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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 Ques-

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
1871 William E. Tomkinson	1885 Daniel H. Willis
1871 Levin W. Layfield	1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield
1871 Thomas H. Harding	1886 George E. Wood
1871 Franz O. B. Wallin	1886 William W. Sharp
1872 John P. Otis	1886 William R. Mowbray
1873 Robert Roe	1886 Henry S. Dulany
1873 Frank C. MacSorley	1886 William G. Koons
1873 William M. Greene	1886 James T. Prouse
1875 Walter W. White	1886 Benjamin F. Jester
1876 George W. Townsend	1886 William P. Taylor
1876 Wilbur F. Corkran	1887 James H. Wilson
1876 John M. Collins	1887 Harvey W. Ewing
1876 Thomas E. Terry	1888 George T. Alderson
1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker	1888 John F. Anderson
1878 Robert K. Stephenson	1888 Frank F. Carpenter
1879 Olin S. Walton	1888 Wesley W. Chaires
1879 Alfred Smith	1888 Warren Burr
1879 Joshua M. Lindale	1888 Joshua W. Gray
1881 Louis P. Corkran	1888 George W. Stallings
1881 Sewall N. Pilchard	1889 Vinal E. Hills
1882 Allison P. Prettyman	1889 Truston C. Smoot
1882 Charles H. Williams	1890 George W. Bounds
1883 William B. Guthrie	1890 Melvin D. Nutter
1883 George L. Hardesty	1890 Julius A. Brewington
1883 Vaughan S. Collins	1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan
1884 William A. Wise	1891 George A. Cooke
1884 Edmund H. Derrickson	1891 George P. Jones
1884 Thomas N. Given	1892 Van P. Northrup
1884 William F. Dawson	1892 Theodore F. Beauchamp
	1892 Clarence W. Strickland
	1892 Francis B. Short
	1893 William L. White
	1893 John P. Outten
	1893 James T. Richardson
	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 James H. Gardner
 1902 Oram T. Baynard
 1902 James W. Colona
 1902 Joseph S. Eldridge
 1902 Edward H. Marshall
- 1903 Arthur W. Goodhand
 1903 George S. Thomas
 1903 Walter E. Gunby
 1903 William E. Habbart
 1903 Charles T. Jones
- 1904 Joseph A. Buckson
 1904 John M. Kelso
 1904 Edwin B. Taylor
- 1905 Lewis B. Morgan
 1905 Elwood W. Jones
 1905 Daniel J. Ford
 1905 Jesse C. McCoy
 1905 Howard R. McDade
 1905 Joseph M. S. Van Blunk
 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
 1906 Benjamin M. Johns
- 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
 1909 Allan F. Poore
- 1910 Melvin E. Wheatley
 1910 Thomas J. Sard
 1910 Ernest C. Hallman
 1910 Harry E. Reed
 1910 Hamilton P. Fox
- 1911 Oren B. Rice
 1911 David J. Moore
 1911 Charles W. Spry
- 1912 George S. Allen
 1912 Olie H. Connelly
 1912 George E. Sterling
 1912 George F. Newton
 1912 Ivanhoe Willis
- 1913 Disston W. Jacobs
 1913 James A. Leach
 1913 Zach W. Wells
 1913 John W. Chappell
- 1914 Frank White
 1914 Norman C. Benson
 1914 Marion W. Marine
 1914 Essel 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

- 1917 Walter A. Hearn
 1917 Blanchard P. Moore
 1917 Charles H. Atkins
 1917 William T. McGuire
 1917 William S. Grant
 1917 William F. Godwin
- 1918 Wade H. Cummings
 1918 Edmund W. Hervis
 1918 Robert S. Hodgson
 1918 Willard V. Moore
 1918 John T. Rowlenson
 1918 John W. Wootten
 1918 August F. Zimmerman
- 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
- 1923 Walter G. Barlow
 1923 D. Arthur Stockely
 1923 Lawrence E. Wimbrow

(b) ALPHABETICAL ROLL AND DIRECTORY.

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

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

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1888 Alderson, G. T.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1912 Allen, G. S.	E St. Peters (P. O. Oriole, Md.)	4
1888 Anderson, J. F.	R 2122 Gillis St., Wilmington, Del.	2
1921 Andrews, M. S.	D Garrett Bib. Inst., Evanston, Ill.	3
1917 Atkins, C. H.	E Concord (P. O. Hobbs, Md.)	2
1923 Barlow, W. G.	E Ewell, Md.	1
1902 Baynard, O. T.	E Upper Fairmount, Md.	1
1892 Beauchamp, T. F.	E Selbyville, Del.	3
1894 Beauchamp, J. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1897 Bennett, W. O.	E Greensboro, Md.	1
1914 Benson, N. C.	E Seaford Ct. (P. O. Seaford, Del.)	3
1907 Bicking, J. R.	E Pocomoke City, Md.	2
1920 Bolton, J. C.	E At School	2
1890 Bounds, G. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1885 Bowman, G. W.	R Laurel, Del.	18
1890 Brewington, J. A.	R Hebron, Md.	4
1907 Briggs, W. H.	E Easton, Md.	3
1915 Broadway, L. M.	E Wilmington, Del.	7
1904 Buckson, J. A.	E Crumpton, Md.	1
1894 Budd, H. G.	E Dover, Del.	13
1909 Bunting, J. J.	E Smyrna, Del.	1
1888 Burr, Warren	R Nassau Pl., Hemstead, L. I., N. Y.	2
1888 Carpenter, F. F.	E Cambridge, Md.	4
1888 Chaires, W. W.	R Marydel, Md.	1
1913 Chappell, J. W.	D Mt. Regia Sanatorium, Salem, Va.	6
1915 Clark, C. W.	E Clayton, Del.	2
1876 Collins, J. M.	R 1607 W. 13th St., Wilm., Del.	19
1883 Collins, V. S.	E Cape Charles, Va.	1
1895 Collins, E. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1902 Colona, J. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1912 Connelly, O. H.	E Townsend, Del.	1
1891 Cooke, G. A.	E Frankford, Del.	1
1876 Corkran, W. F.	E Crisfield, Md.	6
1881 Corkran, L. P.	R Chestertown, Md.	7
1918 Cummings, W. H.	E Roxana, Del.	1
1899 Dashiell, E. H.	E Salisbury, Md.	1
1900 Davis, Howard	E Lewes, Del.	4

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1921 Davis, C. E.	E Cheswold, Del.	2
1884 Dawson, W. F.	E Felton, Del.	1
1899 Dawson, G. W.	E Georgetown, Del.	1
1884 Derrickson, E. H.	R Odessa, Del.	3
1886 Dulany, H. S.	E Sharptown, Md.	4
1885 Easley, J. W.	R Kenton, Del.	5
1902 Eldridge, J. S.	E Mt. Vernon (P. O. Pr. Anne, Md.)	1
1898 Ellis, G. R.	E Millsboro, Del.	2
1866 Esgate, James	R Los Angeles, California	38
1887 Ewing, H. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	5
1900 Faulkner, F. N.	Sy. Delmar, Del.	2
1905 Ford, D. J.	E Magnolia, Del.	2
1910 Fox, H. P.	E Salisbury, Md.	1
1915 Frye, A. B.	E Church Hill, Md.	3
1921 Gallion, H. W.	D Bishopville, Md.	2
1902 Gardner, J. H.	E Crapo, Md.	4
1922 Gehman, G. T.	P St. Paul's (Dover, Del.)	2
1891 Geoghegan, J. H.	E Red Lion, Del.	3
1921 Gilbert, B. W.	P At School	2
1895 Givan, D. J.	E North East, Md.	4
1884 Given, T. N.	R Cheswold, Del.	1
1917 Godwin, W. F.	E Newark, Md.	2
1903 Goodhand, A. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1917 Grant, W. S.	E Rehoboth, Del.	4
1888 Gray, J. W.	E Cherry Hill (P. O. Elkton, Md.)	2
1873 Greene, W. M.	R Milton, Del.	20
1900 Greenfield, W. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	6
1903 Gunby, W. E.	E Dover, Del.	1
1883 Guthrie, W. B.	R Kenton, Del.	3
1903 Habbart, W. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	5
1910 Hallman, E. C.	E Tangier, Va.	2
1921 Hamblin, S. T.	D Houston, Del.	1
1883 Hardesty, G. L.	R Seaford, Del.	10
1871 Harding, T. H.	R Wilmington, Del.	17
1906 Harris, W. G.	E Elkton, Md.	1
1916 Harris, C. C.	E Rising Sun, Md.	4
1900 Hastings, G. W.	E Ocean View, Del.	2
1917 Hearn, W. A.	E Claymont, Del.	2
1918 Henvis, E. W.	E Claremont, Va.	2
1909 Herson, Frank	E Newark, Del.	6
1920 Hess, W. L.	D Hebron, Md.	2
1889 Hills, V. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1918 Hodgson, R. S.	E Odessa, Del.	3
1876 Hoffecker, E. L.	R Bellevue, Md.	6
1897 Holt, T. S.	R Federalsburg, Md.	12
1906 Hubbard, C. L.	E Wilmington, Del.	6

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1900 Hudson, J. A.E	Wyoming, Del.2	
1922 Hudson, C. H.P	Hooper's Is. (Fishing Creek, Md.) .2	
1896 Jackson, LeolanE	Sudlersville, Md.2	
1913 Jacobs, D. W.E	Milford, Del.3	
1907 James, O. E.E	Ebenezer (P. O. Newark, Del.) ...1	
1886 Jester, B. F.R	Wilmington, Del.7	
1906 Johns, B. M.E	Wilmington, Del.1	
1899 Johnson, J. L.E	Crisfield, Md.6	
1891 Jones, G. P.E	Mystic, Conn.1	
1898 Jones, J. W.E	Delmar, Del.3	
1898 Jones, O. E.E	Middletown, Del.1	
1900 Jones, C. N.E	Denton, Md.1	
1903 Jones, C. T.E	Chesapeake City, Md.2	
1905 Jones, E. W.E	Snow Hill, Md.2	
1915 Jones, R. C.E	Kent Is. (P.O. Stevensville, Md.) .3	
1898 Kelso, H. B.E	Perryville, Md.3	
1904 Kelso, J. M.E	Dover, Del.1	
1886 Koons, W. G.R	Rising Sun, Md.8	
1871 Layfield, L. W.E	Delaware City, Del.5	
1913 Leach, J. A.E	Berlin, Md.1	
1879 Lindale, J. M.R	Chestertown, Md.5	
1920 McCabe, J. B.E	Port Deposit, Md.2	
1905 McCoy, J. C.E	Milton, Del.1	
1906 McDowell, E. W.E	Middletown, Del.2	
1917 McGuire, W. T.E	Hillsboro, Md.1	
1873 MacSorley, F. C.E	Federalburg, Md.9	
1914 Marine, M. W.E	Princess Anne, Md.1	
1909 Marsh, C. L.E	Marion, Md.1	
1902 Marshall, E. H.E	Mt. Pleasant (P.O. Laurel, Del.) .3	
1900 Martin, O. L.E	Bethel & T.Ct. (P.O. Elkton, Md.) .3	
1902 Matthews, W. E.R	Smyrna, Del.2	
1920 Minker, R. L.E	Boston University3	
1905 Moore, C. W.E	Camden, Del.4	
1898 Moore, F. X.R	Baltimore, Md.3	
1911 Moore, D. J.E	Trappe, Md.3	
1917 Moore, B. P.E	Nanticoke, Md.2	
1918 Moore, W. V.E	Seaford, Del.1	
1905 Morgan, L. B.E	Chincoteague, Va.10	
1886 Mowbray, W. R.E	Wilmington, Del.1	
1912 Newton, G. F.E	Millington, Md.1	
1907 Nichols, R. P.E	Smyrna, Del.1	
1892 Northrup, V. P.E	Richardson Park, Del.2	
1890 Nutter, M. D.E	Hockessin, Del.1	
1872 Otis, J. P.R	Marshallton, Del.5	
1893 Outten, J. P.E	Preston, Md.3	
1881 Pilchard, S. N.R	Hillsboro, Md.3	

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1896 Poole, L. E.E	Wilmington, Del.1	
1900 Poole, W. C.E	St. John's (P. O. Lewisville, Pa.) .1	
1909 Poore, A. F.E	Wilmington, Del.1	
1868 Prettyman, C. W.R	Carlisle, Pa.8	
1882 Prettyman, A. P.R	Galena, Md.7	
1897 Prettyman, J. W.E	Zion Ct. (P. O. North East, Md.) .1	
1909 Prettyman, E. C.E	Wilmington, Del.9	
1908 Price, J. T.E	Hurlock, Md.4	
1886 Prouse, J. T.R	Edge Moor, Del.11	
1870 Reed, G. E.R	Harrisburg, Pa.2	
1910 Reed, H. E.E	St. George's, Del.1	
1916 Reed, O. B.E	Hillcrest (P. O. Edgemoor, Del.) .1	
1885 Reese, J. D.R	Bozman, Md.5	
1907 Revelle, W. H.E	Rock Hall, Md.2	
1911 Rice, O. B.E	Chester-Bethel (P.O.Boothwyn,Pa.) 2	
1893 Richardson, J. T.E	Harrington, Del.4	
1873 Roe, RobertR	Trappe, Md.12	
1918 Rowlenon, J. T.E	Cecilton, Md.1	
1910 Sard, T. J.E	Chestertown, Md.1	
1886 Sharp, W. W.E	Mt.Pleasant (P.O.Edge Moor, Del.) 3	
1919 Shockley, E. M.E	Still Pond, Md.1	
1892 Short, F. B.E	New York City3	
1922 Short, W. D.P	Charlestown, Md.1	
1879 Smith, AlfredR	Camden, Del.7	
1896 Smith, G. P.R	Dover, Del.2	
1907 Smith, TilghmanE	St. Michaels, Md.1	
1889 Smoot, T. C.E	Onancock, Va.2	
1906 Sparklin, J. L.E	Newport, Del.1	
1911 Spry, C. W.E	Greenwood, Del.1	
1888 Stallings, G. W.R	Lovettsville, Loudoun Co., Va.2	
1870 Stengle, AdamR	Wilmington, Del.9	
1878 Stephenson, R. K.E	Wilmington, Del.3	
1912 Sterling, G. E.E	Galena, Md.3	
1923 Stockely, D. A.P	Whitesville, Del.1	
1892 Strickland, C. W.E	Deal Island, Md.1	
1896 Sumwalt, J. W. R.E	Y. M. C. A., New York City, N. Y. .1	
1885 Sunfield, E. C.R	Barnegat, N. J.2	
1908 Sutton, J. W.E	Cordova, Md.2	
1886 Taylor, W. P.E	Oxford, Md.2	
1904 Taylor, E. B.E	Gumboro (P. O. Frankford, Del.) .1	
1897 Taylor, HarryE	Frederica, Del.3	
1876 Terry, T. E.R	Bridgeville, Del.9	
1916 Thawley, R. T.D	Y. M. C. A., Middletown, Del.6	
1903 Thomas, G. S.E	Pittsville, Md.1	
1914 Thomas, E. P.E	Laurel, Del.1	
1871 Tomkinson, W. E.R	Rehoboth Beach, Del.25	
1876 Townsend, G. W.R	Ridley Park, Pa.9	

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1914	Truitt, P. P.E Phoebus, Va.	3
1905	Van Blunk, J. M. S.E Quantico, Md.	4
1895	Van Dyke, T. R.E Wilmington, Del.	1
1871	Wallin, F. O. B.R Sweden	23
1879	Walton, O. S.R Red Lion, Del.	18
1906	Warren, J. H.Sy. 310 Dickson Bldg., Norfolk, Va.	3
1885	Watt, RobertL. of A. Worcester, Mass.	1
1913	Wells, Z. W.E New Castle, Del.	1
1910	Wheatley, M. E.E Ridgely, Md.	2
1919	Whedbee, J. H.E East New Market, Md.	2
1875	White, W. W.R Salisbury, Md.	5
1893	White, W. L.E Bridgeville, Del.	3
1908	White, LeonardE Dover, Del.	1
1914	White, FrankE Centreville, Md.	2
1882	Williams, C. H.R Snow Hill, Md.	10
1885	Willis, D. H.R Cambridge, Md.	11
1912	Willis, IvanhoeE Marshallton, Del.	4
1887	Wilson, J. H.E Mt. Lebanon (P.O. Rockland, Del.)	1
1906	Wilson, DanielE Hopewell (P.O. Port Deposit, Md.)	2
1923	Wimbrow, L. E.D At School (Garrett)	1
1916	Windsor, L. E.E Dagsboro, Del.	1
1884	Wise, W. A.E Wilmington, Del.	1
1886	Wood, G. E.E Lincoln City, Del.	2
1905	Woodell, W. R.E Fruitland, Md.	1
1918	Wootten, J. W.E Tilghman, Md.	2
1922	Wright, J. H.P At School	2
1918	Zimmerman, A. F.D Stockton, Md.	2

SUPPLIES.

Name	Appointment	Year
Adams, R. H.	Brack-Ex (P.O. Marshallton, Del.)	4
Atkinson, W. F.	Elliott's Island, Md.	4
Bailey, H. N.	Farmington, Del.	1
Baker, F. C.	Bayside (P.O. Sherwood, Md.)	1
Barrett, T. S.	Piney Neck (P.O. Rock Hall, Md.)	1
Branford, H. V.	Ayres Chapel (P.O. Leemont, Va.)	1
Branford, C. W.	Pocomoke City, Md.	1
Buckson, W. C.	Reliance (P.O. Oak Grove, Del.)	2
Campbell, R. W.	Canterbury (P. O. Viola, Del.)	1
Covington, Henry	Queenstown, Md.	3
Derrickson, J. L.	Somerset (P. O. Chance, Md.)	1
Dixon, T. S.	Mardela Springs, Md.	1
Dize, Waldo	White Haven, Md.	1
Donohoe, W. I.	Georgetown, Del.	1
Freeman, W. A.	Wye Mills, Md.	1

Name	Appointment	Year
Graham, J. T.	Parsonburg, Md.	1
Hanby, S. L.	Henderson, Md.	2
Horner, W. B.	Fairlee, Md.	2
Horseman, S. T.	Holland's Island, Md.	4
Kelley, J. P.	Westover, Md.	2
Kirby, R. L., Jr.	Royal Oak, Md.	2
Kliver, G. W.	Beckwith (P.O. Cornersville, Md.)	2
Layton, J. P.	Edgemoor, Del.	1
Louhoff, F. C.	Stanton, Del.	1
McClintock, W. C.	Pomona (P.O. Chestertown, Md.)	1
McLain, L. T.	Nassau, Del.	3
Mills, R. W.	Blades, Del.	6
Parker, J. E.	Marydel, Md.	1
Pardee, Thomas	Christiana, Del.	3
Prettyman, D. B.	Girdletree, Md.	4
Sharpless, C. D.	Colora, Md.	2
Smith, H. M.	Church Creek, Md.	1
Thornton, J. H.	Bethel, Del.	2
Travers, Alonzo	Ellendale, Del.	2
Truitt, H. E.	Williamsburg, Md.	2
Wilson, R. H.	Annemessex (P.O. Crisfield, Md.)	4
Wilson, J. P.	Salisbury, Md.	1
Wright, E. N.	Burrsville (P. O. Denton, Md.)	1

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Barrett, T. S.Rock Hall, Md.	Donohue, S. M....Cambridge, Md.
Brooks, A. G.....Newark, Del.	McLain, L. T.Nassau, Del.
Conaway, W. N....Wye Mills, Md.	Northrup, C. L.Hurlock, Md.
Cooper, R. W.Newark, Del.	Rodgers, R. W. ...Wilmington, Del.
Covey, A. H.....Chestertown, Md.	Strickland, W. G...Wilmington, Del.

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Derrickson, J. L.Chance, Md.	Travers, AlonzoEllendale, Del.
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Bailey, H. N.Farmington, Del.	Fogwell, S. J.....Henderson, Md.
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Barrett, R. J.Dover, Del.	Fosnacht, Walter..Wilmington, Del.
Blake, W. J.Crisfield, Md.	Fryer, Annie E....Wilmington, Del.
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Jarritt, LewisTyaskin, Md.	Shockley, O. M.Showell, Md.
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Johnson, Myer...Bishop Head, Md.	Smith, CharlesHebron, Md.
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Kirby, R. L., Jr....Royal Oak, Md.	Talley, N. L.Wilmington, Del.
Kliver, G. W.Cornersville, Md.	Talley, P. R.....Wilmington, Del.
Kopp, GeorgePerryville, Md.	Thomas, S. E.Dover, Del.
Langford, Milton..Oak Grove, Del.	Thornton, J. H.Bethel, Del.
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Louhoff, F. C.Wilmington, Del.	Todd, BradyToddville, Md.
McClintock, Wm...North East, Md.	Todd, N. L.Toddville, Md.
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Milbury, DouglasMilford, Del.	Truitt, W. C.....Millsboro, Del.
Mills, R. W.Blades, Del.	Truitt, H. E.Seaford, Del.
Mohring, J. M....Wilmington, Del.	Waldram, George...Perryville, Md.
Nelson, W. C.Crisfield, Md.	Weldin, G. W....Wilmington, Del.
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Riggin, E. C.Crisfield, Md.	White, JohnWilmington, Del.
Ross, LongieToddville, Md.	Whiteley, S. F....Wilmington, Del.
Russell, G. W.Newark, Del.	Wilmot, A. A....Wilmington, Del.
Rutter, C. W.....Wilmington, Del.	Winder, E. J.Seaford, Del.
Savage, C. R.....Selbyville, Del.	Wingate, W. H...Marshallton, Del.
Seibert, EdwinClaymont, Del.	Wright, ErnestDenton, Md.

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Laymen: E. J. Winder, M. E. Newsome, J. T. Taylor, A. L. Johnson.

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1924—J. T. Richardson, Leolan Jackson, H. S. Dulaney.

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

1926—R. K. Stephenson, W. O. Bennett, J. M. Kelso.

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- 1924—Ministers: C. W. Prettyman, O. E. Jones, 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.
- 1926—Ministers: H. G. Budd, V. S. Collins, F. C. MacSorley.
Lay: Victor C. Hitchens, L. M. Price, Mayrice F. Alexander.

TRUSTEES OF WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.**Term expires:**

- 1924—Ministerial:—G. T. Alderson, V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran, W. R. Mowbray, T. F. Beauchamp.
Lay:—Orlando Harrison, J. S. Mullin, G. M. Jones, Joseph Mallalieu, D. O. Hastings.
- 1925—Ministerial: F. C. MacSorley, O. E. Jones, R. K. Stephenson, J. T. Herson, W. E. Gunby, R. P. Nichols.
Lay:—G. W. Tebo, J. G. Townsend, Jr., W. O. Hoffecker, Harry L. Price, Harry Mayer, A. W. Sisk.
- 1926—Ministerial:—W. A. Wise, J. W. Colona, W. L. White, D. W. Jacobs, T. R. VanDyke, G. P. Jones.
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- 1924—T. F. Beauchamp, R. K. Stephenson, A. L. Johnson.
- 1925—G. T. Alderson, W. L. White, H. P. Cannon.
- 1926—W. E. Greenfield, T. R. Van Dyke, W. O. Hoffecker.

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- 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.
- 1926—R. P. Nichols, L. E. Poole, R. K. Stephenson, G. W. Hastings.

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Morgan College—W. E. Greenfield and A. W. Goodhand.

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PERIODICALS:—C. W. Moore, C. H. Atkins, E. W. Henvis, C. T. Jones.

BIBLE:—J. H. Gardner, C. W. Clark, W. L. Hess, Daniel Wilson.

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EDUCATION FOR NEGROES:—G. F. Newton, R. C. Jones, P. P. Truitt, W. D. Short.

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W. H. M. SOCIETY:—E. C. Hallman, J. C. McCoy, O. H. Connelly, E. W. Marshall.

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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?**
Hamilton P. Fox, Baltimore; Benjamin M. Johns, Wyoming; Alan F. Poore, Baltimore; Francis B. Short, Philadelphia.
3. **Who have been Readmitted?**
None.
4. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**
Walter G. Barlow, Church of the Nazarene.
5. **Who have been Received on Trial?**
 - (a) In Studies of First Year.
D. Arthur Stockely.
 - (b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.
Lawrence E. Wimbrow.
6. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**
 - (a) In Studies of First Year.
Milton S. Andrews, Gilbert T. Gehman, Benjamin W. Gilbert.
 - (b) In Studies of Second Year.
John W. Chappell, Charles H. Hudson, Wingate D. Short, Johnson H. Wright.
 - (c) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
 - (d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
None.
7. **Who have been Discontinued?**
None.
8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
Harry W. Gallion, Sylvanus T. Hamblin.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
Charles E. Davis.

