be disloyal also to his District Superintendent. If he fights all progress in his local church he will also fight all progress in the District. If a man prefers having his own way to the good of the church, and is willing to wreck a church or blast a Pastor's reputation in order to have his own way, instead of promoting him to District and Annual Conference honors where he will have all the larger opportunity to wreck and to blast, he ought to be "bound hand and foot and cast into the outer darkness" until he repents of his sins. Even then it is wise to keep him on probation for a good long period before trusting him again with Church position.

Five years of this kind of preaching to Pastors has borne fruit. It has in some measure changed the character of the Board of District Stewards. Most of the Board were already picked men,—the very cream of their respective charges. With these as the backbone of the organization, and with judicious but conservative elimination and filling vacancies with picked men, we now have as District Stewards as fine a representative body of intelligent, Methodist laymen as you will likely find anywhere.

"District Stewards Meeting of 1921"

On April 21, 1921, was held the last meeting of the District Stewards. After earnest devotions, in which all joined, business proceeded in a way to gladden my heart. Discussion was conducted in a frank, manly, brotherly way, but every vote taken was unanimous.

1. It was discovered that while the charter of the Conference Stewards says that a steward's term is four years, through someone's carelessness or worse, there had been no election for twelve years. Thereupon they elected Bro. John H. Dulany of Fruitland, Md., as Conference Steward from Salisbury District. No wiser selection could possibly have been made, as Bro. Dulany is loyal, liberal, sweet-tempered, and a tower for good in his local church. He comes from good old Methodist Episcopal stock, and is a brother of our own Bro. H. S. Dulany, a member of this Conference.

2. Appreciating the work the District Superintendent is trying to do for the District they made a liberal increase in his allowance. They realized that as the District is now run that the expenses of the office are largely increased. Also in times past the Superintendent depended largely upon ministers and laymen to haul him around the District. Then, too, the salaries of the Pastors on the District have advanced so that there are now four Pastors on the District who are receiving a larger net salary than the District Superintendent. So they advanced the District Superintendent's allowance \$800, (averaging 5 and 1/8 cents per member per year), out of which he is to pay to the District Trustees \$40.00 per month to help finance the District Parsonage. After such a display of confidence in, and appreciation of, the administration of the writer he resolved, God helping him, to give the District the very best that is in him, and all that is in him.

3. It was found that although the District Stewards had purchased the

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nearly three years before, that the property was still held by a Board of Trustees as **individuals**, and that they had never been incorporated; that some of the Trustees were members of the Board of District Stewards, and some were not; and some who were no longer District Stewards were taking the position that the District Stewards had nothing whatever to do with the District Parsonage, as that matter was solely in the hands of the Trustees.

Acting on the legal axiom that the body that elects can also reject, the

District Stewards proceeded to declare vacant the office of the surviving eight members of the Board of Trustees and to elect nine trustees, all of whom were District Stewards; and if at any time a Trustee ceases to be a District Steward his office is automatically vacated.

They also elected Jay Williams, Esq., a prominent attorney of Salisbury, and District Steward from Asbury Church, as Treasurer of the District Stewards, and as Secretary of the newly elected Trustees, and as attorney for the District Stewards and Trustees. With Bro. F. G. Elliott, of Delmar, as President, and the Bro. C. W. Corddry of Snow Hill, Treasurer of the Trustees, the new Board was soon effectively at work. Although uselessly and provokingly delayed in securing the accounts from the former Treasurer, Bro. Williams within a few weeks had secured the Articles of Incorporation; and within a few months had prepared, had executed and recorded a new deed; so that now the District Parsonage is legally, as well as morally, our very own. Too much praise cannot be given Bro. Williams for his devoted and unselfish work in this behalf. It is a pleasure to work with him. Following is a statement of the charges of the District as they are related to the District Parsonage.

District Parsonage Account

Appointment	Apportioned	Paid	Due with interest to June 1, 1922
Annamessex	\$106.00	\$ 38.34	\$ 38.62
Ayres' Chapel	98.00	85.26	21.29
Berlin	258.00	258.00	0.00
Bishopville	156.00	156.00	0.00
Cape Charles	158.00	137.46	34.35
Chincoteague	138.00	154.56	0.00
Claremont	66.00	36.96	39.17
Crisfield:			
Asbury	400.00	438.00	0.00
Immanuel	382.00	332.34	83.17
Dagsboro and St. Georges	240.00	281.31	0.00
Deal's Island	231.00	57.75	204.43
Delmar	246.00	214.02	53.46
Fairmount	228.00	0.00	282.72
Frankford	184.00	24.00	203.93
Fruitland	168.00	91.56	94.08
Girdletree	138.00	0.00	171.12
Gumboro	138.00	120.68	44.69
Hebron	123.00	0.00	152.52
Holland's Island	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mardela Springs	91.00	95.09	0.00
Marion	112.00	126.44	0.00
Mt. Vernon	178.00	44.50	157.53

Appointment	Apportioned	Paid	Due with interest to June 1, 1922
Nanticoke	140.00	123.40	28.73
Newark	114.00	100.81	25.05
Ocean City	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ocean View and Millville	176.00	79.00	117.51
Onancock	164.00	134.38	44.44
Parsonburg	182.00	182.00	0.00
Phoebus	82.00	71.69	18.92
Pittsville	116.00	99.58	27.00
Pocomoke City	274.00	238.38	63.90
Pocomoke Circuit	94.00	51.70	52.08
Powellville	126.00	103.12	34.26
Princess Anne	244.00	279.58	0.00
Quantico	162.00	133.65	42.93
Roxana	150.00	75.00	88.50
St. Peters	189.00	103.00	105.84
Salisbury:			
Asbury	646.00	573.57	140.26
Grace & Stengle	132.00	71.94	73.92
Selbyville	264.00	233.11	53.73
Sharptown	174.00	182.53	0.00
Smith's Island	208.00	52.00	183.08
Snow Hill	344.00	359.48	0.00
Somerset	194.00	181.52	33.75
Stockton	214.00	176.55	56.71
Tangier	325.00	281.25	71.95
Westover	90.00	35.77	65.26
White Haven	120.00	65.40	67.20
Whitesville	204.00	113.00	112.18

From this tabulation it is seen that eleven charges have paid their quotas in full, viz: Berlin, Bishopville, Chincoteague, Asbury (Crisfield), Dagsboro and St. Georges, Mardela Springs, Marion, Parsonburg, Princess Anne, Sharptown, and Snow Hill.

Thirty-three appointments have paid varying amounts; and only three have not yet started to pay. They will doubtless all do their full share, and I trust will do it this year, so I may report the District Parsonage clear of all debt at the next session of the Conference.

"District Conference"

Starting as an annual, our District Conferences have proven so helpful to the personelle of the District that it is now a semi-annual affair. The May session was held at Ocean View, Rev. E. C. Hallman, Pastor and host, and proved most inspirational to all who were present. The October session was held at Cape Charles, Rev. E. H. Dashiell, Pastor and host;

and while it was at the very tip of the Peninsula a large attendance was present, and the session most enjoyable. At both places Pastor and people were lavish in their plans for our entertainment; the oyster roast, on the bank of Plantation Creek, given us at Cape Charles, was particularly enjoyable.

My idea of these District Conferences is to make them virtually institutes for training in the practical work of a Pastor and an incentive to more efficient service. Many men find it difficult to catch the full meaning of what our great Church is really trying to do simply by reading the literature sent out. Especially is this true when so many of our men lack even High School training, saying nothing of College and Seminary education. We need to get together and talk over this great forward, world-wide movement, and better still to talk it **UP**, and then pray for power and wisdom and zeal to carry the plans into effect.

Our next District Conference will be held in Fruitland, May 23-24th. We are planning a program that no Pastor can afford to miss, and as Fruitland is in the centre of the District we shall hope for a 100% attendance.

One thing we have always lacked in order to make our District Conference just what it ought to be, viz: the inspiring presence of our honored Bishop. May we not hope to be favored with his presence at our May meeting?

"Epworth League"

The work of the League in the local chapters of the District is as varied in type and power as is the color of the eyes of the Pastors. Nothing succeeds in a Methodist Episcopal Church that does not have the active support of a sympathetic Pastor—not even a Ladies' Aid Society. The Epworth League is no exception, rather it is the index to what the Pastor means to the young people of his flock. If he is filled with the sunshine of love for his young people his Epworth League is as true blue as his own honest eyes; and if he is indifferent toward them the steely reflection in his own gray eyes is reflected in the life of the Epworth League, which becomes as repellant to youth and life as the murk of a northeast storm. We have some chapters that it is a joy to see in action. Some weeks ago I was at Immanuel, Crisfield, where three hundred or more young people were enthusiastically worshipping God, and trying to persuade their young companions to worship Him also. O, what a thrill shot through me as I watched that glorious company of young people, and thought of what it would mean to Immanuel and to the community in the near tomorrow. A few weeks later I was in Fruitland, that dear village I love so well. A small company present, led by a devoted woman; the audience rapt, listening to every word. Singing enthusiastic, prayers most earnest, the spirit of genuine worship brooding in the beautiful little sanctuary; and how I thanked God for the beneficent influence a consecrated young Pastor may have on his young people, especially when he is backed by a devoted band of Christians, no longer young, but in whose hearts there bubbles up the fountain that assures them of youth immortal.

The Salisbury District League held its last convention in October at Tangier. We had a wonderful time. Lack of accommodations for landing made getting to the Island quite an adventure, and no one in that company who waited in the gray chill of that October evening, on that flat-boat stuck on the mud flat, will ever forget it; but once there, O, what a royal time we had! The hospitality of the Islanders was limited only by their resources, for certainly the best they had was ours for the asking. And the Pastor, Rev. W. F. Godwin, makes a fine host, genial and accommodating. The district President, Rev. E. W. McDowell, had planned an excellent program, culminating in a consecration service. The impression for good will long be remembered by Tangier. Those best qualified to judge say it was the best convention the District has ever had in its history.

"Woman's Foreign and Woman's Home Missionary Societies"

The two societies are not twins; but they are like the two eyes in one head, both needful for vision and for service. Each should be as the two eyes are, not rivals, but friends, and helpers. Each will be the better by having both.

As to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, I reported a year ago there were but five auxiliaries on the District, and expressed my regret that this was true. The paragraph was read by Mrs. McDowell, the wife of our good Bishop, at that time the president of the world-wide society. She at once wrote to me, and started in motion the forces that during the year have succeeded in organizing twelve new auxiliaries; so we can now report sixteen auxiliaries, with nine young peoples' and children's organizations, with a total membership of 708. This makes a gain of 300 per cent. in organizations, and 135% in membership.

One of the best of these new organizations is at Selbyville, Del., at whose door we stood knocking for many years; but always found the door barred; yet at the very first request the present Pastor, Rev. T. F. Beauchamp, kindly unbarred the long-closed door and in these few weeks they have an auxiliary of 40 members, together with a sprinkling of King's Heralds and Little Light Bearers. The auxiliary at Ocean View is also progressing.

I rejoice also in the growth of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on the District. These toilers in the home land now report for our District eleven auxiliaries, with a membership of 639, together with 93 Queen Esthers, 31 Home Guards, and 38 Mothers' Jewels: a total of 801.

I notice wherever these two societies work in loving harmony it inures to the benefit of both societies.

"Centenary"

We still have some benighted souls on our District who have not yet caught the meaning of Centenary; so instead of attempting to talk Centenary I have advised that we no longer mention the name, but talk about the great forward movement of our Church to win the whole world for

Jesus. That is the program and I am very anxious that Salisbury District shall do her full share. As to the Centenary campaign proper, I have preached it, and prayed for it, and given for it, to the limit of my ability in each particular. To still further aid and inspire our Pastors and people we had our efficient and altogether helpful Area Secretary, Dr. Morris E. Swartz, and his assistant, Rev. Frank Rines, for a two weeks' campaign on the District in June last. Then we held in Asbury Church, Salisbury, Jan. 13, 1922, an echo meeting of the great Detroit National Conference, which was most inspiring. The bugle calls of our Bishop for advance of the whole line have been faithfully passed on to the Captains in the field, viz: the Pastors. So whatever final reports may be revealed by the statistical returns, of one thing I am sure, that if the District does not reach its quota it will not be because the Superintendent and the Pastors have not tried to fully accomplish the task. At the writing of this report, judged by reports to me from the Pastors, I feel confident we will at least reach last years figures.

But the statistical columns do not tell the whole story of what Salisbury District is doing to win this world for the Master.

"Revivals, Conversions and Accessions"

are just as truly a part of the Centenary program as collecting and giving money. Revival fires still burn down here in our out-of-the-way country, and among our primitive people. During the year our Pastors have rejoiced at winning 1835 converts for Jesus, and 1,581 of this number have united with our own churches. And this is Centenary work of the highest order.

"Weak Churches"

Again, the whole spirit of the Centenary is that "the strong ought to bear the burdens of the weak." That is what we are doing on Salisbury District all the time. Of the 109 churches on Salisbury District, 44 are really but mission stations. I mean by this, that any church that does not pay a sufficient amount for Pastoral support to pay the Pastor to keep a conveyance with which to serve them, and must depend on a larger, stronger Church to supply them with a Pastor, is as truly a mission as one can find anywhere; and we have 44 such churches on our District, that must depend on others. Selbyville for years, in addition to paying her missionary apportionment for mission work elsewhere has been supporting one of these mission stations. Frankford struggles along, trying to keep two of these mission Churches supplied with a preacher. And so it goes, all over our big District. We are doing this work, and yet we receive from the Centenary aid for but eight of these 44 Churches; and do not receive a dollar of Centenary credit for carrying the remaining 36 churches, although it is purely missionary work for the Master.

Again, the Centenary was planned to inspire our people everywhere to build adequate and modern places of worship, so that the whole community life might be efficiently touched by the Church and all of its mem-

bers enlisted in some form of active service. So we built a modern church at Ocean City. Not one-third of the cost could be provided by the membership of Ocean City; but of the thousands paid by our other Methodist Churches round about, especially of Stevenson Church, Eerlin, not one cent of the thousands go to the credit of Berlin nor to the District. Roxana repairs and improves her church at a cost of \$5,600, and pays for it every dollar the first year, without one cent of Centenary money. Immanuel, Crisfield, this year has built a magnificent, commodious community house at a cost greater than the total Centenary quotas assigned Immanuel for the full five year period; and yet Immanuel has not only not asked for a cent of Centenary money, but will not receive even one dollar of credit in the statistical columns for this magnificent contribution to the Centenary work of the District. Where else will you find in this Conference or elsewhere a community house of such size and equipment built under the inspiration of the Centenary, that has not only "asked" but "asked largely" for aid from Centenary? And lastly, Asbury Church, Crisfield, without a thought as to Centenary aid, is building a magnificent Methodist Cathedral, that when completed will be a monument for generations to come. This is to be largely Asbury's contribution to the Centenary—a great plant to help save their own community, which needs saving just as much as any other community. This is truly Centenary work, and the Centenary with its vision and its swing of power was the inspiration which has unfolded itself in this magnificent structure. And yet Salisbury District receives no Centenary credit for it, although this one Church when completed will have cost sufficient to have carried the full Centenary quota and all allied benevolences for the District for two full years. So it is evident that the statistical columns do not tell all Salisbury District is doing to carry out the Centenary program.

"Life Service Recruits"

Again, the Centenary was planned to make recruits for life service in the army of the Lord. The Pastors report that 116 of our Methodist young people are attending boarding school and college, and that 15 of these are studying for the ministry and two for the missionary work of the Church. More precious than money is the young life thus being laid on the altar by the youth of Salisbury District. May God bless them everyone, and make them effective in His great, world-wide scheme of redemption.

"Tithers"

Again, the Centenary planned to lay upon the heart of the Church that Christians should be in very truth "stewards" for God, and to enroll tithers, and to organize tithing bands, and to form "Storehouse Tithing Bands" wherever possible. I would not disparage the faithful people among whom I labor, but truth compels me to state that as yet not

much progress has been made in this direction. But we are improving. Pastors report to me that we now have 530 tithers enrolled on the District. This is a fine beginning; and if the plans of the Stewardship Campaign Committee of the Area Council are followed in every charge we shall have at least 2,500 enrolled before next Conference. If we preachers lovingly preach the gospel of stewardship and practice it personally, so we have an experience to tell about it, it will not be long before some of our good people will want to know the higher grace that comes from "playing fair" with God. The happiest Christians I know are those who do not allow avarice to tempt them to rob God of his tithe. A new day will dawn for Salisbury District when just 25% of our membership decide to become stewards of God. Then all our Church financial problems will be solved. Think of it: If one in five of our Church members on Salisbury District were servant girls, working in the kitchens of our homes, earning \$4.43 a week; if just those servant girls would tithe their weekly wage and bring it to church with them every Sunday they would pay the whole quota assigned the District for the Centenary and the eight Disciplinary Benevolences. Then if the remaining four-fifths would catch the vision from these servant girls and become tithers, what could we not do to advance the Kingdom? Verily nations would be born in a day.

"Pastoral Support"

My heart goes up in grateful praise to the divine Father as I write this paragraph. Notwithstanding the financial stringency not a single charge on Salisbury District has lowered Pastor's salary one solitary dollar. We can still say no Pastor on Salisbury District receives less than \$1200. More than that, 21 of our charges have advanced their Pastor's salaries as follows: Fairmount, \$50, Claremont, \$75, Parsonburg, \$79, Ayres' Chapel, \$83; Frankford, Pittsville, Quantico, Smith's Island and White Haven, \$100 each, Annamessex, Chincoteague, Delmar, Mt. Vernon, Newark, Ocean View and Millville, \$200 each, Girdletree \$300, Cape Charles and Asbury (Salisbury) \$400 each, Asbury (Crisfield) \$500, Phoebus, \$520, and Immanuel (Crisfield) \$600; making a total advance of \$4,707 for the year. Add to this the advance for the District Superintendent and Bishops fund, we have a total advance for these three items for the year \$5,828.00. Add this to the \$29,186 increase for the preceding four years and we have the grand total of \$35,014.10 increase in these three items during the five years of my administration.

Now brother Pastors, some of you know how hard has been the task to secure these advances. Some of our laymen still believe in a free gospel; but more and more our loyal laymen are trying to do the right thing by giving their Pastors a comfortable support. They have, in many places, had a hard struggle this year to pay up in full, so difficult in fact, that some of the more timid will begin to think of retrenchment next year. O brothers, let us so saturate our souls with love divine that our messages, yea our whole lives, shall be shot through with the spirit of

the Master. Let us preach as we have never preached, let us work as we have never worked, to build up the Kingdom. It lies with us whether we hold the heights already gained by such years of toil and struggle; and may our God help us everyone to be worth many times more to the community we serve than the salary the community pays us.

"Conference Claimants"

This fine advance for pastors salaries, however, has not been made at the expense of Conference Claimants. Our Board of District Stewards apportioned to the charges the full amount assigned the District at the last session of the Conference, viz: \$10,160.00. Every Pastor has been faithfully instructed that we must include Conference Claimants in the pro rating scheme. I am confident that the showing for the District this year will be most encouraging.

Nor has the regular endowment fund been lost sight of in the great stress of these busy days.

"Claremont's Contribution to the Endowment Fund"

From far-a-way little Claremont comes the latest sizable contribution to this fund. Three years ago a woman died in Central New York, leaving as her executor her niece, who is the wife of our good friend and brother, Mr. J. M. Sprague, of Claremont. As a part of the estate the Aunt left a trust fund to aid some worthy charity, the designation of which was left entirely to the judgment of Mrs. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague are both loyal, whole-souled Methodist Episcopalians, earnest Sunday School workers, and untiring in their efforts to make the little Church at Claremont a success. They discussed with me what charity would be most helpful, could this fund be used for the purpose? Unhesitatingly I recommended the Conference Claimants Endowment Fund of our own Conference. They both cordially agreed. It has required three years to work out the legal details, but I am happy to announce that there has been placed in the hands of our Attorney, Caleb E. Burchenal, Esq., a check for \$3,156.26, to be known as "The Anna Victoria Collins fund of Victor, N. Y., by Mrs. Mary Collins Sprague, Executrix, Claremont, Va."

After such an exhibition of devoted loyalty on the part of these good people of Claremont I shall labor more earnestly than ever to see that Claremont secures a good, live man as Pastor.

"Church Improvements and Debt-Paying"

As I shall report some charges separately, I will here state the District totals only. Notwithstanding the prevalent hard times there have been paid this year on the District:

For Church improvement		\$109,773.00
For Parsonage improvements		6,160.00
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Total for improvements		\$115,933.00
Paid on old debts: Churches,	\$2,578.00	
Parsonages	1,013.00	
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Total debts paid		3,591.00
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Grand total of		\$119,524.00

This amount is the cash paid by the Methodists of Salisbury District, and does not include a dollar of Centenary money. I regard it as a wonderful showing for such a year as we have passed through.

"Public Schools on the District"

The territory covered by this District includes portions of three States, viz: Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia, and so I have opportunity to judge a bit of the comparative workings of their public school systems. I have personally visited some of the rural schools during this past year in all three states whose conditions are a disgrace to the state and nation. It is a disgrace to any state to expect our children to be housed five days a week in places more unsanitary, with less provision for health and comfort, than is provided by the rich in a modern kennel for our dogs, or a modern stable for our horses. No wonder that a public-spirited citizen like Mr. Pierre S. DuPont of Delaware, when he saw conditions by personal inspection, yearned to give the children a better chance. No wonder he was willing to add millions from his private purse to help better these awful conditions, where it is almost impossible to rear pure-minded boys and girls amid such impure surroundings. What a pity he was hounded and persecuted by people without vision and small-fry politicians until he felt obliged to withdraw from the noble work to which he had set his hand. Delaware will yet arise, but the present generation will lose these priceless years that can never be recalled.

Conditions in our portion of Virginia are almost as bad as Delaware. However, in "Maryland, my Maryland," the public conscience is being aroused. The thinking people of Maryland are determined that childhood shall have a fair chance. The most progressive scheme ever offered our state for state-wide education is now before the Legislature in Annapolis. Let them discuss it, and improve it if possible; but woe be to the man who dares to attempt to kill it. The curses of a generation of youth with minds dwarfed by lack of training will haunt him to the end of time.

"Individual Mention"

At the risk of having a report considered too long by those who count brevity as the chief excellence in a report I ought not to conclude

without personal mention of some charges and some Pastors who have succeeded in doing something beyond the mere routine of church existence.

Frankford, Rev. W. C. Poole, Pastor, has paid this year \$400 for church improvements, \$200 for parsonage improvements, had 15 conversions, has distributed nearly 1000 volumes of Christian literature and New Testaments, and secured nine subscribers for the Christian Advocate—for first time in the history of the charge.

At Showell, on Bishopville charge, Rev. A. F. Zimmerman, Pastor, the church has been renovated inside and out, at a cost of \$573.00; and a new organ purchased at a cost of \$250, and all paid for. At Zion church, same charge, the Sunday School has had a more than 100% increase in attendance, and a like advance in missionary giving; conversions 30, and total accessions of 41 for the year. Besides paying \$909 for all improvements this earnest brother comes to Conference with \$1011 in hand for Disciplinary and Annual Conference Enevolences, an advance of \$163.00 over last year. This is the brother whose Ford kicked him; but it will take more than a Ford to stop a man like that.

Cape Charles, as everybody knows, has been considered the "jumping off place" of the Conference. Five years ago somebody, whose name shall be nameless, whispered into the ear of Cape Charles that it was time for an advance, and Cape Charles started forward, and has been going ever since.

Last year Rev. E. H. Dashiell was appointed to this "jumping off place." He not only jumped, but he landed with both feet, and soon things were humming. Being a tither himself he reports thirty tithers. A temporary church improvement started by Rev. J. W. Jones, Bro. Dashiell completed, at a cost of \$1200, and paid for. He then set about transforming the parsonage, and at a cost of \$5,000, \$2,200 of which has been paid, has made a home for the Pastor of Cape Charles of which any preacher could well be proud. It is really a thing of beauty. By wise management and inspirational direction the Sunday School has increased during the year 28% in enrollment and 27% in attendance. I was present the Sunday of the big blizzard in January and there were present in all that storm 200 by actual count. On their 100% day recently held, out of a total enrollment of 316, 292 were present; and adding the six who were away attending school and six who were sick, they had accounted for 304 out of 316. In appreciation of Bro. Dashiell's fine leadership they have advanced his salary \$400, making it now \$2500, and unanimously invited him to return. And now with the transformed parsonage and the new outlook, forty preachers will be glad to be appointed Pastor of the "jumping off place" as soon as Bro. Dashiell can be persuaded to vacate the premises.

At Dagsboro, Rev. J. S. Eldridge, Pastor, the Dagsboro church has been painted and a cement walk laid in front at a cost of \$250. At the parsonage an engine has been installed to pump the water, and steam-heating plant repaired, so that city conveniences are now enjoyed in this

village parsonage. Budget system adopted by the charge and Sunday Schools have increased 25% in attendance and offerings. Best of all a gracious revival has swept the charge; 125 conversions, and total of 97 accessions during the year. The charge has paid its full quota to District Parsonage, and Pastor and people are mutually happy.

Delmar, Rev. J. W. Jones, Pastor, has had a most successful year. Much of the time has been spent in perfecting the church organization which was badly needed. Prayer meetings and class meetings so long abandoned, have been revived; \$526 paid on improvements at the church, and \$60 at the parsonage, and \$200 on Church debts; 25 conversions and 61 accessions. No wonder Delmar advanced the Pastor's salary \$200, and unanimously asks for his return.

Rev. F. N. Faulkner, who a year ago was granted the privilege of a sabbatic year, makes his home at Delmar, and has loyally supported the Pastor in every way. His health has improved, but not sufficiently to enable him to take active work, and he requests me to ask for him the Supernumerary relation. I request, therefore, that the case of Bro. Faulkner, be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, with my recommendation that the relation be granted.

Rev. Chester L. Marsh, appointed to Gumboro a year ago, is working faithfully to organize that difficult field on modern church lines. A man of less courage and tact would have given up the task long ago, and allowed things to drift in the same old demoralized way. But with consummate patience and skill, not going far enough in advance to lose touch with his people, nor yet being slow enough to be in the way when they moved, he has beckoned, and plead, and counseled until some of his people are beginning to see the glimmer of a new star in the east. O that it may prove the morning star of a new day at Gumboro! He reports 57 conversions, 36 accessions, \$193 paid on parsonage improvements, and \$126 for District Parsonage,—*fine*, when one considers the field where the gleanings were done.

Rev. W. A. Hearn, at Newark, has had another year rich in accomplishments. A live Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been organized, and the Pastor's wife has been appointed District Secretary for the Maryland portion of Salisbury District. The outstanding feature of the work at Newark has been the improvements at Bowen Chapel, the village church. Heating and lighting had been the trouble at Bowen's as at so many other churches; so they dug out a basement, installed a Delco electric light plant with fixtures complete, also a pipeless heater, a Brussels carpet, painting inside and out, at a total cost of \$2100; and on the day of reopening, the writer and Mr. R. F. Powell assisting, without a cent from Centenary, \$2187 were subscribed, of which \$1147.00 has been paid. Quite an achievement, when circumstances are considered.

Ocean View and Millville continue to advance under the leadership of Rev. E. C. Hallman, Pastor. Eight accessions during the year, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society organized, parsonage painted, bought and paid for an upright piano for one of the churches, installed electric lights, and paid off every debt. Nothing now outstanding but what is

covered by reliable subscriptions. Salary advanced \$200 this year. The Pastor rejoices, and the people are happy and united.

Notwithstanding Pittsville advanced her Pastor's salary \$500 last year, at the first Quarterly Conference they advanced another \$100 as a thank offering because Bro. Strickland was returned to them. To show his appreciation of this truly noble advance the Pastor set about beautifying the churches with his own hands. Bro. Strickland is an artist with the brush, as well as with speech, and skillful to a degree with his hands. So by a system of panelling and painting he has simply transformed the church at Pittsville, and greatly beautified Wango and Melson's. These improvements to churches cost \$1400, all of which has been paid, and \$45 paid on parsonage improvements. With all debts paid, the parsonage comfortably furnished, a telephone installed at expense of the charge, all three churches beautified, and a salary of \$1600, all of which has been accomplished in the two years' pastorate of brother Strickland, Pittsville takes rank as one of our most desirable circuit appointments.

In two years also Rev. E. W. McDowell has put a new face on Pocomoke City. The old face was disfigured by a troublesome, cancerous growth in the shape of an old and constantly growing debt. Last year the debt was paid in full. This year 1008 pastoral visits succeeded in winning 26 accessions, \$240 paid in church improvements and \$251 on parsonage; 13 new subscriptions for Christian Advocate; \$238.38 paid on District Parsonage; all Conference benevolences in full and \$150 advance over last year for Centenary. No wonder the wide-awake laymen of Middletown are hanging over the parsonage gate at Pocomoke, whispering sweet things into Bro. McDowell's blushing ears.

Notwithstanding continued illness has handicapped Rev. W. F. Dawson; Pastor at Princess Anne, he is able to report 13 accessions, Sunday School advance of 33% and an advance in Epworth League of 300%; District Parsonage paid in full, and Centenary up to last year.

No one with less grit and grace than Rev. J. M. S. Van Blunk, of Quantico, under the conditions under which he has labored, could ever have won 16 accessions, paid \$300 for church improvements and \$150 on parsonage; paid Bishops, District Superintendents and Conference Claimants in full; and equalled last year's offering for Centenary. Why just to travel the roads he must ride would make some saints backslide, or a Rocky Mountain burro life up his voice and weep. Yet good Bro. Van Blunk just smiles, and smiles, and keeps on going. I reckon a slight impediment in speech must be a help in controlling one's temper—by the time you can say it, it isn't worth saying.

"The Gift of Mrs. Mary C. Williams"

One of the most beautiful tributes paid during the year was that of Mrs. Mary C. Williams, of Asbury Church, Salisbury, to her husband, Mr. Norman L. Williams, an official of Asbury, whom she lost by influenza two years ago. In loving memory Mrs. Williams has presented to Ebenezer Church, Quantico charge, a beautiful, quadruple silver, indi-

vidual Communion Service; and in memory of her father-in-law, Mr. Alonzo L. Williams, for many years a leading official of Ebenezer Church, a Pastor's individual Communion Service, for use with the sick and shut-ins. This gift is highly appreciated, and will make fragrant for many a day the memory of both the departed and the generous-hearted donor.

Line church, Whitesville charge, Rev. J. B. McCabe, Pastor, has installed a fine electric light plant at a cost of \$850, the gift of Mr. George H. White, a former parishioner of Line, as a memorial to his father, Mr. Greenbury White. Also \$100 has been paid on parsonage improvements, and 13 accessions gained. In December last the Pastor married an elect lady from Bishopville, an active church worker, and who will doubtless prove a valuable asset to the Pastor's working equipment.

Mt. Vernon, Rev. G. W. Williams, Pastor, has had a most successful year. Two tithers enrolled, 129 conversions and 125 accessions; electric lights have been installed at Asbury Church and paid for; \$1880 paid for church improvements; Epworth League flourishing with 48 members and \$100 in the treasury; plans laid to build a community house at Asbury and a Sunday School room at John Wesley; class meeting attendance averages 40. Pastor salary advanced \$200, and unanimously invited to return. So Mt. Vernon seems at last to have found herself.

In two respects St. Peter's charge, Rev. Geo. S. Allen, Pastor, leads the District. At one church, St. Stephens, the Sunday School has an average attendance of 98% of enrollment, and 97% of the school are members of the Church. Bro. Allen has also been wise in securing the cooperation of the Public School teacher, Miss May Cannon, in granting him one period a week, with the consent of the Board of Education, to give religious instruction to the children, all of whom are Methodists. Miss Cannon also teaches the class when the Pastor cannot be present. Out of this has grown a Junior Epworth League that on a recent test answered every question put to them on Bible History. I would that other Pastors might be equally wise in finding means of instructing the children of our District.

Grace and Stengle charge, Rev. W. P. Taylor, Pastor, has been blessed with the second largest revival in its history, 101 conversions reported, and 68 accessions; \$42 paid on church improvements and \$71 on parsonage. Bethel church of Parsonburg charge, but formerly attached to Grace and Stengle, desires to be reunited to the original charge. I shall so recommend to the Bishop, and shall recommend that the old name "Salisbury Circuit" be revived.

Stockton, Rev. W. L. Hess, Pastor, reports 10 tithers, \$37 paid on the debt of Remson church, parsonage wired for electricity and two rooms and halls papered at a cost of \$104, and Grace Church, Franklin City, painted outside. Total church improvements \$560, all paid.

Whatcoat Church, Snow Hill, where Rev. L. E. Poole is closing his seventh year, has enjoyed the most prosperous of the seven profitable and pleasant years. Harmony everywhere, 40 tithers enrolled, 50 conversions and 60 accessions; \$300 paid on church repairs and \$100 on the parson-

age; nine of our young people off at boarding schools; a prayer meeting attendance of 100 to 125; all apportionments met in full but Centenary, and that in advance of last year. It is reported that the Archbishop of the Metropolitan District has cast caressing glances toward Bro. Poole, hoping to add him to the long list of star attractions already in his collection. Then be it so, for as much as we regret to have Bro. Poole leave the District, I shall never stand in the way of a brother's promotion.

\$1200 has been expended at Tangier, Rev. W. F. Godwin, Pastor, for installing electric fans in the church, and building a fine cement walk about the church, largely the gift of Bro. John E. Wallace, a member of Swain Memorial. 50 conversions, 17 accessions, \$100 paid on parsonage improvements.

"Smith's Island Dedication"

One of the notable achievements in church building this year is that of Calvary Church, Smith's Island, Rev. James L. Derrickson, Pastor. A beautiful little two room church, thoroughly modern, built according to the plans of our own Bureau of Church Architecture, with Genco electric light system installed, was dedicated Sunday, June 19, 1921, with the writer and Rev. Dr. Morris E. Swartz assisting the Pastor. On the day of dedication it was found impossible to learn just the financial standing of affairs, but it was assumed that \$5,500 would pay all indebtedness, and this amount was more than covered by subscriptions during the day. The Pastor recently informed me that the church cost a total of \$10,357.50, of which the people have paid in cash to date \$6,935.69, and the Board of Church Extension, \$2000, leaving a balance unpaid of \$1,421.81.

Bro. Derrickson also reports 15 conversions, Conference Claimants, Bishops and District Superintendent in full, and Centenary will reach last year. This is marvelous, when one considers what the crab and oyster industries have been this past season. Bro. Derrickson is one of our most useful supplies.

Chincoteague continues to work amicably with Rev. L. B. Morgan the masterful Lord of the Isle. Equally at home in the castle of the rich or the cottage of the poor, in the canning factory or in the pulpit, this adaptable Methodist parson is an asset wherever you find him. Of course, planning for the new church has been the big item in the Pastor's program this year, but he has found time to enroll 21 tithers, send six young folks off to the higher schools, with 4 accessions, and pay \$6,500 on the new church, and \$200 improving the parsonage. Chincoteague, with some help from the Centenary which she richly deserves (for in eight years Chincoteague will have returned to the Centenary treasury every dollar now granted her) will build a handsome new church this year; and sends through the Pastor and through me a unanimous invitation for this Conference to hold its next session in that new Church. And the invitation is on the **old plan, free entertainment for the whole Conference.** We shall be greatly disappointed should you fail to accept this whole-souled invitation from this devoted people.

Of course, Chincoteague did three other things, viz: raised her Centenary quota in full and beyond, advanced her pastors salary \$200, and unanimously invited him to return for the ninth consecutive year. These three items are just routine business at Chincoteague.

In number of conversions the greatest revival on the District this year was that of Asbury Church, Salisbury, Rev. Dr. J. T. Herson, Pastor. Held in the Armory, with the McComb-Clase organization as evangelists, the meetings swept the town and surrounding country for four weeks. Congregations that packed the large Armory, singing that was seraphic, preaching that was heart-searching and soul-stirring, and meetings of every sort known to modern evangelism resulted in 303 converts, 150 of whom joined Asbury, and the others churches round about. Pastor reports 70 tithers enrolled, \$460 paid for church improvements, \$350 paid on parsonage; 23 young Methodists in advanced schools of learning, 3 of whom are studying for the ministry. Woman's Foreign Missionary Society \$366 and \$763 for Woman's Home Missionary Society. Asbury this year advanced her Pastor's salary, \$400, thus passing to the \$4000 grade; and meets all apportionments in full, including full Centenary quota, making a total benevolent budget of \$7,168.00. The Quarterly Conference, largely attended and by a large vote, invites the Pastor's return for the seventh year. In the budget for the next year the Finance Committee has included an item of \$1000 for a Pastor's Assistant. This is a step in the right direction; and I predict that with the right kind of assistant to aid him the overworked Pastor of Asbury will bring results undreamed of by those unawakened to the needs of a modern church. Assistants are also badly needed at Immanuel and Asbury, Crisfield. But where can they be found?

Phoebus, Rev. Paul P. Truitt, Pastor, is one of the marvels of the District. It is the one charge on the District that requests that the apportionments as handed down by the District Stewards be not announced; and then proceeds to read its own list of apportionments that throws the official list away in the shade. To think of that little struggling church of five years ago, paying \$450 per year for Pastoral support, and this year paying their Pastor alone \$1520 dollars; why they advanced their Pastor's salary 52% this year, a like advance for the District Superintendent and even greater for Bishops. The enthusiastic Pastor reports 20 tithers, 75 accessions and has baptized 68. During the summer a very successful Vacation Bible School was held, and a large community playground was equipped, financed, and managed by the busy Pastor of Phoebus.

Phoebus has spent \$453 on her Sunday School this year;—Is it any wonder it grows? With the promise of some help from the Centenary Phoebus is going forward with her building program. A fine lot has been purchased as the new site at a cost of \$5,000, and the man from whom the lot was purchased, a new accession, donated \$1,000 as a part of his contribution. Bro. Truitt arrived in October, 1920, and since then has baptized 94, and received 168 members—more baptisms than had

been performed in the twelve years preceding and more accessions than in fifteen years preceding. If Bro. Truitt does not kill himself by overwork we will soon have a beautiful new church at Phoebus, and a church plant that will be most modern and complete. I dare prophesy that in five years from date Phoebus will be one of our most desirable appointments; and Bro. Truitt one of our most sought-after Pastors.

When it comes to reporting Immanuel, Crisfield, I hesitate to state the facts as they are, lest you brethren think I am unduly boosting that truly wonderful Pastor, Rev. John L. Johnson. The Sunday School Superintendent reports to me that Immanuel's total enrollment has now reached 1418, with an average attendance of 576 for the entire year. Sunday School has paid \$423 for local expenses and \$1207 for Centenary. The Pastor reports the Stewardship campaign is on, that 121 tithers are now enrolled and he expects to have 300 tithers by Easter. He will come pretty near doing it, too. 261 conversions this year, and 234 accessions; a Junior Church of 238 with an average attendance of 160; a Boys' Brigade of 85 boys over twelve years of age; Epworth League of 300 members; 3 class meetings with an attendance ranging from 50 to 200; and prayer meetings averaging 250. Paid on Church improvements \$700, and a fine, commodious Community Hall built at a cost of \$15,000; and on the day of dedication, February 5th, 1922, the writer and Bishop Quayle assisting the Pastor, not a dollar was asked for, because not a dollar was needed, all having been provided for. Pastoral support, all **four items** paid in full and Centenary and all apportioned benevolences beyond the full quotas asked. Immanuel sends up \$3,000 for Centenary and the disciplinary benevolences alone. And this in a town that depends absolutely on sea food; and the sea food business the worst ever known in the history of Crisfield. Big wholesale men said in February that they had not made even \$100 since Christmas, and some declared they had not broken even. How has it been done? Ask Johnson. I only know that the Fourth Quarterly Conference passed as fine a commendatory set of resolutions for the Pastor's return as I ever heard read; and then proceeded to assure me that if Bro. Johnson was not returned as Pastor they would not leave one hair on the top of my head.

"The Cathedral of Salisbury District"

But the most stupendous undertaking on the District is the building program of Asbury Church, Crisfield, Rev. Dr. W. F. Corkran, Pastor. Dr. Corkran has reached the age when some men talk of retiring. The Conference roll states that he is now the third oldest member in active service. According to Dr. Osler he should have been chloroformed long ago. Well if he had been, Salisbury District would still be without the greatest church enterprise undertaken in this Conference since the fathers built Grace Church, Wilmington. To launch such an enterprise required a faith, a vision, a courage, a holy daring that few men possess, even in their dashing youth; and this man, no longer young, took time to enlist

his people, to gain their confidence and love; and he has succeeded in gaining his people to a degree second to no man on the District. Young and old alike are devotedly for him, and delight to work with him. And still he bided his time, and waited on God until a glorious revival came down from heaven, and hundreds sought the Lord, and found him; and the fire of heaven "ran along the ground" all over that part of Somerset County. The time had now come to smite the waters and move forward, and the Pastor said "Let us arise and build a temple worthy of our God." And Asbury en masse followed their leader. Such giving I have never known. The Bible speaks of the giving of the Israelites, that they took off their rings and bracelets, and necklaces, that the tabernacle might be built; but the good people of Asbury have literally given the coats off their backs and the clothing from their bodies and the hats from their heads and shoes from their feet that they might build this temple to their God. They are building slowly, and paying as they go. The building is now enclosed, and contracts awarded for finishing the interior. The enterprise so far has cost \$85,000. Of this amount \$15,000 was paid last year, and notwithstanding the hard times of this year, \$65,000 cash has been paid and \$12,000 or more on hand in good subscriptions. Even the children of the Sunday School classes are doing their share to pay for the church, while men and women of all ages and conditions are working like Trojans to provide the monthly pay roll as it falls due. Ask any member of Asbury, "Can you finish your great church?" and quickly comes back the answer, "Sure we can finish it and pay for it too." The contract to finish the inside work amounting to practically \$32,000 has been awarded; and will doubtless be paid for in monthly installments as was the enclosing of the building. This noble plant will cost not less than \$150,000 complete, and maybe more; but it will be a monument to the faith and vision of a Pastor who dared for God.

Useless to say that the energies of neither Pastor nor people are monopolized by the new building. There have been 28 conversions and 29 accessions this year. Although working to a great disadvantage for lack of accommodations in the temporary tabernacle, the Sunday School is doing marvelously well, and class and prayer meetings are largely attended and full of genuine fervor. Surely they have religion at Asbury, and love one another. Asbury not only invites Dr. Corkran's return unanimously but advances his salary \$500, making it \$3,000; and I verily believe they would have made it \$4,000 if Dr. Corkran had not interfered, and urged them to fix it at the smaller figure, and pay all the rest they secured to the new church fund. Undoubtedly this is the most abundantly fruitful pastorate of Dr. Corkran's long and useful career. Very few of us are permitted to approach the sunset of our ministry amid such "Trailing clouds of glory" of loving devotion of our people and gloriously successful deeds of accomplishment as are his today.

These few and hastily written notes sketch only too feebly and imperfectly what has been accomplished for God and Methodism on Salisbury District this year; but to adequately record all the triumphs and de-

feats, all the shoutings and the weepings that have swept over us and through us this year, "I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written."

Personal Mention

As to my part in this great work, it has been my aim to be a brother to every Pastor and every layman on the District. To help bear my brother's burden, to lighten as far as possible his load, to help him solve his problems, to shield him from carping criticism, to stand up for him in his absence, has been my constant pride and my continual joy. With only love in my heart for everyone of them it was not necessary to be other than sincere in my dealings with every man; and the cordial co-operation of every Pastor has been a source of never ending delight. God has granted me perfect health, so I have not had one sleepless night; nor been sick an hour; and if perchance I have ever missed a meal it was not because appetite or digestion were lacking, but because storm, or blizzard, or steamer, or sailboat, or bad roads had marooned me beyond the reach of food and drink, if not of hope and mercy. Such perfect health has caused me to laugh at the weather vagaries, and so have missed only one appointment during this year of continued storms. I can truly say I am learning the truth of that blessed promise, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee thou wilt keep him in perfect peace." I have known that peace this year, when giant waves made the great steamer's ribs crack as if they were breaking, and she staggered like a drunken man; and when a motor boat was rolling gunwales under and dipping water from every passing wave, even then "We walked together, my Lord and I."

Two incidents occurred that so clearly revealed the Father's protecting care that I would be conscience smitten did I not mention them to His praise.

Last May I was on the way to Annessex, going 32 miles an hour, when a black-faced bumblebee was sucked in through the open windshield and struck my face. Without slackening speed I started to invite him politely to leave the car instanter; but before the invitation could be extended the car swerved just enough to strike a gravel pile by the roadside; then leaped into a shallow ditch. I threw the wheel over to come out of the ditch, and there was another gravel pile. The right front wheel struck that second pile in the curve of coming from the ditch and collapsed; over went my car in a mighty crash I can still hear, and smashed all the side of my car to pieces. I cut off my engine, climbed out unassisted, and in less than ten minutes was on my way to dine with Brother Wilson as if nothing had happened; held his Quarterly Conference within three-quarters of an hour after the accident, and another at Immanuel that night. Two eye-witnesses to the whole thing said it was a miracle I was not killed. I did not receive a scratch.

In August, wife and I were in Wilmington. To avoid hitting an auto that had stopped suddenly and illegally in front of us I wheeled my car

for a moment on the trolley track directly in front of an unseen trolley car dashing full speed toward the city.

There was a crash that caved in the whole side of my car, and sent my wife to the hospital, and my car to the shop for six weeks; but again I did not receive even a scratch.

Surely "He shall give His angels charge concerning thee, and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

That Night at Riverside

But there are blessings along the way, as well as crosses to bear, and difficulties to overcome. Down on Ayres' Chapel Charge, at little Riverside Church, where faithful Bro. Dixon the pastor had poured out his soul in a revival effort for two weeks without results, I was to preach on Sunday night. Brother Dixon was discouraged, and announced he would close the meeting that night.

My heart yearned to help that discouraged young Pastor. The church was packed to the doors. I preached on "Abraham the Friend of God." The Holy Spirit took hold of the people. As soon as the invitation was given some came to the altar. The Pastor began personal work in the audience, others followed his example; and before we closed the meeting that night 32 had professed faith in Christ, and I had the pleasure of receiving them on probation then and there. It is occasions like this that are oases in the desert, and encourage me to run with patience the race until I finish my course.

"Then who shall separate us from the love of God? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

Nay, "but none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

ROBERT WATT, District Superintendent.

I scarcely know how to begin this report. The Wilmington District has been shot through and through with afflictions multiplied almost beyond endurance.

Five short months after the retirement of Rev. F. J. Cochran the light of the Indian Summer of the itinerant burst into the light eternal, and this good "Minister of Jesus Christ" was not, for God took him. He wrought faithfully and well; he earned a rich reward. His memoir will

be read by the Rev. S. N. Pilchard, a Conference classmate and dear friend.

Early in July the Rev. Geo. F. Newton was stricken with a dangerous malady and was hurried to Cambridge where he underwent a delicate operation. With the blessing of God and the skill of the surgeon the life of this consecrated and useful minister was spared to his little brood and the church. Notwithstanding physical handicaps and the conditions prevailing in rural sections, Brother Newton has put Ebenezer charge on the map.