- 9. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
 (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
 Harry W. Gallion, Sylvanus T. Hamblin.
 (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
 Roy T. Thawley.
- 10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
 John C. Bolton, William L. Hess, August F. Zimmerman.
- 11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
 (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
 Charles E. Davis, Earl M. Shockley, John H. Whedbee.
 (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
 None.
 (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.
 None.
- 12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
 (a) As Local Preachers.
 John P. Kelley.
 (b) Under Missionary Rule.
 None.
 (c) Under the Seminary Rule.
 Milton S. Andrews, Lawrence E. Wimbrow.
- 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?**
 Harry Compton, Northern New York; Joseph T. Herson, Baltimore; Harry D. West, Philadelphia; George C. Williams, Holston.
- 16. Who have Died?**
 Louis E. Barrett, George W. Williams, William S. H. Williams.
- 17. Who have been Located at their own Request?**
 None.

- 18. Who have been Located?**
 None.
- 19. Who have Withdrawn?**
 None.
- 20. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?**
 None.
- 21. Who have been Expelled?**
 None.
- 22. What other personal Notation should be made?**
 None.
- 23. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?**
 Frank N. Faulkner (2), John H. Warren (3).
- 24. Who are the Retired Ministers?**
 J. F. Anderson, G. W. Bowman, J. A. Brewington, Warren Burr, J. M. Collins, W. W. Chaires, L. P. Corkran, E. H. Derrickson, J. W. Easley, James Esgate, T. N. Given, W. M. Green, W. B. Guthrie, T. H. Harding, G. L. Hardesty, E. L. Hoffecker, 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, D. H. Willis.
- 25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?**
 T. F. Beauchamp, G. T. Alderson, F. F. Carpenter, F. C. MacSorley and J. T. Richardson.
 Reserves:—W. L. White, V. P. Northrup.
- 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?
\$162,198.
- (b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$19,166.
31. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?
\$55,507.
32. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?
\$43,401.
- (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?
\$44,814.
34. What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?
None.
35. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See List of Appointments.
36. Where shall the Next Conference be held?
Harrison Street M. E. Church, Wilmington, Del.

VIII.

APPOINTMENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

W. E. Gunby, District Superintendent, (P. O. Dover, Del.)

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

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

O. E. Jones, District Superintendent, (P. O. Middletown, Del.).

Bayside, P. O. Sherwood, Md.	(Sup.) F. C. Baker	Odessa & Friendship, R. S. Hodgson P. O. Odessa, Del.
Bozman & Neavitt P. O. Bozman, Md.	(Sup.) J. D. Reese	Oxford, Md., W. P. Taylor
Burrisville, P. O. Denton, Md.	(Sup.) E. N. Wright	Piney Neck, (Sup.) T. S. Barrett
Cecilton, Md.	J. T. Rowleson	P. O. Rock Hall, Md.
Centreville, Md., Chestertown, Md.	Frank White T. J. Sard	Pomona, (Sup.) W. C. McClintock
Cheswold, Del., Church Hill, Md.	C. E. Davis A. B. Frye	P. O. Chestertown, Md.
Clayton, Del., Concord,	C. W. Clark C. H. Atkins	Preston, Md. J. P. Outten
P. O. Hobbs, Md.		Queenstown, Md., (Sup.) Henry Covington
Cordova, Md., Crumpton, Md.	J. W. Sutton J. A. Buckson	Ridgely, Md., M. E. Wheatley
Denton, Md.	C. N. Jones	Rock Hall, Md., W. H. Revelle
Easton, Md.	W. H. Briggs	Royal Oak, Md., (Sup.) R. L. Kirby, Jr.
Fairlee, Md., (Sup.) Galena, Md.	W. B. Horner G. E. Sterling	St. Michaels, Md. Tilghman Smith
Greensboro, Md.	W. O. Bennett	Salem and Barclay, (Sup.) L. P. Corkran
Henderson, Md., (Sup.) Hillsboro, Md.	S. L. Hanby W. T. McGuire	P. O. Chestertown, Md.
Kent Island, P. O. Stevensville, Md.	R. C. Jones	Smyrna, Del. J. J. Bunting
Kenton, Del. (Sup.) Marydel, Md. (Sup.)	J. W. Easley J. E. Parker	Still Pond & Betterton, E. M. Shockley
Middletown, Del., Millington & Dulaney,	E. W. McDowell	P. O. Still Pond, Md.
	G. F. Newton	Sudlersville, Md., Leolan Jackson
P. O. Millington, Md.		Tilghman, Md., J. W. Wootten
		Townsend, Del. O. H. Connelly
		Trappe, Md. D. J. Moore
		Wye Mills & Starr, (Sup.) W. A. Freeman
		P. O. Wye Mills, Md.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

E. H. Dashiell, District Superintendent, (P. O. Salisbury, Md.).

Annessex, (Sup.) P. O. Crisfield, Md.	R. H. Wilson	Cape Charles, Va. V. S. Collins
Ayres Chapel, (Sup.) P. O. Leemont, Va.	H. V. Branford	Chincoteague, Va., L. B. Morgan
Berlin, Md.	J. A. Leach	Claremont, Va., E. W. Henvis
Bishopville, Md., Immanuel,	H. W. Gallion	Crisfield, Md.: Asbury, W. F. Corkran
		Immanuel, J. L. Johnson

Dagsboro & St. Georges, L. E. Windsor	Phoebus, Va. P. P. Truitt
P. O. Dagsboro, Del.	Pittsville, Md. G. S. Thomas
Deal Island, Md. C. W. Strickland	Pocomoke City, Md., J. R. Bicking
Delmar, Del. J. W. Jones	Pocomoke Circuit, (Sup.) C. W. Branford
Fairmount, O. T. Baynard	P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.
P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.	Powellville, To be supplied
Frankford, Del. G. A. Cooke	P. O. Pittsville, Md.
Fruitland, Md. W. R. Woodell	Princess Anne, Md. M. W. Marine
Girdletree, Md., (Sup.) D. B. Prettyman	Quantico, Md. J. M. S. Van Blunk
Gumboro, E. B. Taylor	Roxana, Del. W. H. Cummings
P. O. Frankford, Del.	St. Peters, G. S. Allen
Hebron, Md., W. L. Hess	P. O. Oriole, Md.
Holland's Island, Md., (Sup.) S. T. Horseman	Salisbury, Md.: Asbury, H. P. Fox
P. O. Wenona, Md.	Salisbury Circuit, (Sup.) J. P. Wilson
Mardela Springs, Md.	Selbyville, Del. T. F. Beauchamp
(Sup.) T. S. Dixon	Sharptown, Md., H. S. Dulany
Marion, Md. C. L. Marsh	Smith's Island, W. G. Barlow
Mt. Vernon, J. S. Eldridge	P. O. Ewell, Md.
P. O. Princess Anne, Md.	Snow Hill, Md., E. W. Jones
Nanticoke, Md., B. P. Moore	Somerset, (Sup.) J. L. Derrickson
Newark, Md., W. F. Godwin	P. O. Chance, Md.
Ocean City, Md. To be supplied	Stockton, Md., A. F. Zimmerman
Ocean View & Millville, G. W. Hastings	Tangier, Va., E. C. Hallman
P. O. Ocean View, Del.	Venton, Md. Supplied by Pastor of Princess Anne
Onancock, Va., T. C. Smoot	Westover, Md., (Sup.) J. P. Kelley
Parsonburg, Md., (Sup.) J. T. Graham	White Haven, Md. (Sup.) Waldo Dize
	Whitesville, Del. D. A. Stockely

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

J. W. Colona, District Superintendent, (P. O. Wilmington, Del.).

Bethel & Town Point, O. L. Martin	Christiana, Del.
P. O. Elkton, Md.	(Sup.) Thomas Pardee
Charlestown, Md. W. D. Short	Claymont, Del., W. A. Hearn
Cherry Hill, J. W. Gray	Colora, Md., (Sup.) C. D. Sharpless
P. O. Elkton, Md.	Delaware City, Del., L. W. Layfield
Chesapeake City, Md., C. T. Jones	Ebenezer, O. E. James
Chester-Bethel, O. B. Rice	P. O. Newark, Del.
P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.	Elkton, Md. W. G. Harris
	Hockessin, Del. M. D. Nutter

Holly Oak, Del.	To be supplied	Wilmington:
Hopewell,	Daniel Wilson	Asbury,
P. O. Port Deposit, Md.		G. T. Alderson
Marshallton & Cedars,		Brandywine,
	Ivanhoe Willis	W. E. Greenfield
P. O. Marshallton, Del.		Brack-Ex, (Sup.) R. H. Adams
Mt. Lebanon,	J. H. Wilson	P. O. Marshallton, Del.
P. O. Rockland, Del.		Cookman,
Mt. Pleasant,	W. W. Sharp	W. R. Mowbray
P. O. Edge Moor, Del.		Eastlake,
Newark, Del.,	Frank Herson	A. W. Goodhand
New Castle, Del.	Z. W. Wells	Edgemoor, (Sup.) J. P. Layton
Newport, Del.	J. L. Sparklin	Epworth,
North East, Md.,	D. J. Givan	T. R. Van Dyke
Perryville, Md.	H. B. Kelso	Grace,
Port Deposit, Md.,	J. B. McCabe	B. M. Johns
Red Lion, Del.	J. H. Geoghegan	Harrison Street,
Rising Sun, Md.,	C. C. Harris	W. E. Habbart
St. George's & Summit,	H. E. Reed	Hillcrest and Belle Font,
P. O. St. George's, Del.		O. B. Reed
St. John's,	W. C. Poole	P. O. Edgemoor, Del.
P. O. Lewisville, Pa.		Kingswood,
Stanton, Del. (Sup.) F. C. Louhoff		G. W. Bounds
Zion Circuit,	J. W. Prettyman	Madeley,
P. O. North East, Md.		L. M. Broadway
		McCabe,
		A. F. Poore
		Mt. Salem,
		L. E. Poole
		Richardson Park,
		V. P. Northrup
		Scott,
		W. A. Wise
		Silverbrook,
		R. K. Stephenson
		St. Paul's,
		C. L. Hubbard
		Trinity,
		E. H. Collins
		Union,
		H. W. Ewing
		Wesley,
		V. E. Hills

- H. G. Budd, President, Wesley Collegiate Institute, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.
- J. M. Kelso, Professor, 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.
- G. T. Alderson, Secretary, Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society and Pastor of Asbury Church, Wilmington, Del.
- J. H. Beauchamp, Superintendent of Goodwill Industries, Asbury Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.
- G. P. Jones, Treasurer, Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, Asbury Quarterly Conference, Smyrna, Del.
- R. P. Nichols, Director of Religious Education, Asbury Quarterly Conference, Smyrna, Del.
- J. W. R. Sumwalt, Associate Director of Religious Work in the Y. M. C. A. Robert Watt, granted a Leave of Absence, Grace Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.
- Francis B. Short, Lecturer for Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, Grace Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.
- J. W. Chappell, Soldier in Mt. Regia Sanatorium, Salem, Va.
- R. T. Thawley, M. S. Andrews, B. W. Gilbert, J. C. Bolton, R. L. Minker, J. Harry Wright, left without appointments to attend our schools.

IX.

JOURNAL.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—The Wilmington Annual Conference assembled for its Fifty-fifth Session in Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, Dover, Del., on Wednesday morning, April 4, 1923, at nine o'clock, with Dr. H. G. Budd presiding in the absence of Bishop W. F. McDowell, who was detained by illness.

LORD'S SUPPER.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Dr. Budd, assisted by District Superintendents Robert Watt, W. A. Wise and V. S. Collins, and Reverends J. W. Colona, T. R. Van Dyke, G. A. Cooke, Alfred Smith, B. M. Johns and W. L. White.

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

EXCUSED.—Reverends E. W. Hervis and W. H. Briggs were excused from attending this annual session of the Conference.

DECEASED MEMBERS.—The Conference arose and stood while the names of our deceased brethren were called, after which "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung.

PRESIDING OFFICER.—On motion of J. W. Colona, the Conference recognized Dr. H. G. Budd as presiding officer until the arrival of Bishop McDowell, he having been thus appointed by the Bishop.

ORGANIZATION.—Secretary.—Disston W. Jacobs was unanimously elected secretary, and nominated as his assistants J. R. Bicking and Tilghman Smith 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, 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, M. E. Wheatley, A. F. Zimmerman and W. L. Hess.

Assistants Excused from Committee Duty.—On motion, the assistants to the Treasurer and Statistician were excused from service on the Standing Committees.

Bar of Conference.—The bar of the Conference was fixed to include all pews extending to the fourth post from the chancel.

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

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

Auditor.—On motion of W. A. Wise, F. F. Carpenter was appointed to act as auditor in the place of W. H. Briggs, who is detained by illness.

Conference Program.—On motion of the Secretary, the program of the Conference as printed was made the official program subject to modification when deemed necessary, the hour of adjournment being fixed at 12 o'clock Noon.

Rules of Conference.—The rules as printed in the 1922 Journal were adopted as the rules governing this session of the Conference, on motion of W. E. Tomkinson.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.—The following were nominated by G. T. Alderson as members of the Bureau of Sessions to serve for a term of three years and they were elected:—W. E. Greenfield, T. R. Van Dyke, W. O. Hoffecker.

COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.—The Committee on Memoirs, consisting of T. E. Terry, Chairman; Robert Watt, W. R. Woodell, H. S. Dulaney, W. L. White and Alfred Smith, was nominated by W. A. Wise and they were confirmed.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The order of the day was called. T. E. Terry, Chairman of the Committee on Memoirs, assumed the chair.

The memoir of Louis E. Barrett, written by T. E. Terry, that of George W. Williams, written by W. R. Woodell, and that of William S. H. Williams, written by H. S. Dulaney, were presented and read.

W. L. White presented and read the memoir of Mrs. Lydia Amanda Terry; T. E. Terry, that of Mrs. Mosena Van Burkalow Mac Nichol; Robert Watt, that of Mrs. Adelaide Victoria Corkran Dawson.

Dr. Alfred Smith was granted permission to prepare the memoir of Mrs. Josephine D. Sypherd and submit same to the secretary for publication in the Minutes.

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

A resolution, calling attention to the death of Mr. Joseph Zane Wilkins, a well-known reporter of the Wilmington Every Evening, was presented and read by W. A. Wise and, on his motion, adopted and ordered printed in the minutes following the regular memoirs.

CHAIR.—**DR. H. G. BUDD.**—Dr. H. G. Budd resumed the chair.

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

EXTENSION OF TIME.—On motion of T. F. Beauchamp time was extended.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—An afternoon session was ordered to convene at 1:30 o'clock on motion of J. W. Prettyman, amended by W. A. Wise.

STATISTICAL CALL.—A motion by Robert Watt requesting the collection of the pastors' reports be postponed until the afternoon session occasioned considerable discussion regarding the proper reporting of and securing of credit for various items in the statistical tables of the minutes. This debate was concluded by a call for the previous question which was then ordered. The original motion was put and lost, and the Treasurer and Statistician were granted permission to collect the reports.

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

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

SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened shortly after 1:30 o'clock, Dr. H. G. Budd presiding and conducting the devotions.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was taken up. W. A. Wise, Superintendent of the Middletown District and W. R. Mowbray, Superintendent of the Dover District, were called, their characters passed and they read reports of their work.

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

EXCUSED.—J. W. Prettyman was excused for the purpose of attending a funeral.

ADJOURNMENT.—On motion of W. F. Corkran, Conference adjourned.

THIRD SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop W. F. McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. A hymn was sung, W. L. White led the Conference in prayer and brief remarks were made by Bishop McDowell. The journals of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

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 Benjamin M. Johns from the Wyoming Conference and Allan F. Poore from the Baltimore Conference.

QUESTION 15.—The Fifteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of George C. Williams to the Holston Conference, Harry D. West to the Philadelphia Conference and Harry Compton to the Northern New York Conference.

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

The Effective Elders of the Dover, Middletown and Salisbury Districts, with the exception of H. R. McDade of the last named District, were called and their characters passed.

Conference, on motion of V. S. Collins, ordered that the case of Howard R. McDade be referred to a Select Number of fifteen for trial. On motion of W. F. Corkran, the District Superintendents were authorized to nominate the members of the Select Number, and the following were named:—W. L. White, C. W. Moore, Howard Davis, W. O. Bennett, O. T. Baynard, O. H. Connelly, D. J. Moore, L. B. Morgan, E. C. Hallman, G. W. Hastings, H. S. Dulaney, L. W. Layfield, L. E. Poole, D. J. Givan and W. G. Harris.

J. J. Bunting and E. H. Dashiell were appointed counsel for the Church. Bishop McDowell designated W. F. Corkran to preside at the trial and J. R. Bicking was appointed to act as secretary.

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 Effective Elders of the District were called and their characters passed.

With well chosen remarks, Bishop McDowell presented to Dr. Watt, on behalf of the ministers and laymen of the Wilmington District, a purse of gold amounting to \$205., and individual checks amounting to \$1,050., and Dr. Watt spoke appreciatingly of the gift.

WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.—Dr. George Clark Peck, a Contributing Editor, and Mr. W. U. Causey, Business Manager, were introduced and addressed the Conference on the merits of the Washington Christian Advocate.

J. T. Price presented and read the following and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, We consider the Washington Christian Advocate an essential element in the educational program of our area, and a means of communication between our leaders and the individual members.

We, therefore, recommend that this Conference assume its proportion of the responsibility for its continuance, and to make this recommendation effective we authorize the District Superintendents to ask our churches to underwrite the amount asked of our Conference.

We further recommend that our pastors use their best endeavors to greatly enlarge their subscription lists and secure prompt payment of same.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Mr. George L. Parker and Mr. R. A. Brooks, representing the Methodist Book Concern, and Dr. John Krantz were introduced and addressed the Conference.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.—At the conclusion of the reading of a letter from the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland, the Conference accepted membership in the executive committee of said Alliance and designated as a member of that committee G. T. Alderson.

TELEGRAM OF GREETINGS.—A telegram announcing greetings from the Baltimore Annual Conference was received and read, and, on motion of W. F. Corkran, the Secretary was instructed to make suitable reply.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—An afternoon session was ordered for 1:30 o'clock, on motion of W. E. Tomkinson.

EXTENSION OF TIME.—Time was ordered extended.

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

WORLD SERVICE PROGRAM.—Dr. C. E. Guthrie, General Secretary of the Board of Epworth League, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of our World Service Program.

CORPORATE SESSION.—The Conference went into Corporate Session for the purpose of electing ministerial trustees of the Wesley Collegiate Institute, and Hon. J. G. Townsend, Jr., President, presided. The following were elected trustees for a term of three years:—W. A. Wise, J. W. Colona, W. L. White, D. W. Jacobs, T. R. Van Dyke and G. P. Jones.

ADJOURNMENT.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson, Conference stood adjourned after the hearing of the results of the ballots cast for the election of the above mentioned trustees.

FOURTH SESSION—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock, E. H. Dashiell, at the request of the Bishop, presiding and conducting the devotions. The journal of the morning's session was read and approved.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.—The following resolution was presented by the Secretary and read and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, It has been the custom to nominate and confirm the Standing Committees at the first session of the Conference each year and they have been expected, in the midst of other duties, to present, in a proper form, reports showing the marks of careful thought and honest searching for facts; and,

WHEREAS, From time to time there are those on said committees who are often required to render valuable service on other important committees and the work of the Standing Committees is thereby greatly interfered with; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That if the District Superintendents, through the Secretary of the Cabinet, find it impossible to present the nominations for Standing Committees for the next Annual Conference session before the final adjournment of this Conference, they be permitted to forward to the Secretary said Committees in time for publication in the minutes; and, be it

RESOLVED, That the first person named on each committee be known as the chairman; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this be the rule of the Conference with reference to the nominating and approving of the Standing Committees from year to year.

ORDINATION OF WOMEN.—A letter from Dr. J. M. M. Gray, member of the Commission on the Ordination of Women, asking this Conference

to vote on the question, "Shall women be ordained to the Methodist Episcopal Ministry and be admitted to the travelling connection?" was read, and, on motion of Leonard White, action thereon was deferred.

WORLD SERVICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.—C. L. Hubbard, E. W. McDowell, J. A. Leach, J. F. Herson and J. T. Price were elected as members of the committee on our World Service Program.

ORDER OF THE DAY.—WORLD SERVICE PROGRAM.—The order of the day having arrived, Dr. R. E. Diffendorfer, Dr. W. F. Sheldon and Dr. C. E. Virmilya were introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of the World Service Program.

ADJOURNMENT.—On motion of G. W. Dawson, Conference adjourned, G. L. Hardesty pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding, Dr. George E. Reed conducting the devotions. The journal of Thursday afternoon's session was read and approved.

NECESSITOUS CONSIDERATION.—Conference ordered, on motion of W. A. Wise, the case of Mrs. George S. Conway referred to the Board of Stewards for necessitous consideration.

INTRODUCTION.—Mr. Harry P. Bennett, Circulation Manager of The Christian Advocate, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

QUESTION 11.—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. John C. Bolton was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, he was continued in the Studies of the Fourth Year.

Earl M. Shockley, John H. Whedbee and Charles E. Davis were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elder's Orders.

QUESTION 10.—The Tenth Question, "What Members are in the Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. Roy T. Thawley was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, he was continued in the Studies of Third Year.

August F. Zimmerman and William L. Hess were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, they were advanced to the Studies of Fourth Year.

QUESTION 8.—The Eighth Question, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. 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 the Secretary was instructed to send the greetings of the Conference to this brother.

Harry W. Gallion and Sylvanus T. Hamblin were called, their characters passed, the District Superintendents represented, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended.

QUESTION 6.—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Benjamin W. Gilbert, Gilbert T. Gehman and Milton S. Andrews were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and they were Continued on Trial in the Studies of First Year. Milton S. Andrews was elected to Deacon's Orders under the Seminary Rule.

Charles H. Hudson, Wingate D. Short and Johnson H. Wright were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and they were Continued on Trial and advanced to the Studies of Second Year.

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 John P. Kelley. His character was passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendent recommended and he was elected to said orders.

QUESTION 5.—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. The recommendations were received in due form for Admission on Trial of John E. Parker, D. Arthur Stockely and Lawrence E. Wimbrow, and, with the exception of the last named who was not present, they were introduced to the Conference. Further consideration of this question was postponed until Executive Session on Saturday morning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—On motion of V. S. Collins, it was ordered that when we convene tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock it be in Executive Session.

REPORT OF S. S. FIELD SECRETARY.—R. P. Nichols, Director of Religious Education, presented and read his report and it was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

F. C. MacSorley presented and read the following and it was adopted:

The Wilmington Annual Conference of 1922, taking a forward step, authorized the appointment of a qualified leader for the development of the Sunday School interests of the Conference and pledged a sum for the support of such work. We re-affirm our belief in the plan of expansion and pledge our hearty support of it.

Rev. Ransom P. Nichols, an efficient and consecrated member of our Conference, was appointed Director of Religious Education of the Conference by Bishop McDowell and assumed his duties September 15, 1922. With vision, rare judgment and utter devotion he has entered upon his task. His foundations are being laid both deep and broad.

We request the Conference that, for the coming year, the sum of \$2,500. be secured to push forward successfully this glorious task, said amount to be apportioned to the churches by the District Superintendents. It is the hope that payment of these apportionments will be made early in the Conference year in order that the Board of Sunday Schools of the Conference may have the funds to finance properly its tasks.

REPORT.—G. W. Dawson, Corresponding Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, presented and read his report and it was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes. On motion of H. G. Budd, \$5,000. was ordered as the apportionment for this Society.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. H. G. Budd, E. C. Prettyman, G. W. Dawson, J. H. Beauchamp, J. W. R. Sumwalt and R. P. Nichols, Effective Elders in special appointment, were called and their characters passed.