Owing to the accident which befell Rev. Milton McCann, Cherry Hill was without pastoral supervision for three months. While fretting over the situation, my eye happened to light on a letter received from a long-time friend, Rev. J. W. Gray. Without delay I communicated with the officials at Cherry Hill and Elk Mills and they gladly accepted the suggestion that Brother Gray act as supply until Conference, and so well has he met the needs of the charge that he is unanimously invited to return. I have read with misty eyes the accounts of the work of this tireless minister. He has gone from house to house through slush and mud day after day soliciting money for God's cause, and chairs have been converted into altars at which happy penitents found Christ as Savior.

But the end is not yet. Like a flash of lightning out of a clear sky came the break in the health of Brothers R. K. Stephenson and Warren Burr. From "the far flung battle line," where these valiant soldiers of the King were winning stars for His diadem, they were hurried to hospitals where the skill of surgeons and nurses is doing its best to restore to health these comrades in service.

For a season the prospects for recovery in the case of Brother Stephenson were dark, but a few weeks ago a sudden turn in the tide revived hope and from present indications a complete recovery is looked for. Silverbrook declines to release him and will provide a substitute until Brother Stephenson can resume his work. It is a beautiful tribute to the stricken shepherd.

The officials at Port Deposit were anxious for Brother Warren Burr to remain, but the nature of his ailment is such that the only hope is that his life may be prolonged. He has laid aside the harness, his work is done. Let me give you an extract from his letter apprising me of his condition. "I know that my work is done. The days of my effective ministry are ended. I hope that God will permit me to remain until after Conference for the work must not suffer. But no matter what happens to me, Mrs. Burr will round up the benevolences and prepare my report. Give my love to the brethren. I am loath to leave them. I have enjoyed their fellowship." And later as I knelt by his bedside and saw the ravages disease had wrought, my heart was touched, and with trembling lips and choked utterance he said, "this is God's way; it is best." There spoke one of God's heroes. Thank God the day of heroism is not past!

Because of physical disability Brother E. C. Sunfield must relinquish his work. His work at East Lake has been a marvel of efficiency. In spite of almost constant physical pain he has gone on his uncomplaining way. During his five years as pastor the salary has gone from \$1000 to \$1600, and next year it will be at least \$2000; a debt of \$17,000 has been

paid and the attractive church and parsonage are free from debt with a goodly balance in the sinking fund to help care for additional improvements. The possibilities at East Lake are limited only by a willingness to seize the opportunity, and in the future development of this growing charge the name of E. C. Sunfield will merit a large place.

The Rev. J. F. Anderson also feels impelled to ask for the retired relation, because he fears that his strength is not equal to the strain of another charge. Until two weeks ago he had hoped to continue, but a sudden attack of "grip" has weakened him so that he deems retirement necessary.

PROPERTY INTERESTS:—The outstanding material achievement of the year is the completion of the Community House at Silverbrook at a cost of \$52,000, \$42,000 of which is paid for. This fine structure provides needed space for a crowded Sunday School, and for recreational and social purposes, among which are shower baths, basket ball arena, gymnasium, kindergarten rooms and a spacious assembly hall with a seating capacity of 700.

The foundation of this enterprise was laid by the Rev. Ernest W. Greenfield, while pastor at Silverbrook. He left a tidy sum toward the good work. Succeeding pastors added to the fund, and but for the disturbed conditions growing out of the World War, Brother Elwood Jones would have had the pleasure of completing the project, for the fund grew rapidly during his five years as pastor. Dr. Robert K. Stephenson, its present pastor, has contributed his full share toward the successful termination of the building.

By unanimous and appropriate action the Trustees voted to name the new building "The Joseph W. Coley Building." For over a quarter of a century Brother Coley, as Superintendent, class leader and choir master, gave, without stint of time and means, to help carry forward a project in which his sainted father-in-law, Jos. W. Pyle, Esq., a name revered in Wilmington Methodism, was deeply interested. All felt that the structure should bear the honored name of Jos. W. Coley.

The history of this "dream come true" would be far from complete were no mention made of the name of Henry J. Bailey, Esq., the one man who above all others promoted and fostered this enterprise with great generosity from its inception. It was a glad day in his life when he witnessed the completion of that which had enlisted his support through the waiting years.

Bishop McDowell had planned to be present but was prevented from being with us, but he sent a good substitute in the person of Bishop John W. Hamilton, always a welcome visitor within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference.

Mt. Pleasant and Newark Union Charge has provided for the comfort of the pastor and his family at a cost of nearly \$1000 in much needed improvements to the parsonage. And for good measure, prompted by the Rev. Nelson Talley of Newark Union, an automobile was made possible at very small expense to Brother W. W. Sharp, the pastor.

The new parsonage at Red Lion is the embodiment of convenience and comfort. It is a credit to the denomination and a testimony to the faith and sacrifices made by Brother J. H. Geoghegan, the pastor, and his people. And in a rural community this loyal people not only erected this prophet's home, but has increased its offerings to the benevolences. Over \$3200 already paid is little less than a miracle.

Last July our church at Rising Sun was completely destroyed by fire. For a time the best residential section of the town was threatened, but the high brick walls of the church acted as a barrier and a calamity averted. The spirit evinced by these heroic people is wonderful. With a large financial outlay facing them, they might well have plead an alibi and said as some do, "we have all we can do to look after our local needs, they come first." Not so with these people. They actually increase their Centenary offering and have done it cheerfully with no word of complaint. Is it going too far to say that if a charge in a purely rural community in the presence of such a disaster can make the record this charge has made, almost any charge could emulate their example?

At Brack-Ex a parsonage costing \$7,500, including the lot, is about completed, and this charge also increases its Centenary offering. One wonders if from year to year we get the drift of facts like these. For example, a few years ago a Local Preacher started this enterprise. Six years ago its total benevolent contribution was \$12, and the total for ministerial support was \$109, and a debt of \$3300 against the church. Today its benevolent offerings are increased 300%, ministerial support to \$1509, \$1400 paid on debt, \$3600 paid on improvements, and conversions at nearly every service. In the not distant future this will be one of the most desirable suburban charges on the District.

Just a word about the men who man our rural work. Our "hat is off" to these who toil in the midst of difficulties and in the face of obstacles grave enough to dismay the most stout-hearted. The District Superintendents have opportunity to test, at intervals, what these, our brothers, experience most of the year. To skid about on slippery, treacherous, rut filled roads is far from a nerve sedative. And in many cases the territory is so extensive that from three to four visits a day is the limit. To wade through mud and snow through roads impassable for vehicles, visiting the sick, gathering benevolent monies, represent hardships unknown to the dwellers in towns and cities. And these men, more praise to them, rarely complain, seldom set up alibis, and as one brother living in the city put it, "these men usually bring home the bacon."

Ever since the fire, which a few years ago wiped out our church and parsonage at North East, our people have felt the necessity of making the new church more attractive and better fitted to serve the community. This year has witnessed the complete transformation of the church building. New carpets, a modern electric lighting system, walls beautifully decorated, the woodwork repainted within and without, both church and parsonage, representing an outlay of over \$6000, gives to North East Methodism one of the most complete and beautiful churches in the Conference. The entire cost is provided for. And let it be also noted that

there is no falling off in the benevolent offerings of this church. The preacher on reopening day was Dr. Clarence True Wilson, whose father once served North East Church. It was a source of peculiar pleasure to me to spend a happy day with my son in the Gospel for it was my happy privilege in my first pastorate to bring into church fellowship the four sons of my then Presiding Elder, Dr. John A. B. Wilson, all of them having come to eminence in their professions. Brother D. J. Givan had much to do with these church improvements, is happy in his work and greatly beloved by his people.

When Brother Hugh B. Kelso assumed charge of our work at Perryville he found a task that taxed the wisdom and skill and consecration of a minister at his best. That he has done much toward solving the problems which confronted him will be seen by a glance at the record. An obstinate and long standing debt has disappeared. The Duplex Envelope System has been adopted, and worked so consistently that beginning with October all bills were paid monthly and a balance in the treasury. A sweet toned bell recently installed helped to celebrate the mortgage burning on February 12th. The Centenary increased 30% and conversions at nearly every service, many of them former service men. Provision has been made by the Centenary by which better care can be taken of the work at Perry Point, and this will be some relief to an overworked pastor.

Newport is another charge that is making rapid strides in its development. A large plot of ground has been donated by the Misses Johnson to be used as a playground and site for a community church. Brother W. Vaughn More has the work well in hand and during the summer conducted a playground, giving much of his time to that project. A new church at Newport is an immediate necessity.

Cookman has at last secured control of the West End Reading Rooms adjacent to the church, at a cost of \$8000, \$6000 of which has been raised during the pastorate of Brother William G. Harris. With the church property clear of debt, a new pipe organ, a fine advance in its benevolent offerings, the salary advanced from \$1200 to \$1800, a live Sunday School and every department of the church at high tide, tells in part the story of Brother Harris' achievement at Cookman.

It was found necessary to dispose of the church at Elsmere. No services were held, the ground was fully occupied by another denomination. Certain obligations against the property had to be cared for, hence the property was disposed of according to the provisions of our Discipline and the proceeds applied to the erection of a parsonage within the bounds of the charge.

The contract for the Community House and parsonage for Harrison Street has been awarded at a cost not to exceed \$40,000. This project, among other desirable things, will meet the needs of a Sunday School which, under the leadership of I. Elmer Perry, Esq., has literally outgrown its present bounds. A sinking fund for a new parsonage was begun during the pastorate of Dr. Geo. T. Alderson. The present pastor, Rev. Wm. E. Habbart, holds a large place in the esteem of his people and is carrying forward the work with skill and efficiency.

Rev. J. Richard Bicking is closing a four years' pastorate at New Castle, which, from all angles, has been signally successful. The Duplex System adopted and worked; the benevolences increased over 700%; the church property thoroughly renewed. Ministerial support has advanced from \$1700 to \$2700. A new pipe organ of the best make has been installed; the children of the church and community thoroughly organized; a total of \$14,000 spent for improvements, and a new school organized at Dobbinsville are some of the fruits of this busy, successful pastor.

The despair of Brandywine has been the crowded condition of its Sunday School. Temporary relief is afforded by the placing of disappearing partitions which, without in any way marring the symmetry of the room, provides fine facilities for the overcrowded school. One of these good days this rapidly enlarging School will have what is really needs—a new building, meanwhile the expedient mentioned will furnish welcome relief. Brother Ernest W. Grenfield is still master of the situation, growing more into the love of his flock as the days go.

Brother J. A. Buckson, pastor at Zion, reports a total of \$2100 spent for improvements and the benevolences well in advance of last year. Of the total spent for improvements, \$1400 was at Ebenezer where the church has been made one of the most attractive on the District. Union and Calvert have put in new heaters thus insuring comfortable houses of worship. To those who know what odds this good man has faced this record is marvelous.

A word of commendation is due the Rev. Thomas Pardee, one of our most useful supply pastors, now serving Christiana and Salem. In a purely rural community. He has advanced the benevolences 40%, built up the charge in every way and reports 55 accessions. A blessing came to Wilmington District when this good man of God joined our ranks.

No man has had to deal with more delicate and difficult problems than Dr. Geo. T. Alderson, our pastor in Elkton. The unenviable name given to this community because of the marriage mills set up by ministers not in the ministry of any sect or denomination, the misrepresentation and garbled interviews, the abuse suffered because this pastor absolutely declined to bargain with jitneurs or others, were some of the elements in a tense situation which have made this pastorate one of unusual strain and anxiety. The whole story cannot be told here, but when told it will reveal in fine fashion the integrity of the man of whom this report speaks.

It is needless for me to say that no reflection is cast upon any other Methodist minister in Maryland. It is a matter of common knowledge that the writer had to discipline a Methodist Local Preacher who came to us from a Western Conference because of his self-confessed doings in relation to the marriage mill business in Elkton. This was the first actionable case ever brought to his attention. In one of the county papers I published a letter in which I issued an open challenge that we had stood ready at all times to proceed according to the law of our Church, if grounds for action were laid, but to even intimate that such a course should be pursued on mere suspicion is unthinkable. Thank God none can point the finger of scorn at the Methodist Church, nor to the pastor

of any sect or church. No regularly employed minister is in any way connected with the miserable condition herein described.

There are good grounds to believe that the Maryland Legislature will so alter the marriage laws that all scandal will disappear.

It should be added that Dr. Alderson's pastorate has been a real blessing to Elkton Methodism and to the community as well. The church has been greatly strengthened by a gracious work of grace in which many were added to the membership of the church.

Again Grace Church is the recipient of the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Gambrill. It will be remembered that last year these good friends gave to Grace a costly chime of bells, but the chime was not quite complete. Like the great organ which is the wonder of Wilmington music lovers, to which the young men of the church add, from time to time, a new stop, so two new bells are added to the chime by Mr. and Mrs. Gambrill as a token of their love for Grace Church.

Addresses were made by Caleb E. Burchenal, Esq., and Mr. John S. Mullin, who received the gift for the Trustees, and by Dr. J. W. R. Sumwalt, under whose leadership Grace is enjoying the period of its highest prosperity. If the men who founded this Church could return they would see that it had moved forward beyond the most extravagant dreams of its founders.

The Rev. Geo. White Dawson is closing the 9th year of his pastorate at Asbury. When he assumed charge at Asbury this down town church was threatened with the usual fate of churches similarly situated. To avert the disgrace to Methodism involved in a retreat and to make this old church the rallying point for our ministry to "the stranger within our gates," was the task he faced. To this end, the debt must be lifted; the property put in good repair; new heart must be infused in a discouraged membership; an endowment fund must be started, the proceeds of which were to help maintain the glorious old church in the midst of an alien neighborhood.

Well, the debt vanished; the church and parsonage were put in apple pie order; the salary of the pastor was increased from \$1200 to \$2500; nine thousand is in the endowment fund, \$1000 a year for each year of Brother Dawson's ministry. He collected money enough to revamp the Goodwill Industries' building and made in all 16,000 pastoral visits.

Invited to return at the third quarterly conference, and urged again at the fourth quarterly Conference, he felt that nine years of anxiety and struggle such as had characterized his pastorate made it unwise for his return. And no wonder he thus feels. Thoughtless criticism have added to an already overburdened pastorate, he is by all rights entitled to a different class of work, and Wilmington Methodism owes to this man a debt of gratitude it can never pay.

Dr. Carlisle L. Hubbard still holds the mastery at St. Paul's. Envious eyes were cast his way this year but he manifested wisdom and gave proof of his devotion to this church, which has rallied in such a marvellous way to his leadership, when he said, "No, St. Paul's needs me, the opportunity is here, and here I remain." A tangible token of the regard his

church has for him was given recently when he was presented with a new light six Studebaker car. St. Paul's leads the District in the number of tithing stewards. But one word expresses the progress of St. Paul's during the present pastorate and that is "phenominal!"

EVANGELISM.—The Methodist church must ever find her chief joy in the edification of believers and the salvation of the unsaved. When real evangelism loses its interest for Methodism, that marks the beginning of the end for us. I have often wondered if a certain portion of the time of an Annual Conference could not be profitably devoted to a study of practical evangelism. Time was when the announcement of a Methodist revival service attracted the unsaved in large numbers. It is not so now. "The unsaved do not attend our revival services" is a uniform complaint among ministers generally. What is the remedy? Go after them. Lay siege to individual souls. Get our own heart right with God, then go after others just as we go after business or votes.

It does not call for the wisdom of the sage to predict what would happen if the average Methodist were to recognize this fact. He would put into vital action the slogan of our revered founder, Mr. Wesley, "all at it and always at it." When this becomes a reality backsliding will be virtually unknown. No soul ever goes back from following his Master when he is shepherding another soul or seeking to bring another soul to Christ. And then will the joy of service flood our souls, and Pentecost will be a present reality.

In Wilmington, union meetings were held on the East Side and the five churches of the North Side held services similar to those held last year. The respective pastors were their own evangelists. Church fellowship was promoted and the services were not without spiritual fruitage. All the churches held also individual revival services, some of which were attended with marked results.

This was notably true at Brandywine. The Pastor and his committee divided the neighborhood into prayer meeting districts. Cottage prayer meetings were held. A league of prayer was formed. In this way an atmosphere of expectancy was created and the church in large part reached. Brother Ernest Greenfield had secured the Berge sisters to assist him in the service. Their presence proved a blessing and more than a hundred persons professed conversion. It was the most successful since the Lyon Tabernacle meeting.

Many of the churches have had accessions at nearly every service. Happy the church which creates an atmosphere favorable to weekly accessions. Why should not every service be crowned with grace?

Special services were held at Scott and Epworth, close neighbors, the meetings going on simultaneously, yet each church crowded nightly. Fifty-seven professed conversion at Scott and 68 at Epworth. In each case the church was graciously blessed.

Madeley is in a state of constant revival, 80 being received during the year. St. Paul's reports 100 conversions; Chesapeake City, 39; Brack-Ex, 18; St. John's, 11; Mt. Lebanon, 18; Rising Sun, 10; Christiana, 55;

Zion, 30; Asbury, 30; Marshallton, 20; at Cookman a class of 43 in preparatory membership.

It is impossible to give either in detail or in full the number of accessions. Suffice it to say that all regret that the harvest was not more plenteous.

PASTORS' SALARIES.—There was no effort this year to stress the matter of raising pastors' salaries. For five years that was given attention. The average cash salary on the Wilmington District is over \$1700. Other interests were pressing and pastors and people felt that this was not a good year to agitate salary advances. However, some of the churches have gotten the habit, and of their own accord advanced the estimate of the pastor's stipend. St. Paul's added \$800, making its salary \$5000; Brack-Ex, Hockessin and Silverbrook add \$200 each; Newark gives notice of an advance for next year, making its salary \$2600; McCabe goes from \$2500 to \$3000 next year, a testimony to the efficiency of the ministry of Rev. Geo. C. Williams. The outstanding need of McCabe is a new building; it is badly handicapped for lack of it. The Woman's Bible Class has secured a fine lot upon which, in the near future, a community house will be erected. A more courageous and consecrated company of women it would be difficult to find.

Speaking of the support of pastors it will be of interest to know that within recent years the average cash salary on the Wilmington District has gone from \$860 to over \$1700; the average, including supplies and house rent, over \$2000. All of which proves that the laity is more and more recognizing the material side of the ministry and anxious to provide for the minister a comfortable support.

THE PROBLEM OF THE CITY.—To those charged with the responsibility of dealing with this problem it is becoming increasingly serious. How to deal sanely and successfully with its multiplied phases taxes the ingenuity of the wisest. How to combat certain dangerous tendencies growing out of a mixed population and at the same time to present a definite and constructive program; how to cope with the tides of worldliness which threaten, at times, to engulf us—the seeking after "some new thing under the sun" in the form of pleasure; how to guard our youth from the lure of evil which comes all too often "as an angel of light," these are a few of the almost numberless phases of the one great problem, the solution of which calls for Divine aid.

God fearing efforts are being put forth to solve this problem, and, thank God, with a measure of success. Brother Elwood W. Jones will give the details of the work and submit for your approval certain administrative adjustments which are essential to the development of our City work.

There is one vitally important matter which will enlist the sympathetic cooperation of us all, and that is the proper support of the men in charge of our English Speaking Churches located in foreign speaking localities. None of these churches are wholly self supporting. They must be manned by ministers who can command the situation, and these men must be kept in heart in their efforts to "keep the home fires burning."

Since its inception, the Goodwill Industries of the Wilmington Conference has had the right of way. Its real purpose is two-fold: to assist in the approach made to the "stranger in our midst," and to replace an indiscriminate charity with aid which will preserve the self respect of its recipients. The Rev. John H. Beauchamp will speak more fully of the work. Suffice it to add that the one outstanding present need is a lodging house and cafe; in fact, this need is imperative, if this latest child of the Church is to reach the maximum of its efficiency.

RELATED ACTIVITIES.—The multitude of church activities which enter into the District program have gone forward with increasing success. Our various Women's Societies are marvels of industry and efficiency. The Ladies' Aid Societies, the Auxiliaries of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, and our Deaconess Society are potent factors in the life of our church. Of the Ladies' Aid Societies it can be said that the local churches would be seriously handicapped without the assistance given by these consecrated women, and they are a peculiar blessing to the occupants of the parsonage. And only the Keeper of the records knows how sovereign and blessed is the helping hand and good cheer brought to the toilers in the home land and across the seas. And these organizations are a fine example of what systematic methods can accomplish.

There are 25 Woman's Foreign Missionary Auxiliaries, a gain of four, and nineteen Auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on the Wilmington District. The former reported last year \$5586; the latter \$6029. There will be an increase from both this year. Out of the 37 auxiliaries on the District, 36 show a decided increase. It should be borne in mind that the value of these Societies consists not alone in the funds contributed, but the emphasis they lay upon the fundamental principles which underlie all our benevolent operations. Years before the church launched its Stewardship Movement, the women of the Foreign Missionary Society were, by example as well as precept, meeting the Divine standard of giving. The church which fails to foster these agencies misses more than it knows.

The Epworth League work on the District is more encouraging than for years. The District President, Rev. W. Vaughn Moore, has taken hold of his duties with capacity and enthusiasm. The Winter Institutes under Rev. Wm. G. Harris are stimulating and helpful. In our Sunday School work much remains to be done to make this agency the spiritual force it can be when rightly directed. It has not begun to reach the full measure of its possibilities. We regard with holy envy the inspiring example of the Central Penna. Conference in the fine way it is relating itself to this particular problem. What can be done in one Conference can be done in another. We know what can be done and may we soon get about attempting the task.

OUR BENEVOLENT INTERESTS.—A glance at our Centenary offering for 1921 furnishes food for reflection. Twenty-six charges advanced, 21 gave less and 3 stood still. Of the number advancing, 11 were in the city and 15 outside the city; of the 21 giving less, 8 were in the city and 13 outside. But the striking fact is this, with very few exceptions, the

charges showing an increase had the Duplex System and a fair number of tithers. What speaks louder than the facts? Hence, we feel impelled to say that in these two factors lie the secret of unworried finance.

All of which leads me to say that the honest, sane, honorable thing to do is to face the facts as we find them. There are those who, made uncomfortable by a fearless declaration of the truth, will seek to induce the prophet of the Lord to remain quiet. Woe upon us if this policy prevails. We cannot dishonor God and get by with it. He may gratify our lusts, but He will send leanness unto our souls. We are not dealing with man made theories. The eternal verities are before us. God will not, He cannot, alter His decrees to suit a paltering, half-hearted service. If the life radient is to thrill and fill our souls we must be on good terms with God. And while considering this truth there come to us like the thrust of a rapier the words of that most practical of all the apostles, "to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is SIN."

And what of the vanished year? What record has it left? An hour could be spent in recounting its handicaps and its hardships almost innumerable. The real question is, "how did the workers cope with these adversities?" In the answer to that query lies a story of bravery and devotion and holy persistence which is almost too wonderful to believe. Were the roads impassable? The resourceful itinerant on his Master's business bent found a way. Were the churches closed? These same followers of the fathers carried the truth to the people in their homes and the shout of victory was heard.

Personally, a keener appreciation of heroic efforts, a deeper regard for my brethren in the work, a higher estimate of the worth and work of the average itinerant have come to me. Brethren, the ark is safe with men like these. The assaults of the higher criticism in the presence of high devotion such as I would adequately describe did words suffice is as powerless to harm as flakes of foam flung against a hero's breastplate.

Grace and St. Paul's lead the District in their advance, and others make creditable advance, notably, Chester-Bethel, Elkton, McCabe, Madeley, Christiana, Delaware City, Perryville, Hockessin, Mt. Lebanon, Newark, Newport, Rising Sun, Zion, Trinity, Hill Crest, Brack-Ex, Silverbrook, Scott, Ebenezer, where, though the pastor received \$250 less from a fund out of which that amount was paid last year, goes well beyond on the straight giving plan. St. John's, Hockessin, St. Georges and Hopewell also increase. There may be others, but no report was in hand when this report was written.