REPORT.—J. H. Beauchamp, Superintendent of the Goodwill Industries, presented and read his report and it was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

The following was presented, read and adopted on motion of G. W. Dawson:

WHEREAS, The Goodwill Industries of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Inc., in its annual meeting January 11, 1923, ordered the creation of a fund to purchase a Goodwill Woman's Home; and,

WHEREAS, Miss Rose Caruth, in her will, bequeathed to such a home of the Wilmington Conference Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000), which is now in the hands of the Trustees of the Wilmington Conference; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we request this Conference to order its Trustees to pay to the treasurer of the Goodwill Industries of the Wilmington Conference, Mr. W. T. Parker, this amount for this purpose.

DRAFTS.—The Bishop presented a draft from the Chartered Fund for \$35., and one from the Methodist Book Concern for \$2,843., and they were ordered in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

EPISCOPAL FUND APPORTIONMENTS.—W. A. Wise announced the sum of \$6,889. as the apportionment of this Conference to the Episcopal

Fund, divided as follows:—Dover District, \$1,361; Middletown District, \$1,352; Salisbury District, \$1,902; Wilmington District, \$2,274.

INTRODUCTION.—Dr. W. W. Davis, General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

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. F. N. Faulkner and J. H. Warren were called, their characters passed and they were 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.

COLLECTION.—A collection, amounting to \$301., was ordered and taken, same to be presented to Brother W. S. Grant, whose family has been sorely stricken by illness during the past months.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Adam Stengle pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened in Executive Session at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. At his request, W. F. Corkran and J. W. R. Sumwalt led the Conference in prayer. The journal of Friday morning's session was read and approved.

REPORT OF SELECT NUMBER.—The Select Number in the case of Howard R. McDade, charged with disobedience to the order and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, reported having found said Howard R. McDade guilty and announced the penalty of suspension for one year or until the Conference of 1924.

QUESTION 5.—The Fifth Question was resumed. The name of John E. Parker was called, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendent represented, and the Committee requested that his recommendation for reception on Trial be withdrawn and that he be employed as a supply near a school where he may continue his studies. In the case of D. Arthur Stockely the Registrar reported, the District Superintendent represented, the Committee recommended and he was Received on Trial and placed in the Studies of First Year. The Registrar reported, the District Superintendent represented, the Committee recommended and Lawrence E. Wimbrow was Received on Trial, placed in the Studies of Third Year and elected to Deacon's Orders under the Seminary Rule.

REPORT.—COM. ON CONF. RELATIONS.—On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations it was ordered that Walter G. Barlow be received on his credentials from the Church of the Nazarene and recognized as an Elder after he has satisfactorily answered the questions necessary for admission into Full Membership.

It being his desire, Conference recognized the right of T. N. Given to the Retired Relation according to Paragraph 188, Section 2, of the discipline.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—On motion of V. S. Collins, the request of Robert Watt for a year's Leave of Absence was granted.

VOUCHER.—DOMESTIC MISSION FUND.—On motion of Robert Watt, a voucher was not required covering an item of \$25. designated in V. S. Collin's report of Domestic Mission funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSED.—Conference ordered the Executive Session closed.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.—The report of the Treasurer of the Conference Trustees was read and adopted, and the following were nominated and elected Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference for a term of three years, the Secretary casting the ballot:—R. K. Stephenson, W. O. Bennett and J. M. Kelso.

CONF. EDUCATION SOCIETY.—F. C. MacSorley presented and read the report of the Conference Education Society and it was adopted. The official visitors to the respective educational institutions were nominated and confirmed. (See list of Official Visitors.)

The following were nominated for managers of this Society to serve for a term of three years and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference:—Ministerial—H. G. Budd, V. S. Collins, F. C. MacSorley; Lay—Victor C. Hitchens, L. M. Price and M. F. Alexander.

MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.—F. F. Carpenter presented and read the report of W. A. Wise, Trustee of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, and it was adopted.

QUESTION 8.—The Eighth Question was resumed. The Bishop put the usual disciplinary questions asked for admission into Full Membership, and Harry W. Gallion, Sylvanus T. Hamblin, Charles E. Davis and Walter G. Barlow were so admitted.

Harry W. Gallion and Sylvanus T. Hamblin were elected to Deacon's Orders and passed to the Studies of Third Year.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. Clarence True Wilson, General Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, and Miss Katherine Reynolds McCormick, representing the Near East Relief, were introduced and addressed the Conference. At the conclusion of the address of Miss McCormick, on motion of Dr. H. G. Budd, Conference ordered a collection taken for this worthy cause and the amount of \$193.43 was received

and placed in the hands of the Conference Secretary to be forwarded to headquarters.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.—The undergraduates in the Conference Course of Study were, on motion of T. F. Beauchamp, required to attend a Summer School of Theology conducted by the Commission on the Courses of Study unless otherwise excused by the Conference Board of Examiners.

DRAFT.—Dr. Samuel J. Greenfield, representing 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.

REPORT.—CONF. BOARD OF S. S.—J. W. R. Sumwalt made a verbal report in behalf of the Conference Board of Sunday Schools, and, on his motion, conference requested the Bishop to appoint R. P. Nichols Director of Religious Education, and the Bishop then announced that appointment.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT.—Conference requested, on motion of Robert Watt, the appointment of J. W. R. Sumwalt as Associate Director of Religious Work in the Y. M. C. A.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—On motion of W. R. Mowbray, the cases of G. W. Bowman and Mrs. H. Bertrude Lewis were referred to the Board of Stewards for necessitous consideration; that of T. N. Given was also so referred on motion of V. S. Collins.

GREETINGS.—In reply to a telegram conveying greetings from the Delaware Annual Conference, the Secretary was instructed to return our greetings to said Conference.

GREETINGS.—LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.—A communication from the Laymen's Association was read by the Secretary, and he was instructed to acknowledge receipt of same and assure the members of said Association of the Conference's grateful appreciation of their interest in and pledge of support to the Post Centenary Program.

QUESTION 36.—The Thirty-sixth Question, "Where shall the Next Conference be held?" was taken up. Through its pastor, W. E. Habbart, Harrison Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., invited the Conference to hold its next annual session in that church under Plan No. 3. On motion of J. W. R. Sumwalt the invitation was unanimously accepted.

LAW ENFORCEMENT.—Certain resolutions on law enforcement in relation to the Eighteenth Amendment were read and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Temperance.

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

SEVENTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 3 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 Harry W. Gallion, Sylvanus T. Hamblin and John P. Kelley 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 Herbert Welch, the District Superintendents and other Elders, ordained Charles E. Davis, Earl M. Shockley and John H. Whedbee as Elders.

ADJOURNMENT.—After an urgent appeal for consecration to life service, Conference adjourned, Bishop Welch pronouncing the benediction.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that on the Eighth day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-three, I ordained as DEACONS,

Harry W. Gallion
Sylvanus T. Hamblin
John P. Kelley,

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

Charles E. Davis
Earl M. Shockley
John H. Whedbee,

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

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL,
Dover, Del. Bishop.

EIGHTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. After the singing of a hymn, G. L. Hardesty led the Conference in prayer. The journals of Saturday's and Sunday's sessions were read and approved.

INTRODUCTION.—Dr. Charles M. Boswell, Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

FUND FOR SUPPLY MINISTERS.—The following was introduced, read and adopted, on motion of W. F. Corkran:

WHEREAS, The income from all sources is now sadly inadequate to meet the legitimate claims made upon the Conference Claimant Endowment funds, covering last year less than 66% of the annuity claims; and,

WHEREAS, Our recent campaign in behalf of this fund fell far short of the standard set up; and,

WHEREAS, The annual apportionments made to the charges for the Conference Claimants has increased so rapidly in the last two years as to be now well nigh the breaking point; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we pledge ourselves to keep the needs of this cause prominently before our people, both in private and in public, suggesting to the generously disposed among them the justice and wisdom of remembering this cause with donations and bequests.

RESOLVED, That we set aside the second Sunday in the month of October next to be known as Conference Claimant Endowment Day, when this cause shall be presented in a very definite way and an offering taken in behalf of the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund.

RESOLVED, That one-fifth of all the funds raised during the year for this Fund shall be set aside and known as the Supply Preachers' Endowment Fund, which shall be administered by the Conference Board of Stewards and the income from which to be applied to the needs of retired and disabled Local Preachers and their dependents, who have rendered long and faithful service as supply pastors.

WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—Dr. H. G. Budd, President of Wesley Collegiate Institute, addressed the Conference in the interest of said institution. Robert Watt presented and read the following, and, on his motion, it was adopted:

We congratulate the Wesley Collegiate Institute on its continued prosperity, and we are especially pleased to learn of the plans for lifting the grade of the institution to that of Junior College and providing a new home for the College grade of work.

No institution of learning can fulfill its mission with the finances

and equipment of twenty years ago. The new day calls for new ventures of faith and heroism, and happy is that institution whose motto is "FORWARD."

PRESENTATIONS OF PURSES.—Bishop McDowell, on behalf of the brethren of their respective districts, presented to W. R. Mowbray and V. S. Collins each a purse of gold.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.—The report of the auditor was read and adopted.

STATEMENT.—SALISBURY DISTRICT.—V. S. Collins read a statement of the progress of the work on Salisbury District during his Superintendency, and it was ordered printed with his district report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.—BOARD OF STEWARDS.—The special committee appointed at the 1922 session, "to confer with the Board of Stewards and with such other persons with whom they may wish to confer," made its report and said report was adopted. (See report following appropriations to Conference Claimants.)

PAYMENT OF CLAIMANTS' FUNDS.—The following resolution was presented by E. H. Dashiell, and, on motion of W. E. Tomkinson, it was laid on the table:

RESOLVED, That we, the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission of the Wilmington Annual Conference, recommend to the said Conference that the Conference claimants be paid in quarterly installments, viz., the first payment to be made at the session of the Conference; the second, the last of June; the third, the last of September; the fourth, the last of December.

CHAIR.—At the request of Bishop McDowell, W. F. Corkran assumed the chair.

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

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

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

REPORT OF BOARD OF STEWARDS.—T. N. Rawlins was, on motion of E. W. Jones, granted the privilege of the floor, and he read the report of the Board of Stewards, and the recommendations and nominations made therein were approved. On motion, Conference expressed to the Board their appreciation of the excellent services rendered.

CHAIR.—Bishop McDowell resumed the chair.

ELECTION.—COM. ON CONF. RELATIONS.—R. P. Nichols, L. E. Poole, R. K. Stephenson and G. W. Hastings were, on motion of E. W. McDowell, nominated and elected members of the Committee on Conference Relations, the Secretary casting the ballot.

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:—T. F. Beauchamp, G. T. Alderson, F. F. Carpenter, F. C. MacSorley and J. T. Richardson. Reserves:—W. L. White and V. P. Northrup.

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

DIST. SUPT'S. REPORTS.—V. E. Hills presented and read the following and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, This Conference has less than one week in which to transact all of its business at each annual session; and,

WHEREAS, The business of said sessions is multiplying from year to year, often making necessary two sessions a day for several, if not all, the days in which we are in session; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we request each District Superintendent to confine the presentation of his report at each session of the Annual Conference to thirty minutes.

GEN. CONF. MEMORIAL.—Action on the following proposed memorial to the General Conference of 1924 was postponed and said memorial was ordered printed in the minutes, on motion of G. A. Cooke:

TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

The doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church were formulated and advocated by the Rev. John Wesley, who, under God, was the chief promoter of that type of Christian doctrine and experience known as Methodism.

Mr. Wesley was a scholar and a thinker of high rank, and was qualified by sufficient learning to understand and interpret the Holy Scriptures. It has always been the boast of Methodism that our doctrines do not need to be modified to meet the demands of sound scholarship. Our standards of doctrine are embedded in the Constitution of the Church and should not be lightly set aside for new and untried theories. In view of the fact that it requires vigilance and care to preserve and perpetuate our heritage of Christian faith; therefore, we,

THE WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE, memorialize the

General Conference to enact the following regulations to govern the Church in the selection of books to be studied and passed by ministerial candidates for ordination:

FIRST:—The Bishops shall, before the adjournment of the General Conference of 1924, appoint a commission on courses of study, to consist of nine elders, to be selected from men who are in the active work of the pastorate.

SECOND:—The Commission shall be instructed to present to the Bishops, within two years following the adjournment of the General Conference, the entire list of books which they recommend for courses of study. They shall furnish a list of the books they recommend to the Advocates of the Church for publication at the time of their report to the Bishops.

If the recommendation of the Commission is not unanimous, those in the minority should state to the Bishops, in writing, their objections to any books recommended by the majority.

THIRD:—The Bishops shall be instructed to review the books recommended by the Commission so as to pass independent and intelligent judgment on the literary qualities, the doctrinal soundness and the logical fitness of each book for a place in the course of study. No book shall be approved by the Bishops, acting as a Board, except by a two-thirds vote of all the General Superintendents. For any book that is rejected by them, another may be substituted by a majority vote. The list of books approved by them acting as a Board shall be furnished to the advocates for publication at least six months prior to the succeeding General Conference, which body shall have the final authority.

QUESTION 15.—The Fifteenth Question was resumed. The Bishop announced the transfer of Joseph T. Herson to the Baltimore Annual Conference.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION.—Robert Watt presented the following resolution, and, on his motion, it was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. Joseph T. Herson, according to the law and usage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is to be transferred to a new field of labor; and

WHEREAS, It is our desire to give some expression of our regard and esteem for our brother who is about to sever his relations with us; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we record here the fact that we have found in Dr. Herson a brother, courteous, obliging and always ready to lend a hand of help, and, though taxed with the labors of a heavy pastorate, he freely responded to the calls made upon him and rendered valuable service to the cause. We part with him with genuine regret and con-

gratulate the church to which he goes. It will find in him an able preacher, a brotherly, and genial minister of Jesus Christ.

QUESTION 2.—The Second Question was resumed. The transfer of Hamilton P. Fox from the Baltimore Annual Conference was announced by the Bishop.

COLLECTION.—A collection was ordered and taken and was distributed according to list made out and read to the Conference by the Secretary, and it was ordered that all monies received over and above the necessary expenses as asked for were to be donated to Rev. W. N. Conway. He received approximately \$70.

AUDITOR.—1924.—W. H. Briggs was elected auditor for the annual session of 1924.

REPORT.—WORLD SERVICE PROGRAM COM.—The following report of the World Service Program Committee was introduced and read by J. T. Price and it was adopted:

The appeal of the lost world to the Church has at last been heard and the day has come when the Church, in its consciousness of power and growing strength, is preparing itself to answer to the appeal.

The Centenary year just closing is the best in the four and we recommend that this Conference pledge itself to make this closing year the best of the entire period by a one hundred per centum collection of Centenary pledges.

We recommend that this Conference give its hearty approval to the World Service Program of the Church as outlined by the Committee on Conservation and Advance for the Post Centenary period, and we pledge ourselves to loyal co-operation, and to this end we recommend an educational campaign through all the agencies of the local church, using, to the best advantage, the literature to be provided by the Committee.

We urge the necessity of continued stewardship teaching without which this new World Service Program will fail.

We recommend that the subscriptions for the World Service Program be taken at the same time as the annual every member canvass in each charge.

In the face of unparalleled opportunity for world service, we earnestly plead that every pastor heartily cooperate.

COLUMN IN STATISTICAL TABLES.—On motion of G. T. Alderson, the Secretary was requested to provide a column in the minutes for "Other Items," and if he finds it impossible to do so without rearranging all the tables he was instructed to substitute such a column for that one now used for reporting Anti-Saloon League funds.

REPORTS.—Reports from the following Boards and Standing Committees were adopted:—Boards of Epworth League and Education for Negroes; Committees on Periodicals, Bible, Sabbath Observance, Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Hospitals and Resolutions (Thanks).

EDIT MINUTES.—On his motion, the Secretary was ordered to edit the minutes and the printed journal was made the official journal of the Conference.

CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.—O. E. Jones was elected a Manager of the Conference Education Society to fill the unexpired term of G. C. Williams, recently transferred to the Holston Conference.

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

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

CONSECRATION CSERVICE.—The appointments were read and after a very impressive service of consecration, Bishop McDowell pronounced the benediction and Conference stood 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 V. Jacobs

Secretary.

X. REPORTS.

(a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

W. R. MOWBRAY, District Superintendent.

We are glad to welcome the Wilmington Annual Conference to our District to hold its annual session. It is most fitting that you do so since it did not seem expedient to hold it down by the sea; fitting that you should come to this historic spot for your annual deliberations, this place made sacred by the ashes of some of our illustrious dead. Here in this church you will find a tablet dedicated to the memory of Bishop Richard Whatcoat, and over a few blocks from us rests his dust. Over yonder just a few miles to the East stands old Barratt's Chapel, forever sacred to the Methodists of this peninsula as the place of the beginnings of Methodism in these parts and also the place where Bishops Coke and Asbury met for the first time. Hereabout lies the dust of the most worthy of our laymen who stood with and for these men of God and made possible the planting of the seed of the Kingdom which has now grown to a mighty tree. Where better could we meet? If our ears were nearer attuned to the heavenly key we might hear the voices of these worthies of the long ago joining with ours crying, "Behold, what great things God hath wrought!" May we catch anew their spirit of love, sacrifice and devotion which caused them, in spite of storm and stress, imprisonments and perils, to pour out their lives without stint for the promotion of the Master's Kingdom. I am reminding you that this is the fourth session of this body in the last seven years to convene within the bounds of this district, and the second time in the same period it has been held in this church. We only want to say if you can find a place nowhere else, come to the Dover District. If you get in a corner and do not know just which way to turn come to Dover and be assured of a welcome. We welcome you to our church, to our homes and places of abode, public and private. To our town you are heartily welcome and we trust you will enjoy your stay.

PASTORAL CHANGES.—The charges left without ministerial supply when the last Conference adjourned were supplied as follows:—Canterbury, Rev. Willard Everett; Epworth, Rev. R. R. Hunt; Galestown, Rev. W. E. Tomkinson; Lakesville, Rev. E. S. Tyler; Leipsic, Rev. W. W.

Chaires, who was compelled during the year to relinquish the work on account of illness in his family, and Rev. H. N. Bailey was appointed to finish out the year.

Rev. J. M. Kelso, one of our best equipped men, educationally, being a graduate of the Wilmington Conference Academy, Dickinson College and Drew Theological Seminary, was elected to the position of teacher of languages in the Wesley Collegiate Institute. The selection has, in every way, been justified by the results. He began his work in September which left Houston charge without a pastor. Rev. S. T. Hamblin was appointed to fill the vacancy. The people are much pleased with his services and desire his return for next year.

Rev. W. C. Forrest, who was appointed at last Conference to Church Creek charge, for reasons unknown, left the charge in December, early in the morning before it was yet light, and has not been seen or heard from since, at least, not by me. He left a deplorable situation there of which I do not care to say more than is necessary to be said in order to do justice to the charge involved. Quite an amount of centenary money which had been paid over to him cannot be found, and, hence, the charge cannot get credit for it nor will it help the cause for which it was given. Mr. Forrest was not a member of our Conference.

The situation at Church Creek has been greatly relieved and helped by Dr. E. L. Hubbard, a retired member of the Baltimore Annual Conference who lives near that place. He has taken charge of the work and is serving them without personal compensation in order to clear up the financial situation. The money which would rightfully go to him for service is being applied to the liquidation of debts left unsettled so that the local church will suffer no more damage than is possible. We hereby desire to express to Dr. Hubbard our sincere appreciation for his unselfish labor.

There has been no serious illness among the brethren in the active work. No man who began the day has been compelled to drop out before the setting of the sun. They are able to come up to this Conference bringing with them the results of work done for which we are profoundly thankful.

The most distressing illness among the families of our workmen is that of Mrs. W. S. Grant, wife of our Brother Grant of Rehoboth. Sister Grant was stricken by paralysis in the early winter. The stroke affected the whole of the right side. She was unconscious for several days and was deprived of the power of speech for some time after she regained consciousness. She is, at this time, almost entirely helpless and in a very serious condition. Our hearts go out to them in tenderest sympathy which is good, but it appeals to me, that, when all things are considered, our sympathy should consist of something a bit more tangible than a heart throb and a spoken word. A stricken wife and seven small children should constitute a compelling appeal.

DEATHS.—We are constantly reminded that this is not our perma-

ment abiding place, that we must pass on to that other and, as yet to us, unseen land. One by one our friends and co-laborers pass quietly out and leave a void and consequent loneliness. We have not been free from the visits of the reaper this year. On March 3d our Brother W. S. H. Williams, a retired member of our Conference, folded his tent and slipped away to the land beyond.

Mrs. Maude MacNichol, widow of our late Brother E. C. MacNichol, after a long and painful illness went on to join her beloved in that land which knows no sorrow, sickness nor separation.

Mrs. Lydia Amanda Terry, wife of our well beloved Brother T. E. Terry, on September 19th, quietly slipped life's moorings and sailed away on that sea whose farther shore sights the Kingdom of God, and left our brother alone and lonely to linger here awhile until the reunion day shall come.

Mrs. Josephine Draper Sypherd, widow of the Rev. J. Owen Sypherd, at one time a member of our Conference, passed to her heavenly reward on December 22, 1922, at Camden, Delaware. She had been under affliction's heavy hand for a long time, was totally blind, so the passing for her was a blessed release from all mortal pains and gave her an entrance into the land of "an unclouded day."

Suitable memoirs will be presented at the memorial service.

Rev. and Mrs. Geo. R. Ellis of Millsboro, are sorely bereaved in the loss of their elder son, George Robert, Jr., who died on October 13th, of toxemia. He was a splendid christian character, just on the threshold of young manhood, being about 19 years old, with promise of years to come but thus suddenly cut off. For such as this strictly human wisdom has only a broken shaft in the silent cemetery. To the christian it has its explanation in the resurrection. There is no death but transition; not a broken defeated life but a transplanting to a fairer clime where no frosts shall blight the budding flower.

Our hearts go out in tenderest sympathy to all those who remain in sorrow's shadow.

SALARIES.—There have not been many advances in salaries this year and the support in many instances is all too inadequate. There are men who are giving all their time to the work of the ministry and doing so at a loss, calling on reserve funds, and in one instance, at least, drawing on life insurance policies in order to keep their accounts square with the world and avoid the odium of debt. There is something wrong somewhere when the church will permit such a condition to exist for the laborer is worthy of his hire. There is something wrong with the nation, something wrong with the system that will thus inadequately provision the men on the firing line. That which so does can only hope for an inadequate, insufficient soldiery and ultimate defeat. Those among us who with high thinking for themselves and little acting in sacrifice, who declare that a minister should not preach for money have fallen a long way below the Master in

his declaration of what is right. Who said anything about money? No soldier goes to war in the ranks with the expectation of money making, but he is freed from all concern about his living which is far from the fact with reference to many a good "soldier of Jesus Christ." The Master said, "The laborer IS worthy of his hire." Brethren of the laity, this condition is a reproach and a burning, blistering shame.

Charges making advances are as follows:—Millsboro, \$450; Georgetown, \$300; St. Paul's (Dover), \$300; Church Creek, \$200; Greenwood, \$200; East New Market, Milford, Hooper's Island, \$100 each; making a total of \$1,750.

DEDICATIONS.—Two churches were fully completed and dedicated during last summer. Mt. Zion church, a part of Bethel Circuit, a neat and attractive two-room church situated on the stone road about half way between Seaford and Laurel, was dedicated on June 11, 1922. The cost of the building was about \$8,000., all of which was provided for on the day of dedication, and what is still better all has been paid with the exception of \$400. I think I have not seen quite such heroic giving on any single day before. Rev. J. H. Thornton, the pastor, was assisted in the dedicatory services by Revs. G. L. Hardesty, F. F. Carpenter, G. E. Wood, a former pastor who had much to do with building the church, and the writer.

On June 18th, just one week later, the church at Blades, Del., three miles distant from the above named church and situated in the thriving town of Blades, Del., was dedicated. The cost of this church was also about \$8,000., most of which has been paid in cash. The pastor, Rev. R. W. Mills, has done a remarkable work for and with these loyal people. To make this church a possibility these people have given until it hurts, and then given more. The church has two rooms and is a very neat and well arranged church which will be sufficient to meet the needs of this growing town for years to come. The pastor was assisted on the day of dedication by Bishop Hamilton, who is always gladly welcomed in these parts, Dr. Frank Rines of the Area Office and myself. This was a great day for Methodism in Blades.

The other two churches on this charge have been greatly improved.

IMPROVEMENTS.—The parsonage at Federalsburg has been made over and looks "amaist as weels the new." It was raised two feet or more, new porches built, painted and other minor improvements costing about \$1,100.

The church at Hoopersville on Hooper's Island charge has been renovated and improved at a cost of \$650. Crapo charge has, during the present pastorate, improved almost all of its property. Rather extensive work has been done on the parsonage which was greatly needed, and three of the four churches have been greatly improved, including in one case the installation of electric lighting by the Delco system. Paid this year, \$1,018. Lakesville charge at Wesley is still, by degrees, completing the new church

which replaces the one destroyed by fire over a year ago. They report \$800. for this purpose this year which is a large amount for these people. Bethel and Mt. Zion churches, (as reported above), have paid \$7,884. Blades on the new church, \$3,500.00, and on Asbury and Epworth, \$1000., same charge. Milford, painting chapel and work done on the parsonage, \$700. Nassau on new church and other improvements, \$985. Other charges report as follows:—Milford Neck, \$400; Millsboro, \$260; Seaford, \$527; East New Market, \$500; Harrington, \$550; Felton, \$400; Greenwood, \$325; Cambridge, \$300; Rehoboth, \$465; Georgetown, \$350; Williamsburg, \$226; Magnolia, \$240; Farmington, \$243; Little Creek, \$230; Mt. Pleasant, \$250; Wesley, Dover, \$237; Georgetown Circuit, \$200; Vienna, \$155. Smaller amounts reported to date, \$916., making a grand total of \$24,251.

DEBTS.—Cambridge has reached the last mile of the road on her church debt. This past winter the pastor put on a campaign to clear off the debt which amounted to a little less than \$7,000. It seemed almost a hopeless undertaking for with previous debt paying and interest carrying it did seem that they had about reached the limit and that this would be the last straw which would break the camel's back. But with a spirit which knew no such thing as fail, pastor and people went into the last hard pull to win and they won. The present debt of \$7,000. is secured by cash in hand and an over-subscription of about 25%. The plan provides for paying out in about one year at which time the splendid church at Cambridge, all in all the best and largset church on the District, will be free from all encumbrances. The parsonage has some indebtedness on it which is not included in the above. When Dr. Pilchard went to this church about ten years ago there was an indebtedness of \$37,000. on the church and it hardly seems possible that in ten brief years it has gone. It may as well be said here as elsewhere, with credit to all and disparagement to none, that no single achievement on this District in the last seven years is quite so outstanding as the work done at Cambridge. When the present pastor went to Cambridge five years ago the debt was \$23,000. This has been entirely covered, there having been sixteen to eighteen thousands of dollars paid in cash, to say nothing of interest. In that time the membership has been increased by three hundred, and \$3,000. spent on improvements. Notwithstanding this strenuous programme for local interests, Cambridge has stood in the front rank on benevolent giving. She did not hide behind her debt and home demands but has carried forward the programme of the church, not stintingly but freely and gladly has she done her full share. A most worthy record. The cash paid and reported on the debt **this year** is \$2,500.

Other amounts reported from the district as having been paid on debts total \$1,090; making a grand total of \$3,590.

While speaking of special work it may be well to note what is being done in Milford church, Rev. D. W. Jacobs, Pastor. Milford has added

\$100. to her salary this year, making the total \$2,400. for the present year. She also leads the District in Centenary offerings, being the only charge, according to the last report from the Chicago office, to wear a star in her crown, having overpaid her subscription to that date. This church maintains a foreign pastor, Rev. E. E. Dixon, in China at \$1,000., an assistant to the pastor at home at the same salary, supports a scholarship in China and one in India, is keeping four American children and is educating two young people in India, one of which is on the work of Rev. A. L. Gray. The Fourth Quarterly Conference revealed the fact that the membership of this church has increased by 99 during the present pastorate of two years and that the church was organized up to the minute, so much so that the head of one of the large business concerns said, at the close of the Conference, that he thought the business men of Milford might well go to the Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church to learn how to organize their businesses. I can well remember when Milford thought she was doing the handsome thing when she was paying \$1,200. salary and a missionary offering of \$600., and she was, and at the same time leading the District in missionary giving. That was less than ten years and now the salary is doubled and the missionary offering about five times as much as it was then.

Hurlock, Rev. J. T. Price, Pastor, is doing splendidly in the Centenary work and has large personal interests in the foreign field. The missionary work always gets a hearing from this church and a response that is commendable.

Cambridge stands second on the District for amount paid for centenary and apportioned benevolences as reported in the minutes of last year. Bridgeville stands up near the head of the class and did, during the year, have a star in her crown and, doubtless, will again when the year's accounts are made. Other towns keeping well up in this cause are Georgetown, Federalsburg, Dover and Seaford.

Many of the charges whose pastors have done hard work and who deserve as much credit as those who have had larger success have, owing to untoward conditions, not kept the pace and, I fear, will not reach the mark of last year. There are reasons which do not lie in these pastors about which it will do no good to complain.

"I WILL MAINTAIN."—Words are hardly adequate to describe the meeting held in this church on Sept. 22, 1922, during the "I Will Maintain" campaign under the direction of Bishop Fred B. Fisher of India. There were over two hundred people present from all parts of the District and some from without. Bishops McDowell and Fisher and Dr. Morris E. Swartz of the Area Office were present with us and participated in the programme. Bishop Fisher made the principal address and, out of a heart burdened and almost breaking for the world's great need, poured forth a message which thrilled and moved the hearts of the great company present. It was from the heart and reached to the heart as is attested by the re-

sponse given. This District was asked for 52 units of \$100. each as its share in the fund which was designated to keep us from any backward step in the work of missions. Under the urge of the burning message of our good Bishop the whole amount was subscribed at the tables, the first time this had been done in any meeting held by Bishop Fisher. As the results of this particular campaign will appear nowhere else as a distinct statement, I feel justified in inserting it here. No individual pledge is named, not even some of those who had no church relations on the District. The record following is strictly by churches:—Milford, \$1,050; Dover, \$800; Georgetown, \$700; Camden, \$375; Seaford, \$300; Lewes, \$250; Millsboro, \$250; Federalsburg, \$200; Bridgeville, \$200; Ellendale, \$100; Milton, \$100; Hurlock, \$100; Houston, \$100; Magnolia, \$100; Wyoming, \$100; St. Paul's (Dover), \$100; Cambridge, \$100; Rehoboth, \$100; Farmington, \$75; Blades, \$50; Felton, \$50; Little Creek, \$50; Lincoln, \$50; Nassau, \$50; Crapo, \$50; Frederica, \$50; Williamsburg, \$50; Epworth, \$50; Canterbury, \$50; Greenwood, \$50; Galestown, \$25; Vienna, \$25; Bethel, \$25; Beckwith, \$25; Elliott's, \$25; making a total of \$5,775., or an over-payment of \$575. I am not able to give any accurate report on the Centenary fund because reports are not in and I dare say some of them will not be in until the last minute. Financial pressure has been such as to make it exceedingly difficult, specially in rural sections, to keep the pace in benevolent giving.

REVIVALS.—Revivals of special interest have been held at Greenwood, 211 conversions; Bridgeville, 100; Camden, 50. The following charges have reported work done and well done with the results as indicated:—Houston, 43; Wyoming, 40; Seaford Circuit, 40; Nassau, 38; Vienna, 35; Federalsburg, 33; Hooper's Island, 32; Hurlock, 30; Mt. Pleasant, 30; Felton, 26; Harrington, 26; Williamsburg, 20; Ellendale, 20; Epworth, 19; St. Paul's (Dover), 16; Wesley (Dover), 12; Blades, 15; Reliance, 12; total, 848. Other charges reporting smaller numbers total, 86, making a grand total of 944.

EPWORTH LEAGUE INSTITUTE.—The Conference Epworth League Institute, under the efficient leadership of the Conference President, Rev. W. G. Harris, has become a permanent fixture and an institution of great value to our young people and, hence, to the church at large. It is gradually growing and it is no longer a question as to whether there will be enough interest to supply the Institute with a sufficient number of young people to make it a success, but how many of our young people can the Institute take; in fact, a matter of capacity. I have heard all during the year of plans to send students to this place next year. The last session was the best and the largest yet held. There were one hundred and seventy-six enrolled at that time. One hundred percentum of these young people attended the classes and the morning watch. There were seven definite life service decisions. Brother Harris was assisted in his work by

a very competent faculty. Preparations are now being made for yet larger and better things during the next Institute. It will be held this year July 7th to 14th, at the Wesley Collegiate Institute, and at least 200 young people can be accommodated.

WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—A somewhat larger number of students are in attendance this year. The post-graduate course seems to be quite popular as a number of graduates of last year are back again this year taking this course which is equivalent to the freshman year in any standard college. There are eleven in all taking this course. There is one thing very gratifying to those interested in our Conference, and that is there is a large number of ministerial students at the Institute this year. I have seen six of these young men employed in regular work on the District. They are a promising lot of young men and their presence here gives us renewed hope for the personnel of our Conference.

DISTRICT PARSONAGE.—At last, the Superintendent of this District will know where he may lay his head when he is appointed to that office. The new home is situated on the North East Corner of Cecil and Bradford Streets, Dover, Del., and was occupied by the present Superintendent on Jan. 2, 1923. The home is comfortable and commodious. Truly the Methodists of the Dover District should feel proper pride in having such a home for its chief officer. Following is a statement of the financial standing of the project to date. This statement of payments was taken from the books of treasurer Magee.

DOVER DISTRICT PARSONAGE ASSOCIATION.

Statement of Treasurer Showing the Assessments Made Against the Respective Churches, the Amounts Paid and the Balance Due:

Name of Church	Amount of Assessment	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Beckwith M. E. Church Cornersville, Md.	\$ 180.00	\$ 22.50	\$ 157.50
Bethel M. E. Church Bethel, Del.	150.00	75.00	75.00
Blades M. E. Church Blades, Del.	142.50	35.50	107.00
Bridgeville M. E. Church Bridgeville, Del.	255.00		255.00
Cambridge M. E. Church Cambridge, Md.	375.00	187.50	187.50
Camden M. E. Church Camden, Del.	225.00		225.00
Canterbury M. E. Church Canterbury, Del.	105.00		105.00

Church Creek M. E. Church Church Creek, Md.	120.00	22.00	98.00
Crapo M. E. Church Crapo, Md.	210.00		210.00
East New Market M. E. Church East New Market, Md.	195.00		195.00
Ellendale M. E. Church Ellendale, Del.	105.00	52.25	52.75
Elliotts M. E. Church Elliotts, Md.	90.00	45.00	45.00
Epworth M. E. Church Greenwood, Del. (P. O. Bridgeville, Del.)	45.00	11.25	33.75
Farmington M. E. Church Farmington, Del.	127.50	32.00	95.50
Federalburg M. E. Church Federalburg, Md.	240.00	120.00	120.00
Felton M. E. Church Felton, Del.	195.00	97.50	97.50
Frederica M. E. Church Frederica, Del.	165.00	82.50	82.50
Galestown M. E. Church Galestown, Md.	105.00		105.00
Georgetown M. E. Church Georgetown, Del.	255.00	255.00	
Georgetown Circuit M. E. Church Georgetown, Del.	135.00		135.00
Greenwood M. E. Church Greenwood, Del.	135.00	10.46	124.54
Harrington M. E. Church Harrington, Del.	180.00	90.00	90.00
Hoopers Island M. E. Church Hoopers Island, Md. (P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.)	150.00	37.50	112.50
Houston M. E. Church Houston, Del.	180.00	45.00	135.00
Hurlock M. E. Church Hurlock, Md.	247.50	61.87	185.63
Lakesville M. E. Church Andrews, Md.	75.00		75.00
Laurel M. E. Church Laurel, Del.	300.00		300.00
Leipsic M. E. Church Leipsic, Del.	120.00	16.00	104.00
Lewes M. E. Church Lewes, Del.	270.00	135.00	135.00

Lincoln M. E. Church Lincoln, Del.	150.00	48.00	102.00
Little Creek M. E. Church Little Creek, Del.	135.00	33.75	101.25
Magnolia M. E. Church Magnolia, Del.	225.00		225.00
Milford M. E. Church Milford, Del.	345.00	345.00	
Milford Neck M. E. Church Milford Neck, Del.	45.00	22.50	22.50
Millsboro M. E. Church Millsboro, Del.	180.00	45.00	135.00
Milton M. E. Church Milton, Del.	225.00	112.50	112.50
Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church Laurel, Del.	150.00	75.00	75.00
Nassau M. E. Church Nassau, Del.	135.00		135.00
Rehoboth M. E. Church Rehoboth, Del.	165.00	41.25	123.75
Reliance M. E. Church Reliance, Md.	150.00		150.00
St. Paul M. E. Church Dover, Del.	75.00	18.75	56.25
Seaford M. E. Church Seaford, Del.	300.00		300.00
Seaford Circuit M. E. Church Seaford, Del.	180.00		180.00
Vienna M. E. Church Vienna, Md.	105.00	52.50	52.50
Williamsburg M. E. Church Williamsburg, Md.	120.00		120.00
Wesley M. E. Church Dover, Del.	315.00	157.50	157.50
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Amount pledged in excess of assess- ment	1000.00	1000.00	
Wyoming M. E. Church Wyoming, Del.	150.00	37.50	112.50
	<u>\$9227.50</u>	<u>\$3381.83</u>	<u>\$5845.67</u>

Dated at Dover, Delaware, April 4, 1923.

Respectfully submitted,

ARLEY B. MAGEE, Treasurer.

CLOSING.—In closing this report I desire to express my appreciation for the kindly spirit and hearty co-operation of the brethren with whom I have been permitted to labor this year, and to render unto Him, Who hath given us life and opportunity and disposition to labor together with Him for the promotion of His kingdom, thanksgiving and praise for His keeping power and abounding goodness to us all throughout the year.

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

W. A. WISE, District Superintendent.

For the seventh consecutive year in this conference relation the name of the writer has been called, and, with character passed, ventures to offer a summary of the district's doings for a period covering the last twelve months.

However, no choice of words, no array of figures and no type of compliment possible of us on our part will suffice to properly depict or adequately record the measure of credit or mentioning to which the faithful and tireless toilers of this district are abundantly entitled.

Last year, as in several previous years, we faced the district task with something of a handicap—that of an insufficient force with which to man the work. When the appointments were read, three charges were announced as being without supplies. For two of these retired men were subsequently and necessarily secured; the third, in spite of all efforts to the contrary, remained unsupplied during the entire Conference year. Surely in this conference territory, at least, the problem of adequate pulpit supply has not yet been fully solved. The steady leakage that we have felt still obtains, as the following facts may help us to see.

A survey of the districts during 1916 will show 194 members and charges, the latter cared for by 151 effective members and probationers in pastoral relation, 7 effective members and probationers in detached service, 3 without appointment and at school, 2 retired men serving as pastors, and 39 local preachers doing supply work. An interval of six years, and a similar survey shows 189 charges, decrease 5; 139 effective members and probationers in pastoral relation, decrease 12; 4 effective members in detached service, decrease 3; 10 without appointment and at school, increase 7; 7 retired men serving as pastors, increase 5; 41 local preachers doing supply work, increase 3.

A further study of the Conference roster covering the same period shows that 35 have been received on trial, 32 into full membership, 32 by transfer, and 3 re-admitted; total received, 70. However, 23 have been transferred, 4 located, 3 withdrawn, 4 discontinued, 3 occupying Supernumerary relation, 40 retired, 28 deceased, 7 of the latter being effective at the time of death, and 5 in detached service; total, 88. A decrease of 18 from the effective pastoral service, or an annual average loss of 3. And,

if we add to this showing, 1 death from the effective rank this year, together with the prospective changes from effective to other relations, our problem of supply looms the greater.

Another phase of this survey involves the several abandoned outposts of the Kingdom—the rural churches with closed or closing doors. In 1916, by way of illustration, there were 44 charges involving 92 churches with 90 of these churches functioning and 2 closed. In 1922 there were but 42 charges and 91 churches—Harmony on Concord charge having been sold, and Hickman added to the Burrsville Circuit, Trinity on Kent Island work having been destroyed by fire during this year, leaves but 90 to be accounted for, and the facts are that but 81 of these are functioning and 9 have closed their doors to all services, with 7 others apparently doomed to the fate of the 9. Since 75% of the recruits for our Conference ministry hitherto has come from the rural sections, if we continue to foster the somewhat popular trend of the day and persist in drawing in the lines of our activities with the view of concentration and confinement of labors to the city or larger town centers, with the latter giving promise of no substitute base of supplies equivalent to that of the rural church, then where, or in what, are we to find the solution of the pastor-preacher problem necessary to the building of His kingdom Who not only said, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel," but elsewhere commanded, "Go ye out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in?"

In the closing hours of our last Conference session, L. E. Barrett answered the universal summons and went to be with Him Whose glorious gospel he had so long proclaimed. Appropriate services were held at Chestertown, Tuesday, April 28, interment being made in the near-by cemetery. T. E. Terry prepared the memoir which was presented and read at the opening of this Conference session. With this exception, a kind Providence has sheltered and spared the district, no other death having occurred herein, either among the effective, retired or supply men, for which we are profoundly grateful. Sickness, however, has fallen upon several, notably W. H. Briggs among the pastors, Mrs. W. H. Revelle, Mrs. C. W. Clark, and Mrs. O. H. Connelly, the three former having been alarmingly ill, their footsteps leading dangerously close to that valley of shadows where all light and life are lost in unspeakable gloom save that of Him Who "is the light of the world and the life of men." During the eight weeks of incapacity of the pastor the pulpit at Easton was cared for by brothers Frank White, W. L. White, T. E. Terry, O. E. Jones and R. P. Nichols.

Early in August, on nomination of the Conference Board of Sunday Schools, and upon request of the officials at Chicago, Bishop McDowell advised the Superintendent of this district that he purposed to take R. P. Nichols from the pastorate at Smyrna and appoint him "Conference Director of Religious Education," which was done. Subsequently, at the unanimous request of the officials at Smyrna, J. J. Bunting was transferred from Berlin and formally assigned to the vacancy at Smyrna.

The three most interesting events with us during the past year were the District Conference, the Epworth League Convention and the district "I Will Maintain" rally. The first named, held at Chestertown, August 30th and 31st, and the first of its kind held anywhere in Methodism, a "minister's-laymen's-boys' district conference" was largely attended, and was made an annual district feature and will hold its second session in August next at Smyrna.

The second, the District Epworth League Convention held at Denton, October 10-12th, maintained its hitherto enviable record. With an increased number of delegates in attendance, a most helpful program, a "Morning Watch" service in itself, for spiritual uplift and general forward-going tone, a perfect gem, Drs. Harvey W. Ewing with his "Two Ravens," Charles E. Guthrie relating the story of the "World Wide Chain of Christian Fellowship" and Victor G. Mills on "Some Qualifications for an Ideal Epworth League," completely catured the three evening audiences. The Denton Convention very easily wins first rank among the other similar League gatherings wheresoever held. Several new chapters organized and the reviving of others long dormant and indifferent are some of the practical results of the above convention. Middletown District League is now composed of 40 Senior and 24 Junior Chapters according to our Fourth Quarterly Conference reports.

The third, that of the District "I Will Maintain" rally, was held at Smyrna, Wednesday, October 18th. This was not only a red letter day for the local church but also for the entire district. Thirty-nine of the 42 charges were represented with an average of four officials besides the pastor. Bishop John W. Hamilton, Drs. Charles E. Guthrie, Morris E. Swartz, Robert Watt, W. R. Mowbray and others, being present and participating in the program. After the appealing story of that "Fellowship Circle of Beads" delivered by Dr. Guthrie, in twenty minutes the offering was received, amounting to 63 units, 15 in excess of the quota. These excess units would have been sufficient to put the district on the Methodist map through making possible to the Church that property in the city of Vienna, Austria, desired by Bishop Neulsen for our Bohemian work there. However, the Superintendent of the Wilmington District, proposing that Epworthians there be permitted to share that honor, assumed \$700 of the total necessary, the Middletown District remitting to the foreign office at New York a total of \$900, making \$1600 in all. Smyrna, that day was not only glad for the privilege of throwing wide open her spacious doors to bid us welcome, but spread before the hungry crowd a feast of good things "fit for a king," free to all comers, and, in addition thereto, placed in the hands of the District Superintendent a check for 18 full units, thus leading the happy line with Denton 6, Middletown 5, Chestertown 4, and 27 other charges, with smaller numbers, sharing the pleasure and honor of the District's achievement.

Quite early in the year the budget of objectives as agreed upon by the Area Council was passed on to the charges accompanied by separate let-

ters, by way of necessary explanation and with a proper degree of stress laid on each of all those important interests. A fair share of response thereto has been received.

The Easter Tithe Week program was cordially received and observed by, at least, 33 of the charges, the results ranging from \$2.15 to \$265, and aggregating, \$1523., were reported to the District Superintendent. The second observance of that "try-out" of the church within the district bounds, closing the first day of the present month, from reports handed in indicate that Bayside, Cecilton, Middletown, Millington, Oxford, Ridgely, Sudlersville, Townsend, Cheswold and Bozman added materially to their Centenary offerings.

Attention was definitely called to the claims of The Washington Christian Advocate. Quotas were given and one full week's campaign for subscribers urged. Some few charges have reached their desired goals, such as Bozman, Church Hill, Hillsboro, and Sudlersville. Personally with some and by letter to all the item of a subsidy for that paper was brought to the notice of pastors, and so far Bayside, Bozman, Centreville, Cheswold, Concord, Crumpton, Denton, Easton, Fairlee, Galena, Henderson, Hillsboro, Marydel, Middletown, Millington, Odessa, Oxford, Royal Oak, St. Michaels, Smyrna, Salem, Still Pond, Tilghman, Townsend, Clayton, Cecilton, Greensboro, Piney Neck and Ridgely, have come to our help in this effort toward putting this valuable adjunct to the Area work on a much desired and more permanent basis of self support. If the issues of March are to be taken as samples of what the editor and his holding committee plan to make permanent, then from point of mechanical arrangement, grade of paper, quality of contents, as well as attractive appearance, surely The Washington Christian Advocate is certain to rate second to none among the other excellent journals of the Church, and deserves the unstinted support of every minister and layman throughout the entire area. Brethren, is it too much to ask that we pledge ourselves to work looking to the goal of a copy of this paper in every family identified with our churches? Certainly it is not too much to ask that we continue our efforts in this direction until, at least, every official connected with our Quarterly Conferences shall be a regular weekly reader and subscriber.

Good Literature Day was observed by several of the pastors. As to the consequences, so far as The Christian Advocate is concerned, we are unable to report for lack of this information, though special written inquiry was made as to this. The total subscribers to the journal within the district has been reported to be 193.

Tithers to the number of 163 are given, Crumpton leading the district with 20. In every church where these scriptural and conscientious friends of the Lord's treasury are found, they never fail to make their presence known, not by what they say, so much as by what they do, for "their works do follow them," and they "show their faith by their works."

Communications from those having in hand the purchase and financing of the area Episcopal Residence at Washington, D. C., have been

promptly placed before the district. An amount, figured on the basis of 30c per full member, as reported to the last Annual Conference, was stated to be the apportionment, and, at least, 25% of this sum was set as the goal for this year. Crumpton reports having paid the full apportionment, Bayside and Sudlersville pay 50% of their total sum; Chestertown, Cecilton, Cheswold, Easton, Middletown, Oxford, Ridgely, Royal Oak, Smyrna, Townsend, and Denton have 25% of their's in hand; with Clayton, Fairlee, Greensboro, Hillsboro, Odessa, Piney Neck, St. Michaels, Galena, Salem, and Tilghman making proportionate payments on the amount asked.

The following churches and charges are credited this year with having paid on account of their apportionments for the District Parsonage:—Wittman, \$60.60; Ebenezer, \$67.50; Bond and Mowbray, \$63.44; Kent Island, \$115; Preston, \$117; Queenstown, \$105; Still Pond, \$170.10; Townsend, \$4.34; total, \$702.98.

Nowhere on the district, however, have local property interests received anything other than absolutely needed attention.