The charges equalling last year are, Brandywine, Bethel Circuit, Claymont, Marshallton, North East, Port Deposit, Wesley, Harrison St., and Charlestown.

Three months ago the prospect for a decided increase was seemingly sure, but the number falling below may overcome the increase, but I still believe we will be ahead when the reports are in.

All things considered, however, the record is wonderful and there is but one explanation, both pastors and people are nearer God in their inner spiritual life.

To show how nearly correct the January forecast was will be seen when we find 19 charges making a total advance of \$2594, and eight charges making a total decrease of \$1866. The only hope of a stable benevolent income or a definite and adequate income for the local church is in tithing stewardship. In fact, unless we can bring our people to this standard it will fare ill with the cause of God.

Not in a ministry of 37 years have I witnessed, all things considered, greater courage or deeper devotion by preachers and laymen than during the strenuous days of a year now passed into the imperishable records of eternity. And all through its faith-taxing experiences we heard a strain of exquisite music, which, with quenchless inspiration and beauty, has lived through the centuries, "Lo I am with you alway, even to the close of the days!"

I cannot permit this matter to pass without bearing heartfelt tribute to the loyalty and love and cooperation of my yoke fellows in the work. Their brotherly sympathy and support; their tender solicitude lest I work too hard (though it is worry not work that kills); their cheering message, "count on us we will be up to last year, or we are sure to go beyond last year," filled the days with a song and added new charm to the rose land of dreams. Happy the official blessed with such workers. With them no hill is too steep to climb, no journey too long to take, no task too heavy to attempt.

Candor compels the admission, however, that owing to the compact nature of the Wilmington District my conferees in the District Superintendency faced greater hardships than did I, yet even so, "Satan found no mischief for idle hands to do."

Our District Missionary Convention held in St. Paul's Church in January brought to us inspiration and cheer. Our Area Secretary, Dr. Morris E. Swartz, gave us teams of workers who gave us real help. There was little of theory and much of fact. Dr. Swartz himself was the embodiment of brotherliness. He knows how. We had almost a 100% attendance, and we were delighted to discover that the average of the District for the first two and a half years of the Centenary period was 72%, up to average of the denomination. For this we thank God and take courage. On the principle that "an ounce of fact is worth a ton of theory" take a case in point. Before knowing what the plan of the General Church was relative to "every member tithing week," the Rev. E. P. Thomas and his church decided, in order to meet a crisis in the benevolences, they would put on that program early in February. If a special collection had been announced it would have caused a panic among both officials and members. But with beautiful unanimity they agreed to "play straight with God's plan" for one week. After that it would be a matter of education. Now what happened? Not every member tithed. Some, I suspect dropped in a bit over for good measure. Anyhow, as a result of that experiment the people laid on the Lord's table, literally, for they put their offering on the Communion Table, to the amount of \$550. That means that if that experiment were tried for half the year it would overflow that church treasury, meeting every claim and leaving an inspiring sur-

plus. The highest salaried man in Epworth, himself a tither for years, endorsed this estimate and regarded it as within the facts rather than beyond. And I rejoice to tell you today that of their own free will, without solicitation, several of those weekly givers are to repeat the experiment for 52 weeks this year. Bless God?

Skilled diagnosticians agree that when they can make a correct diagnosis a cure is in sight, at least, an intelligent effort toward a cure. Well, this has a direct, specific application to the church. The charge is sometimes lodged against the church and her ministry that the cry is money! MONEY. The soft impeachment is not denied, but the money cry is the reproach of the church for the reason that God's people are not "playing the game according to the rules." The experiment above mentioned shows the way out. Following that gleam will give a transformed church and the glory of God will shine out of Zion.

Finally, if the church is to maintain a ministry at the peak of efficiency, and to secure worth while candidates for our ministry, then the ministry must, as far as possible, be relieved of responsibility for material considerations, which, as a rule, absorb time and energy and nerve force to the limit. For example, how can the prophets of the Lord do the work of a minister and at the same time give himself to the serving of tables?

Please get me right in what I am trying to say. I recognize the fact that in the Methodist Church the minister must be the general in chief. He must be fertile in plans, woe betide his ministry if this be not true of him. And I hail with a note of gladness that the laity has in recent years shown an increasing willingness to pay the minister a living wage. Thank God for that. And to our credit be it said this disposition includes the worn out preacher. I like the old terminology. For if he is not worn out he is needed on the far flung battle line; if he is worn out the spectre of poverty should not be allowed to dog his steps. We have improved in these respects.

But this is what I have in my heart to say, and if I were to leave it unsaid I would suffer a severe spell of emotional and intellectual indigestion. Listen! We boast ourselves as having 4,500,000 members in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of that number 300,000 are tithing stewards. And if it be true that there are some who belong to our branch of the army who, for reasons best known to themselves, are tithers secretly, there yet remain a formidable host who are not doing business on God's plan. What wonder that the heavens are brass as in the days of recreant Ahab! What wonder that the church is making frantic efforts to bring about a second Pentecost! And the outcome is 90,000 souls won to Jesus Christ by 4,500,000.

We know as well as we know that two and two make four that Pentecost had its conditions. We also know that Pentecost was not a reality until those conditions were met. But coincident with the meeting of those conditions came the rushing, mighty wind and the tongues of fire. And a boastful, swaggering denying apostle leaped to the front and under his mighty appeal thousands were born in a day.

Now for the conclusion. Whose plan shall the church adopt? Why the youngest member of this Conference will reply, "God's Plan, of course, just that; nothing less than that and no substitute!"

Well, this is the attitude of the leaders of our Church. Upon that basis they are making their appeals. What we need and what we must have, is a holy, passionate, persistent endeavor to take God's Plan at its face value and work it. Either this or a retreat, and the day that that begins spells disaster to the cause we all love.

Does anyone dream for a moment that a Christian who gives less a week to help Jesus Christ save the world than the price of a glass of soda water or a package of chewing gum, dare ask God to save the world?

But over and over again we hear the cry, "it costs so much. The church is never satisfied." Is it so? Ask the mother who went down to the gates of the grave to bring us into the world; who spent sleepless nights in her long vigils when the delirium of fever quickened our pulse and fevered our brow; who scimped and saved to give us advantages that never came to her. Ask her about the cost. Oh, take all the gold and all the silver and all the jewels and all the currency of all the world and put these countless treasures in one great, glittering mountain of wealth, it would not buy one crimson drop that blinded the dear eyes of Him Who died that we might live forever.

Our heart grows faint and sick at times and we cry out, "how long, O Lord, how long shall we keep Thee waiting? How long shall Thy people temporize with half-way measures instead of going with Thee all the way?" Only thus can we come into the experience that will fill and thrill our hearts with holy joy. Then there will be no anxious questions as to whether our offerings equal last year. No, the soul stirring words of Gerald Massey would sing in our souls,—

"For where the vanguard camps today, the real shall camp tomorrow."
 "He hath sounded forth a trumpet that shall never call retreat,"
 "He is sifting out the hearts of men before His Judgment Seat,"
 "O, be swift my soul to answer Him, be jubilant my feet,"
 "Our God is marching on!"

(b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

BIBLE.

The 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 106th year of its world wide usefulness. It is not a commercial enterprise, but sells its scripture 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 the organization for scriptures in 150 or more languages and dialects into which it is translated today.

With a budget for 1922 of \$1,119,967.00 and the very highest degree of efficiency in administration, it will be necessary to say "no" to two out of three of the appeals of the scriptures, and this purely because of lack of funds. In order that it will not fail, the Bible Society appeals to churches and to individuals—its friends everywhere—for a more generous support.

The Maryland Bible Society, auxiliary to the American Bible Society, having supervision of the work in the State of Maryland, has in the past year canvassed a large number of towns with seven colporteurs in the field. It has paid particular attention to the distribution of Scriptures among foreign speaking people. It has contributed largely to the work among foreign speaking people in other countries, and has paid on its appropriation of \$50,000.00 for the erection of the Bible House at Cristobal over \$35,000.00.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Your Board of the Epworth League has been busy during the year promoting the interests of the young life of the Church. Four District Conventions with Sub-District Conventions have been held with unusual success. These have been seasons of inspiration. Occurring as they do in the early Fall, they send the young people home to meet the needs of the intensive program of the Church peculiar to that season of the year.

The success of our Institute at Dover is becoming embarrassing, because our quarters are not large enough to meet our growing needs. The Institute is made up of the very best young people of our Conference; the faculty is made up of leading men and women of Methodism. Our own Dr. Clarence True Wilson is to be with us this year. Others quite as prominent in the church will make up the faculty this year. We are not asking for a larger registration but a larger representation of charges.

We hope our District Superintendents and pastors will urge a repre-

sentative from each appointment. We will give you trained leaders in return.

The Boys' Conference has been an inspiration. If you can imagine a Conference like this for a week, you will have some idea of the Summer Institute.

The Annual Winter Institute in Wilmington has come to be an established feature of the work among the young. Our busy pastors give themselves unstintedly to the teaching force.

The Board stands ready to promote Epworth League activities anywhere in the Conference, in Conventions, Institutes or local rallies. Your District President will appreciate a call from you.

The New Year is full of hope. The young life is depending upon the ministry to lead the way. The Epworth League will not fail them now.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

We are glad to observe the ever increasing interest in the cause of education on the part of the people of our Conference territory. We are gratified also that there is a decided increase in the interest of our people in the training of those who shall lead the forces in the Church of the Living God.

At the last session of this Conference the managers of your Education Society reported having given assistance to seventeen men, amounting to \$1475.00. This year we have been able to help twenty men in their effort for an education, to the amount of \$1625.00. This, as you will readily see, is an increase in the number of men who have received financial assistance through your Society and also an increase in the total amount of money expended, but it meant a decrease in the amount loaned to the individual student. The increase in men who are willing to give their lives to the Church for the work of the ministry and for the mission field, ought not to mean an embarrassment to your Education Society in the effort to prepare those men for life service for the Kingdom of Jesus.

Since the last session of Conference your Society has received as a trust fund a bequest amounting to \$842.89, from the estate of the late Rose Caruth. Finding it practically impossible to make a satisfactory investment of such an odd sum of money, the executive committee of the Society transferred \$157.11 from the General Funds to the Rose Caruth Trust Fund and tried to secure a first mortgage bond of \$1000.00. Failing in securing such a bond, but finding a first mortgage bond of \$1500.00, we went to the bank and borrowed \$500.00 and purchased the security. This we hope is the beginning of the formation of an endowment for our educational work within the bounds of our Conference.

Again we want to call your attention to the importance of the Centenary program as it relates to the success of the work of your Education Society. Under the present plan the money for this work comes to us through Centenary channels and we receive our full quota only as the full

quota for the Centenary is raised by the various churches within the bounds of our Conference.

Your special consideration should be given to our own Church Schools when you are selecting institutions of learning for the young people of the Church you serve. Wesley Collegiate Institute is doing most excellent work and is preparing to render even better service in the future. Dickinson, and Drew, and Wesleyan University, and Morgan College and Goucher College in Baltimore, still in the control of the Methodist church are all worthy of our support.

We commend the work of our Board of Education in New York, and urge our pastors to do their best to bring the work of this department of our Church to the attention of our people.

EDUCATION FOR NEGROES.

We cannot begin to estimate the far-reaching results of the work of our Board of Education for Negroes. In 55 years, 15,000 students have graduated and 200,000 have been helped and influenced by attendance upon the schools under the supervision of this Board. Among the graduates are the two active negro Bishops, one retired Bishop and one deceased Bishop of our own Church, as well as six Bishops of Negro denominations, and prominent leaders of the race in the governmental and professional life of our country.

During the World War 250 of the graduates of our Meharry Medical College served as surgeons and dentists in the negro regiments of the U. S. Army.

It is largely through the influence of the graduates of our Methodist Episcopal schools that our church has enrolled 350,000 colored members, with 215,000 Sunday School scholars and organized 3375 churches.

Centenary funds have been distributed among the schools of this Board as follows:—\$100,000 to Wiley College, Texas; \$160,000 to Clark University; \$100,000 to Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.; and \$200,000 on endowment at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.

Morgan College and Princess Anne Academy are contributing agencies to the success of our work among the colored people and are well worthy our unqualified support.

We commend the work of the Board to the thoughtful consideration of our people, believing that in rendering this service to the negro race we are discharging a duty divinely imposed.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL.

More and more the spirit of Christ, the great Physician, with its healing ministry is prevailing in the world.

We rejoice to know that foremost among the institutions which ex-

emphify that healing ministry is our own beloved Hospital in Philadelphia. Our Hospital is an honor to our Church. It has a staff of surgeons and physicians whose ability, work and reputation place them among the best in their profession. Its equipment is surpassed by none, and our appreciation of its high standards of moral and medical ethics has long since had honorable mention throughout the Church.

Gladly and freely has it opened its doors to the suffering and needy until in the year 1921 over four thousand, one hundred and ninety-six patients were admitted; eighty-one (81) being from our own Conference. Thirty-one thousand, four hundred and fifty (31,450) days of treatment were given to patients in its wards; while thirty-four thousand, five hundred and sixty-four (34,564) patients visited its Dispensary.

The poor are not turned away, for over sixty per cent. of the patients received last year were treated without charge.

To-day it finds itself crowded to its capacity and is now erecting a new building at a cost of \$400,000 in order that the "halt and lame and the afflicted who press on every side may not be turned away, but that their cry for help and healing may be answered with, 'Be thou whole.'"

Your committee cheerfully commends our Hospital to the attention of all our people, and we urge that we give it our liberal support. And we earnestly entreat all the Pastors to observe "Hospital Day" on all their charges, and that our Auxiliary Societies secure canned fruits and vegetables and present them to this institution.

In these and other ways we urge your hearty support and commend our Hospital as worthy of our best gifts.

PERIODICALS.

"The Romans gloried in power; the Grecians, in wisdom. A distinctive feature, and high characteristic of Methodism has been her literature." The mind cannot be too well informed, for only in this way can we reach the highest efficiency.

Every member of our Church should own a Discipline and become familiar with the laws and doctrines of the Church. The Methodist Review should find its way regularly into every preacher's study, while the Christian Advocate, Epworth Herald, The Methodist and The Voice should find their way into every Methodist home.

We, therefore, recommend that our pastors seek to place these periodicals in all the homes of our people.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

We hereby express our appreciation of the Memorial from the Maryland Legislators, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference, emphasizing the need of a syste-

matic plan of education as to the priceless value of the Lord's Day. We hereby pledge them our best endeavor in making this Memorial real in all our Pastoral Charges.

We recommend, as judgment must begin at the house of the Lord, that all the people called Methodists walk circumspectively in the observance of the Lord's Day and we protest against the violations of Sunday laws by Camp Meetings, commercializing the day in the sale of unnecessary refreshments, etc., on the Lord's Day, and urge the members of this Conference to refuse to preach at such Camp Meetings.

We recommend the appointment of a Lord's Day Committee in every Station or Circuit to co-operate with the Lord's Day Alliance in its educational campaign to promote a better observance of the Lord's Day, and this Committee be named by the First Quarterly Conference.

We recommend that the District Superintendents name a District Lord's Day Committee consisting of one member for every seven charges or fraction thereof to plan an Annual Lord's Day Rally in every Charge of the Conference, and in co-operation with the District Superintendent help in the promotion of the Lord's Day observance throughout the bounds of our Conference.

We further recommend that wherever possible our Church put the Lord's Day Alliance in their budgets or give their people an opportunity to make an annual free will offering to this fundamental work.

We further recommend and request that our District Superintendents send the names and addresses of the members of these District Lord's Day Committees at the earliest possible date to Doctor W. W. Davis, Post Office Box 724, Baltimore, Maryland.

Petition of Members of the Maryland General Assembly.

To The Wilmington Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church,
Cambridge, Maryland.

Brethren:—

As members of the Maryland General Assembly identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference we desire to state:

1. We have been impressed with the great need of systematic training by the Christian Church as to the value of the Lord's Day.
2. We have approved most heartily of the Educational Program of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland which program consists of a Lord's Day Committee in every local church whose duty it shall be to have a Lord's Day Rally at the mid-week meeting at least three times a year, to arrange for the presentation of the claims of the Lord's Day to the Sunday School at frequent intervals and to arrange with every Pastor to preach on the Lord's Day observance at least once a year.
3. We endorse the work of the Lord's Day Alliance and hereby petition our Conference to authorize and request the District Superintendent to name a Committee in each District whose duty it shall be to co-operate with the Lord's Day Alliance in this educational program.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

An earnest appeal is made that enthusiastic and devoted support on the part of this Conference be given to the recommendations we herewith make:

First, That a worker be assigned to develop the field and lead the forces of the Sunday Schools of the Conference territory. This leader, it is the opinion of the Board, should be a man thoroughly equipped by special training for the work and with qualities of unquestioned leadership.

Second, That the work of this development be supported by an apportionment, divided among the Districts. This apportionment to yield the sum of \$2000, and to be divided between the districts and the charges by the District Superintendents.

The Board desires to call the serious attention of all the ministers of the Conference to the opportunities presented by the Schools of Training holding sessions, one at Ocean Grove, N. J., July 13th to 23rd, and at Dickinson College, July 10th to 20th. It ought not to be too much to expect that fifty of our young people be enrolled in the Summer of 1922 in these schools.

The Board offers as goals for attainment during the coming Conference year the following:

1. A Sunday School survey of the Conference through the District representatives. This survey to cover certain vital points, such as departmental organization and grading, teachers trained and teachers in training, organized classes and roster of superintendents and departmental superintendents.

2. That the Sunday Schools of the Conference strive to attain:
- (a) 10 per cent. increase in enrollment.
 - (b) 75 per cent. be the mark for average attendance at school sessions.
 - (c) A systematic evangelistic campaign be effected in every school.

TEMPERANCE.

The passage of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States sounded the death-knell of the liquor traffic in this country. The enactment of this amendment to our fundamental law was the culmination of a half century of agitation, and is the greatest governmental achievement, considered morally and economically, attained in the history of our Republic.

The herculean task that remains is to secure the universal enforcement of the law. Our Federal Congress is to be commended for the passage of the Volstead Enforcement Act, and President Harding has acted wisely and courageously in giving the weight of his administration against the outlawed traffic. In view of the vast proportions of this complicated

problem, the past four years have seen great progress made in the matter of enforcement. Public sentiment has been coming strongly to the side of prohibition. Only a few benighted cities like Baltimore are groping in the dark on this question. It is to be hoped that the light will soon break upon the newspapers of that great city. We are still in the midst of the fight but are at the beginning of the end. To slacken our zeal at this stage of the game would be a shameful outrage. The pulpit and the press should unite to arouse public sentiment for the final onslaught. Enforcement officers and judges should bring down the whole weight of the law upon the heads of offenders so as to put the fear of God in their hearts. The Methodist Churches, North and South, have been leaders of sentiment in this great struggle, and we pledge our continued hostility to this unholy traffic, until the curse is lifted and the nation is dry—bone dry.

We congratulate the Anti-Saloon League for its militant and wisely planned activities in the history of this great contest, and assure that organization of our continued support. Other organizations have done their part and are worthy of mention, as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, our own Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, the Prohibition Party, the Republican Party and the southern end of the Democratic Party.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we heartily approve the splendid fight by the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland for the passage of the law enforcement bill, and that we congratulate the members of the House of Delegates and State Senate who stood by this effort to place Maryland on the side of the Eighteenth Amendment.

THANKS.

As members of the Wilmington Annual Conference we wish to record and express our appreciation to the Rev. W. E. Gunby and the membership, trustees and stewards of Zion M. E. Church for the splendid hospitality extended to us during the Conference session of 1922.

We also wish to thank the pastor, trustees and membership of Grace M. E. Church, South, for the use of their church during the session of the Boys' Conference. We likewise express our appreciation to the pastor, trustees and membership of the First Baptist Church for the use of their church during the Laymen's Conference. We likewise express our appreciation to the organization of Eiks for the use of their building during Conference examinations. We likewise express our appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce for the sight-seeing trip by automobiles, and to any and all other organizations or citizens of Cambridge who have made us feel the generous hospitality of the Eastern Shore.

To Bishop W. F. McDowell, presiding for the fifth time over our Conference, for his able and successful administration, we tender our fraternal gratefulness, and pledge him our loyalty and support.

To the Secretary, Treasurer and Statistician with their assistants for services rendered, to the newspapers reporting our session, and to the hosts and hostesses for their open homes and open hearts, we record our heartfelt gratitude.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

For millions of women in heathen lands the hope of redemption must depend upon the activities of this Society. All the missionary work of Methodism that is conducted specifically among women and girls is done by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Their force of active missionaries now numbers 648. There is imperative need of 187 more at this time. Over 5000 native workers and almost 2500 Bible women are aiding in the work of this Society, and nearly a quarter of a million persons are directly reached thereby.

We note with pleasure the fact that the work of this Society in this Conference has prospered during the Conference year. Many new auxiliaries have been formed, the membership has increased and an increased amount of funds has been raised. We urge that an auxiliary be organized in every church where none exists if it be at all possible, and call upon each District Superintendent and each pastor to do everything he can for the extension and encouragement of this work.

(c) SPECIAL AND FINANCIAL.

MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.

Balance in Treasury March 21, 1921	\$ 770.97
Rec'd from V. E. Hills, Conf. Treas., Apr. 27, 1921	369.00
Rec'd from churches during the year	53.00
Interest on \$1000 at 4%, 10 mo. and 25 days	36.10
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	\$1229.07

Disbursed.

Check to W. A. Wise, Trustee elect of the Ministerial Relief Fund, March 22, 1922	\$1229.07
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T. E. TERRY, Trustee.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Receipts.

	General Fund	Riddle Fund
1921		
Mar. 24, To Balance	\$ 600.18	\$ 488.38
May 4, To Check Security Trust & Safe Deposit Co...		435.37
June 1, To Int. Fruit Growers Nat'l Bank Svgs. Dept..	18.40	
June 9, To Check Board Education, New York	1054.40	
Oct. 22, To Check Bd. Ed., N. Y., Share excess expense	70.87	
Oct. 25, To Accommodation Note	500.00	
Nov. 8, To Check Ira J. B. Hill, full settlement Acct..	125.00	
Dec. 1, To Int. Fruit Growers Nat'l Bank Svgs. Dept.	18.73	
Dec. 12, To Check Chas. R. Powell, returned not used	25.00	
1922		
Jan. 9, To Check Caleb E. Burchenal, 6 Months Inter- est on Shackleton Mortgage	45.00	
Feb. 14, To Check Geo. H. Bennett on acct. of loan..	50.00	
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	\$2507.58	\$ 923.75

Disbursements.