No new church enterprise has been undertaken and this for good and sufficient reasons. Quite a few of the churches, nevertheless, have been repaired and improved, and when completed were successfully reopened. The list of changes made includes electric wiring, fixtures and much improved lighting facilities, repainting and repapering, metal walls and ceiling, new pulpit and altar furniture, pulpit bibles and individual communion sets, better system of heating, extensive concrete work in the way of retaining walls, steps and sidewalks. These changes have involved expense which has been provided for as follows:—Bayside, \$120; Bozman, \$500; Centreville, \$260; Clayton, \$580; Concord, \$1028; Crumpton, \$350; Denton, \$775; Galena, \$400; Greensboro, \$725; Henderson, \$210; Kent Island, \$1700; Middletown, \$438; Millington, \$200; Odessa, \$1900; Oxford, \$437; Preston, \$300; Ridgely, \$191; Royal Oak, \$106; St. Michaels, \$123; Smyrna, \$533; Still Pond, \$1100; Sudlersville, \$575; Tilghman, \$400; Trappe, \$50; while Galena, besides both church and parsonage improvements, has established and extensively furnished a community play ground that for completeness, variety, solidity and safety of equipment has, perhaps, no superior within the district or conference limits except it be in the city of Wilmington. This innovation was made to function for kingdom purposes by a four-weeks' Vacation Bible School being linked therewith, this latter obtaining an enrollment of 45 scholars and 5 teachers and an average attendance of 40. To the clear vision, tactful planning and skillful hand work of the pastor, the credit of this achievement is due. The expense involved was about \$1000.

Rock Hall has at last provided for its pastor the new home so long needed at that point of the district. A handsome and, in many respects, modernly outfitted parsonage, located just between the site of the old one and the church property, completed and occupied about the first of November, and is one of several evidences of a good year's work by the pastor. The outlay here was \$4300, and this was promptly cared for on Sunday,

December 17th, largely through the presence and tactful services of Bishop John W. Hamilton, a frequent and ever welcome visitor to the churches of this district.

Other parsonages transformed and made more habitable and inviting with a variety of comforts and conveniences are, Clayton at a cost of \$348; Concord, \$175; Fairlee, \$400; Oxford, \$225; Galena, \$150; total cost of church and parsonage improvements is, \$12,000.

Greensboro has but recently purchased and installed a fine new two manual, electrically equipped, Estey organ, at a cost of \$1000.

Old indebtedness on property has been cancelled to the amount of \$4000.

There seems to be very little warrant for complaint, that our people today do not have, in sympathetic mind and heart, a sincere desire for better and more adequate support for their patient and uncomplaining pastors. It has been our deep conviction that, because of but slightly improved financial conditions obtaining over this district, to maintain support standards and take no backward steps the people would be doing a perfectly fair part by those who serve them. But one charge, to the contrary, considered retrenchment and that but for a moment, being quite easily persuaded to vote the same estimate of support. Ten others, however, on their own initiative, advanced ministerial support as follows:—Preston, \$300; Rock Hall, \$250; Centreville, Easton, Fairlee, Greensboro, \$200 each; Concord, Sudlersville, \$100 each; Cheswold and Oxford, \$50 each; total, \$1650. Clayton and Smyrna give notice of further advance in the right direction, the former with \$400 and the latter with \$300, will bring their salaries to \$1600 and \$2500, respectively. Sudlersville, in addition to increasing support \$100 this year, comes petitioning the Bishop and cabinet to make them a station next year, assuming the total amount of ministerial support and benevolences paid by the three churches hitherto constituting that charge.

But one charge has shown the slightest disposition thus far to reduce the item of support with the incoming Conference year, and even here, in spite of the much mooted rural conditions on account of which retreat is deemed to be necessary, with just a little broader vision of kingdom needs and a little more "loosening up" on the part of those who could, if they would, they might quite easily continue the charge in its hitherto grade of appointment.

Our Conference Director of Religious Education advises the writer that, since assuming the active duties of his office, he has officially visited Betterton, Chestertown, Church Hill, Clayton, Concord, Crumpton, Easton, Henderson, Hillsboro, Kenton, Middletown, Millington, Prices, Royal Oak, and St. Michaels, and, in a majority of these visits, has advised with our Sunday School workers with reference to the various objectives of the general Sunday School Board. At Prices, on Church Hill charge, Hillsboro and Clayton, especially gratifying work has been done.

To the best of the writers information most of the charges have con-

tinued to do what they could toward the Centenary's fourth year claims. As to what the sum total may be I am hopeful, however, that the district's showing will be that of having done well, if not some advance over one year ago, not including "I Will Maintain" funds. From Chestertown, Sudlersville and Cecilton we have the assurance of Centenary and apportioned benevolences raised in full. Bayside, Cheswold, Church Hill, Crumpton, Fairlee, Henderson, Hillsboro, Marydel, Middletown, Millington, Oxford, Queenstown, Ridgely, St. Michaels, Trappe, Kent Island and Cecilton report having made advance over last year. Bayside, Henderson, Kent Island, Oxford and Sudlersville each show an increase of more than 100% over last year. Concord, Denton, Tilghman, Townsend and Piney Neck state that they have sustained last year's figures, while Centreville, Easton, Odessa, Pomona, Royal Oak, Salem, Greensboro, Rock Hall and Galena indicated the necessity of having to report something of a decrease.

The Ladie's Aid Societies of the district, 65 in number, report \$10,391. as the total budget of expenditures this year, the greater part of which being devoted to the increased comfort of those occupying our parsonages.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of which there are but 13 auxiliaries within our bounds, report \$1732, as the result of this year's collections and distributions; while the Woman's Home Missionary Society, of which we have but 7 auxiliaries, report having brought unto the Lord's treasury for the needs of the work and workers here at home, the sum of \$1408; making the aggregate sums reported, as collected and disbursed by these three organizations, \$13,531.

From duplicate vouchers received by the Superintendent from the Treasurer at Chicago representing the amounts sent there for Centenary and other connectional purposes, the "I Will Maintain" and the Vienna property offerings sent to the Foreign Board Office at New York, plus the Annual Conference collections, improvements, ministerial support and other minor items, not including either church or Sunday School current expenses, we have calculated the grand total of district receipts and disbursements to be, \$120,000.

Evangelistic work, the first, last and supreme duty of the Christian Church and its ministry, notwithstanding the numerous other obligations that have been pressed in upon us, so largely and continuously absorbing the interest and time of the year, has neither been forgotten nor neglected amid the rush, though it should be said that, where, after the custom of years, the rule still obtains to defer revival effort until after the close of the holiday season, the usual serious handicaps have been experienced from impassible dirt roads, the prevalence of grippe, and the widespread impossibility to secure necessary and sufficient fuel with which to render our places of worship both safe and comfortable for services. Conversions are reported to the number of 480. Queenstown leads the district with 50, Middletown 40, Ridgely 36, Cheswold 32, Millington 27, Cordova 25, Wye Mills 24, Clayton 23, Chestertown 22, Crumpton 21, Trappe 22, and others in numbers less than 20. Accessions to the several churches during

the year total 439, these figures being tabulated from the return blanks received from the pastors.

Exceptionally good health, and that not the least appreciated, has been outstanding among the many other blessings of the year that have come our way. With this we have been enabled to consistently travel the district without the loss of a single duty or engagement either upon the Sabbath or during the week. Many kindnesses have been shown us by the various pastors and laymen in the parsonages, the private homes and elsewhere. Helping hands have not been lacking and the work of the year thereby has been rendered so much the lighter. For all of which we have and do now entertain a heartfelt sense of increased obligation, and, we trust, a becoming measure of sincere gratitude.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

VAUGHAN S. COLLINS, District Superintendent.

It was with not a little chagrin and disappointment that I learned from the statistical reports at the close of the last session of the Conference that our District lacked \$3,009 of reaching the preceding year's standard on centenary and apportioned benevolences. Even though the figures showed that we had gained \$531.00 for Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and \$494.00 for Woman's Home Missionary Society, and \$187.00 for Wilmington City Missions, which brought our net deficiency for the five items of missions to \$1743.00, I was still far from happy to know that Salisbury District had taken a backward step in anything, when from reports sent to me ten days prior to Conference I had a right to expect an increase. Fourteen charges did actually advance as follows:

Annamessex, Ayres' Chapel, Berlin, Bishopville, Cape Charles, Immanuel (Crisfield), Deal's Island, Delmar, Frankford, Gumboro, Holland's Island, Nanticoke, Tangier and Westover;

While eight charges equalled their offerings of the year preceding, viz.:

Chincoteague, Mardela Springs, Phoebus, Pocomoke City, Grace and Stengle, Selbyville, Snow Hill and Venton;

Yet the sag in twenty-eight charges (which shall be nameless) wiped out all the increases of the twenty-two progressive charges and placed the District in the "decrease" list. Here is another striking illustration of the great truth that we are a connectional, not a congregational, Church. These twenty-eight charges not only ranked themselves as having failed, but by their failure pulled down the District to their standing, notwithstanding the brave efforts of twenty-two charges to pull the District upward and forward. How true it is that we all go **up** together or we all go **down** together. However, regrets, no matter how sincere, will not bring up de-

ficiencies; so we immediately started a campaign to make the Easter offerings cover all deficiencies. The cooperation of the brethren was a delight, the response of the churches was fine; and the report to me from the thirty-four Pastors who helped show that \$2,607.50 was received as the result of the Easter campaign. Asbury church, Salisbury, with \$700, Tangier with \$261, Immanuel, Crisfield, with \$186, Snow Hill, with \$165, and Berlin with \$133, led the District in this Easter offering. This Easter offering placed our District \$900 ahead of its best preceding year's record on combined offerings for benevolences.

When Conference adjourned last year I felt like patting myself on the back to think that only one charge on the District was without a Pastor appointed, as against five the year before. It must be a fine job to be Superintendent of a metropolitan District. The records will show that most of our pastors are born and reared down here in the swamps and marshes and on the farms of Salisbury and Dover Districts. But somehow the clang of a trolley car bell and stir of a busy city street is music to their souls. They have the idea that the one thing they lack to enable them to become the big, famous, pulpit orator and Pastor is to be appointed to some church in or near Wilmington. More than once during the past six years have I envied my friend and brother when brethren floundering in the mud or marooned on the Islands of Salisbury District have told me with such intense earnestness of having received a "burning bush" call divine to leave these low grounds of sorrow and toil and to go lead the triumphant hosts on Wilmington District. From my experience of these years I can truly affirm that I believe if the offer were made to this company of Christian ministers today that they could have their choice of going to heaven or to Wilmington, two-thirds of them would say "Wilmington." But our District with its inconveniences, with its inaccessibility, its distance from cities, its lack of school facilities, with its bad roads, and its five Island charges, finds difficulty in securing Pastors to carry on the work. So when a year ago I found every charge had a Pastor except one, and I had two applications on file for that, I was as happy as a District Superintendent can be these days, when the life of a District Superintendent is just one nightmare after another.

But my happiness was short-lived. Had scarcely reached home from Conference when a phone call from Bishop McDowell informed me that he had just transferred Harry Compton from Powellville to somewhere. "There goes one," and I hardly had time to thank God and the Bishop for their gracious intervention when I was informed that another man whom I was expecting to help me out had been transferred to the Baltimore Conference. "There goes another," thought I. It took until June to find even a partial supply for Powellville, in the person of Oliver J. Collins, a student at the Wesley Collegiate Institute. Bro. Collins is a fine young man, and has done the very best he could do under the circumstances; but no man can successfully pursue a college course at the Institute located in Dover, have a home in Laurel, and do the work that needs to be done on a big

four-church circuit like Powellville. He has done well under the circumstances—so well that the people unanimously ask for his return; but Powellville needs a man all the time, and a full grown man at that.

Whitesville has given me many a troublesome hour. First I appointed as Pastor a minister who informed me he desired to transfer from the Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference; but he would not come. Then I appointed a student at Drew, and after promising to come he also failed to do so. Then I offered the place to a Presbyterian minister who seemed anxious to come to us; and after holding it under advisement for some time declined. A telegram from a young Presbyterian minister informed me he had changed his mind; and if I would forward him \$15.00 for railroad fare he would be glad to come to Whitesville. I sent a postal order for \$25.00, and have heard nothing further from him. It was not until late in December I was able to secure for Whitesville a Pastor in the person of Arthur D. Stockely, a Local Preacher from Perryville. Brother Stockely has apparently thrown himself into the work of the ministry with the same abandon that he used in the Argonne Forest drive, and with equally successful results. In these few months he has so endeared himself to the people of Whitesville that the Fourth Quarterly Conference unanimously asks for his return.

Salisbury Circuit has the distinction of having had three Pastors during the year, and loved them all three. Grace Church, Salisbury, the head of the circuit, has evidently been practicing auto-suggestion; for after the unpleasant experiences of the past two years I am happy to testify that

"Every day, in every way
Grace Church is getting better and better."

Rev. Howard R. McDade was appointed Pastor to the charge a year ago, came to the charge and preached on Sunday following the Conference, and the people all fell in love with him and told him so. He returned to Claymont as they supposed for his goods, and they sent up a truck to move him down, but failed to find him. Next day a telegram arrived informing them he would not preach for less than a guaranteed minimum salary of \$3,000; and that is the last we have ever heard directly from him.

Then most fortunately I secured Aaron J. Rehkop, a postgraduate of Drew Seminary. Bro. Rehkop proved to be a jewel; but unwisely attempting a perfectly impossible program (undertaking to preach four times every Sunday and teaching in the three Sunday Schools) his health broke under the strain, and in December he was compelled to resign his work, suffering with the "great white plague." Bro. Rehkop greatly endeared himself to all of us during the few months he was with us, and we fondly hoped he would become one of the valuable members of our Conference. As he retires to his mother's farm for recuperation, let us devoutly pray that God may fully restore him to health, and permit him to return to the work of the ministry.

When Bro. Rehkop dropped the work I soon found Rev. J. P. Wilson, a supernumerary minister of the Northwest Iowa Conference, living at

Aberdeen, Md. He has taken hold of the work in great shape, and has won the loving regard of his people, who have unanimously requested his return for next year. The salary has been advanced to \$1600—an increase of \$600.

In September by episcopal authority Berlin lost Rev. J. J. Bunting, who was assigned to Smyrna, and from that date Berlin has been supplied by Rev. S. N. Pilchard, a retired minister of this Conference. Berlin has certainly showed her loyalty to the Church by the way she has supported every institution and offering for the church. Because of domestic conditions Bro. Pilchard has been compelled to give but little pastoral oversight to the charge (going there Friday or Saturday and leaving Monday or Tuesday), yet Berlin continued her salary at the full price of last year (\$2000), has paid it in full, and will report all benevolences up to last year, which was the banner year of all its history.

Death robbed us of one Pastor in October last, when Bro. George W. Williams, stationed at Mt. Vernon, passed away from the effects of carcinoma of the stomach, leaving a wife and five children under seven years of age. His people of Mt. Vernon charge certainly did what they could for his comfort. Besides helping him to go to the Maryland General Hospital for treatment, when they returned from the hospital with the knowledge that their Pastor was incurably ill they hired him a nurse; the Ladies' Aid Society hired a cook to stay at the parsonage until the end; two friends took the four larger children into their own homes to insure quiet for the sufferer, and daily carried in various delicacies; then when the end came, although Bro. Williams had served but four months of the Conference year, they paid the whole year's salary to the widow, and took her to the station at Princess Anne to go to her people in North Carolina. Mt. Vernon did for her dying and deceased Pastor more than I have ever known any other charge to do. All honor to those loyal people.

I Will Maintain Fund.

In planning for the "I will maintain" campaign we were assigned the worst day in the week, viz.: Saturday, for our luncheon given in honor of Bishops Fisher and McDowell, and urged to have a good attendance. We had a hearty response on part of both ministers and laymen, and 231 sat at the table together. In fact the attendance swamped the facilities of service—only 70 had signified their intention of attending, and our committee ordered plates set for 100. But notwithstanding the tardy service, that severely taxed the patience of everybody, the campaign resulted in an offering to this fund of \$4,880, which was a fine achievement. In this as in the Easter offering, Asbury, Salisbury, led the District with an offering of \$1125.00, followed by Tangier in second place with \$550, Immanuel Crisfield, with \$500, and Selbyville fourth with \$350. We were much pleased with the success of the meeting both as to numbers and results.

Sunday Schools.

For six years I have diligently endeavored to have the Sunday Schools of the District organized according to the Discipline, and to conduct the business part of the work with some degree of business accuracy. Twenty-seven Pastors report 52 of the 109 schools are so organized. Presuming those not reporting are not so organized, then 56 of our Sunday Schools are not properly organized. Evidently these figures are about correct, for more than one-half of all the schools on the District do not make a disciplinary report to the Quarterly Conference and many CANNOT do so, because no accurate records are kept. How ardently do I wish that every Church on the District should keep its records of every department of church activity as accurately as the banks keep account of the cash they handle. Are souls and church work of less value than money and merchandise?

Missionary and Benevolent Outlook.

Knowing that the year 1920-21 was the "record year" for missions and benevolent offerings in the questionnaire sent out for items for this report question eight read as follows: "As you now see it, will your charge raise as much for Missions and Apportioned Benevolences as it did in 1920-21?" Of the thirty-five Pastors answering that question, seven answered "No," four answered "Doubtful," eighteen answered "Yes," and five answered "Yes, and more"; so I am hoping for good reports when the tabulations are completed.

Old Debts.

We cannot make much of a showing on this item for the very good reason that we try to pay as we go, so debts do not accumulate on Salisbury District. The report shows a total paid on old debts on churches of \$6847 of which \$3,323 was paid by Delmar church, Rev. J. W. Jones, Pastor; and \$3297 paid on parsonage debts, of which \$3,000 was paid by Bethany Church, Cape Charles, Rev. E. H. Dashiell, Pastor. It is really a remarkable showing that with all the large building operations that have gone forward on the District in the last six years, amounting to a total of \$362,712, there remains an indebtedness of but \$41,923, which is \$6,079 less than the indebtedness as reported in 1917. This certainly shows well for the business acumen of our ministers, as generally the laymen leave the question of financial planning largely to the ministers.

The Methodist Headquarters Building.

I have been anxious that Salisbury District should be the first in Methodism to line up every church on the District to aid in this movement to build, equip and dedicate the Methodist Headquarters Building in Washington, D. C. absolutely free of debt, and for two reasons, viz.: First, such a building as planned is really needed for the sake of our great Church and

for the interests of the KINGDOM, and secondly, because Dr. Clarence True Wilson, the executive head of our Church Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals is not only a Peninsula boy, but virtually a son of Salisbury District. His father, the Rev. Dr. J. A. B. Wilson, for four years Superintendent of Salisbury District, by the vigor of his administration and his energy, and devotion to his great task really first brought the attention of the Church at large to the District, and was in many respects the most efficient Superintendent the District has ever had. So for the sake of Dr. Wilson, and the sake of his illustrious father, and the sake of our glorious Church I am anxious that every one of the 109 churches on the District shall observe "Temperance Day" and take a free will offering for the Headquarters Building. To insure results I am personally presenting the matter to every Quarterly Conference on the District. About three-fourths have already been seen, and every one, with but one exception have unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed the movement and set a Sunday for the purpose. Immanuel, Crisfield, leads the District, and so far as I know the Church at large, with a free will offering of \$750, and Deal's Island second with \$100. Before the June roses bloom I want to have in Dr. Wilson's hands the financial testimony from every one of our 109 churches that we are with him, heart, soul and pocketbook, in his great fight against bootleggers, moving pictures filth, and wet politicians posing as prohibition enforcement officers. I believe there is no man in the United States today, not even excepting the peerless William Jennings Bryan, who is doing more for the moral uplift of the nation than our own Peninsula boy, Clarence True Wilson. GOD grant him many years to lead us in the fight and let us stand by him to a man.

Improvements to Property.

Twenty-six church during the year have been engaged in building operations of various kinds, including repairs, renovations, and new buildings, on which there have been raised and paid, \$73,945, while twenty-seven parsonages have been built, renovated, or repaired, on which \$13,651 have been raised and paid. The physical condition of the church property on the District has greatly changed for the better during the past six years.

Revivals.

As I see it, it is greatly to be regretted that so large a portion of the Pastor's time is taken up with matters of secondary importance. So much of time, and strength and nerve-force are used up in the unending series of drive after drive launched upon us for Kingdom interests of various sorts that too little time, too little thought and too little heart are left for what should be the supreme work of every Pastor, viz.: the work of soul winning.

I do not mean that brethren are neglecting revivals nor ceased seeking to have conversions. Reports indicate that the brethren have put in 178½ weeks in revival effort (equivalent to two and two-fifths years of

nightly revival services); and yet there is a total report of but 881 conversions and 701 accessions as a result. Why such meagre results for all this effort and expense? I wonder if the new note that has been sounding in our ears for four years, "Money, Money, and still more money," has not had something to do with it? I wonder if the people about us are beginning to think that getting money is the principal business of the churches? From all sides about us for four years we have heard the insistent "Give, give, GIVE" in tones that sometimes sounded very much like a command; and the voices about us sounded so loudly in our ears that we have had difficulty in hearing the "still, small voice" with its "Receive, receive, RECEIVE ye the Holy Spirit." I wonder if too many of us have not yielded to the persistent pressure from the *side* instead of yielding ourselves to the pleadings from *above*? Brethren, I believe with all my heart the Church of God will lose out if it places the emphasis on money getting. On the other hand, I am fully convinced that the way to have church treasuries overflowing with money is to make the spiritual side of church life the dominant note. Churches like Asbury and Immanuel (Crisfield), Asbury, Salisbury, Tangier, Chincoteague, Phoebus and Cape Charles, where revival fires are burning and the hearts of the people are melted all the year round can do anything they please financially.

Could I but be relieved of the time, energy and money spent in planning for lunches, and conventions, and "group" meetings to stir up the people to give to causes they do not understand, and therefore give grudgingly, and lack sympathy because they do not know, I would like to plan a soul-saving campaign that would stir Salisbury District from Ocean View to Claremont. I would like for Bishop McDowell to come spend a week on our District. (We have thousands of Methodists on Salisbury District who have never yet seen a Methodist Bishop.) I would like to get our fifty Pastors together in small groups and spend a day or two together in honestly examining our own hearts, and the needs of the work immediately about us; and then pray together until the anointing power of God came down upon us and sent us out to win Salisbury District for God. Then have every brother cooperate with every other brother in his group; or cross "group" lines if need be to save men. I believe such a campaign would not only win thousands to God and the Church where this year we can count but hundreds, but I believe we would have more cash contributed for Kingdom purposes because God had "strangely warmed" the hearts of His people. I still believe "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you" applies to churches as well as to individuals. God help us to place the emphasis where Jesus did.

Tithers.

Christian Stewardship is being faithfully and systematically taught by many of our Pastors, and practiced by some of them; but in the eyes of some of our laymen a faithful sermon on tithing is a good and sufficient

reason for desiring a change of Pastors. It would be amusing if it did not involve the tragedy of a lost soul to hear some stingy man berate the "higher critics" for not believing all the Bible, and almost in the next breath deny the truth of Malachi III, 10. Love of money has so blinded his eyes that he does not see he is taking the very stand of the so-called "higher critics," viz.: believing what he pleases of the Bible and rejecting what he does not like. However, the faithful preaching of the Lord's tenth is bearing fruit all over the District, so that today we have reported 630 enrolled tithers. This is twice the number of two years ago.

District Parsonage.

The District Parsonage as finally renovated and furnished is a constant joy to the District Superintendent and his family. During this year the long-planned-for renovation and furnishing was completed, inside and outside at a total cost for renovation of \$1836.33. Total furnishings cost \$991.37. As only the purchase price of the property (\$8,000) and interest was apportioned to the charges, it was deemed wise to allow the District Superintendent to pay a rental of \$40 per month until the bills for furnishing and renovating were paid; and as this was the Superintendent's own suggestion, of course the District Stewards readily accepted it as the easiest way out. The Committee appointed by the Trustees to attend to the renovation and refurnishing consisted of F. G. Elliott, Delmar, President of the Board of Trustees; Jay Williams, Esq., Treasurer; Charles W. Corddry, Snow Hill; J. V. McGrath, Fruitland; and W. D. Gravenor, Sharptown. The committee worked together most harmoniously and efficiently, and to the great delight of every Methodist who has visited the parsonage since the completion of their labors.

Housewarming.

After being so royally served by the building committee the District Superintendent and his wife thought it only fair that the good people of the District whose liberality had provided such a fine home for them should see the property their money had purchased. So Thursday, December 7th, 1922 was set apart as "housewarming day." All Pastors on the District who lived beyond the city limits of Salisbury were invited to come, as well as the District Stewards from every charge, and to bring their wives with them, from 2-4 o'clock in the afternoon; and all the Pastors, officials of the three Methodist Episcopal Churches of Salisbury, together with the members of the Ladies' Aid Societies, the Missionary Societies, the Epworth League Cabinets, and the Sunday School Boards, were invited to come from 8-10.30 P. M. Jupiter Pluvius tried hard to extinguish the enthusiasm of the occasion by sending such a downpour of rain as is seldom seen; but more than sixty persons, from all over the District, even from Claremont, 184 miles away, were present in the afternoon, and more than 125 in the evening. Many were the commendations expressed for those who had wrought such a transformation in the property, one humble

brother giving it as his opinion that "It was a good enough home for a Bishop, let alone just a mere Superintendent."

Financial Standing of Charges on District Parsonage.

Appointment	Apportioned	Paid	Due with interest to June 1, 1922
Annamessex	\$106.00	\$126.96	\$ 00.00
Ayres' Chapel	98.00	106.55	00.00
Berlin	258.00	258.00	00.00
Bishopville	156.00	156.00	00.00
Cape Charles	158.00	171.81	00.00
Chincoteague	138.00	154.56	00.00
Claremont	66.00	76.13	00.00
Crisfield:			
Asbury	400.00	438.00	00.00
Immanuel	382.00	415.51	00.00
Dagsboro and St. Georges	240.00	281.31	00.00
Deal's Island	231.00	57.75	204.43
Delmar	246.00	267.48	00.00
Fairmount	228.00	81.35	201.37
Frankford	184.00	24.00	203.93
Fruitland	168.00	187.89	00.00
Girdletree	138.00	00.00	171.12
Gumboro	138.00	120.68	44.69
Hebron	123.00	24.80	127.72
Holland's Island	00.00	00.00	00.00
Mardela Springs	91.00	95.09	00.00
Marion	112.00	126.44	00.00
Mt. Vernon	178.00	44.50	157.53
Nanticoke	140.00	152.13	00.00
Newark	114.00	125.86	00.00
Ocean City	00.00	00.00	00.00
Ocean View and Millville	176.00	79.00	117.51
Onancock	164.00	178.82	00.00
Parsonsborg	182.00	182.00	00.00
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	101.58	00.00
Powellville	126.00	103.12	34.26
Princess Anne	244.00	279.58	00.00
Quantico	162.00	176.58	00.00
Roxana	150.00	75.00	88.50
St. Peters	189.00	103.00	105.84

Salisbury:			
Asbury	646.00	573.57	140.26
Grace and Stengle	132.00	146.94	00.00
Selbyville	264.00	233.11	53.73
Sharptown	174.00	182.53	00.00
Smith's Island	208.00	235.08	00.00
Snow Hill	344.00	359.48	00.00
Somerset	194.00	215.27	00.00
Stockton	214.00	233.26	00.00
Tangier	325.00	353.20	00.00
Westover	90.00	53.27	47.76
White Haven	120.00	79.90	52.70
Whitesville	204.00	113.00	112.18
Total		\$7962.74	\$1972.55

Individual Mention.

In starting the list of those whose work has been outstanding let me say a word about those faithful men, the Local Preacher Supply. Here is a class of ministers that I fear are not half appreciated even by the people they serve. For various reasons, sometimes because of age at which they start out, sometimes because of lack of educational advantages, they can never hope to enter the ranks of the itinerant ministry; yet they go uncomplainingly to the hardest fields in the Conference—the left-over places where no member of the Conference wants to go; and in these difficult, inaccessible, underpaid places these faithful men win souls for Jesus, build churches, and raise literally thousands of dollars for Conference Claimants in which they will never share, and for the missionary program of the Church. All they ask is for a place to labor for the Master, and they make the waste places glad, the wilderness to blossom. On Salisbury District we have a galaxy of such men, whose resplendent lives shine amid the darkness of their surroundings. There is Thomas S. Dixon, a boy sent from Holland's Island ten years ago to serve Ayres' Chapel; and he has held that one charge ever since,—ten years last September, and is therefore the Dean of the District. They paid him less than \$200 the first year, but have increased it year by year until now they are paying him \$1000. And they love him still.

There is John T. Graham, a Deal's Island boy, graduated from the deck of an oyster boat, and makes a most successful and loyal Pastor. During his three years at Roxana he has accomplished what no Pastor has been able to accomplish in many years, viz.: beautified the village church at a cost of \$5600, increased both congregations and Sunday School attendance, and continues to have the confidence of his people.

There is James L. Derrickson, who was sent to Smith's Island four years ago when I could find no member of the Conference willing to go

twelve miles out in the Tangier Sound; and during these four years has built a beautiful little church, much of it with his own hands, has it mostly paid for; \$465.00 paid this year; has improved the parsonage, and received ten into church fellowship.

At Girdletree D. B. Prettyman has labored for three years most acceptably, and unanimously invited to return next year. He reports 33 conversions and 26 accessions.

R. H. Wilson has done such faithful work at Annessex for three years that in addition to the \$200 advance in salary they have already made, the officials have unanimously invited him to return at an advance of \$300 for next year.

All honor to such men. I hope the time will soon come when provision for their retirement will be made similar to our Conference Claimants fund. In all justice it ought to be done.

When it comes to the members of the Conference who have "let their light shine" this year I name first of all Harry W. Gallion, the young Pastor of Bishopville charge. Bishopville with its four churches is a man's job; but Bro. Gallion is equal to the task. He reports 6 tithers, 53 conversions and 53 received on probation; and total benevolences in advance of last year, and \$454 spent on improvements and all paid. No wonder he is unanimously invited to return.

Cape Charles, E. H. Dashiell, Pastor, continues to move forward under his masterful leadership. Conversions number 50, accessions 36, tithers 53; \$215 spent on church improvements; \$3,000 paid on parsonage debt; \$120 contributed to Near East Relief; and Centenary ahead of the banner year, and \$125 paid on "I will Maintain." Congregations and Sunday School exceed any ever known. No wonder they advanced the Pastor's salary this year to \$2,750, and unanimously invite him to be returned next year with the salary advanced to \$3,000. The Pastor's methods are not sensational but soundly constructive.

Taking into consideration the size of the field there is no work on the District that shows better results than Claremont, under the leadership of E. W. Henvis, Pastor. In that small charge he has enrolled 30 tithers. That is why that devoted little band were able to pay an average of \$15.10 for every man, woman and child on their list of church members last year for pastoral support, and not reduce the salary this year. Eight conversions and seven accessions is good work, and putting a bath room in the parsonage at a cost of \$192.00 shows they want the Pastor to have comfort and conveniences in his home. The brave young Pastor has taken the right stand concerning forbidden amusements, and is winning his way with all classes. He is unanimously invited to return.

Delmar is gradually responding to the faithful leadership of J. W. Jones. His modesty is attractive, and his persistent, faithful, house-to-house work is telling on the entire community. With \$50 as Easter Offering and \$250 for "I will Maintain," and regular benevolences in advance of last year; with \$3,323 paid on church debt; and with eleven received

on probation, and one into full membership at the recent Easter Service, the Pastor closes the year in fine shape, with an official board unanimously asking for his return.

Rev. G. S. Thomas at Deal's Island is closing his second year most successfully. Five weeks were spent in revivals, resulting in 17 conversions and 12 accessions; \$200 spent on church improvements and \$50 on the parsonage, all paid; \$600 paid on old church debts and \$100 on old parsonage debts; \$35.00 for Easter Offering and \$150 for "I will maintain"; \$100 for Methodist Headquarters Building, and the regular benevolences in advance of anything ever done on the Island. Bro. Thomas is a winner of men.

New life has blossomed forth at Hebron since Rev. W. L. Hess was appointed Pastor a year ago. In one year to introduce and adopt the disciplinary financial plan; to reorganize and get into active operation both a senior and junior League; to pay \$500 on church debt, reducing it to \$500; to raise a partial payment for District Parsonage when it has been allowed to lie untouched for four years; to hold a three weeks' revival service; to make 240 pastoral visits; and to act as secretary of the Salisbury District Conference: these are some of the activities that have occupied a part of the time of this busy minister. He deserves the success he is winning.

Nanticoke greatly enjoys the ministrations of Rev. B. P. Moore, and Bro. Moore is in love with Nanticoke. It was a case of "love at first sight," but it has lasted a year, and so must be the real article. From being discouraged and heartsick, under the winsome tact and genuine sincerity of the Pastor the charge has taken on new life. Even Tyaskin that had felt it was a hopeless struggle has warmed to his touch, and seven weeks of revival services brought 22 accessions to the Churches. It is expected that before this report is read the \$430 debt on Nanticoke Church will have been paid, and the last \$100 due from Tyaskin on parsonage will also have been settled. Their centenary offering will more than double anything the charge has ever contributed before. I congratulate Bro. Moore and his progressive people on the outcome of the year's work.

Rev. W. F. Godwin has had a delightful year at Newark, and Newark has been proud all the year of their Pastor. Beside being a good preacher the Pastor is a skillful mechanic; and seeing the church at Ironshire needed repairs and improvements he said "Come on, boys," and set about the task. So he built a belfry, installed a bell, painted the church inside and out; changed the pews; and all this was done, (because the Pastor helped so largely), for \$500; all of which was provided for on the day of reopening, and has since been paid. Also paid on the Bowen chapel debt \$482. Then God honored his faith by granting him 42 conversions during his ten weeks of revivals, and he had the pleasure of receiving 34 into his churches on probation. He also has introduced religious instruction into the day schools, one day a week after school hours; and is planning a daily vacation school next summer. Offerings equal to last year, with \$50 "I will maintain" extra. Newark would be greatly afflicted if Bro. Godwin should be taken from them.

Ocean View and Millville under G. W. Hastings, makes an advance in benevolent offerings this year, and reports 9 converts. The debt that has been on Millville Church ever since the Church was built was cancelled during the autumn, and I had the great pleasure of burning the mortgage while holding their third Quarterly Conference. The Pastor was unanimously invited to return.

Onancock, T. C. Smoot, Pastor, has one of the most loyal as well as one of the most intelligent Churches on the District in Cokesbury Church, in the town of Onancock. Small in numbers, they are great in devotion and loyalty. Under the circumstances the Pastor finds it difficult to hold the charge to the high standards of the past; but I trust a new day may dawn for the charge, and a great awakening come to both Churches of the charge that shall sweep the community.

Pittsville still loves and is devoted to the Pastor, C. W. Strickland, who for three years has led them so successfully. Beside an Easter offering of \$45 this Pastor found \$50 for "I will maintain," \$100 for church improvements, and \$150 for parsonage improvements; and reports \$50 more for apportioned benevolences than last year. Besides holding 8 weeks of revival on his own charge during which 34 were converted and 28 received on probation, as Whitesville was without a Pastor he and Bro. James L. Derrickson of Smith's Island undertook to conduct a revival at Line Church. Bro. Derrickson conducted the meeting at Line for two weeks, which resulted in 20 conversions; and then Bro. Strickland took charge for two weeks with 33 additional converts. His Quarterly Conference unanimously asked for his return.

W. R. Woodell has put in a hard year's work on Pocomoke Circuit, and while he has not succeeded as he hoped, he has done well with the material at his disposal. Easter offering \$15.00, Cokesbury church improved to the amount of \$800 and parsonage \$90, and all paid; held eight weeks revival services resulting in 12 conversions and 7 accessions. Bro. Woodell is a cheerful optimist.

Princess Anne, W. F. Dawson, Pastor, has enjoyed a year of signal prosperity. The Sunday School attendance has exceeded the highest record in the history of the school; the Epworth League is a live factor for good; a slight fire at the parsonage resulted in \$425.00 spent in improvements, all of which has been paid. Benevolent offerings will equal 1920-21, and \$25.00 donated for Methodist Headquarters Building. Best of all, 120 conversions were the result of a four weeks' intensive revival, and 80 accessions resulted therefrom. Bro. Dawson has been active in assisting the State and Federal officers to enforce the prohibition laws, and has greatly endeared himself to the forces that make for righteousness in the community. The success of Bro. Dawson's administration at Princess Anne has been marked, but the possibilities of Princess Anne are scarcely touched. If only a Pastor can be found who can persuade the laymen of Princess Anne to go out and do personal work for the Master and use modern methods of finance, there is no telling where Princess Anne could go.

Quantico still clings to J. M. S. Van Blunk with increasing affection. Raised \$57 as Easter offering, \$50 for "I will maintain," 14 accessions from six weeks of revival effort. \$100 paid for parsonage improvement and \$10 on Methodist Headquarters. Bro. Van Blunk unanimously invited to return.

Two adjoining charges this year took similar action, viz.: formally decided by official vote to reduce the Pastor's salary. Somerset charge, Rev. J. W. Prettyman, Pastor, decided to cut the salary \$400, reducing to \$1000. St. Peter's charge, adjoining, decided by formal Quarterly Conference action to reduce \$200 to \$1300. I was greatly grieved, knowing the ability of the people and the needs of the Pastors involved. But some young men at both charges said they were not willing to see their churches reduced in rank, and promised to raise the money for the Pastor's salary on the former basis. And they did so at Dames' Quarter, paying in full on the \$1400 basis. Then St. Peter's on Easter Sunday not only decided to hold her salary to \$1500 but advanced it to \$1600 for the current year; and paid it every dollar. Thank God for young men who love their Church even when not members of it. Rock Creek church reports \$600 spent on church improvements of which \$500 has been paid, and \$550 spent on purchase of a Community Hall on which \$400 has been paid.

St. Peter's charge, G. S. Allen, Pastor, has had a good year. Four weeks of revival resulted in 12 accessions; \$231 paid on church and \$140 on parsonage improvements; with benevolent offerings equaling last year. The Pastor unanimously invited to return.

Selbyville is blessed with a Pastor possessed of a sweet disposition and even temper; but it is reported that when he is visited by the Ku Klux he says things. However, this did not prevent his loyal people from gladdening the heart of their Pastor by making an offering on Easter of \$125, giving to the "I will maintain" \$350, and beautifying their church to the extent of \$2500 and paying every dollar. Both Bro. Beauchamp and Selbyville are happy with each other.

Sharptown continues to be hard hit by the exodus caused by the closing of the shipyard. However, that marvel of industry and sagacity, H. S. Dulany, the Pastor, smiles his way through, and reports an advance of \$200 in all benevolent offerings; and his heart was made glad by a gracious revival that brought saving grace to 60, 48 of whom he received into the church. His people are devoted to him.

Stockton, A. F. Zimmerman, Pastor, has been doing something the entire year. They started right by giving the Pastor an advance of \$100 in salary, and in addition paid \$150 on the purchase of his new car. Then Remson church decided that their beautiful little building needed improved lighting, and installed electric fixtures that cost \$225. Then a new Heatrola was installed in Wesley Church at a cost of \$135. The little Klej Grange church needed renovation, and that cost \$654. All of which was provided for and most of it paid; and in addition the Pastor reports benevolences will be slightly in advance of last year. Well done, for Bro. Zimmerman and his people.

When Bro. L. E. Poole left Snow Hill Whatcoat Church wondered what would become of them with the faithful shepherd gone; but an equally faithful shepherd came in the person of E. W. Jones, and soon everybody was in love with Bro. Jones, and even more so with his wife. She seems to have been born especially to grace a Methodist parsonage. The offerings started with Easter, \$165; then "I will maintain," \$250; benevolent offerings will equal last year, while \$9,100 have been paid on the new parsonage. Last year the great parsonage event of the District was at Cape Charles, this year it is at Snow Hill. It is in many respects the most pretentious parsonage on the District. Thoroughly modern, built of Brandywine granite from footing to second floor, then stucco, with sand finish, with hot water heat, and best of electric lighting, with all modern equipment and thoroughly furnished it is about all the most exacting Pastor could demand in the way of a home. It will cost \$16,000 exclusive of furnishings. \$9,100. have already been paid on it, and \$3,900 are in pledges not yet paid, leaving \$3,000 to be provided for. It is a great achievement, and is a credit to both Bro. L. E. Poole, who secured a large part of the subscriptions, and to Bro. E. W. Jones the present Pastor, who has so successfully managed the building operations. Snow Hill unanimously invited Bro. Jones to return at a salary of \$2,250—an advance of \$250.

At Asbury, Salisbury, Dr. J. T. Herson is closing his seventh year of service most brilliantly and successfully. During his pastorate the charge has advanced from a \$1500 appointment to a \$4,000 one and everything else in about like proportion. He reports 60 tithers enrolled, an Easter offering of \$700, for "I will maintain" \$1125, for church and parsonage improvements \$1500, and that the full apportionment will be raised for centenary and apportioned benevolences. Dr. Herson's place at Asbury will be difficult to fill, for he is versatile in his methods and works to the measure of his strength. His great, good work in Salisbury will bear fruit for many a day to come.

Phoebus continues to advance under the brilliant leadership of Bro. Paul P. Truitt. With 36 tithers enrolled; with an advance of \$400 in Pastoral Support, and the Centenary and all benevolences \$200 in advance of the required quota; with congregations that tax to the limit the capacity of the church; with Sunday School so large that in addition to filling every room in the church, both parsonage and High School are required to accommodate the classes; with accessions at almost every service,—surely Phoebus is going on to perfection.

Tangier, the Emerald Queen of the Tangier Sound, is entering upon a new era of prosperity. A wise Providence appointed E. C. Hallman, Pastor, and he fits "like a glove." In one year he has introduced the "financial man," and better still, is working it; raised \$261 for Easter offering, and stood second on the District; raised \$550 for the "I will maintain fund" and again was second on the District; they advanced the Pastor's salary \$200 to \$2000 and paid it; spent \$1250 on church improvements and paid \$1120; advanced the benevolent offerings beyond anything every known

on the Island; and has already more than \$3,000 pledged to build a new parsonage this year. Better still, he has enrolled 76 tithers, and 76 professed conversions in the meetings held. Two students in school, one studying for ministry, one for mission field. Tangier smiles when one asks "How are you getting along?"

Immanuel, Crisfield, Rev. John L. Johnson, Pastor, continues to go forward with the "swing of conquest." They now have a total of 1516 members, of whom 146 are enrolled tithers. This year they have been blessed with 27 reclaimed souls, with 52 received on probation and 18 by letter. Gave \$186 as Easter offering, \$500 to "I will maintain," and paid \$500 on church improvements and \$300 on parsonage. Gave \$750 for Methodist Headquarters Building, and full apportionment and more will be paid for centenary and apportioned benevolences, at least \$3,000.

This truly great church is carrying a great program. Their Community House is doing a world of good. Besides bringing to the coffers of the church \$1850 which otherwise they would not have had, during the six winter months commencing with October, 7,927 boys, girls and youth, by actual count, accepted the opportunities offered by the Community House, and this was not counting the regular evening functions such as paid lectures and musical programs. Think what that means to a town, to keep an average of 1321 boys and girls a month off the streets during afternoons and evenings, and having them enjoy social and educational advantages which youth never enjoyed until now. And the big-hearted Pastor is planning even bigger things for the Community House for the coming season.

Last year I used about all the adjectives in my vocabulary in my attempt to describe the magnitude and importance of the work undertaken by Asbury Church, Crisfield. This year I am compelled to call upon my friend and brother Watt to loan me a few from his rich store of superlatives. The passing months only confirm earlier impressions both of the magnitude of the task, and the wisdom and ability displayed in the execution of the plans. When laymen come to me and say "We want a young man," I silence them by saying "Look at Dr. Corkran at Asbury, Crisfield, doing the biggest work of any man in the Conference, and with a grip on all his people, young and old, second to no man among us. Do not tell me you need a **young** man; for what you need is a **MAN**. Years have little to do with it." The new Church is nearing completion, memorial windows are now being put in. The cost of the windows, \$5,500 is all provided for, to be paid when windows are finished. To date the enterprise has cost approximately \$105,000 with a total indebtedness to date of \$10,000, with \$15,000 in reliable subscriptions as an offset. \$40,000 has been raised in cash this year. The Sunday School has raised and paid \$4,700 in its monthly offerings. It will cost \$150,000 to complete the program, and it is practically provided for as follows:

The Willing Workers, (a band of women) are working to install a \$10,000 pipe organ, and have \$8,200 of the amount in bank.

Ladies Aid Society, donates the pulpit furniture.

Choir furnishes the choir room and choir gallery and donates the hymnals.

Epworth and Junior Leagues donate the altar rail, furnish parlor and donate piano, and have about \$500 on hand for the work.

Sunshine Society donates the lighting fixtures.

Sunday School furnishes all the portions of the church devoted to Sunday School purposes.

Boy Scouts equip the gymnasium.

Cooking Club equips the kitchen and dining room.

Capt. Augustus Sterling donates the beacon light,—which will be a feature of interest.

Mrs. Ruth Moore donates the Communion set.

American Mechanics donate the pulpit Bible and hymnal.

Official Board furnishes Official Board room.

Pastor and wife furnish the Pastor's room.

The Church as such will furnish pews, bells, and decorate the grounds.

This big program of this big Pastor has been adopted by the Official Board and every other society without a dissenting voice. What a tribute this to the confidence Asbury has in their Pastor!

But with all this building project on hand the Pastor has ever kept the emphasis on the spiritual side of the work. Asbury enjoys class meetings where twice a week from 150 to 300 meet to testify to the goodness of God and His saving grace. Epworth League has grown from a weekly attendance of 175 to an attendance of 310 members and 200 non-members at its last meeting. Eighty-eight converts have been won this year, and eighty-eight received on probation. Is it any wonder Asbury's Quarterly Conference to a man voted to request his return as Pastor?

Chincoteague.

Chincoteague, I would speak the name caressingly were it possible, I love it so. Asbury, Crisfield, is doubtless the **biggest** thing ever attempted by a Pastor and his Official Board since Grace Church, Wilmington, was built; but what Chincoteague has accomplished during the pastorate of Bro. L. B. Morgan is just as truly **wonderful**, if not so **big** an enterprise. Nine years ago this young Pastor was sent to the Island where they both raised and broke ponies. (Chincoteague ponies were famous a few years ago.) But they did not always stop with breaking colts with four legs, for sometimes a young colt of a preacher was also broken by being sent to Chincoteague. But Morgan was not the sort that was easily broken. He saw there was good pasture and some good people who needed leadership. He saw the little frame church, decrepit in its old age, yet the best that could be afforded at the time. Then there came to him "the vision splendid." "Why not stay right here and help these good people to higher and better things? Why not help them to see the need of better roads, better schools, better Church?" And he set about the task, building each year

his own busy, true life into the lives of his people. And my, how they responded to his touch! Chincoteague is a new place since Morgan came. Why they are beginning to count time on Chincoteague by Morgan's advent. You will hear them say of a thing that happened in the darkness of other days "O that was three, (or five) years before Morgan came," with a tone which means things are so different since he came. After six years of earnest preliminary work and planning, about three years ago Bro. Morgan saw the time was ripe to launch a program he had had in mind for years, viz.: "The new brick High School is assured; a new highway connecting the Island with the mainland is surely coming; now let us build a new Church, worthy of our great denomination and of our God. And let us complete it before the spring of 1923, and invite the Wilmington Conference to hold its 1923 session with us in our new Church."

It was decided to follow this program, and Chincoteague has carried out its part of the bargain to the letter. It has completed the road, and a fine road it is. On Monday last I rode from Chincoteague Island to Lecato railroad station in just thirty minutes of comfortable riding. They have completed their new Church, and it is a beauty. I was present with them Sunday last, Easter Sunday, together with Bishop John W. Hamilton. How they ever got so much (a beautiful stone church, with ample audience room and a half dozen rooms for the Sunday School) for a fraction less than \$40,000 speaks well for the business ability of the Pastor. During the day provision was made for caring for the last \$10,000 of the cost of building and furnishing. We had a great day. The church will be dedicated by Bishop McDowell May 27th next.

Not only did they build their church, and arrange for its payment prior to the time of the Conference but they had made their canvass for homes for our entertainment; and I am glad to report that they secured fifty more homes than were needed to entertain the entire Conference. Every home was open to us without money and without price. We would have been entertained in a whole hearted way that would have been unique in our history. All plans had been made for our comfort. Automobiles would have met at Lecato all who wanted to go by land; and boats would have met at Franklin City all who preferred that route; and it would not have cost the ministers a cent for automobile nor boat fare, as arrangements had all been made for committees to welcome us at the railroad stations in Lecato and Franklin City, and Chincoteague considered us their guests from the moment the committee met us. I am very sorry we did not go to Chincoteague, and the good people of the Island are greatly disappointed that we are not with them. Why are we not there? That is another story. But they are loyal. They not only gave more than their full quota to Centenary but also \$250 on "I will maintain."