1921	
May 2, By Check Van T. Hamblin (Loan)	\$ 37.50
May 2, By Check Robert S. Hodgson (Loan)	50.00
May 2, By Check W. T. McGuire (Loan)	37.50
May 10, By Check R. T. Thawley (Loan)	37.50
May 10, By Check Lawrence E. Wimbrow (Loan)...	50.00

May 10, By Check J. Corbett Steen (Loan)	50.00	
June 20, By Check R. W. Campbell (Loan)	37.50	
June 20, By Check Harlen M. Ralph (Loan)	25.00	
June 20, By Check Frank T. Kelley (Loan)	25.00	
June 20, By Check H. A. Cannon (Loan)	37.50	
June 20, By Check Oliver J. Collins (Loan)	25.00	
June 20, By Check Paul E. Collins (Loan)	25.00	
June 20, By Check Waldo Lee Dise (Loan)	25.00	
June 20, By Check Oscar H. Mitchell (Loan)	50.00	
June 20, By Check Willard Everett (Loan)	25.00	
June 20, By Check Paul E. Reynolds (Loan)	25.00	
June 20, By Check Ralph L. Minker (Loan)	100.00	
June 20, By Check Earl M. Shockley (Loan)	75.00	
June 20, By Check Rev. G. C. Williams (Expense) ..	10.00	
July 20, By Check Caleb E. Burchenal (Mortgage) ..	157.12	
July 30, By Check Rev. G. C. Williams (Interest) ..	17.02	
Oct. 25, By Check Rev. G. C. Williams (to pay Note)	500.00	
Oct. 25, By Check E. M. Fowler, Cashier (Dis. Note)	15.00	
Dec. 8, By Check Rev. G. C. Williams (Expense) ..	6.00	
Dec. 8, By Check Rev. C. W. Prettyman (Expense) ..	2.00	
Dec. 8, By Check Lester E. Windsor (Loan)		200.00
Dec. 8, By Check Norman A. Hall (Loan)		200.00
Dec. 8, By Check Van T. Hamblin (Loan)	37.50	
Dec. 8, By Check Charles E. Davis (Loan)	50.00	
Dec. 8, By Check J. Corbett Steen (Loan)	50.00	
Dec. 8, By Check Edwin C. Riffin (Loan)	50.00	
Dec. 8, By Check Willard Everett (Loan)	25.00	
Dec. 8, By Check Frank T. Kelley (Loan)	25.00	
Dec. 8, By Check Roscoe W. Campbell (Loan)	37.50	
Dec. 8, By Check Lee C. West (Loan)	25.00	
Dec. 8, By Check W. Lee Dise (Loan)	37.50	
Dec. 8, By Check Conrad Hamer (Loan)	25.00	
Dec. 8, By Check Ralph R. Hunt (Loan)	37.50	
Dec. 8, By Check Frank D. Milbury (Loan)	37.50	
Dec. 8, By Check Sidney B. Bradley (Loan)	25.00	
Dec. 8, By Check Chas. R. Powell (Check returned) ..	25.00	
Dec. 8, By Check Henry McC. Parks (Loan)	25.00	
Dec. 8, By Check Harry N. Bailey (Loan)	25.00	
Dec. 8, By Check Roy T. Thawley (Loan)	37.50	
Dec. 19, By Check John W. Grande (Loan)	37.50	
	\$2057.14	\$ 400.00
Mar. 16, 1922, By Balance	450.44	523.75
	<u>\$2507.58</u>	<u>\$ 923.75</u>

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.

Receipts.

1921.		
March 21, To Balance		\$1521.99
April 27, To Check V. E. Hills, Treasurer		1825.00
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Total		\$3346.99

Disbursements.

1921.		
April 5, By Check Rev. J. L. Johnson for lectures by Rev. Watson Hannan, D. D.	\$ 200.00	
April 18, By Check W. C. Muir, Chairman	96.50	
April 18, By Check Willing Workers	131.25	
April 22, By Check Thomas Downing75	
April 22, By Check Geo. W. Derrickson	6.00	
April 22, By Check George Denney	2.40	
April 22, By Check George Knotts	2.70	
April 22, By Check R. J. Taylor	2.75	
April 22, By Check W. A. Powell	6.00	
April 22, By Check Wm. Taylor	3.25	
April 23, By Check F. E. McKinsey	4.00	
April 23, By Check W. Harry Jones	3.75	
April 23, By Check Rolla Hart	4.00	
April 23, By Check John A. Smith	6.00	
April 23, By Check Geo. W. Weldin	2.50	
April 25, By Check B. R. Todd	1.50	
April 25, By Check E. B. Leiby	3.50	
April 25, By Check C. W. Raynor	1.50	
April 25, By Check C. J. Elzey	4.00	
April 25, By Check T. B. Ely	3.00	
April 25, By Check J. J. Reese	1.75	
April 25, By Check J. Thomas Smith	2.00	
April 25, By Check H. P. Cannon	5.50	
April 25, By Check Rev. G. T. Alderson	7.05	
April 27, By Check W. J. Massey	6.00	
May 4, By Check R. S. Loomis	3.00	
1922		
Mar. 11, By Check Rev. G. T. Alderson	7.88	
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		\$ 518.53
Mar. 16, By Balance	\$2828.46	
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		\$3346.99
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		\$3346.99

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

In 1921 we had 46 men, 50 women and 2 children on the list of Conference Claimants. We now have 43 men, 53 women and 5 children. Of these, two retired ministers and one widow relinquish their claims. Since last Conference 8 retired ministers and 3 widows have died. The average salary for the full members of the Conference for 1921 was \$1655.00, making the Annuity Claim \$23.00 for each year of effective service for our retired ministers. Last year we paid \$14.00 for each year of service. This year a deficiency in the receipts from pastoral charges of more than \$10,000.00 has made it impossible for us to increase the Annuity paid more than \$1.00 for each year of service if we are to properly care for some cases of very urgent need. This is only 65.2% of the amount due. We had hoped to make the rate paid \$20.00, based on the apportionments, instead of \$15.00, as we were compelled to do.

Collections by Districts.

District	Apportionment	Paid	Increase	Deficiency
Dover	\$9,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$ 874.00	\$2,000.00
Middletown	8,145.00	5,833.00	372.00	2,312.00
Salisbury	10,160.00	9,531.00	2,500.00	629.00
Wilmington	13,140.00	8,020.00	406.00	5,120.00
Totals	\$40,945.00	\$30,884.00	\$4,152.00	\$10,061.00

In this connection we would call attention to some information that we have received from the Statistical Secretary. It appears that there is a variance, in some instances very considerable, between the amounts apportioned to the districts by the Conference and the totals of amounts reported by the pastors as Claims for this purpose. The following table will indicate the differences, some of which may be due to errors:

District	Apportioned	Claims reported	Deficiency
Dover	\$9,500.00	\$8,683.00	\$ 817.00
Middletown	8,145.00	6,245.00	1,900.00
Salisbury	10,160.00	9,910.00	250.00
Wilmington	13,140.00	8,336.00	4,804.00
Totals	\$40,945.00	\$33,174.00	\$7,771.00

An examination of the minutes for 1921 will also reveal some variance between the amounts apportioned to the districts and the totals of Claims, but the differences there revealed are not considerable except in the case of one district, where it was more than \$1900.00. We appreciate the fact that the splendid increase in the average salary paid to our pastors, which is none too large, has carried with it a proportionate increase in the amount of the Claims of the retired ministers and of the widows and orphans of deceased ministers. And we ask for a "square deal" for these Claimants, many of whom are entirely dependent on the funds they receive from this Conference for their support. We believe that the laymen of this Conference who have so loyally supported their pastors, and

have advanced their salaries to the high average that has been referred to on this floor with commendable pride, stand ready to just as loyally support those whose work is done and who now face the sunset of life, in order that they too may feel assured of the "comfortable support" to which they are entitled. We ask that it be put squarely up to the laymen, believing such response will come as will relieve us of such deficiencies as face us this year.

Receipts from all sources for disbursement to the Claimants are:

Receipts from pastoral charges	\$30,276.00
Interest from investments	5,813.00
Book Concern dividend	3,355.00
Board of Conference Claimants	250.00
Chartered Fund	35.00

Total disbursed to Claimants	\$39,729.00
Amount disbursed last year	36,276.00

Increase over last year\$ 3,453.00

The amounts needed to meet all claims for the coming year, according to the present disciplinary provisions, are:

Annuity claims	\$50,991.00
Necessitous cases	4,000.00
Board of Conference Claimants	608.00

Total required\$55,599.00

Deducting the total of the amounts received from the Chartered Fund, the Book Concern, interest on investments and the Board of Conference Claimants, amounting to \$9,453, the sum of \$46,146 is left to be apportioned to meet all claims in full. Of this amount, \$41,538 is necessary to meet the Annuity claims, \$608 for the Board of Conference Claimants, and, subject to approval of the Conference, \$4,000 for necessitous cases. We therefore recommend that the sum of \$46,146 be apportioned to the pastoral charges.

We are pleased to report the receipt of \$3,156.26 from Mrs. Mary Collins Sprague, Executrix of the estate of Mrs. Anna Victoria Collins, and we ask that a place be given to this fund among the memorial funds for Conference Claimant Endowment, and that it be known as, "The Anna Victoria Collins Fund of Victor, New York, by Mrs. Mary Collins Sprague, Executrix, Claremont, Va."

We ask the Conference to appoint the following persons Trustees for Claimant Funds:

Rev. R. P. Nichols for Mrs. Anna 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 G. Westerfield;
 Mrs. Blanche E. Compton for J. Clifford Compton;

Rev. W. E. Gunby for Mrs. Maude MacNichol;
 Rev. J. A. Leach for Mrs. Ellen M. Brindle;
 Thos. N. Rawlins for James W. Fogle and Katharine B. Fogle.

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 1922. They were approved by the Conference.

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.				
CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.		Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Fund	Amount Paid	
MINISTERS.						
1922	34	Anderson, J. F., Newark, Del.	782	510	30	540
1906	17	Bowman, G. W., Laurel, Del.	391	255		255
1920	30	Brewington, J. A., Hebron, Md.	690	450	240	690
1922	30	Burr, Warren, Nassau Place, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.	690	450	250	700
1920	23	Chaires, W. W., Marydel, Md.	529	345	335	680
1905	27	Collins, J. M., 1607 W. 13th St., Wilmington, Del.	621	495	95	500
1917	36	Corkran, L. P., Church Hill, Md.	828	540		540
1921	37	Derrickson, E. H., Odessa, Del.	851	555		555
1919	34	Easley, J. W., Kenton, Del.	782	510		510
1871	5	Esgate, James, Dr. T.D. Esgate, Trustee, Riverside, Cal	115	75	315	390
1904	21	Greene, W. M., Cheswold, Del.	483	315		315
1921	37	Guthrie, W. B., Kenton, Del.	851	555	135	690
1914	31	Hardesty, G. L., Seaford, Del.	713	465	35	500
1906	30	Hardings, T. H., 1011 W. 17th St., Wilmington, Del.	690	450	250	700
1918	42	Hoffecker, E. L., Bellevue, Md.	966	630		630
1911	10	Holt, T. S., Federalsburg, Md.	230	*		*
1917	12	Jester, B. F., 1617 W. 4th St., Wilmington, Del.	276	180		250
1916	30	Koons, W. G., Rising Sun, Md.	690	450	75	525
1919	40	Lindale, J. M., Chestertown, Md., R. D.	920	600		600
1921	23	Matthews, W. E., Smyrna, Del.	460	300	400	700
1921	23	Moore, F. X., 1135 Valley St., Baltimore, Md.	529	345		345
1919	47	Otis, J. P., Marshallton, Cedars, R. D., Del.	1081	705		705
1921	40	Pilchard, S. N., Hillsboro, Md.	920	600		600
1917	35	Prettyman, A. P., Galena, Md.	805	525		525
1916	48	Prettyman, C. W., Carlisle, Pa.	1104	720		720
1913	26	Prouse, J. T., Edgemoor, Del.	598	390	220	610
1922	52	Reed, George Edward, Harrisburg, Pa.	1196	*		*
1919	34	Reese, J. D., Cannon, Del.	782	510	100	610
1912	38	Roe, Robert, Trappe, Md.	874	570		570
1917	38	Smith, Alfred, Camden, Del.	874	570		570
1922	31	Smith, G. P., Cheswold, Del.	598	465		465
1922	33	Stallings, G. W., Lovettsville, Va.	759	495	205	700
1915	40	Stengle, Adam, 407 W. 21st St., Wilmington, Del.	920	600		600
1922	37	Sunfield, E. C., Barnegat, N. J.	851	555	85	640
1916	39	Terry, T. E., Bridgeville, Del.	897	585		585
1897	24	Tomkinson, W. E., Rehoboth Beach, Del.	552	360	252	612
1915	38	Townsend, G. W., Ridley Park, Pa.	874	570		570
1901	24	Wallin, F. O. B., Venersborg, Sweden	552	360		360
1906	21	Walton, O. S., Red Lion, Del.	483	315		315
1919	16	White, W. W., Salisbury, Md.	368	240	360	600
1914	31	Williams, C. H., Snow Hill, Md.	713	465		465
1917	19	Williams, W. S. H., Georgetown, Del.	437	285		285
1913	28	Willis, D. H., Cambridge, Md.	644	420		420

*Relinquished.

Distribution of Conference Funds.

CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.

Date of Claim	Service	Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Fund	Amount Paid	
WIDOWS.						
1915	43	Adams, Mary R., Dover, Del.	742	484	66	550
1903	21	Avery, Lydia M., Box 151, Hollywood, Calif.	362	236		236
1881	8	Bain, Sarah B., Juniata Branch, Altoona, Pa.	138	90	235	325
1922		Barrett, Lydia E., Chestertown, Md.			200	200
1909	40	Bolton, Mary J., 460 Huntington St., New Haven, Ct.	690	450		450
1903	9	Bovie, Selma C., Chatham, New Jersey	155	101	99	200
1895	4	Brindle, Ellen M., J. A. Leach, Trustee, Greensboro, Md.	69	45	200	245
1915	30	Burke, Laura F., 818 Jefferson St., Wilmington, Del.	518	338		338
1918	31	Chandler, Mary E., Crumpton Park, Del.	535	349		349
1890	8	Chatham, Anna D., R. P. Nichols, Trustee, Smyrna, Del.	138	90	210	300
1922	5	Corkran, Nora B., 509 Bellevue Ave., Hammonton, N. J.	86	56		56
1922	6	Compton, Blanche E., 6016 Master St., Philadelphia, Pa.	104	68	622	690
1922	38	Conaway, Harriet E., Smyrna, Del.	656	428	52	480
1892	17	Creamer, Sarah V., J.W.R. Sumwalt, Trustee, Wilm., Del.	293	191		181
1891	17	Foreman, Mary E., 614 W. 20th St., Wilmington, Del.	397	259	121	380
1914	39	Fosnocht, Bessie B., 67 Putnam Ave., Whitneyville, New Haven, Conn.	293	191	69	260
1891	20	Gardner, Louisa A., Smyrna, Del.	673	439		439
1906	16	Graham, Anna M., Clayton, Del.	345	225	215	440
1893	25	Gregg, G. Anna, Kenton, Del.	276	180	90	270
1908	26	Grise, Mary E., Pocomoke City, Md.	431	281		281
1921	25	Hurst, Frances P., 804 Market St., Wilmington, Del.	449	293		293
1919	31	Jaggard, Annie M., Millsboro, Del.	431	281		281
1919	17	Kenney, Mary Jane, Selbyville, Del.	535	349		349
1917	9	Lewis, H. Bertrude, Kelo Home, Forest Park, Baltimore, Md.	293	191	84	275
1915	38	MacNichol, Maude, W.E. Gunby, Trustee, Cambridge, Md.	155	101		101
1920	34	McPaul, Mary E., 1516 Clayton St., Wilmington, Del.	656	428	312	740
1917	23	Martindale, Sallie W., Salisbury, Md.	587	383		383
1899	18	Merrill, Araminta, Upper Fairmount, Md.	397	259		259
1920	32	Mitchell, Jennie S., Centreville, Md.	311	*		*
1917	24	Morgan, Minnie S., 1003 Adams St., Wilmington, Del.	552	360		360
1916	10	Murray, Pauline W., 806 Adams St., Wilmington, Del.	414	270		270
1909	35	Neese, Elizabeth F., 221 Geddes St., Wilmington, Del.	173	113		113
1917	33	Nelson, Evelyn, Snow Hill, Md.	656	428		428
1917	33	O'Brien, M. Cornelia, Dover, Del.	604	394		394
1887	21	O'Neil, Mary A., 234 N. Carey St., Baltimore, Md.	569	371		371
1918	7	Poole, Maria O., 1540 N. 60th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	362	236		236
1882	6	Pretytman, Emma, Salisbury, Md.	121	79	121	200
1921	24	Quigg, Carrie V., 28 Wyoming Ave., Haverford, Pa.	104	68	192	260
1919	29	Roberts, Mary B., Middletown, Del.	414	270		270
1893	14	Robinson, Martha R., Perryman, Md.	500	326		326
1884	15	Shilling, Emma F., The Marion, Wilmington, Del.	242	158	142	300
1905	12	Sidell, Sarah D., 5434 Ella St., Philadelphia, Pa.	259	169	66	235
1901	12	Swain, Martha H., Dover, Del.	207	135	140	275
1903	37	Sypherd, Josephine, 22 S. Stenton Place, Atlantic City, N. J.	207	135	140	275
1914	9	Talley, Elva, Edgemoor, Del.	638	416		416
1906	30	Todd, Alice C., Wenonah, N. J.	155	101	169	270
1922	17	Webster, Sallie V., Denton, Md.	518	338		338
1918	21	Westerfield, Lulu V. G., Port Deposit, Md.	293	191		191
1878	12	Weston, Laura E., 2315 Ridgeway Rd., Wilm'ton, Del.	362	236	164	400
1913	43	White, Elnora, Millington, Md.	207	135	90	225
1920	31	Wyatt, Elmira P., Laurel, Del.	742	484	16	500
		*Relinquished.	535	349		349
CHILDREN.						
1922	20	Compton, J. Clifford, Blanche E. Compton, Trustee...	115	75		75
1922	29	Fogle, James W., T. N. Rawlins, Trustee, Seaford, Del.	167	109		109
1922	29	Fogle, Katharine B., T. N. Rawlins, Trus., Seaford, Del.	167	109		109
1916	43	Murray, Edwin Nelson, Pauline N. Murray, Trustee...	247	161		161
1918	23	Westerfield, Harry G., Lulu V. G. Westerfield, Trustee	132	86	264	350

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
To Anna Victoria Collins Fund of Victor, N. Y. By Mary Collins Sprague, Executrix, Claremont, Va.	\$3,156.26

STATEMENT OF PLAN FOR INVESTING FUNDS OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT.

The Conference Claimant Endowment Commission asked me to state to the Conference the manner in which the endowment funds are invested.

These investments are of two kinds and two kinds only: (1) Liberty bonds, (2) first mortgage on improved real estate.

The Liberty bonds were not purchased by the Commission but were given to the Commission by subscribers to the fund in payment of their subscriptions. These bonds were not sold as they were below par, but were turned over to the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are still held. Now that they are near par the Commission recommends that they be

sold and invested in first mortgages where the interest return will be larger.

The remainder of the fund is invested in first mortgages; that is the first lien on real estate which is improved. By improved real estate is meant land with buildings thereon. We have no mortgages on lots without improvements. With each mortgage is taken the bond of the borrower which can be made a lien against all the property of the borrower at any times it becomes necessary by entering up the bond. It is not customary to enter this bond except in cases of necessity and to do so when not necessary would be a hardship on the borrower and prevent us from placing our mortgages with the best class of borrowers.

With each mortgage and bond is taken a fire insurance policy in a reliable insurance company as collateral security. The policy is always equal to or more than, the face of our mortgage, and the policy is marked to "The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, first mortgage, as its interest may appear."

Before any mortgage is taken by the Board of Stewards the property is carefully examined by personal inspection, and the city or county assessment checked up to test our valuation. During the years that I have been your attorney, in every instance, I have personally inspected every property on which we have taken a mortgage and in almost all instances Mr. Cooper has accompanied me in this inspection. We have placed our loans on a basis of 50% of our valuation and we have always kept our mortgages in the class of conservative mortgages. The correctness of our judgment is shown by the fact that of the two mortgages we have had to foreclose in all that time, in each instance the properties sold for more than our mortgage and the Board did not lose one cent in principal, interest, or attorney's fees.

After the inspection of the real estate and before our money is invested in the property, a careful title search is made of the title to the property and a certificate of title checked up to the very minute that our mortgage goes on record is given, over the signature of the attorney of the Board, to the Treasurer and accompanies each mortgage.

Every precaution has been taken to make these investments safe and sure from any loss. Last year the Delaware Mortgage Investment Co. was organized for the purpose of guaranteeing mortgages, and all of our mortgages taken since the organization of this company have been guaranteed by this company, the fees for the guarantee being paid for by the borrower without any additional cost to the Board. This makes our mortgages doubly secure. We have not only the personal obligations of the borrower supported by a first mortgage on improved real estate not exceeding more than 50% of the estimated value, but we have also the obligation of the Delaware Mortgage Investment Co., which has agreed to indemnify us against any loss as to principal and interest. It may be added also that the Delaware Mortgage Investment Co. will guarantee no mortgage that has not passed favorably a personal inspection of the property by at least two of the members of the executive committee of the said Delaware Mortgage Investment Company. The members of the

executive committee of this company are large real estate owners and skilled in the valuation of real estate. As soon as it can be done we expect to have all of our outstanding mortgages guaranteed by this Company. This is an additional security which has never, until the organization of the Delaware Mortgage Investment Company last year, been available.

I feel that Mr. Richard Cooper, your retiring Treasurer, is deserving of the greatest praise for having selected first mortgages on improved real estate as the field in which to invest the Conference Claimant Endowment monies. When there has been shrinkage in investments on every hand, because of the falling prices of bonds and stocks, even the U. S. Liberty bonds, Mr. Cooper can produce a mortgage worth every dollar it represents and he has the great distinction of having administered the fund for twenty years and now turns it over without the loss of a single cent entrusted to his care.

Respectfully submitted,

CALEB E. BURCHENAL,

Attorney for the Board of Stewards.

WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

The Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society is conducting work in four widely separated sections of the city, these centers of labor being Asbury Church, Third and Walnut Streets; Italian Mission, 8th and Grant Ave.; Sixth Avenue Mission, 6th Ave. and Anchorage St.; and Kingswood Church, 14th and Claymont Sts. The gain in work centers for the year is one, namely Kingswood Church. Ten paid workers have been employed during the year either for full or part time service; nine others are serving as volunteers under the direction of the Society.

Our work at Asbury and at Kingswood is conducted in cooperation with the pastors of these churches, the trustees of each church having granted the use of a part of their building for the activities of the Society. Our Missionaries, Miss Lynam at Asbury and Miss Campbell at Kingswood, call in all the homes of these communities, keeping the pastors in touch with the rapidly and constantly changing conditions in these polyglot neighborhoods. Their work with children in the various organizations of the Society tends to interest the adult members of their families in the community church.

Not the least noteworthy work of the City Society is the distribution of food and clothing to the needy in the neighborhood of our Missions. Through the generosity of various churches and individuals we have been enabled to keep a supply of food ready throughout the winter for persons who were found to be in actual need. When our visiting worker finds a needy case she supplies the need of that home, not in a cold critical way, but in a quiet, unobtrusive, warm-hearted manner that enables the recipient of the gift to maintain their self-respect. The beneficiaries of such gifts are brought anew to the realization that the Spirit of Him who went

about doing good still abides in the hearts of His followers. Such deeds of love are just a sample of the service the Church should always be ready to render in every time of need.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools were conducted for four weeks at Asbury and for five weeks at Kingswood, the sessions being held five days a week from 9-11:30 A. M. Children between the ages of five and fourteen years were admitted to the schools. The number of hours devoted to Bible study in these schools equals two years and more of instruction in the Sunday School. Three teachers cared for an enrollment of 125 at Kingswood; 2 teachers enrolled 80 at Asbury. The regularity of attendance on the part of the children indicated their interest in real Bible study. The nationalities represented were, America, English, French, Polish, Jewish, Italian and Slovak. The Society also aided in the establishment and maintenance of a splendid Bible school at Marshallton. It is planned to open at least one additional Bible school next summer.

Kindergartens have been conducted by the Society for about six months of the year at 6th Avenue Mission, Kingswood and Asbury. The enrollment at Kingswood is 82; at Asbury, 44; and at 6th Avenue Mission, 30. Many nationalities are represented in these schools, Jews, Poles, and Italians being among the most regular in attendance. Sewing classes for girls are conducted at Asbury and Kingswood; a foreign mothers' class in sewing and cooking at Kingswood; a Girls' Industrial Class at 6th Avenue Mission; and a Boy's Club at the Italian Mission.