Chincoteague from this day takes rank as one of our first class appointments.

Six Years on the District.

As six years have passed since Bishop McDowell first assigned me to Salisbury District I think it may be well to note some items in which the District has gone forward.

	1917	1923	Gain	Per cent.
Sunday School enrollment	18,812	19,152	340	
Church Members	13,147	16,430	3,283	25 %
Total Benevolent Offerings	\$ 22,751	\$ 55,344	\$ 32,593	143+ %
		Estimate		
Four items Pastoral Support	58,199	105,032	46,833	80 %
Church Property	646,160	1,077,300	431,240	66+ %
Raised in cash during six years for Church and Parsonage improvements			362,712	
			Decrease	
Debts on property	48,002	41,923	6,079	
District Parsonage purchased at cost of				\$8,000.00
Renovated and furnished at cost of				2,827.70
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Total				\$10,827.70
Paid by charges				7,962.00
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Balance due				\$2,865.70

Two very important lessons I have learned during the six years:

1. I have become an ardent convert to the system of episcopal appointment and authority **just as it is**. Many of you may remember that on the floor of this Conference I have advocated a change in our Discipline so as to abridge the authority of the Bishops in the matter of appointments, especially in the appointment of District Superintendents. I acknowledge I was in error, and while honest in my purpose I was ignorant of many facts as to how appointments are really made. I have seen more times than one when we were so hedged about in the cabinet that the appointment as finally made was not what any of us had originally planned; and yet the appointment proved to be a better one than any of us would have made could we have had our own way in the matter. Give us holy, unselfish men in the office of Bishop and District Superintendent, and there is no need to fear the oppressions of the "Great Iron Wheel."

2. Another truth I have learned, viz.: the very best way to have a good appointment is to make your appointment a good one. Stay by it and toil over it. Does not the Good Book say "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him?" That is still true. Take illustrations right from our District. L. B. Morgan goes to a place with a church worth

\$3,000, and a salary of \$900. He stays nine years, builds a beautiful church worth \$40,000, and his people pay him \$2,000 cash a year. J. T. Herson is sent to a \$1500 church with 582 members. In seven years has a church of 922 members, paying him a cash salary of \$4000. W. F. Corkran is sent to a \$1500 appointment; and in five years the salary advances to \$3,000 and his people rise up and build a glorious temple for the God he has taught them to love. John L. Johnson is sent to a \$1500 appointment with 561 members; and in five short years has transformed it into a hive of spiritual industry with 1516 members, who pay him \$4,000 a year for his enthusiastic leadership. And so it goes all over the District. So I am thoroughly convinced that the best way to have a good appointment is not to depend upon the District Superintendent and Bishop to send one to a good place, but to follow the examples of other successful brethren who make their appointments **where they are** good appointments.

What of my own work? Let others tell the story. They know whether I have helped or hindered. I have received so many tokens of appreciation during these recent months that I cannot trust myself to talk about it, it would seem too much like boasting. But I have been happy in the work. Abounding health is still mine, and friends are true, and the grace of God is still sufficient for all my needs. I rejoice daily in His presence. His word is still "a lamp to my feet," and His Son is still my Savior. Thank God, I have no doubts about the Divinity of my Lord. Forty years ago at Cambridge I was received on trial by this Conference,—forty wonderful years to me. I am ready to go on His errands and preach His word forty years more, if He wants me.

Addenda.

My work as District Superintendent is done.

To the Pastors and Laymen of Salisbury District whose faithful toil and cordial cooperation have made possible the glorious achievements of these wonderful years I return sincerest thanks. The passing years can never dim the pleasant memories of the hours spent in your homes in blessed fellowship.

For my successor, Rev. E. H. Dashiell, I beg of you equal devotion and loving cooperation. He is a man with whom it will be a joy to serve. Under his leadership, with our aid, our God will lift Salisbury District to a yet higher plane. I shall continue to pray "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, here on Salisbury District, as it is in heaven." O Lord, hasten the day!

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

ROBERT WATT, District Superintendent.

The record of the vanished year merits more than a passing notice but the rights of others admonish us to be brief.

Brother George White Dawson has passed through deep experiences of sorrow during the year. Within a few days both mother and wife slipped through the veil. Pathetic beyond description was the grief of this stricken brother and his motherless children, but the all-sufficient grace was not wanting in the presence of the sudden blow. The memoir of our sister crowned will be presented by the writer.

We have with us today a brother beloved, who, a year ago, lingered in "the valley of the shadow," God was good to us in giving back to the Wilmington Conference Brother R. K. Stephenson. Brother Warren Burr sends his love to Bishop McDowell and his Conference associates and expresses the conviction that his active ministry is at an end.

It is needless to enlarge upon the manifold difficulties of the year. A menacing railroad strike and a long continued industrial depression drew heavily on the resources of our people, but no interest of the Church was permitted to suffer and our giving is far beyond last year.

PASTORAL CHANGES:—Last September Dr. J. W. R. Sumwalt was released, at his own request, from the pastorate of Grace Church to accept the position of Associate Director of Religious Work in the West Side Y. M. C. A. in New York, the largest organization of its kind in the world. His pastorate at Grace Church was signalized by a large increase in its membership and a correspondingly large increase in its benevolent offerings. Both the City and the Conference were loath to see our brother leave our fellowship and wish him all success in his new field of labor.

Providence smiled on Grace Church when Dr. Benjamin M. Johns was secured for the vacant pastorate. The great Church in Oneonta was so loath to release Dr. Johns that for a time his decision was in doubt, but at last the decision favored Wilmington, and there was great joy in that City. Of this princely brotherly man it can be said, "He came, he saw, he conquered!" All indications indicate a great pastorate. Following closely the departure of Dr. Sumwalt came the transfer of Brother George C. Williams to Knoxville, Tenn. The people of McCabe and his associates in the Conference regret the loss of Brother Williams from our ranks and bid him God speed in his new appointment.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES:—It is difficult to express in a single paragraph the consecrated achievements of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, the ever helpful Ladie's Aid Societies and kindred organizations, the forward looking endeavors of the Epworth League, the white harvest fields of our Sunday Schools, the Christ-like ministry of our Deaconesses. What a royal host! How unwearied their labors! How

constant their devotion! How unflinching their courage! These have not sought the easy way nor shunned the hard tasks. They have manifested a willingness to go with their Master all the way.

The work of Brother R. P. Nichols has thus far proven the wisdom of his appointment to a great task. His work for the time must be foundational, but, given a fair chance, he will win. Surely our Conference does not care to lag behind our neighboring Conferences in this field of spiritual endeavor.

MATERIAL AFFAIRS:—In matters material, this has been a wonder year. What with the development at Harrison Street, the new Church at Rising Sun, the remodeled Church at Marshallton, the Community House at Madeley, costing \$54,000, \$46,000, \$16,000 and \$7,000 respectively, **wonder** is the word. These with a goodly number of lesser enterprises, **wonder** is the word; no other would quite do.

The improvements at Grace Church and parsonage, costing \$4000, and the \$5000 mortgage lifted from the Church House, both the gift of an official whose benefactions run into scores of thousands of dollars, leave this magnificent property free from debt, and the end of such giving is not yet. Claymont shares with Grace in a beautified and modernized parsonage at a cost of \$650, paid for by their live-wire Ladie's Aid Society.

The total for the year in improvements and debts paid exceeds \$200,000, and the total raised for all purposes during the seven year period is \$2,500,000. Think of it! One District alone speaking in millions instead of thousands. "Behold, what God hath wrought!"

Mt. Salem signalized its Seventy-fifth Anniversary with a week of inspirational services, and pays the last dollar of debt, also its pledge to the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund and gives the largest amount to the Centenary during the period, its advance being more than \$200 beyond last year. It is one of the greatest missionary churches in the Conference. Brandywine has joined the no debt procession and meets in full its Conference Claimant Endowment pledge. During the five years' pastorate of Brother W. E. Greenfield, Brandywine has raised \$57,000. Kingswood pays \$1000 on its debt, an eloquent testimony of sacrifice and loyalty. The parish house at Union has been improved at a cost of \$1200, a promise of larger things to come. Alterations in the Sunday School room at Epworth by which every department is provided for, and Zion charge raises \$4000 toward community houses at Calvert, Union and Ebenezer, showing that city and country alike are preparing for the demands of the new day. Without a permanent pastor, McCabe lifts its debt and makes a fine advance in its benevolent offerings, showing what a Church can do when it finds itself. The helpful leadership furnished by the grand old man of Wilmington Methodism, the Rev. Adam Stengle, was greatly appreciated by the people of McCabe. Congregations have increased under the glorious preaching of this man who, "never draws a bow at a venture." His ministry has been a real blessing to McCabe. He is now Pastor Emeritus.

Newark, Delaware, our one University Church, is about to secure more adequate facilities for its expanding needs. During the pastorate of Brother Frank Herson the salary has gone from \$1200 to \$2400, and a proportionate increase in the benevolences.

Additional amounts for debts and improvements are as follows:—Richardson Park pays \$650 for improvements and advances \$400 over last year in its benevolences. New Castle pays \$700; Epworth, \$800; East Lake, \$300; Charlestown, \$700; Union, \$600; Colora, \$400; Brack-Ex, \$1487; Scott, \$400; North East, \$2500; and all save one charge advances the benevolent offerings.

The total paid on improvements and debts for the year will exceed \$200,000, and the amount raised for all purposes during the seven years will exceed two and one quarter millions of dollars. "Behold what God hath wrought!"

CITY MISSIONS:—The plan endorsed by our last Conference which made the pastor of Asbury Church also Secretary of the City Missionary Society has more than justified the experiment. Brother George White Dawson has given close and competent supervision to the work without neglecting his duties to Asbury. Through his industry he has put the mother church in Wilmington Methodism in a secure and commanding place. When he was assigned to its pastorate the property was in bad repair and a debt of \$3000 rested against the property. He has put both Church and parsonage in perfect repair, paid the debt and leaves \$9000 in the Endowment Fund.

OUR GOOD WILL INDUSTRIES:—This beneficent institution has had the best year in its history. Its Superintendent, Rev. J. H. Beauchamp, has won the unqualified commendation of Dr. Helms, the Superintendent of the Bureau of Good Will Industries. The most pressing and immediate need is a home for aged and indigent women. The matter will be presented to the Conference later. We hope for favorable consideration.

Brothers Dawson and Beauchamp will furnish details in their respective reports.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT:—Without any urging, ten charges have advanced the salary of their pastors. McCabe goes from \$2500 to \$3000, and makes it \$3500 for next year; East Lake goes from \$1600 to \$2000, and doubles its Centenary offering; Elkton goes from \$1800 to \$2100; Cookman, Newark and Chester Bethel \$200 each; Rising Sun, Hopewell and Brack-Ex, \$100 each; Chesapeake City, \$50; and all but two advance in their Centenary gifts. For five years the necessity of a better support for the men behind the guns was stressed and as a result the average salary, including house rent, has advanced from \$1020 in 1916 to nearly \$2300. This is a record excelled by but few Districts in Methodism. The fact is mentioned to show that the church was alive to the need of its key men.

The support of our Conference Claimants can be and, this year, is improved. While their support was doubled during the seven years past it is still below the Disciplinary requirement. If, as in a few cases, benevolent funds had been transferred bodily to this cause the showing would be better, but such transactions in business circles would be called by an ugly name. If our invested funds are not materially increased the embarrassment many of our pastors encounter will be decidedly accentuated.

THE BENEVOLENCES:—When our Conference adjourned last spring the Wilmington District was over \$28,000 ahead of the next highest District in the apportioned benevolences, and it was the only District in the area that “stood pat” in the general sag of last year. To be exact, there was a decrease of \$59 and that was a matter of bookkeeping.

When the “I Will Maintain” was mooted we saw but little hope and so said. Later, when informed that the emergency merited a trial, we did the best we could, subscribing 75 units. Forty-four out of the 49 charges made pledges. Three have given more than they pledged, namely, Perryville, Mt. Salem and Claymont, in the order named.

There is no reason to fear, however, that the expected has happened; that is, the pledge made to cover a deficit has been, in some cases, used to cover a shrinkage this year. As a result of this it is doubtful whether our increase will equal the pledges made. The fact that the extra pledge was to be in addition to the amount given last year was kept steadily before the pastors and churches.

At this date we find the following:—Three charges fall below their “I Will Maintain” pledge; six report the same as last year; six fall behind last year. It is needless to say that these fifteen charges spoil what promised to be an almost perfect record. In a few cases officials dictated to the pastor how much should go toward the benevolences and in other cases they diverted funds, but these cases were VERY few. This leaves 34 reporting creditable increases, Perryville being proportionately at the top of the list. The explanation of this would be interesting.

That the Wilmington District reached 70% of its quota last year is due almost entirely to tithing stewardship. And if the fine giving of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies could have been added the increase would have been materially greater, for these Societies gave last year \$2591 more than the rest of the Conference combined.

This is as good a place to name a notable fact as any. Listen! St. Paul's, Wilmington, so far as my knowledge goes, excels any charge in the number of its membership tithing and the percentage contributing, for ninety per cent. of its nearly 1100 members are regular contributors. If this were duplicated on the District we would hear nothing of the trouble now caused by the absence of the almighty dollar!

Claymont is the first charge on the District to organize a Tithers Store House Association. The most striking feature of this organization is that three of its 21 members are not professing Christians. They joined be-

cause they said, “This is the BEST business proposition ever proposed in the Claymont Church.” One of the good results of this high endeavor is that \$500 is to be added to the pastor's salary next year, its Centenary more than doubled and this church has raised and paid this year nearly \$6000. More than one strong church has cast longing eyes toward Brother Walter Hearn, but his uniform answer has been, “I am doing a great work and cannot come down.”

This movement means the end of the killing pace of the past four years. A killing pace, not that we were overburdened or doing too much, but because we are not geared up right. This movement will furnish an adequate income for both local and general purposes. It and it alone will solve the problem. I look with dread toward next year. Unless something of this kind is done, we face a tragedy instead of a triumph. Lovingly, but firmly, the Church must be brought to see the issue, an issue so manifest that “he who runs may read.” I shall pray every day that God will help His Ministers and people to incline their heart toward this desire, then will the reproach of meagre giving disappear.

EVANGELISM:—Thus far that great breath of the Spirit for which the Church has prayed and planned delays its coming. He would be a brave man, brave to utter desperation, who would affect to recite ALL the reasons for this spiritual dearth. With no desire to indulge in harsh criticism, two or three facts may be mentioned in partial explanation.

For example, it is the day of the evangelist. Pastors, whose entire ministry heretofore was characterized by mighty movings of the Spirit, have, in sheer desperation, turned to the man from the outside, not always with happy results. Let none assert that I disparage evangelists of the right type; I am simply stating a fact.

Where is that once all consuming love for the Church which found voice in the noble words of one of Zion's sweet singers, “I love thy church, O God! Her walls before THEE stand, Dear as the apple of Thine eye, And graven on Thy hand?” Why do I speak this? Because it is a RARE occurrence to find even one-fourth of the total membership of any church present at special services held in the interest of the salvation of souls. Where is that agony of soul witnessed in the words of Scotland's great reformer when he cried, “O, God, give me Scotland or I die.” How many heart broken Methodists are around who feel such agony? A spirit of complacency is too prevalent. We are not, in many instances, putting “first things first.”

What is the remedy? What will help in an hour like this? Not the swivel chair expert. He has depressed us often instead of giving us a sunburst to lighten our gloom.

The one predominant element worthy of candid and serious attention is for the local church to realize that, aided by the Holy Spirit, there exists in every church spiritual potentialities and possibilities, which, when rightly related to the will of God, will make the community bloom and blossom

as the rose. It seems to me, in the afterglow of a rather strenuous ministry, that failure to utilize this fact is eloquent in explanation. Speaking for myself, I should have been wise enough to have dug up the buried talents lying all around me, to have shown to mechanics and business and professional men that it was possible to live in Jesus Christ so gloriously that the redemptive passion which throbbed in His great heart would have won scores to Him, "the Lamb of God, Who taketh away the sin of the world." But because of my stupidity, He whom I loved and Whose love enfolded me did not have a fair chance either in my life or in theirs.

I regret that the calendar is against me. O, young men, whose hair is yet unsilvered with the passing years, be wise in time! As for myself, there will be more time to pray, and I shall be troubling Him at His throne of grace that in this territory, once noted for its mighty victories of grace, "great things shall be done in the name of the Holy Child Jesus."

Time forbids detailed mention of all that His servants have wrought in the Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ. The year has not been barren of spiritual fruitage, the record is on high, it will not be forgotten, nor will the workers lose their reward.

A WORD PERSONAL:—A glance in retrospect over the past seven years furnishes abundant reasons for profound gratitude. The promises were sure all the way and the love and loyalty of my yoke fellows in the Gospel will abide among the imperishable memories of the year.

During the past few months from coast to coast, from Bishops and Secretaries and Editors of both the religious and secular press have come words of amazing commendation and appreciation. These tributes, far beyond my due, have shown me that I have not toiled in vain, and the beautiful and affectionate tributes from nearly every Quarterly Conference on the District have warmed my heart with a glow that will outlast the years. An attempt to give even partial expression of gratitude would bankrupt human speech.

I shall miss the noise of battle but will maintain an interest in this issue, and should the enemy imagine that I am sitting on the fence to watch the crowds go by, the arrow between the joints of the harness will deceive him. I shall miss official fellowship with my friend of the long years, Bishop McDowell, into whose ears I have never breathed a word that could not have been uttered in the hearing of those concerned. I shall miss fellowship with my brethren of the Conference, but they shall not be forgotten when the light of the throne room illumines my face. I want God to let me live long enough to see the Wilmington Conference strike its stride. Some good day, please God, in the not distant future, this will happen, and whether on the strand eternal or "biding here awhile," no heart will be fuller of joy than the heart of Robert Watt.

It would be an inexcusable oversight were no mention made of the Wilmington Methodist Preachers' Association and its gracious, thoughtful kindness toward me and mine. Neither birthdays nor holidays went by

without tangible tokens of their affectionate regard. I can assure Bishop McDowell that when he shall shortly assign to a great District its future leader, that man will find in this same Preachers' Association a clearing house for all righteous causes, and a company of men who set a high value on good will and brotherly regard.

The Wilmington Conference has been mighty good to me. A stranger from the North slipped into its fellowship. It gave him hearty welcome, honored him with positions of trust and power, sent him as its representative in the Legislative body of the Church four times, loved him in spite of faults. What more could one ask?

Finally, may brotherly love continue among both laymen and ministers. May no root of bitterness spring up to mar this goodly heritage. May love for God and each other abide, so that of us it can be said as was said of the early Church, "Behold! how these love each other."

And hear it, comrades in the common cause, may storehouse tithing multiply until the treasuries of the Church shall be filled with the gifts of love and sleepless nights and vexing drives become a memory. Then will the reproach of the Church cease, and God will not remove the golden candle stick and the "joy of the Lord will be our strength."

There come to memory today the tenderly beautiful words of one of the prophets of the soul:

"I know not what the future hath of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death His mercy underlies.
I know not where His islands lift their fringed palms in air,
I only know I cannot drift beyond His love and care."

(b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

BIBLE.

The Bible is the indispensable Book. "Thy word is truth." The Christian worker without the Bible is like a soldier without a sword. "The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God."

The American Bible Society, since the General Conference of 1836, has been officially connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. During the Centenary period now drawing to a close it has been one of the beneficiaries of the fund.

In these days of transition, after the World's great war, it is called upon as never before to distribute the Scriptures in more than 150 languages.

This Society will serve more than one half hundred Mission boards. This Society does not live on vast reserve funds but is dependent day by day upon the current gifts of Bible lovers everywhere.

The budget for the year of 1923 has been fixed at \$1,160,777.

One of the many remarkable achievements of this Society during the past year has been the publication of the Gospel of John in neat vest pocket form for one cent a copy. The other Gospels will soon be published in the same attractive form.

The support of all Christian people is urgently needed to meet the ever increasing demands for God's Word, both at home and abroad.

The American Bible Society has done most excellent work in the past. The committee recommend that we pledge the Bible Society our hearty cooperation and support in every possible way.

We recommend that Bible Sunday be observed on or about the second Sunday in December.

We likewise recommend that all of our people, old and young, each have a Bible and pursue a methodical and devoted study of the Sacred Scriptures.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Your Board of Epworth League has enjoyed a year of prosperity. We are glad to report an increase of interest in all departments of League work. A new interest is being created in this indispensable work of the Church.

The District Conventions are largely responsible for these conditions. They were great seasons of spiritual uplift.

A Winter Institute, held in the City of Wilmington, was considered a success.

The Summer Institute surpassed all expectations. The Wesley Collegiate Institute was crowded to its capacity. The faculty was composed of

the very best leaders of Methodism. Every hour of the Institute was filled with inspiration for the young people. It is a week of real study and training, with enough of the recreational life thrown in to make it the most delightful week for a vacation offered anywhere in the Conference territory.

The Institute has become the one great recruiting station for life service. Our young people are preparing themselves at these Institutes not only for the Foreign and Home Fields, but preparing for leadership in the local churches.

The outlook for this year's Institute surpasses that of any other year. The date is July 7-14th. Already the enrollment is piling up. May we again urge the pastors to register their young people as early as possible—not later than June 1st.

The Conference Officers will be glad to serve in the organization of new Epworth Leagues, or planning for any special Epworth League effort throughout the Conference.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

During the present school year the Education Society of the Wilmington Annual Conference is giving assistance to 19 young men who are preparing for the Christian ministry within the bounds of our Conference, as follows:—At the Wesley Collegiate Institute, 16; at Dickinson College, 1; at Drew Theological Seminary, 2; a total of 19.

All of these young men are highly commended by their several instructors, and give promise of great usefulness in Kingdom building in the coming years.

Your Board of Managers would like to call your attention to two sections of our By-Laws; namely, those on "Funds" and "Loans." The one on "Funds" reads:—"The funds of this Society shall be divided into classes as follows: All the receipts coming from the Church collections, generally known as the Educational Collection, shall be called the General Fund, and shall be loaned only on conditions named in Section 6 of these By-Laws. All funds coming into the Treasury from the return of such loans shall be counted as General Fund. All receipts from special bequests of any kind whatsoever, shall be known by the name of the donor or of the Church making the bequest, and all such trust funds and bequests shall be administered according to the terms of the bequest. Any Church that shall contribute \$25.00 or more annually shall have its offering considered as a special bequest, and may name the beneficiary of such a contribution."

The one on "Loans" reads, in part, as follows:—"All aid afforded by this Society shall be in the form of loans, and no person shall receive aid until the Board shall be satisfactorily assured as to the following facts:

1. That he is of suitable age and in sound health.
2. That he has good natural powers of intellect and ability to learn.
3. That he is a person of undoubted Christian character and a mem-

bër of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of whose doctrine and discipline he cordially approves.

4. Every applicant for the Society's aid must also present a certificate from the Quarterly Conference of the Church of which he is a member, that he needs pecuniary assistance and, in their opinion, he possesses gifts and graces that promise usefulness in the ministry, and that there is good reason to believe that he is divinely called to that work.

5. Every applicant who shall have received aid shall semi-annually exhibit testimonials from his instructors, that in intellect, diligence, progress and general character he is a proper person to receive aid from this Society.

6. Every person who receives aid from this Society shall, at least once a year, reassure the Board of Managers that it continues to be his serious purpose to devote his life to the work of the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that he agrees to unite with our Conference and to continue therein at least four years."

Believing that there are people in many of our congregations who are able and who would be delighted to help young men in their preparation for the Christian Ministry, we would like to suggest that frequently, from our pulpits, we call the attention of our people to the work of the Society.

And we would like further "to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance" by calling your attention to the fact that the financial ability of the Society to help these needy young men in their preparation for the Christian Ministry depends upon the amount of collections received from the Churches.

May we also call your attention to some facts which have come to us from the New York Office of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as follows:—

The work of the Wesley Foundations reaches fifty-five institutions and employs thirty full-time workers. The budget of the Joint Committee of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and the Board of Education, which is responsible for the Wesley Foundation program, totals \$105,000. More than \$45,000 in valid appeals and recommendations for 1923 were refused for lack of funds.

The tax-supported and other non-Methodist institutions report 75 enlistments for the ministry and 192 for missions, for the year 1922. For several years, at least twenty per cent. of the new missionaries actually sailing have come from the Wesley Foundation fields.