Sunday School sessions are held regularly at all our Missions. On a recent Sunday the attendance in our foreign department at Asbury was 45; the attendance at 6th Avenue Mission a few weeks ago was 69 out of an enrollment of 90; the average for the year being 49. The attendance at the Italian Mission is frequently 40, most of these being boys. Here Mr. Robert Green, a prospective candidate for the ministry, is doing splendid work.

Sunday School Christmas entertainments were held at all our Missions with a total attendance of over 500. Generous money gifts from a number of individuals, also liberal donations of money and Christmas stockings from the young people's organizations of McCabe Memorial, Grace, St. Paul's, Mt. Salem, Silverbrook, and Madeley Churches enabled the Society to present stockings, candy, etc., to all the members of our Missions. Every person in attendance received a gift. Many parents and friends of the foreign children attended the exercises.

The trustees of Wesley Church graciously granted the use of their auditorium to our 6th Avenue School for its Christmas entertainment because the Mission building was entirely too small for the occasion. The work at this Mission has been growing so remarkably under the able direction of Miss Carter that it has been evident for some time that larger and more suitable quarters were greatly needed. The rented building now housing our Mission, formerly used as a store, is frequently so crowded that some of the children must sit in the laps of the others. Last fall I conducted a two weeks' revival meeting at the Mission, 19 children and adults being converted, and 19 joining the Mission. These preparatory

members were formed into a study class which meets weekly. Eleven children have been baptized, 13 Bibles and Testaments given out, and 61 garments distributed in the community this year.

The Methodist Protestant denomination has a church with a membership of between thirty and forty people located one square from our Mission. The building is a frame structure with a seating capacity of about 175. The members are willing to sell this property to our Society for a little more than the mortgage upon it and themselves become associated with our work. It looks worthwhile to consolidate Christian activity in this neighborhood. The building occupies a portion of a lot 100x60 feet, which would furnish a site for the development of our work for some years to come. This site is on the edge of a large Polish neighborhood and near a rapidly developing suburban section. A committee with power to act after careful investigation was appointed at the monthly meeting of the Society Eoard held a few days ago.

During the year I have given much study to the religious needs of our city with its 110,000 people, two-fifths of whom are foreign. Here are to be found 10,000 Poles, 9000 Italians, 5000 Russians, and other nationalities in smaller numbers. The needs of these people are many, but the primary need is a religious one. How shall we best minister to these people and the multitudes of native Americans who need our help? From a study of conditions in Wilmington and the relationship of the City Society thereto, and influenced by the methods employed in some other cities, I am firmly convinced that Asbury Church ought to be the center of our work. I accordingly recommend that the Corresponding Secretary of the City Missionary Society become the pastor of Asbury Church, and that the Superintendent of the Goodwill Industries, located a few doors from the church, become its associate pastor. Faithful adherence to this plan will enable one man to be in the field on Sundays while the other man is in the pulpit of Wilmington Methodism's outstanding downtown Church. Where three men are now engaged, two men can conduct the work, thus releasing one man to be placed where most needed. Centering and coordinating our Mission forces in the Asbury section will enable our denomination to conduct work from there with greater effectiveness than ever before. Money now spent for administration purposes can be used in the employment of additional workers. I believe that this plan will commend itself to all our people, both ministers and lay, as likely to hasten the coming down of the city of God to Wilmington.

During the year I have represented the work of City Missions in 78 churches. I have preached 43 times in revival meetings, on special occasions, and in assisting my brethren who were sick. I have taught classes in and delivered addresses before many Sunday Schools, spoken at Epworth League meetings, taught a class in Home Missions at the Winter League Institute in Wilmington, and delivered addresses at many prayer meetings.

I desire to express my deep appreciation of the unfailing courtesy and generous cooperation extended to me by my brethren. What has been accomplished during the year has been made possible because of the fine cooperating spirit.

Financial Statement.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury April 1, 1921	\$2,647.19	
Interest on deposits	17.80	
Received from Conference Treasurer	1,539.00	
Received from Churches during year	1,509.98	
Received from private gifts	77.56	
Refund of amount loaned Goodwill Industries.....	913.50	
Received from 6th Avenue Mission envelopes	89.52	
Rent received from upper floor 6th Ave. Mission ...	156.00	
Received from Home Board	2,315.00	
Proceeds sale of Secy's home, # 2418 Madison St...	2,865.28	\$12,130.83

Disbursements.

Salaries	\$3,952.33	
Payment on Secy's home and transfer expense	3,065.95	
Rent for 6th Avenue Mission building	325.00	
Water rent	39.00	
Interest and insurance	126.00	
Payment in full of note on Italian Mission	2,500.00	
Repairs and furnishings	801.04	
Taxes	75.63	
Light and heat	26.87	
Secretary's travelling expenses	88.81	
Travelling expenses delegates to Council of Cities ..	68.25	
Postage and printing	17.04	
Board meeting expenses	29.00	
Kindergarten and Bible School supplies	14.78	
Christmas treat	55.00	
Kindergarten chairs	41.00	
Balance on hand March 20, 1922	905.13	\$12,130.83

ELWOOD W. JONES,

Sec. Wilmington City Miss. and Church Extension Society.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES.

A nation wide plan to rehabilitate the handicapped and unfortunate, which in its full scope, as put on by the Bureau of Goodwill Industries under the auspices of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, comes nearer the Master's idea in reaching the class of people the church has not been able to reach, link-

ing them up in the King's Army, than of any other plan of which we have any knowledge.

The Philosophy of this work is based upon two very primary and essential needs. First. The general needs of the poorer people of the working class. These needs are very comprehensive, involving the matter of food, clothing, shelter, etc. One of the primary needs is clothing for large families of children. This difficulty has been rendered more acute by the facts that wages have been reduced and employment very uncertain. It has been very difficult for the poorer people of the working class to obtain sufficient clothing for their families. Our enterprise undertakes to take into account this need and the plan of relief is a very simple one. Merely that of asking our friends of the wealthier class to contribute their cast-off and partly-worn garments. This material is brought into our factory, assorted, mended and sold at a very low price, by handicapped people, to the needy. It is a great help to the poor to be able to secure needed garments at a very low price, and it is also a great opportunity for those who are well to do to make a contribution to the needy.

Second. It is a very proper thing for this philanthropy to be carried on under the direction of the church. Too long have the conscious needs of the people been neglected by the church. We feel that the philosophy of the Goodwill Industries is perfectly sound since it introduces a system of evangelism and relief among the poor. It creates an atmosphere wherein mutual interest may abide. It establishes a point of contact between unchurched and irreligious folks and those who are helping in whatever possible way to promote the Kingdom of God in the world. It creates a psychological condition which is very favorable to the work of the church. In the factory where very needy folks are employed there is an opportunity for bringing them into an atmosphere of religious goodwill and hearty christian fellowship. In our store where the people come to buy, the opportunity is a favorable one for inquiry touching church relationship. This is a distinct advantage to us in the matter of promoting christian fellowship.

PRACTICAL.—We have had a very strenuous time during almost the entire life of our Industries. First of all the business had to be promoted and that meant an outlay of considerable sums of money. Relief bags had to be secured and placed among a favorable constituency. The well to do people generally had no knowledge of our work.

In our city, charity in a dozen or more forms exist and it has been hard to get the folks away from spasmodic, pauperized giving, rather than helping others to help themselves. It has been an arduous task and is not yet a complete one to teach our constituency that our institution is not a charitable institution at all, but a philanthropic one.

Ours is not charity, but provides a chance for people to become economically self supporting, and to regain, if it has been lost, their self-respect. It required in the second place a good deal of time to secure commodities to meet the demand for them. However, the contributions

increased from day to day and had we not been overtaken by the industrial depression the work would have been on a self-supporting basis long ago. While we have had and are still having a hard time to make both ends meet we are glad to find that we have succeeded in convincing hundreds of our folks of the fact that our work is upon a sound basis and our contributors increase day by day.

We have been very fortunate in securing seven hundred and five members who are contributing two dollars per year for the promotion of our work. These members represent the following charges: Cherry Hill, Selbyville, Bishopville, Milton, North East, East New Market, Hockessin, Mt. Salem, Church Hill, Williamsburg, Rehoboth, Federalsburg, Harrison Street, Concord, Bridgeville, Nassau, Camden, New Port, Greenwood, Lewes, Lincoln, Delmar, Clayton, Marshallton and Cedars, Trinity, Newark, Elkton, Preston, Queenstown, Odessa, Canterbury, Cheswold, Claymont, Wyoming, Scott, Crumpton, Magnolia, Hurlock, Seaford Circuit, Townsend, St. Georges, Galena, Madeley, and Epworth. It might be well to give you some figures concerning our achievements. In the last sixteen months our sales in the store have been \$15,199.68; employment given, \$12,882.75; articles sold at a very low price to the needy, 38,661; customers served by christian workers, 19,366. Our plant is well equipped and all paid for. Our outstanding indebtedness is \$8800.00. Our present worth outside of all claims to date is \$13,360.38.

We are sorely in need of the building adjoining us for a workers' home. We have a pledge for one-tenth of this amount when the other nine-tenths are found.

Considerable interest is shown in our noonday prayer meetings which are held daily in the plant. Very often there are persons present who are never under christian influence any other time.

J. H. BEAUCHAMP, Superintendent.

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

At this Mid-year examination, (October 4, 1922), examinations will be given on the following books:—

Admission:—

American HistoryJ. A. Leach
Life of WesleyT. F. Beauchamp

First year:—

New Testament HistoryJ. L. Johnson
Human BehaviourFrank Herson

Second year:—

The Christian PastorG. P. Jones
History of the Christian ChurchJ. A. Leach

Third year:—

- Beacon Lights of ProphecyE. W. Jones
- Foundations of Christian BeliefW. H. Briggs

Fourth year:—

- Paul and His EpistlesJ. L. Johnson
- The Five Great Philosophies of LifeT. F. Beauchamp

Local Deacons:—

- The Bible and LifeJ. J. Bunting
- John and his WritingsV. E. Hills

Local Elders:—

- Paul and His EpistlesJ. L. Johnson
- Francis AsburyFrank Herson

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 examinations, October 4, 1922. The rest of the written work in his hands by February 1, 1923.

First year:—

- The Pastor-Preacher,—(Quayle).
- The Main Points,—(Brown).

Second year:—

- Wesley's Sermons,—Vol. II.
- Life of Luther,—(McGiffert).

Third year:—

- Studies in Christianity,—(Bowne).
- Life of Phillips Brooks,—(Allen).

Fourth year:—

- Outline of Christian Theology,—(Clarke).
- Good Ministers of Jesus Christ,—(McDowell).

BOOKS IN COURSE OF STUDY WITH NAMES OF EXAMINERS.

Admission on Trial.

1. Doctrines and Discipline, etc.W. H. Briggs
2. American History,—(James and Sanford)J. A. Leach
3. Life of Wesley—(Winchester)T. F. Beauchamp

4. (a)—Plain Account of Christian PerfectionM. D. Nutter
- (b)—Selections from the Writings of
John Wesley,—(Welch)M. D. Nutter
5. Bible Biography, (One Thousand Word Paper)V. E. Hills
6. A Written SermonV. E. Hills

All papers submitted by the candidate shall be examined with reference to the use of English, and the character of this work shall be taken into account in determining the grade in each subject. This rule shall apply throughout the Course.

First Year.

1. New Testament History,—(Rall)J. L. Johnson
2. Evangelism,—(Hannan)O. E. Jones
3. The Making of the Sermon,—(Pattison)V. E. Hills
4. The Art of Writing English, (Brown and Barnes)..T. F. Beauchamp
5. Human Behaviour, (Colvin and Bagley)Frank Herson

Collateral Reading and Study:—

1. The Pastor-Preacher, (Quayle)E. W. Jones
2. Citizenship and Moral Reform, (Langdale)W. H. Briggs
3. The Main Points, (Brown)E. W. McDowell
4. Francis Asbury, (Tipple)Frank Herson
5. Wesley's Sermons, (Vol. I.)M. D. Nutter

Second Year.

1. (a). Dictionary of the Bible, (Hastings)
(I. Vol. Edition)W. O. Bennett
- (b). The Bible in the Making,—(Smyth)W. O. Bennett
2. History of the Christian Church (Walker),
(Omitting pages 1-41)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 Christian Pastor, (Gladden)G. P. Jones

Collateral Reading and Study:—

1. The Christian View of the Old Testament, (Eiselen)..Frank Herson
2. How to Teach Religion, (Betts)J. A. Leach
3. (a), The Church in the City, (Leete), orT. F. Beauchamp
- (b), The Country Church Serving the Community, (Earp),
T. F. Beauchamp
4. History of Methodism (Vol. I.), (Stevens)G. P. Jones
5. Life of Luther, (McGiffert)J. J. Bunting
6. Wesley's Sermons, (Vol. II.)M. D. Nutter

Third Year.

1. Beacon Lights of Prophecy,—(Knudson) E. W. Jones
2. Foundations of Christian Belief,—(Strickland) W. H. Briggs
3. Introduction to the Study of Sociology, (Hayes)..... E. W. McDowell
4. The Religions of Mankind, (Soper) R. P. Nichols
5. Neely's Parliamentary Practice J. J. Bunting

Collateral Reading and Study:—

1. Studies in Christianity, (Bowne) E. W. McDowell
2. The Church and Industrial Reconstruction E. W. Jones
3. History of Methodism, (Vol. II.), (Stevens) G. P. Jones
4. Life of Phillips Brooks, (Briefer Edition), (Allen)..... O. E. Jones
5. Modern Premillennialism and the Christian Hope, (Rall) J. J. Bunting
6. The Methodist Review R. P. Nichols

Fourth Year.

1. Paul and His Epistles,—(Hayes) J. L. Johnson
2. System of Christian Doctrine,—(Sheldon) R. P. Nichols
(Omitting Part I and Appendix).
3. The Five Great Philosophies of Life, (Hyde)..... T. F. Beauchamp
4. The Book of Isaiah (Vol. I-II.), (Smith) E. W. Jones

Collateral Reading and Study:—

1. Missionary Morale, (Miller) W. O. Bennett
2. Outline of Christian Theology, (Clarke) J. A. Leach
3. Good Ministers of Jesus Christ, (McDowell) J. L. Sparklin
4. History of Methodism, (Vol. III.), (Stevens) G. P. Jones
5. The Methodist Review R. P. Nichols

LOCAL PREACHERS' FOUR YEAR COURSE.**First Year.**

1. Discipline of 1920 W. H. Briggs
2. John Wesley, the Methodist T. F. Beauchamp
3. Primer of Christian Doctrine, (Terry) G. P. Jones

Second Year.

1. Life of Christ, (Stalker) J. L. Sparklin
2. History of American Methodism, (Stevens) E. W. McDowell
3. Organization and Administration of the Sunday School,
(North and Cuninggin) J. L. Sparklin

Third Year.

1. Life of St. Paul, (Stalker) J. L. Johnson
2. History of Christian Church, (Moncrief) J. A. Leach
3. The Church and Industrial Reconstruction, (Committee
on the War and the Religious Outlook) E. W. Jones

Fourth Year.

1. The Religions of Mankind, (Soper) R. P. Nichols
2. The Way to Win, (Fisher) J. A. Leach
3. The Prophets in the Light of Today, (Hill) O. E. Jones

Local Preachers who are candidates for Deacon's Orders must bring to the Annual Conference satisfactory evidence that they have passed in the Four Years Course of Study for Local Preachers, and must also pass a satisfactory examination at the Annual Conference on the following books:—

1. Christianity in Doctrine and Experience, (Buck)..... E. W. McDowell
2. The Bible and Life, (Hughes) J. J. Bunting
3. Good Ministers of Jesus Christ, (McDowell) J. L. Sparklin
4. John and His Writings, (Hayes) V. E. Hills

Local Deacons who are candidates for Local Elder's Orders must pass a satisfactory examination at the Annual Conference on the following books:—

1. Paul and his Epistles, (Hayes) J. L. Johnson
2. The Christian View of the Old Testament, (Eiselen)..... Frank Herson
3. Francis Asbury, (Tipple) Frank Herson
4. Outline of Theology, (Clarke) J. A. Leach
5. Religious Experience, (Mains) O. E. Jones

Richardson Park, Del.

V. P. NORTHRUP,
Registrar.

XII. MEMOIRS.

FREDERICK J. COCHRAN.

The Rev. Frederick John Cochran was born in Camden, N. J., October 6, 1850. In early life he gave his heart to God and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. Recognizing him as the Lord's anointed, the church soon began to clothe him in official robes, which he wore unsoiled till he passed from Earth. With credit to himself and honor to his Church, he held the respective positions of exhorter, local preacher, deacon and elder. In 1881 he knocked at the door of the Wilmington Annual Conference asking for admission as a member. No mistake was made in admitting him, as is shown by the splendid record he made as a Christian minister.

Every department of church work felt the thrill of his activities. He was a general utility man. He could work anywhere in God's harvest field. Soon after he took a church we naturally expected to hear of souls being saved, debts paid, churches repaired or built. At least three things contributed to our brother's successful ministry. He was the recipient of certain blessings conducive to this end. Intellectual blessings were his. Notwithstanding limited means, he succeeded in working his way through two institutions of learning: viz., Wilmington Conference Academy and Drew Theological Seminary. He kept his mind fresh and strong by reading the best books which made a library of commendable size. Domestic blessings were his. He was fortunate in his marriage relations. In 1883 he was married to Miss Dora Hoeffcker, of Dover, Delaware. She was poised in judgment and sound in piety.

She was valuable to her husband and children, five of whom are living the beautiful life taught them by their parents. Several years ago one child and the mother passed into the spirit world. In 1916 Brother Cochran was again married to Miss Nora B. Montfort of New Jersey. She was devoted to him, to his children and to his work. It is sad to think that this happy married life came to an end so soon. But my brother possessed a still greater blessing; namely, the Spiritual. He had the witness of the Holy Spirit that he was God's child. He had a conscious call by the same Spirit to preach the gospel of Christ. Being assured that the Lord was with him, he went all over this peninsula preaching "in the demonstration of the Spirit and with power." Brother Cochran took a retired relation at our last Conference. He moved to Hammonton, New Jersey, where he had about completed a home, and into which he intended to move in a short time. But God willed otherwise, and, on October 11, 1921, He took him to the "Mansion not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens." A short time before my brother left us

he wrote me a letter in which he said, "I am feeling quite comfortable this morning." I am sure that this is his experience today, but in a larger sense. And why should not my old friend be comfortable? "In the Father's blessed keeping he is happy, safe and free."

Funeral services were held in his home at Hammonton, New Jersey, conducted by the Rev. Charles W. Greene, an old friend, assisted by his pastor, Rev. G. K. Kellar. His body was interred in the cemetery at Dover, Delaware. The service was conducted by the writer, assisted by several ministers.

S. N. PILCHARD.

WILLIAM W. REDMAN.

"As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,
Swells from the vale and midway leaves the storm,
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

These are perhaps the most beautiful and sublime words in our literature and we do well to remember them. Life is made up of a variety of experiences. Light and shadow, joy and sorrow, pain and pleasure, follow each other in endless procession. Life is not a primrose path; it is not one sweet song.

This good man whose life and deeds we commemorate had the experiences which are the common lot of men.

He was born, reared and converted in Talbot County, Md., not far from Easton. He was early in life impressed that he was called of God to enter the ministry. He was recommended by the Quarterly Conference for admission on trial and joined the Philadelphia Conference in 1858, which was eleven years before the Wilmington Conference was formed. He gave the prime of his manhood to the ministry, serving thirty-three blessed years in the Effective ranks and thirty-one years as an honored veteran of the itinerancy. "He was a good man full of the Holy Ghost and faith." He loved men; he loved children; he loved good books; he was a lover of poetry. He was never rude or boorish but was by instinct a gentleman. His people loved him in all his charges, and in the last day many will rise up and call him blessed. We add the following personal notation:—

He first saw the light of day at Fairview on Miles River, Talbot Co., Md., Nov. 15, 1835, and died at Lincoln, Del., Nov. 20, 1921. In early life he married Annie Clifton and of this union five children were born. His good wife preceded him to rest. This humble servant of God did his work well, and now reaps the fruition of his hopes. He sleeps in the cemetery in Etridgeville, Del., awaiting the "resurrection of the just."

E. L. HOFFECKER.

PHILIP H. RAWLINS.

The Reverend Philip Henry Rawlins, who for 65 years was an honored member of the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was the son of Lot and Ann Brown Rawlins, and was born at Middleford, Sussex County, Delaware, September 18, 1834. His mother died in February, 1847, when he was thirteen years of age. She was a saintly woman whose life made an impression on his life which remained with him to the end.

Brother Rawlins was converted at a campmeeting held in Ross' Woods near Seaford, where Brown's church now stands, in 1848, and immediately gave his name to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Concord, Delaware. William Warren Morgan was his first class leader.

In the Fall of 1852, he was appointed a class leader, and on September the 18th, the day he was 19 years old, he was licensed as an exhorter. On December 6, 1856, he was licensed as a local preacher. At the session of the Philadelphia Conference held in West Chester in 1863, he was ordained as a Local Deacon by Bishop Matthew Simpson. At the session of the same conference held in Philadelphia in 1868 he was ordained a Local Elder by Bishop E. S. Janes.

In the Spring of 1858 he was recommended for admission into the Philadelphia Conference, but was not received because the brethren believed he had an incumbrance. This incumbrance consisted of his wife, who for 53 years shared his labors, giving to his ministry all the wealth and influence of her splendid Christian character.

In 1858 and again in 1866, he traveled Denton Circuit under the "Elder," as junior preacher. In 1867, and from August, 1868 until conference, he traveled Bridgeville Circuit in the same capacity. At the first session of the Wilmington Conference, 1869, he was received on trial.

While in the active work of the pastorate, Brother Rawlins held the following appointments:—Berlin, Annamessex Circuit, Snow Hill, Smyrna Circuit, Scott Church, Wilmington, Georgetown, East New Market, Camden, Harrington.

In 1896, because of failing health, he retired from the active pastorate, and came to Seaford to live among the friends and scenes of his youth.

For 26 years Brother Rawlins was actively engaged in caring for the interests of the retired ministers, their widows and children. For 24 years he occupied the position of President of the Board of Conference Stewards, and while endeavoring to provide as best he could for the needs of his brethren, he did not, through all the years of his retirement, receive one dollar of assistance from the fund set apart for their benefit. For twelve years he was agent for the Conference Claimant Fund, and did all it was possible for him to do to increase that fund.

Owing to his failing eyesight, which finally resulted in total blindness, it became necessary for him to relinquish all work and content himself with waiting for the call of his "Father" to that life where failing powers are not known.

During the first years of his forced retirement, Brother Rawlins had

with him to cheer and comfort, his estimable wife, who was Rhoda Ann, daughter of Lewis Newton and Sina Kinder Wright, who died November 20, 1908. The years that followed were brightened by the loving attention of his son, Thos. N. Rawlins and his wife, who were ever watchful of his comfort and ready to sacrifice themselves for him.

The years of total blindness were not years of idleness; neither did he cease to exert an influence for Christ among the people with whom he lived. Whether walking slowly along the shaded street near his home, or in his place in the service on the Sabbath, his quiet influence was felt by all with whom he came in contact.

The test of character is trial. When youth and health and strength are ours, when we have the full use of all our faculties, it is not difficult to maintain an attitude of happiness and patience, but when the shadows gather and we grope amid the shadows, compelled to relinquish our hold upon the affairs of active life, the test of faith and patience becomes severe. Fail here, and Christianity availeth nothing. Remain cheerful and happy under these circumstances, and we become living evidences of the reality of our Christianity. Brother Rawlins' faith never failed him. There were dark days. There were days when the darkness seemed to lift; but whether the days were dark or bright, his spirit of cheerfulness and Christ-like love never failed.

To the Church in Seaford he was an invaluable asset. Sabbath after Sabbath he was in his place and his "God bless you" was a benediction to all.

Brother Rawlins was stricken by paralysis December, 1921, and after lingering three days passed to his home eternal December 10, 1921. The funeral services were held in St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, Seaford, Delaware, on the afternoon of December 12, 1921, on the 66th anniversary of his wedding.

Thirty of the members of the Conference attended the services. Reverends C. W. Prettyman, Geo. P. Jones, T. J. Sard, W. L. White and Geo. L. Hardesty assisted the pastor. The choir rendered suitable music, and Mrs. Howard Morgan closed the service by singing "The City Four Square." After the services the body was taken to Bridgeville and was laid to rest beside the remains of his wife, among the friends of other days, where it awaits the call to the resurrection of everlasting life.

Brother Rawlins is survived by two sons, Thos. N. Rawlins, of Seaford, Delaware, and his brother, Wilbur F. Rawlins of New York City. There are five grandchildren who share the legacy of a Christian character and a noble life.

The writer's acquaintance with this man of God extends over forty years, and he desires to register his personal appreciation of his brotherly spirit and his Christian character. He was a sincere friend, a wise counsellor and a true Christian who walked with God, and had this evidence that he pleased God and was not, for God took him.

F. F. CARPENTER.

ZACH H. WEBSTER.

We say that Zach H. Webster is dead. Yes, if by that we mean that the functions of the body are suspended; but if we mean that he ceases to exist, no! a thousand times, No! The real Zach Webster has winged his way to God.

Brother Webster was a "white soul" in whom there was no guile. He believed in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to the saving of his soul, and he preached that faith to others.

He joined the Wilmington Conference in 1887. For thirty-three years he was an active member of this Conference, and a workman that needed not to be ashamed. As a preacher he was far above the average, but as pastor he excelled. Both as preacher and pastor he was characterised as a man who lived on terms of close intimacy with his Lord. He had an affection for men, a real interest in their lives, concern for their welfare and faith in their possibilities. He loved little children and they loved and revered him; hence, good success attended his labors on all his charges.

He was at times mighty in prayer, and when the occasion called it forth he took the audience with him up to the throne of God.

Brother Webster did not have great school advantages in his early days, but what he lacked in those days he made up in private study. He became a master of many books. He was a good student, with a keen mind and fine discriminating powers. He was a great reader of good books and a keen observer of men and events. Few men among us were better informed on the great questions of the Church than was he. He kept abreast of the time on almost every subject. In the last two years of his life he made a thorough study of physiology, making himself familiar with the anatomy of the human stomach, various kinds of food and their effect under certain conditions. He became so proficient that he troubled the doctor somewhat with questions and comments on his own case. He was a great sufferer but patient and resigned to the will of God. He died in peace. That Saviour whom he preached to others sustained him to the end.

Zach H. Webster was born at Deal's Island, Maryland, October 18, 1858, and died in Denton, Maryland, February 24, 1922. During the thirty-three years of his active ministry in the Conference he served the following charges in the order named:—1887, Quantico; 88, Fruitland; 89-91, Whitesville; 92-93, Tangier; 94-98, Denton; 99-00, Frederica; 01, Hillsboro; 02-08, Delmar; 09, Asbury, Wilmington; 10, Laurel; 11-12, Rising Sun; 13-16, Milton; 17-18, St. Michaels; 19, Townsend. In 1920 he retired and moved to Denton, where he had served a successful five-year pastorate.

Brother Webster was twice married. In 1882 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Brewington of Deal's Island, sister of Julius A. Brewington of this Conference, who preceded him to the "Better Land" in 1897. In 1902 he was married to Miss Sally V. Stevens of Denton, who, with five daughters by the first marriage, Mrs. E. M. Fowler of Laurel, Del.; Mrs.

L. J. Harrington of Moore, Pa.; Mrs. F. B. Freeny of Delmar, Del.; Mrs. H. E. Conwell, and Miss Helen Webster of Wilmington, survive.

In the fall of 1920 he was persuaded to go to the hospital for an operation, but on learning the nature of the disease—cancer of the stomach—the surgeon would not operate, and Brother Webster was given up to die. After months of intense suffering, when no one thought he could live, he rallied, regained strength and vigor and came to appear like his real self again, and there was promise of yet years of life. But last Fall the disease renewed itself with increasing effect and for fifteen weeks he was confined to his room until the end came about half past eight o'clock Friday night, February 24th, and his spirit took its flight to that country where the inhabitants never say, "I am sick." A good man has gone home to his reward.

The little poem by Robert J. Burdette seems so appropriate that I give it here:

"There is no path in this desert waste;
For the winds have swept the shifting sands,
The trail is blind where the storms have raced,
And a stranger, I, in these fearsome lands.
But I journey on with a lightsome tread;
I do not falter nor turn aside,
For I see His figure just ahead—
He knows the way—my Guide.

There is no path in this trackless sea;
No map is limed on the restless waves;
The ocean snares are strange to me
Where the unseen wind in its fury raves.
But it matters not; my sails are set,
And my swift prow tosses the seas aside,
For the changeless stars are steadfast yet,
And I sail by His star-blazed trail—my Guide.

There is no way in this starless night;
There is naught but cloud in the inky skies;
The black night smothers me, left and right,
I stare with a blind man's straining eyes.
But my steps are firm, for I cannot stray;
The path to my feet seems light and wide;
For I hear His voice—"I am the Way!"
And I sing as I follow Him on—my Guide."

V. E. HILLS.

GEORGE S. CONAWAY.

George Somers Conaway was born at Preston, Md., November 20, 1835, and passed from his earthly to his heavenly home early in the morning of Saturday, February 25, 1922, the last hour like all the hours

of his later years, peaceful, serene and blest. On the very day before he fell on sleep, the praises in song of his Redeemer had many times parted his trembling lips and made sweet melody in the loving ears within the home and surely in the ears of One who delighteth in sincere worship. Brother Conaway died as he had lived, gently and trustingly and yet displaying the potency of a divine power. Certainly God's gentleness, so in death as always in life, made him great.

George S. Conaway joined the Philadelphia Conference in 1862 and served the following charges prior to the setting off of the Wilmington Conference:—Berlin, Newton, Halifax, Birdsboro, Nesquehoming and Gumboro. From 1869 he discharged faithfully and fruitfully the duties of the ministry in Harrington, Sharptown, Delmar, Wyoming, Gumboro, Beckwith, Lincoln, Elk Neck, Rock Hall, Appoquinimink, Marydel, Trappe, Christiana, Bethel, Elk Neck, Wye Mills, and Piney Neck. In 1906 his name was placed on the honor roll of the retired ranks.

He married, in 1868, Miss Harriet Hearn, and with her lived a life of sweet companionship. Truly hand in hand they walked together through the years in perfect understanding of motive and heart, both of them continuously linked to the hand of their never-failing Guide. The children of the home, four in number, preceded the father to the home of the soul. Sister Conaway survives bravely and sweetly waiting until for her the morning breaks and the shadows flee away.

Through a long and active ministry this saint wrought faithfully and well. He was a Christian gentleman and was greatly respected and loved in the charges he served. In the courtliness of his unflinching kindness he was remarkable. He was a man of industry and honesty, with clear spiritual vision and unflinching devotion. Much of all this is recorded in the pages of the history of the Wilmington Conference; more of it, in a better way, is inscribed in human hearts; and all of it is written in the Book of His keeping who notes and rewards.

With a background stretching forty-four years behind him of loyal service in love's devotion, the recent years of his beautiful life shone with even added beauty and grace. The sweetness of Christ was his; the faithfulness of Christ was his; the compelling influence of Christ, Who went about everywhere distributing grace and peace, was his; the welcome of Christ to the rewards of Heaven was his.

The funeral was held in Asbury Church, Smyrna, Del., Tuesday, February 28, 1922, Rev. W. A. Wise, Rev. R. S. Hodgson and the writer conducting the services.

R. P. NICHOLS.

JAMES W. FOGLE.

James White Fogle, the son of Josiah and Mary Jane Fogle, was born in Baltimore County, Maryland, July 25, 1860, and died in Seaford, Delaware, February 26, 1922.

When twelve years of age he was converted in his old home church

known as Ward's Chapel, in Harrisonville, Baltimore County, Maryland.

Feeling the call of God to the ministry and realizing the necessity of a larger preparation than could be obtained in the school of his home community, he entered the Wilmington Conference Academy, from which he was graduated in 1888. The following spring he joined the Wilmington Conference which, that year, held its session in Easton, and of which Bishop R. S. Foster was the presiding officer.

In 1895, while Brother Fogle was pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Oxford, Md., he was married to Miss Nellie May Williams, who, together with seven children, remain to mourn the loss of the husband and father.

Brother Fogle died in Seaford, Delaware, on February 26, 1922, after four weeks of severe illness, and was buried in the Odd Fellow's Cemetery of that place, March 1, 1922.

In estimating the lives of men it is not the part of wisdom to consider only those things which appear upon the surface and are seen by even the most casual observer. If we would know the real value of a life and know the nobility of a character, it is necessary to pierce beneath the surface and discover the motives and principles by which a life is inspired, and its actions controlled. There is an old book that states "Men looketh upon the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh upon the heart." Measured by this standard, some men who have dazzled the minds and biased the judgements of men by their apparent brilliancy would become unattractive and commonplace, while other men would rank high above the position in which the judgement of men has placed them.

James Webster Fogle was characterized by a sincere devotion that manifested itself in the influence of his life not only upon his family, but among those who were best acquainted with him. To him Jesus Christ was not only a historic character whose influence had dominated the development of civilization for 1900 years, but a Living Presence, a Friend, a Brother, a Saviour, who, according to His promise was with his disciple even unto the end. With this unseen, yet ever present, Friend, Brother Fogle walked as with one whom he knew and loved. To hear him pray was to realize the richness of his faith in and communion with God. To be associated with his family was to discover their faith in his Christian character and purpose.

In some respects Brother Fogle was a Methodist preacher of the old school. He believed it a privilege to be called of God to preach the Gospel. He felt that any church, whether great or small, did a man an honor to be willing to commit to his direction the spiritual life of the people under its care. He accepted the field to which he was assigned as from the Lord and went forth to gather; as best he could, sheaves for the harvest time, when they who go forth weeping shall come again bringing their sheaves with them. When four years ago, because of failing health, it became necessary for him to retire from the active work it broke his heart, and to the end of his life he longed for the return of his vigor that he might again take his place in the ranks of those who were actively engaged in the pastorate.

During the years of his retirement he was active in every department of the local work of the church. There are homes in Seaford the members of which will miss him. There are people, young and old, who will continue to recall his prayers, his advice, his brotherly interest in their spiritual life.

The closing days of his life were days of suffering. They were also days of faith and victory. The gathering of his ministerial and lay brethren at his funeral was a testimony to their appreciation of his life and character. Not only the members of his own communion, but the entire community mingled their tears of sympathy with the tears of sorrow which softened the cheeks of his loved ones. With appropriate services, we laid his body away in God's acre to await that morning when,

"From the deepest cave of ocean;
From the valley and the plain;
From the hillside and the mountain,
Countless throngs shall rise again."

F. F. CARPENTER.

WILLIAM P. COMPTON.

The Rev. William Pitt Compton had for years been in failing health which caused him to ask for the Retired relation in 1913. For some years he was able to do supply work in the Philadelphia Conference, but increasing infirmity rendered him unable to do any work, and he reluctantly laid aside the itinerant's "harness" and as he put it, "watched the great game from the side lines."

Brother Compton entered the Wilmington Conference in 1888, coming from Drew Theological Seminary, where he took the full three years' course. He went to the Seminary from a law office, for it was from the profession of the law that he joined the itinerant ranks.

He followed the writer at Princess Anne, and while pastor impressed the community with his ability as a preacher and his intense desire to build up the church and win men and women to his Master. Among his subsequent charges were Chestertown, Port Deposit and Newark.

As a preacher, he was fluent in speech, rapid in delivery, for at times his style was torrential, sweeping all before it. His auditors were impressed with the sincerity and ability of the man and minister. He was fearless, failing not to "declare the whole counsel of God." Brother Compton never learned the art of the "line of least resistance." He went straight ahead in the path of duty whether "men would bear or forbear."

His closing days hung low with the clouds of trial for his bodily weakness increased, but his faith faltered not. The following, from the pen of the Rev. Wm. G. Sheath, his Pastor, tell the story of the last days of a man who was faithful into death:—"I had abundant opportunity to

converse with Brother Compton a few days before his reath. He was entirely rational and spoke with deep feeling of his wife and children, commending them to God and the care of the brethren. His testimony was bright and he reiterated his faith in Christ and reliance on His mercy and grace."

Brother Compton was a nephew of the late President Reed of Washington College, and came of a long line of Methodist ancestors. Our brother never shunned the hard work or the difficult task. He only sought the will of God and the best way to perform that will. He was sun clear in his life; he loved God and the Church. "After life's fitful fever he sleeps well."

He died at Lansdown a few days before the meeting of his Conference. Rev. Wm. G. Sheath, Pastor of the Cooper Memorial Church, conducted the service. Brother Compton is survived by his wife and several children.

ROBERT WATT.

ANNA V. BRYAN.

It is both natural and beautiful for the members of a family circle to sit together at the twilight hour and recall the characteristics, the sayings, the doings of the loved one who has crossed the great divide. This is our Conference family circle; this our twilight hour.

Facile indeed would be the pen that could worthily depict in a few paragraphs the story of the rare and radiant life of the subject of this sketch. It was true, pure, strong and queenly.

Anna Virginia Bryan was born near Centreville, Maryland, May 11, 1843. Her parents were John and Mary Smith. The mother died when she was six years of age, and the father eight years later, leaving her an orphan at fourteen. From this date to the time of her marriage she lived in the home of her cousin, William Watson of Centreville. She was educated in the public schools of Queen Anne County and in Baltimore.

She was married to Rev. James E. Bryan, March 13, 1862, and for 33 years marched by the side of this honored prophet of God, this prince among preachers, keeping faithful step with him in all the toils and triumphs of his earnest and successful ministry. When her soul-mate fell in 1895, she was left lonely indeed, but marched quietly on for 26 years until her crowning.

Home lover she was. The parsonage under her care was an example for the community in neatness, taste, and good housekeeping. She found her chief mission for many years in the nurture and training of her six children. As wife and mother her life shone at its greatest splendor. No wonder her children rise up and call her blessed.

She left the following children:—Mrs. William E. Knowles, Merchantville, N. J.; Mrs. E. P. Roberts, Middletown, Del.; James E. Bryan, Camden, N. J.; Alfred Cookman Bryan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Mrs. S. Taylor Wilson and William W. Bryan, Easton, Pa. Besides her children she

leaves a brother, Rev. John E. Smith, Philadelphia, Pa., and a sister, Mrs. Sarah R. Taylor, Townsend, Del.

After the death of her husband she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. S. Taylor Wilson, Easton, Pa., but made frequent visits to the homes of her other children. She was on such a visit in the home of Mrs. E. P. Roberts at Middletown, Del., when she fell asleep in Jesus, October 11, 1921.

Funeral services were held in the home in Middletown and in the Chapel at Rising Sun. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband, beneath the green sward on the beautiful hillside in Brookview Cemetery, Rising Sun, Md.

Such a life as that of Mrs. Bryan never becomes a mere memory. Trus, she went away from us; she may have been needed elsewhere. But she still lives in the love and life of her children and friends. She lives in the church and the world which she blessed with her presence and love. She wrought well, she suffered patiently, she kept to the end her interest in current events, she never lost her entertaining gift of humor, she indeed grew old gracefully.

Among other causes for these happy conditions was her devotion to the Bible and her love of great hymns. She had a habit of copying the great promises of scripture and favorite verses of hymns. After her going many of these were found among her belongings. Among them are such as these: "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling," and, "God is our refuge and strength."

"Lord for tomorrow and its needs,
I do not pray;
Keep me my God from stain of sin,
Just for today."

And

"I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Come unto me and rest,
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,
Thy head upon my breast."

I close with quoting a sentiment, several copies of which she left in various places, showing it was a favorite with her:

"If all the sins that men have done,
In will, in word, in thought, in deed,
Since worlds were made, and time begun,
Were laid on one poor sinner's head,
The blood of Jesus Christ alone,
Could for this mass of sin atone,
And sweep it all away."

W. G. KOONS.

MARY E. D. SHEPPARD.

A beautiful life closed at Frankford, Delaware, August 8, 1921, when Mrs. Emma Dashiell Sheppard, after a life of eighty-three years, entered upon her eternal rest. Mrs. Sheppard was born at Salisbury, Maryland, February 3, 1838. She was married to the late Rev. Charles Sheppard of the Wilmington Conference, November 11, 1863.

Mrs. Sheppard was a Methodist of the old type, borne of the finest Methodist parents that the Eastern Shore could afford, and serving the best pastorates of the Wilmington Conference with one of the most godly men who have appeared on the records of our Conference. Mrs. Sheppard was a sister to the late Dr. R. L. Dashiell of the Newark Conference, and Dr. John Dashiell of sacred memory of the Baltimore Conference.

Mrs. Sheppard possessed an intelligence and culture that peculiarly fitted her for the Methodist itinerancy. She possessed a dignity that attracted but never repelled. She sought retirement rather than publicity and in her home her virtues shone the brightest. She was revered and honored by her children and their tender ministrations were a comfort in her declining years. One of her striking characteristics was the carefulness with which she spoke of others. Universal charity and thoughtfulness marked her every statement. The charges that once enjoyed her services look upon her going as a great loss to the church. Her memory is sacredly enshrined in our thoughts and our hearts and shall abide with us.

For the past eighteen years she made her home at Frankford, Del., with her daughter, Mrs. Levin Murray. Frankford was a former pastorate and the Frankford Church folks were glad to have her spend her declining years with them. She made her home a retreat for all who needed comfort or cheer. Her pastors were always just the right sort of pastors and her advice and counsel were always of the best.

Her going out was as a queen to her coronation. She left as an inheritance an example of positive Christianity that will bear fruit in the generations that follow.

Mrs. Sheppard leaves four faithful daughters to mourn their loss. These are, Mrs. Murray of Frankford, Del., Mrs. Edwin Gardner, Crisfield, Md., Mrs. Emma Davis, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Miriam Davidson of West Chester, Pa.

Her remains were laid to rest beside her husband in the Carey Cemetery at Frankford. W. G. Harris, a former pastor, officiating, at her request, assisted by Rev. T. F. Beauchamp of Selbyville, Del., and Rev. J. S. Eldridge of Dagsboro.

W. G. HARRIS.

SALLIE B. HAYNES.

Mrs. Sallie B. Haynes, daughter of Sherrod and Elizabeth Bowman, was born at Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1840, and passed to the higher life from her home in Smyrna, Delaware, on August 8, 1921.

For forty years she shared the trials and triumphants of the Methodist ministry with her husband, the sainted Thomas H. Haynes, first in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, afterwards, for the major part of that long service, in our own Church and Conference. Two sons survive her, Edgar L. and Ernest S. of Wilmington. From the time of the retirement of her husband from the active ministry in 1894 she had made her home in Smyrna.

With complete loyalty and full devotion she entered into the sacred tasks of her husband's splendid ministry and by her culture and gifts in many direct ways contributed to the success of God's program for the world entrusted to herself and her husband. Unflagging zeal and unfaltering faith attended the progress of the active years and carried over into those days when shadows lengthen along life's pathway.

Mrs. Haynes was of cheerful disposition and her presence radiated sympathy and friendship. She passed to the better land as a tired child falls to sleep, and love glorifies her among those without fault around the throne of God.

R. P. NICHOLS.

JOANNA M. EASLEY.

Joanna Matthews Easley, wife of Rev. James W. Easley, closed a peculiarly beautiful life May 25, 1921.

If to be well born one's family line must be cultivated for two or three preceding generations, sister Easley's fragrance of life was to be expected.

Her father, William F. Matthews, was born of intelligent and devout parents in Ireland and in boyhood he came to this country.

Her mother, Patricha Nelson Matthews, was born in Scotland and out of the religious atmosphere of that land of Knox she came in early childhood, guided by the Eternal Decrees, to meet her future husband in America. Scotch and Irish parentage, under the blessing of God Almighty, became, in this case, as in many others, an excellent beginning of a true American Christian life.

Joanna Matthews was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., March 3, 1853, and while she was a small child her parents moved to Louisville, Ky. In this city she received a liberal and thorough education for a woman of her day, and on graduating she entered the teaching profession in which she attained high success and her ability was duly recognized.

In her early teens she joined the church of her mother, the Disciples of Christ. In this devout fold her religious life was developed and her Christian activities were cultivated; and in that church she remained until after her marriage, when she related herself to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

While a young woman, sister Easley specialized in Sunday School work and, following the mother instinct which later displayed itself in a beautiful family life, she became very successful in the primary department and in leading the child life of the various churches she served.

On November 4, 1875, she and Rev. James W. Easley were united in marriage in Louisville, Ky. From this union seven children were born, of whom Charles W., Patricha, James K., Philip A., Joan, Laura G., and Warren are now living, while Livingston died in early childhood.

In this family Mrs. Easley was the presiding genius, the constant inspiration, the abounding love, and the tireless mother and companion.

Such talents as she possessed and such devotion as she lavished, in collaboration with her distinguished husband, are full explanations of the outcome of her family, from which one son has gone into the Methodist ministry, another into the Protestant Episcopal ministry, another to a college professorship, two daughters into the teaching profession and the other members to heads of religious homes, where another generation is being raised up to call her blessed.

An account of Mrs. Easley's domestic life and her service to her family, and through it to the world would not be a just appreciation of this good woman. She was as devoted to God and His Church as to her family. Quiet, unobtrusive in her life, yet everywhere her influence was felt and recognized. Scotch-Irish devotion to conscience and truth made her adherence to that which was good and her positive opposition to everything which was wrong a force to be reckoned with; and her capacity for friendship caused her to be loved by old and young; and those loves survived the vicissitudes of an itinerant life. Those who knew her never forgot her, nor did she forget them.

In the Kenton parsonage this beautiful life developed signs of weariness of this world and hunger for the next which men call "sickness." From there she was taken to the Homeopathic Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware, and every effort was made to woo her back to life but she decided she would not stay, and on May 25th, about sunset, surrounded by her family, she peacefully went to God.

Funeral services, in charge of District Superintendent, W. A. Wise, assisted by Rev. Henry G. Budd, were held in Kenton M. E. Church, Saturday, May 28th, and the earthly remains were laid to rest in Silverlake Cemetery, Dover, Del.

H. G. BUDD.

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, 1863	Snow Hill, Md.	30	10
1836	Thos. J. Quigley	Oct. 19, 1870	Laurel, Del.	65	44
1850	Daniel Titlow	Feb. 7, 1871	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	4
1867	Amos A. Ewing	Jan. 19, 1872	Cecil County, Md.	30	4
1848	Alfred Cookman	Nov. 13, 1872	Newark, N. J.	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey	July 9, 1871	Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct. 3, 1872	Frankford, Del.	34	13
1825	T. J. Thompson	Nov. 29, 1874	Wilmington, Del.	71	49
1828	Robert E. Kemp	Mar. 6, 1875	Greensboro, Md.	73	32
1832	Wesley Kenney	June 24, 1875	Smyrna, Del.	70	42
1835	Henry Sutton	Mar. 23, 1876	Philadelphia, Pa.	68	23
1871	George A. Campbell	Sept. 7, 1876	Frankford, Del.	30	4
1862	John W. Weston	Apr. 23, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	38	15
1837	John D. Curtis	July 25, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	61	40
1845	David R. Thomas	Feb. 13, 1878	Wilmington, Del.	58	30
1870	Andrew J. Crozier	Jan. 21, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	41	7
1829	Joshua Humphriss	Jan. 23, 1879	Salisbury, Md.	78	41
1868	Francis M. Chatham	May 29, 1878	Berlin, Md.	41	8
1857	Edward G. Irwin	Mar. 12, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	50	21
1848	John Hough	Mar. 27, 1879	Near Trenton, N. J.	53	31
1857	Thomas J. Williams	Mar. 29, 1879	New Castle, Del.	58	21
1870	Wm. I. Bain	May 13, 1880	Pocomoke City, Md.	36	10
1832	Wm. Urie	Nov. 13, 1880	Smyrna, Del.	67	43
1860	Thomas F. 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 R. Quigley	Aug. 19, 1881	Hopewell, Md.	27	2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman	Feb. 27, 1882	Newark, Md.	36	9
1865	Benj. W. Chase	Dec. 11, 1882	Seaford, Del.	48	17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack	June 24, 1883	Cambridge, Md.	67	46
1834	I. T. Cooper	Apr. 12, 1884	Camden, Del.	73	26
1829	Henry Colclazer	Dec. 18, 1884	Philadelphia, Pa.	75	55
1833	John L. Taff	May 30, 1884	Norristown, Pa.	72	41
1869	John Shilling	July 22, 1884	Wilmington, Del.	52	15
1842	Arthur W. Milby	June 13, 1886	Harrington, Del.	71	44
1840	Elon J. Way	July 5, 1886	Baltimore, Md.	75	26
1839	Valentine Gray	Jan. 21, 1887	Gap, Pa.	72	42
1881	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
1886	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. 13, 1890	Brooklyn, N. Y.	72	33
1855	Samuel T. Gardner	Jan. 3, 1891	Pivot Bridge, Md.	60	33
1889	Samuel J. Baker	Sept. 22, 1891	Laurel, Del.	33	2
1870	Thos. O. Ayres	Oct. 4, 1891	Delaware City, Del.	53	21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer	Jan. 10, 1892	Milton, Del.	45	19
1840	Vaughan Smith	Nov. 21, 1891	Wilmington, Del.	79	43
1845	Charles Hill	June 22, 1892	Salisbury, Md.	70	47
1833	James L. Houston	Sept. 18, 1892	Trappe, Md.	82	32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin	Oct. 17, 1892	Bel Air, Md.	52	24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher	Dec. 12, 1893	Bridgeville, Del.	62	17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg	Jan. 24, 1893	Wyoming, Del.	68	36
1847	Joseph Robinson	Feb. 18, 1893	Perryman's, Md.	68	45
1835	George Barton	Mar. 19, 1893	Church Hill, Md.	84	11
1843	James A. Brindle	Apr. 6, 1894	Greensboro, Md.	73	48
1860	Nicholas M. Browne	Feb. 4, 1895	Middletown, Del.	58	35
1850	James Hubbard	Apr. 4, 1895	Philadelphia, Pa.	76	4
1857	James E. Bryan	Oct. 17, 1895	Baltimore, Md.	64	39
1892	John D. Lecates	Nov. 11, 1895	Wilmington, Del.	41	5
1859	Thomas E. Bell	Mar. 21, 1895	Easton, Md.	58	
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
1878	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
1886	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
1866	William F. Talbot	Feb. 26, 1903	Dover, Del.	73	27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard	Apr. 13, 1903	Frankford, Del.	52	41
1843	Thos. H. Haynes	May 23, 1903	Smyrna, Del.	81	51
1853	Geo. A. Phoebus	May 28, 1903	Brooklyn, N. Y.	74	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. 18, 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	W. E. Bloxton	Mar. 5, 1908	Nanticoke, Md.	40	10
1869	W. R. Gwinn	Mar. 13, 1908	Baltimore, Md.	67	34
1876	Albert Chandler	June 22, 1908	Bethel, Del.	58	32
1870	E. H. Nelson	Oct. 27, 1908	Delaware City, Del.	62	39
1860	H. W. Bolton	Jan. 8, 1909	Camden, Del.	69	33
1859	J. T. VanBurklow	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
1853	W. M. Warner	Dec. 26, 1912	Oxford, Md.	69	46
1897	J. W. Talley	Apr. 16, 1913	Millington, Md.	33	41
1868	I. G. Fosnocht	Dec. 3, 1913	Near Wilm'gt'n, Del.	42	9
1858	H. S. Thompson	Apr. 1, 1914	Smyrna, Del.	65	45
1872	G. W. Burke	Apr. 30, 1914	Smyrna, Del.	78	42
1866	R. H. Adams	Sept. 11, 1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	71	42
1876	T. B. Hunter	Nov. 12, 1914	Monrovia, Cal.	77	42
1869	E. C. Macnichol	Oct. 18, 1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	60	38
1880	J. R. Cannon	Feb. 8, 1915	Chance, Md.	56	34
1871	James Carroll	Apr. 15, 1915	Milford, Del.	91	34
1901	William L. S. Murray	Feb. 26, 1916	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1876	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.	82	34
1885	Ralph T. Coursey	Jan. 5, 1919	Wyoming, Del.	56	31
1887	James M. Mitchell	Sept. 25, 1919	Millington, Md.	61	32
1878	Charles A. Hill	Oct. 11, 1919	Smyrna, Del.	62	39
1870	Joseph A. Arters	Dec. 14, 1919	Cordova, Md.	86	40
1886	Clinton T. Wyatt	Feb. 7, 1920	Denton, Md.	56	34
1884	Daniel F. McPaul	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
1873	Gordon R. Neese	Feb. 10, 1921	Wilmington, Del.	62	41
1881	Frederick J. Cochran	Oct. 11, 1921	Hammonton, N. J.	71	40
1858	William W. Redman	Nov. 11, 1921	Lincoln, Del.	86	28
1869	Phillip H. Rawlins	Dec. 10, 1921	Seaford, Del.	87	39
1887	Zach H. Webster	Feb. 24, 1922	Denton, Md.	63	33
1862	George S. Conaway	Feb. 25, 1922	Smyrna, Del.	86	44
1889	James W. Fogle	Feb. 26, 1922	Seaford, Del.	61	29
1888	William P. Compton	Mar. 11, 1922	Lansdowne, Pa.	20	
1876	Louis E. Barrett	Mar. 25, 1922	Chestertown, Md.	78	48

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.....	M. Simpson.....	John D. Rigg
16	" 5, '84	Wilm'ton—Asbury.....	W. L. Harris.....	John D. Rigg
17	" 12, '85	Snow Hill.....	S. M. Merrill.....	John D. Rigg
18	" 4, '86	Elkton.....	W. F. Mallalieu.....	John D. Rigg
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield.....	H. W. Warren.....	John D. Rigg
20	" 7, '88	Wilm'ton—Union.....	C. D. Foss.....	John D. Rigg
21	" 20, '89	Easton.....	R. S. Foster.....	John D. Rigg
22	" 26, '90	Milford.....	Thos. Bowman.....	John D. Rigg
23	" 19, '91	Centreville.....	C. H. Fowler.....	John D. Rigg
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace.....	E. G. Andrews.....	A. S. Mowbray
25	" 15, '93	Middletown.....	S. M. Merrill.....	A. S. Mowbray
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury.....	J. H. Vincent.....	A. S. Mowbray
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna.....	J. F. Hurst.....	A. S. Mowbray
28	" 18, '96	Dover.....	H. W. Warren.....	A. S. Mowbray
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown.....	J. M. Walden.....	A. S. Mowbray
30	" 23, '98	Lewes.....	J. P. Newman.....	A. S. Mowbray
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge.....	C. D. Foss.....	A. S. Mowbray
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth.....	E. G. Andrews.....	A. S. Mowbray
33	" 20, '01	Wilm'ton—Grace.....	Daniel A. Goodsell.....	A. S. Mowbray
34	" 19, '02	Crisfield.....	I. W. Joyce.....	A. S. Mowbray
35	" 18, '03	Easton.....	Earl Cranston.....	A. S. Mowbray
36	" 16, '04	Dover.....	J. M. Fitzgerald.....	A. S. Mowbray
37	" 15, '05	Wilm'ton—Grace.....	D. A. Goodsell.....	W. A. Wise
38	" 14, '06	Pocomoke City.....	C. C. McCabe.....	W. A. Wise
39	" 20, '07	Smyrna.....	J. F. Berry.....	W. A. Wise
40	" 18, '08	Wilm'ton—Asbury.....	D. A. Goodsell.....	W. A. Wise
41	" 17, '09	Milford.....	D. H. Moore.....	W. A. Wise
42	" 16, '10	Salisbury.....	J. W. Hamilton.....	W. A. Wise
43	" 15, '11	Wilm'ton—Asbury.....	T. B. Neely.....	W. A. Wise
44	" 13, '12	Wilm'ton—St. Pauls.....	L. B. Willson.....	W. A. Wise
45	" 26, '13	Crisfield.....	J. F. Berry.....	W. A. Wise
46	April 1, '14	Berlin.....	Earl Cranston.....	W. A. Wise
47	March 24, '15	Laurel.....	R. J. Cook.....	W. A. Wise
48	" 29, '16	Wilm'ton—Union.....	J. F. Berry.....	W. A. Wise
49	" 28, '17	Seaford.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
50	" 20, '18	Dover.....	F. M. Bristol.....	D. W. Jacobs
51	" 26, '19	Chestertown.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
52	" 24, '20	Wilm'ton—Grace.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
53	" 30, '21	Crisfield—Immanuel.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
54	" 22, '22	Cambridge.....	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.

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Morning Session.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held at the First Baptist Church, Cambridge, Maryland, March 24, 1922. After devotional exercises and Love Feast led by Brother Amos Ewing of Rising Sun, Md., the Association was called to order by the President, W. Harry Jones. In a brief address he called attention to the "old time religion" as the fundamental for all religious activity, but modern methods must be used to meet modern forms of evils. The object of the Association is to inspire all laymen to better service in the home Church. As delegates we are to take back home the things we may learn today—the vision we may here receive. We will get visions from the addresses of the day if we are alert and pay attention. Each layman should consider himself a steward and render an accounting to his brethren who are not so fortunate as he.

Pray for this meeting; pray for your home Church; for your fellowmen; specialize in prayer and work. Prepare not to die but to live in service for our fellow men and for our God. Get a vision, apply the vision, and build up the Kingdom.

Roll was called, to which 54 delegates responded.

The President appointed the following committees:—

Nominations:—Brothers S. S. Andrews, W. B. Stephens, J. H. Anderson and E. P. Turner.

Resolutions:—Hon. H. C. Conrad, W. T. Dashiell, J. Thomas Smith, R. S. Loomis and Mrs. Ella C. Emory.

Finance:—Brothers M. E. Culver, W. J. Massey and E. S. Gunby.

Dr. Charles E. Ely was introduced and presented the problem of the rural church. For every 1,000 producers in the city there are 690 children, while in the country there are 1074 children to every 1000 producers. A great need of the church is a closer relation between the rural church and the churches in the city so there may not be the present great loss when youth leave the country for the city. There are 43,000 children in Wilmington and 111,800 children in the country districts of the Wilmington Conference. Dr. Ely asked that the Association be not a one-day but an all-year organization for help, so that these country men and women be kept in touch with their church when they go to the city.

Brother Thos. N. Rawlins presented the greetings of Brother W. J. Downing, a former president of this Association, who is now in the Methodist Hospital of Philadelphia, and the secretary was instructed to write Brother Downing a letter in the name of the Association.

Hon. W. O. Hoffecker spoke of housing conditions in Washington, D. C., and the increasing burden of rent that Bishop McDowell has had to bear and announced that a residence for the Bishop had been purchased at a cost of \$57,000. The Area Committee has asked for \$80,000 to pay for the same and to provide a fund for maintenance. Bro. Hoffecker introduced Dr. J. W. R. Sumwalt, who outlined the plan for procedure to secure the requisite amount for the proposition. On motion the action of the Area Committee was approved and the Association pledged support for the action outlined in the resolution of the Ministerial Conference of this date.

Mrs. Ella C. Emory presented the St. John's Church resolution on limiting the term of District Superintendents. (Resolution I.)

Brother Frank P. Gentieu presented resolution approving the action of Governor Denny on law enforcement. (Resolution II.)

Brother W. O. Hoffecker spoke on the above resolution and stated conditions to be found in several Delaware towns. Resolutions II and III referred to Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee on Finance reported a balance of \$30.09 in the treasury of the Association, and recommended a collection of at least \$25.00 be taken to defray current expenses. They also recommended that all Charges include in their annual budgets expenses for delegates to the Boys' Conference and to the Laymen's Association. On motion, the report was accepted and recommendations adopted.

Dr. Joseph B. Hingley, Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants, was introduced and spoke of the progress of the Ministerial Endowment campaign. He spoke especially in behalf of the Local Preachers, 4500 or more in service in the United States. There is no provision made for these when they can no longer engage in active service. He asked the laymen to support the efforts being made for the relief of this class of workers. Brother Percy E. Strickland moved that the laymen express their appreciation of the work being done by the Local Preachers and pledge support for their relief. (Resolution III.)

Afternoon Session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by President Jones. Rev. E. C. Keboch led in prayer.

Rev. E. C. Keboch was then introduced and addressed the Association on the "Purposes of the Boys' Conference." He said that the needs of our youth in these times are:—Visions of opportunity, sympathy for mankind to enable them to see the needs of the hour, and Jesus Christ in the heart to inspire for service. He gave the details of the program for the Boys' Conference and explained what results should be expected in the home church.

Rev. W. G. Harris gave an announcement of the Epworth League Institute to be held at the Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover, Delaware, July 17, 1922.

Brother H. S. Dulaney of Baltimore gave a most interesting talk on "Tithing." As an introduction he read a part of the Sermon on the Mount. He named himself a "witness" for the blessings received as a steward for the riches of the Lord. He spoke from an experience for forty-three years as a tither. "It is not right," said he, "that the Church, the Bride of Christ, should beg for a living." The living is provided for in a blessed plan—"tithing." He gave several incidents in the lives of those he has known who have tithed and been blessed.

Brother Harry T. Nuttle read a resolution advocating a Sunday School worker for the Wilmington Conference. (Resolution IV.)

Bishop McDowell commended the talk of Brother H. S. Dulaney on "Tithing," and then indorsed the resolution introduced by Brother Nuttle, explaining the operations of the plan for a Sunday School worker and the results to be expected therefrom. Upon motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

A collection amounting to \$32.72 was now taken.

Brother Howard S. Kennedy, Executive Secretary of Lay Activities in the Buffalo Area, addressed the meeting on "Broader Lay Activities." He outlined the organization of the Area Laymen's Association. Resolution V was now presented and, upon motion of Brother E. N. Clark, was adopted. As a closing thought Brother Kennedy gave, prayer, work, others and love as the keynotes for the success of lay activities.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Brothers Henry S. Dulaney and Howard S. Kennedy for their most instructive and inspiring addresses.

The Committee on Resolutions reported Resolutions I, II and VI. These were taken up in order.

Resolution I, Favoring limiting terms of District Superintendents to six years, was adopted.

Resolution II, commending Governor Denny and condemning certain members of Wilmington City Council, was adopted unanimously.

Resolution VI, thanks to First Baptist Church and people of Cambridge, was adopted unanimously.

Brother T. Blair Ely moved, "That we request the Conference join with the laymen in holding sectional institutes and Conferences on each district so that local churches, through their pastor and delegates, may receive inspiration, vision and instruction to the end that there may be the highest development of all matters pertaining to the Kingdom in the local Church." Carried.

The President appointed C. H. Jefferson, Mrs. Ella C. Emory and E. S. Gunby a committee to present Resolution I to Bishop McDowell.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following:

President, W. Harry Jones, Sudlersville, Md.

Vice Presidents:

Dover District, S. S. Andrews, Cambridge, Md.

Middletown District, J. W. Wheatley, Easton, Md.

Salisbury District, I. S. Lawson, Crisfield, Md.

Wilmington District, T. Blair Ely, Wilmington, Del.

Secretary, Victor C. Hitchens, Laurel, Del.

Treasurer, M. E. Culver, Laurel, Del.

The nominees were unanimously elected.

The Association, by a rising vote, expressed appreciation for the services given the Association by the retiring Secretary, who had held that office continuously since the organization of the Association at Milford, Delaware, in 1909.

Adjournment.

W. HARRY JONES,

President.

CLARENCE A. SHORT,
Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

I.

WHEREAS, At its last meeting, the General Conference saw fit to remove the time limit on District Superintendents;

WHEREAS, There are now in this Conference three of the District Superintendents who are completing six year terms; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference that we deem such removal of said time limit unfortunate and that we will use our best efforts to secure observance of the old limitations of service by the District Superintendents, believing by so doing the best interests of Methodism will thereby be promoted.

II.

WHEREAS, Gov. Wm. D. Denny, on a recent date, received a communication from the City Council of Wilmington, Delaware, requesting him to become a party to a scheme to nullify part of the Constitution of the United States of America, thereby violating the oath that he has taken to support and defend the same; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Denny in his reply thereto let it be known in no uncertain language his conception of the responsibility devolving upon him as Governor to see that all parts of our Federal Constitution, and especially the 18th Amendment thereto, should receive the unqualified support of every patriotic and law abiding citizen; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in convention assembled, on this 24th day of March, 1922, do most heartily commend Governor Denny for the stand he has taken for the upholding of the law, believing his action will have a wholesome influence on those who would be disposed to violate the same; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, That we commend those members of said City Council of Wilmington who voted against the adoption of the resolution, thereby showing that a portion at least of that body believe in observance of law as laid down in a constitutional manner, and, also, that we most emphatically condemn those members, who, by their short-sightedness, have brought reproach not only upon themselves but upon the city which they misrepresent and the State of which they are a part; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of this Association be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to Governor Denny and to the Council of the City of Wilmington.

III.

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church has adopted a plan to adequately provide for our regularly ordained ministers when, through sickness or age, they are permanently incapacitated for further active service in the church; and,

WHEREAS, No such provision has, as yet, been made for that considerable class of faithful ministers of the Gospel known as "Supply Ministers," nor yet for that estimable body of men known as "Local Preachers," and,

WHEREAS, These faithful servants of God are entitled to every consideration and assistance which our Church as a whole can give; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That the Methodist Episcopal Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference, in convention assembled, go on record as most heartily endorsing any feasible plan to provide for the proper care of these men when, through sickness or age, they are deprived of the

privilege of further active service in the cause, providing always that the distribution of financial assistance shall be subject to proper rules and regulations as to length of service and devotion to the cause of Christ.

IV.

WHEREAS, The Board of Sunday Schools of the Wilmington Conference, in its report to the Ministerial Conference, urged that enthusiastic and devoted support be given to the following recommendations:—

First. That a worker be assigned to develop the field and lead the forces of the Sunday Schools of the Conference territory. This leader in the opinion of the Board should be a man thoroughly equipped by special training for the work and with qualities of unquestioned leadership.

Second. That the work of this development be supported by an apportionment, said apportionment to yield the sum of \$2000, and to be divided between the Districts and the Charges by the District Superintendents.

WHEREAS, The Ministerial Conference did adopt such report and heartily endorse such plans for employment of a Sunday School worker, and

WHEREAS, The Laymen of the Wilmington Conference are strongly in favor of any move to strengthen the work of our Sunday Schools, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference, do hereby endorse the movement for the appointment of a Sunday School worker, and pledge our cooperation and support.

V.

RESOLVED, That the plan of the Division of Lay Activities to secure larger lay activities in the program of the church through the Conference Laymen's Association is approved by this Association, and the officers thereof are authorized to participate in the preparation and carrying out of such a plan.

RESOLVED, That this Association approves of the formation of District Associations, whose Presidents shall become Vice-Presidents of the Conference Association. That these Associations, through meetings and in cooperation with the District Superintendents and Pastors, shall carry out a program of activities suited to the needs and problems of the District and the communities therein.

RESOLVED, That this Association approves the formation of an Area Laymen's Association, if possible, with a Lay Executive Secretary serving without remuneration, and hereby authorizes its officers to cooperate with the officers of other Laymen's Associations in the Area, the Bishop, Area Secretary and Director of Lay Activities in the formation of such an Association.

VI.

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference, extend to the Pastor and members of First Baptist Church and to the people of Cambridge our thanks and hearty appreciation of their generous hospitality.

OFFICERS OF LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

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 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.
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 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.
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 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.
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 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,
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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.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

OF

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 (Fifty-Fourth Session)

1922.

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STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Local Preachers, Church Membership (Prep'y Mem., Full Members, Deaths), Epw'th League (Senior, Junior), Church Property (Land, Buildings, Parsonages, etc.), and General Conference Expenses (Appropriated, Paid, Balance Due).

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools (Officers and Teachers, Scholars, etc.), and various statistical metrics for each charge.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Total Claim Including House Rent, Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishop, Support Conf. Cl'mnts, Total Paid for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency), Baptisms (Adults Baptized, Children Baptized, Baptized Children under Instruction for Membership).

TREASURER'S DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference (Centenary and Appointed Benevolences, Children's Day Fund, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Total Disciplinary Benevolences), Benevolences as ordered by the Annual Conference (Rd. Endow., Buildings, Special Gifts, Hospitals and Homes, City Missionary or Chur'h Extension Society, Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, Anti-Saloon League, Domestic Missions, 1/2 Salary Conference Entertainment, 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), Other Cash Items (Grand Total, incl. Disciplinary and Annual Conf. Benevolences and Other Cash Items).

STATISTICAL

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Local Preachers Received During Year, Now on Roll, Full Members (Members on Roll, Non-Resident Members, Deaths), Epw'th League (Senior Members, Junior Members), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Parsonages, 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, Appportioned for the Quadrennium, Paid this Year, Balance Due), General Conf'ce Expen's.

STATISTICAL

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools, Officers and Teachers, Scholars not including Home Department and Cradle Roll, Members in the Home Department, Children on the Cradle Roll, Total Enrollment in all Depts. Inc. Cradle Roll, Home Dept. Off'rs, Teach's, Schls., 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.

STATISTICAL

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

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

TREASURER'S

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGE, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference (Centenary and Appointed Benevolences, Children's Day Fund, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Total Disciplinary Benevolences, Ed. Endow. Buildings, Special Gifts), Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference (Hospitals and Homes, City Missionary or Church Extension Society, Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, Anti-Saloon League, District Parsonage, 1/2 Salary Conference Entertainment, Domestic Missions, Total Benevolences Ord'd by Annual Conference), Other Cash Items (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, Grand Total Incl. Disciplinary and Annual Conf. Benevolences and Other Cash Items).

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Local Preachers, Church Membership (Prep'y Mem, Full Members), Epw'th League, Church Property (Land, Buildings, etc.), General Conference Expenses. Rows list various churches like Annessex, Ayres Chapel, Berlin, etc., ending with a Total row.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools (Officers and Teachers, Scholars, etc.), Total Enrollment, Average Attendance, Officers and Teachers who are Church Members, etc. Rows list various churches like Annessex, Ayres Chapel, Berlin, etc., ending with a Total row.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

*Estimated salary. Pastor in charge only part of year.

TREASURER'S SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference, Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference (Centenary and Appor-tioned Benevolences, Children's Day Fund, etc.), Other Cash Items (Support of District Superintendent, Support of Bishops, etc.), Grand Total Incl. Disciplinary and Annual Conf. Benevolences and Other Cash Items.

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools (Officers and Teachers, Scholars, etc.), Sunday Schools (Children on the Cradle Roll, Total Enrollment, etc.), Sunday School Expenses.

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

TREASURER'S

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference, Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference (Centenary and Appor-tionated Benevolences, Children's Day Fund, 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'h Extension Society, Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, Anti-Saloon League, Domestic Missions, 1/2 Salary Conference En-tertainment, Other Cash Items, Total Benevolences Or'd by Annual Conference, Support of District Super-intendent, Support of Bishops (Epi-scopal Fund), Support of Conference Claimants, Annual Conf. Investments for Conf. Claimants, Board of Epworth League, General Conference Ex-penses, Grand Total Incl. Disciplinary and Annual Conf. Benevolences and Other Cash Items.

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