Fully 10,000 Methodist students are now voluntarily attending preaching services at Wesley Foundation churches. More than 5,000 are attending Sunday School classes, and a similar number are engaged in Epworth League activities.

The Children's Day collection for 1921-22 totaled \$160,639, a decrease of \$4,139 under the previous year.

\$1,727,151 is in outstanding student loans.

\$248,274 were loaned during the fiscal year 1921-22, a decrease under

the previous year of \$1,396. This decrease was due to lower receipts from the Children's Day collection.

31,136 students have borrowed from the Student Loan Fund to date. In the school year 1921-22, 2,630 benefited by the Student Loan Fund.

The Department of Finance of the Board of Education has cooperated in campaigns that have added \$7,245,000 to the endowments and plants of Methodist Educational institutions.

EDUCATION FOR NEGROES.

Priceless are the achievements of our Board of Education for the Negro. All hail to Morgan College, Wiley College, Bennett College, Meharry Medical College and Clark University for the surgeons, dentists, scientific farmers, artists, musicians, statesmen, housewives, christian citizens, teachers, ministers and missionaries which they have given the colored race, changing living conditions, reducing illiteracy, conserving the fertility of the soil, reducing the death rate, and transforming the social conditions of the colored race.

The 275,000 Sunday School scholars, 389,000 Church members and 4,000 colored Churches is the recompense received by the Methodist Episcopal Church for its money expended and service rendered through its efficient agency, the Board of Education.

The overwhelming and self-mastering conviction of the general Church that the white man is largely responsible for the mental, physical and religious development of the colored man undoubtedly is prevalent in the Wilmington Conference. Therefore, we are indebted to our Board of Education for its effective work. "Well done thou good and faithful servants."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL.

As the ministry of our Lord was one of healing not only to the souls of men but to their bodies as well, so, also, His Church feels constrained to minister to the needs of those whose bodies are either maimed or diseased. That end is abundantly served by our Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia.

During the last year 4,209 patients were admitted to this institution, 17,107 days treatment were given to patients in the wards, 5,339 days treatment were given to babies and 30,979 visits were made to the dispensary. About 60% of the above treatment was given free of cost to those who were unable to pay for the same themselves. There were 76 free patients treated at the Hospital who were sent to us by ministers within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference.

We received from collections and contributions \$39,093; this, with re-

ceipts from other sources, amounted to \$420,695. \$140,000 of this was given for the new building fund. We have toward the payment of the new building, dedicated January 1, 1923, in cash and pledges, \$273,000. Included in this is the following offer:—

In consideration of contributions being made to the expense of erecting the addition to the Hospital, I hereby agree to contribute a further sum of \$70,000 beyond the \$5,000 already paid by me, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. I shall not be required to make the new payments except upon assurances from the Board of Trustees that they have satisfactory pledges for the balance of the cost of the building and equipment and then at my option only proportionately to the amount paid as compared with that which is necessary to be paid.

2. That the Hospital agrees to take care of Retired Ministers of the Philadelphia Conference for a period of 365 days in each year at no expense to them, upon receipt from the Secretary of the Preachers' Aid Society of said Conference of a letter stating that the applicant is not able to pay the expense of his care and attention while at the Hospital. The applicant, however, to comply with all the rules and regulations of the Hospital, and not to be entitled to admission if other persons in the like circumstances are not admitted.

3. The fact that I am making this contribution is to be given no publicity as long as I am living.

Since the members of the Wilmington Conference are admitted on an equality with the members of the Philadelphia Conference, the Trustees ask our Conference to join theirs in passing the following recommendations:

First. We urgently ask you to continue to observe the second Sunday in May as Hospital day, as has been the custom since your Hospital was put into operation.

Second. That you urge every church within the bounds of the Conference to take a special offering for the New Building Fund before October 31st.

Third. That wherever the budget system prevails, your treasurer be asked to remit any money in hand for the Hospital at least quarterly.

Fourth. That you give us at least a share of the offerings of your Thanksgiving Day service and at your Christmas observance.

Fifth. That you send donations of fruits, vegetables, etc., whenever possible.

Sixth. That you commend our Nurses' Training School to young women desiring to enter that helpful profession.

Seventh. Wherever it is possible, we suggest the organization of an auxiliary to the Woman's Hospital Association.

PERIODICALS.

We believe in the high ideals of our Church and know that a distinctive feature of her high characteristics has always been her literature, and we believe the mind cannot be too well informed for only in this way can we reach our highest efficiency.

Further, we believe every member of our Church, and especially every member of the Official Boards, should possess a copy of the Discipline, for only in this way can we become acquainted with the laws governing the Church.

The Washington Christian Advocate, one of the best periodicals of the Church, and dealing especially with our Conference, should be in every home.

The Epworth Herald, a valuable paper to all Epworthians, we recommend to all our people, together with all other literature recommended by our Church, especially that dealing with Stewardship.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

WHEREAS, The perpetuation of our government, with all of its unparalleled opportunities for human development, and the continuance of our civilization with its priceless privileges and blessings to mankind, depend upon the existence of the Church; and,

WHEREAS, The existence of the Church itself depends upon the preservation of the sanctity of the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we recommend,

1. The appointment of a Lord's Day Committee in every charge.

2. We request that our District Superintendents appoint a District Committee in accordance with the action of our 1922 Conference as expressed in the report of the Sabbath Observance Committee.

3. That we also reaffirm the action of the 1922 Conference in the recommending that, wherever possible, our churches 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.

4. We heartily approve of the educational program of the Lord's Day Alliance asking that all our Sunday Schools, including those in Delaware, use the world-wide Lord's Day survey program and take a membership in the Lord's Day Alliance, thereby qualifying the members of said Sunday School for the Essay Contest.

5. We urge our District Superintendents to bring the above recommendations to the attention of our Quarterly Conferences, and urge the hearty cooperation of all our church officials in this great work of conserving the Lord's Day.

And in conclusion we hereby pledge our heartiest cooperation to Rev. W. W. Davis, the capable and efficient General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance.

TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, The people of the United States by an overwhelming majority in a regular orderly manner as provided by the Constitution, have added the Eighteenth Amendment to that Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, The Legislatures of Maryland and Delaware ratified said Eighteenth Amendment; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having heretofore favored the adoption of the Prohibition Amendment, now unalterably opposes any attempt to nullify said Amendment and the Constitution; and pledges its undivided support to United States Prohibition Commissioner, Roy A. Haines, and Prohibition Director, Robert B. Elliott, and their co-workers, as well as to all those State Officials, whose duty it is to enforce laws, in their efforts to enforce the Prohibition laws;

RESOLVED, That we earnestly request the good citizens of Delaware and Maryland to send to the State Legislatures only men who will uphold their oath of office and support the Constitution; that we congratulate those members of the Maryland Legislature who worked and voted to place Maryland in harmony with the Constitution of the United States in their efforts to enact a Prohibition law, and those members of the Delaware Legislature who have helped to withstand all attempts to repeal or weaken the prohibition laws of Delaware;

RESOLVED, That we oppose the election of any man for Governor, who, in advance, for the purpose of securing the votes of the Saloon, favors nullification of the Constitution of the United States, but that we commend Governor Wm. D. Denney's strong stand for law enforcement, as evidenced in a letter in reply to Wilmington City Council's communication asking him to officially participate in the nullification plan which it advocated—the legislation of the sale of beer and wine—which he condemned with biting words; also by his pioneer move for education in Law Enforcement with special emphasis on the Eighteenth Amendment, by official proclamation setting aside April 23-30, 1922, as "Law Enforcement Week";

RESOLVED, That we request Hon. Charles E. Hughes, Secretary of State, to take up the question of our prohibitory laws in relation to other Nations, diplomatically and from the standpoint of International Law, impressing upon them that, as in the case of our other laws, the Prohibition Laws follow the flag;

RESOLVED, That we urge all friends of law and order to join in a concerted effort to elect men to executive offices who can be depended upon to use such office for the enforcement of the law, and that we again renew our pledges of cooperation to our agencies, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Anti-Saloon League and our own Church Temperance Society in their efforts to prevent the nullification of the Eighteenth Amendment and their efforts to secure the enforcement of the prohibition laws.

THANKS.

As members of the Wilmington Conference, we do now express and record our unqualified thanks to Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church for the splendid manner in which they have entertained this session of Conference. Considering the few days in which the people of this Church had to plan their work and set their Church and homes in order, we declare to all men that they have done wonders. High commendation as well as sincere appreciation is due to the faithful members and to these diligent and capable officials of this society.

We thank the Dover Rotary Club for meeting us, and conveying us in luxurious automobiles to our homes and for the feast and fun we enjoyed with them at their weekly dinner. Likewise we thank the Presbyterians of this city for the use of their Church, and for the Christian fellowship which they, with all other denominations, have manifested toward us; and the Delaware Trust Company for the assistance of its officials, and its commodious director's room in which the Conference Treasurer has found ample convenience for his exacting work; and the Temple Theatre for the use of its auditorium for the Sunday services.

We are indebted to the Methodist Book Concern for the use of its book of rich melodies entitled, "Songs of Conquest." We also thank Hon. W. O. Hoffecker, who has inspiringly led us in the singing of those songs.

The Conference host, our beloved Brother, Rev. J. W. Colona, also his amiable and talented wife, come in for a measure of love and gratitude too large for human hands to pour out, but such as we have give we unto them. To Dr. Henry G. Budd, also, we tender our hearty gratefulness. First, for the dignity and fairness which he exercised while presiding over the Conference on the opening day; second, for the shelter and comfort within the hospitable walls of the Wesley Collegiate Institute of which he is the honored head. We were glad to have with us Bishop Herbert Welch to preach the Episcopal sermon. He taught us the sacramental spirituality of the common things of life, and, in this house of God, led us to the gate of heaven.

We come to the close of this Conference with growing esteem for Bishop William F. McDowell who has now presided over our Conference for six sessions. It cannot be forgotten how he has commanded all the resources of physical endurance to be with us at this session. His knowledge of human nature and parliamentary procedure insure goodwill and abiding faith in his leadership. He is a good shepherd, "The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." We thank him for his labor of love, and where he leads us in the Master's name, we will follow.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In the vast forward movement of our Church for the salvation of the world, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has taken its rightful

place in the advance guard of the Army of the Lord. It unites the forces not only of our Godly women, but also of our youth and childhood.

This Society now has in the field 648 missionaries, 5000 native workers, and about 2500 Bible women. The full fruition of their work, only eternity will show.

When the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, descends from God out of Heaven, and stands foursquare, with open gates to all the world; when the nations of them that are saved shall walk in the light of it, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory and honor into it; then there will appear amongst them, in queenly dignity and grace, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, leading the womanhood of many nations, no longer downtrodden and oppressed, the prey of passion and ancient prejudice, burdened with sorrow, pain, dejection, and despair, but enlightened, saved, uplifted, transformed, adorned with robes of spiritual beauty, to add the crowning triumph to the day when Christ shall "see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied."

We recommend that the brethren of our Conference, with all their sympathy and strength, encourage the work of this great Society.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The emblem of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is the American flag. The slogan of the Society is: "America for Christ."

We rejoice in the vision, character and consecration of the many women who compose the membership of this splendid organization. We note, with profit, their zeal and efficiency in formulating their plans and completing their tasks. These godly women, through their tireless efforts, have proven a great spiritual blessing to the immigrants who have come to America.

The auxiliaries within the bounds of our Conference are to be commended for the faithful work done in their own field of service and for their sympathy and cooperation in all the interests of the Kingdom. The number of these organizations within our Conference territory is all too small. We urge churches, where no auxiliary now exists, to seriously consider the advisability of organizing one in the near future.

(c) SPECIAL AND FINANCIAL.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Treasurer's Report.

March 30, 1923.

RECEIPTS:

Balance March 20, 1922	\$ 402.96	
Interest on Savings Account	23.95	
Account Rose Carruth Fund	104.40	
Earnings on Investments	223.12	
Sale of Investments	371.00	\$1125.43

DISBURSEMENTS:

Milton, Carey Fund	\$ 100.00	
Parsonburg, Wimbrow Fund	60.00	
Beckwith, Thomas Fund	60.00	
Rent Safe Deposit Box	4.00	
Postage	2.00	
Balance March 30, 1923	899.43	\$1125.43

BARRETT'S CHAPEL FUND.

Balance March 30, 1922	\$ 120.83	
Earnings on Investments	34.00	\$ 154.83

J. W. COLONA, Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report.

March 30, 1922.

RECEIPTS:

Balance March 30, 1921	\$ 462.54	
Account of Rose Carruth Fund	57.64	
Earnings on Investments	202.26	
Interest on Savings Account	8.79	\$ 731.23

DISBURSEMENTS:

Milton, Carey Fund	\$ 100.00	
Becwith, Thomas Fund	60.00	
Laird & Co., Assessment on Stock of Nat. Utility Co..	162.27	
Rent of Safety Deposit Box	6.00	
Balance March 1, 1922	402.96	\$ 731.23

BARRETT'S CHAPEL FUND.

Balance at last report	\$ 86.83	
Earnings on investments	34.00	\$ 120.83

R. K. STEPHENSON, Treasurer.

MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.

Receipts:

March 30, 1922, Received from Rev. T. E. Terry	\$1229.07
April 4, 1922, Received from Rev. V. E. Hills, Treasurer	298.00
July 14 to Nov. 17, 1922, Received from various charges	397.94
March 3, 1923, Received as interest on deposits	49.26

Total receipts from all sources to date, April 2, 1923 \$1965.27

Disbursements:

April 22, 1922, To printing receipt blanks	\$.75
September 6, 1922, To Rev. G. W. Williams	100.00
September 25, 1922, To Rev. G. W. Williams	50.00
Dec. 15, 1922, To Rev. W. A. Wise for postage	3.54

Total disbursements to date, April 2, 1923 154.29

Balance in hand \$1810.98

W. A. WISE, Trustee.

April 2, 1923.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.

Receipts:

1922	
Mar. 17, To Balance	\$2828.46
Mar. 30, To Check Rev. V. E. Hills, Conference Treasurer	2007.00
Mar. 31, To Check Rev. Disston W. Jacobs, Conference Secretary, payment of loan to Conference	500.00
May 1, To Check Rev. W. E. Gunby, refund of unexpended balance from Cambridge Conference Entertainment	201.63
Dec. 1, To Int. Fruit Growers National Bank	40.00
Total	\$5577.09

Disbursements:

1922	
Mar. 29, By Check Rev. W. E. Gunby, entertainment Camb. Conf.	\$1800.00
April 4, By Check Rev. V. E. Hills, Treas., return overpayment..	2.00
July 31, By Check Sav. Dept. Fruit Growers National Bank	3000.00
1923	
Mar. 21, By Check, K. A. Horner Printing Co.	10.76
Total	\$4812.76
March 28, To Balance	\$ 764.33

\$5577.09

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Receipts:

1922	
March 30, To Check Rev. V. E. Hills, Conference Treasurer	\$1683.00

Disbursements:

1922	
March 30, By Check Rev. Robert Watt	\$ 573.00
March 30, By Check Rev. V. S. Collins	422.00
March 30, By Check Rev. W. R. Mowbray	420.00
March 30, By Check Rev. W. A. Wise	268.00
	\$1683.00
	\$1683.00

W. O. HOFFECKER, Trustee.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

March 28, 1923.

Receipts:

	General Fund	Riddle Fund
March 16 To Balance	\$ 450.44	\$ 523.75
1922 To Checks from various sources	1911.22	
and To Int. Fruit G. Natl. Bank	36.88	
1923 To check, Security T. & S. D. Co.		435.37
	<u>\$2398.54</u>	<u>\$ 959.12</u>

Disbursements:

1922 By Checks	\$1822.59	
By Check		\$ 200.00
March 28, 1923, Balance on hand	\$ 575.95	\$ 759.12

(Itemized statement on files of the Society.)

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Your Auditor has examined the accounts of the persons entrusted with the financial interests of the Conference and has found them correct.

F. F. CARPENTER, Auditor.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

The number of claimants upon the funds distributed by your Board of Stewards is steadily increasing, and the demands made upon us are constantly growing larger. In 1922 we had 43 men, 53 women and 5 children on the list of claimants, a total of 101 in all. We now have 43 men, 52 women and 10 children, a total of 105, an increase of 4. Since last Conference, one retired minister and two widows have died.

The average salary of the 145 effective Pastors and District Superintendents is \$1676.00. This makes the Annuity Claim for each year of effective service of our retired ministers \$23.00. We are able to increase the Annuity paid from \$15.00 to \$16.00, which is only 69.6% of the amount due these worthy people under the law of the Church. We had hoped to make the rate paid much larger. But, owing to a deficiency of \$11,428.00 in the collections, we were not able to do so. The following tabulated

statement will indicate in detail the amounts received from the several districts:

Collections by Districts.

District	Apportionment	Paid	Increase	Deficiency
Dover	\$ 9,085.00	\$ 7,749.00	\$ 249.00	\$ 1,336.00
Middletown	9,159.00	6,890.00	1,057.00	2,269.00
Salisbury	12,507.00	9,578.00	47.00	2,929.00
Wilmington	14,601.00	9,707.00	1,687.00	4,894.00
Totals	<u>\$45,352.00</u>	<u>\$33,924.00</u>	<u>\$3,030.00</u>	<u>\$11,428.00</u>

We are pleased to call attention to the steady increase in the amount received from each district, though the amount of the deficiency continues to be distressingly large. Our faith in the loyalty of our laymen to this most worthy cause is still unshaken, and we verily believe that when the laymen generally come to a full understanding of the needs of these people, many of whom are entirely dependent on the funds they receive from this Conference for their support, there will no longer be any such troublesome deficiencies as face us this year. We trust that some way will be found to put this matter squarely up to the laymen on every pastoral charge in the Conference, in order that they may get a full and intelligent understanding of the great need for these apportionments being fully met.

In this connection we would call attention to the fact that at the last session of the Conference your Board of Stewards was advised of an error in the first edition of the Discipline of 1920, and that the revised edition made it plain that it is the duty of the Board to equitably apportion to the several pastoral charges the amount necessary to meet the Annuity and Necessitous Claims of your claimants in full. Your Board met and endeavored to faithfully discharge this duty, and sent to the several District Superintendents, to be, by them, sent to the pastoral charges on their respective districts, the result of our labors as follows:

Apportionments Made by the Board of Conference Stewards.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Charge	Apportioned	Charge	Apportioned
Beckwith & Spedden	\$165.00	Dover—	
Bethel	120.00	St. Paul's	105.00
Blades & Epworth	203.00	Wesley	360.00
Bridgeville	285.00	East New Market	225.00
Cambridge	435.00	Ellendale	111.00
Camden	258.00	Elliott's Island	96.00
Canterbury	105.00	Epworth	45.00
Church Creek	150.00	Farmington	150.00
Crapo	225.00	Federalburg	270.00

Charge	Apportioned	Charge	Apportioned
Felton	218.00	Magnolia & Barratt's	210.00
Frederica	188.00	Milford	390.00
Galestown	120.00	Milford Neck	45.00
Georgetown	300.00	Millsboro	195.00
Georgetown Circuit	150.00	Milton	255.00
Greenwood	135.00	Mt. Pleasant	165.00
Harrington	210.00	Nassau	150.00
Hooper's Island	165.00	Reliance	135.00
Houston	195.00	Rehoboth	188.00
Hurlock	270.00	Seaford	330.00
Lakesville	90.00	Seaford Circuit	210.00
Laurel	338.00	Vienna	120.00
Leipsic	105.00	Williamsburg	120.00
Lewes	300.00	Wyoming	165.00
Lincoln	165.00		
Little Creek	150.00	Total	\$9,085.00

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

Charge	Apportioned	Charge	Apportioned
Bayside	\$165.00	Middletown	345.00
Bozman & Neavitt	173.00	Millington & Dulaney	218.00
Burrsville	123.00	Odessa & Friendship	203.00
Cecilton	293.00	Oxford	180.00
Centreville	285.00	Piney Neck	101.00
Chestertown	375.00	Pomona	135.00
Cheswold	150.00	Preston	255.00
Church Hill	248.00	Queenstown	161.00
Clayton	210.00	Ridgely	255.00
Concord	180.00	Rock Hall	210.00
Cordova	173.00	Royal Oak	128.00
Crumpton	255.00	St. Michaels	255.00
Denton	315.00	Salem Circuit	60.00
Easton	390.00	Smyrna	368.00
Fairlee	169.00	Still Pond	255.00
Galena	255.00	Sudlersville	255.00
Greensboro	263.00	Tilghman	255.00
Henderson	158.00	Townsend	240.00
Hillsboro	218.00	Trappe	203.00
Kent Island	240.00	Wye Mills & Star	128.00
Kenton	180.00		
Marydel	131.00	Total	\$9,159.00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Charge	Apportioned	Charge	Apportioned
Annamessex	\$203.00	Onancock	255.00
Ayres Chapel	158.00	Parsonsborg	207.00
Berlin	330.00	Phoebus	300.00
Bishopville	199.00	Pittsville	203.00
Cape Charles	450.00	Pocomoke City	300.00
Chincoteague	300.00	Pocomoke Circuit	195.00
Claremont	221.00	Powellville	169.00
Crisfield—		Princess Anne	255.00
Asbury	488.00	Quantico	233.00
Immanuel	615.00	Roxana	195.00
Dagsboro & St. Georges	255.00	St. Peter's	248.00
Deals Island	300.00	Salisbury—	
Delmar	360.00	Asbury	675.00
Fairmount	251.00	Salisbury Circuit	180.00
Frankford	248.00	Selbyville	345.00
Fruitland	203.00	Sharptown	270.00
Girdletree	243.00	Smith Island	233.00
Gumboro	165.00	Snow Hill	338.00
Hebron	210.00	Somerset	180.00
Holland's Island	26.00	Stockton	233.00
Mardela	173.00	Tangier	293.00
Marion	203.00	Venton	45.00
Mt. Vernon	240.00	Westover	169.00
Nanticoke	210.00	White Haven	147.00
Newark	203.00	Whitesville	214.00
Ocean City	168.00		
Ocean View & Millville	203.00	Total	\$12,507.00

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Charge	Apportioned	Charge	Apportioned
Belle Fonte & Holly Oak	\$ 68.00	Hopewell	210.00
Bethel & Town Point	188.00	Marshallton & Cedars	287.00
Charlestown	165.00	Mt. Lebanon	158.00
Cherry Hill	243.00	Mt. Pleasant	188.00
Chesapeake City	225.00	Newark	450.00
Chester-Bethel	210.00	New Castle	375.00
Christiana	139.00	Newport & Stanton	360.00
Claymont	255.00	North East	263.00
Colora	135.00	Perryville	315.00
Delaware City	165.00	Port Deposit	270.00
Ebenezer	203.00	Red Lion	188.00
Elkton	308.00	Rising Sun	233.00
Hockessin	203.00	St. George's & Summit	270.00

Charges	Apportioned	Charges	Apportioned
St. John's	203.00	Kingswood	240.00
Zion Circuit	255.00	Madeley	308.00
Wilmington—		McCabe	540.00
Asbury	300.00	Mt. Salem	375.00
Brandywine	345.00	Richardson Park	390.00
Brack-Ex	201.00	Scott	372.00
Cookman	330.00	Silverbrook	420.00
East Lake	390.00	St. Paul's	822.00
Edgemoor	45.00	Trinity	285.00
Epworth	345.00	Union	630.00
Grace	840.00	Wesley	300.00
Harrison Street	381.00		
Hillcrest	210.00	Total	\$14,601.00

We would refer you to the Statistical Tables for comparison as to how nearly the apportionments thus officially sent out have been accepted and met by the pastors and their several charges. We feel that it is due to you and to you that both the ministers and the laymen shall have an opportunity to know just what the apportionments were as made and sent out by the Board of Stewards. Hence this publication of the apportionments as made.

You will be interested to know that at the present time we hold \$121,565.01 safely invested in first mortgages on real estate, bearing interest at the rate of 6%. Of this total, \$25,863.84 were the original holdings, and \$95,701.17 has been added as the result of recent efforts.

Receipts from all sources for disbursement to claimants are:

Receipts from pastoral charges	\$33,316.00
Interest from investments	6,957.00
Book Concern dividend	2,843.00
Board of Conference Claimants	250.00
Chartered Fund	35.00
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Total disbursed to Claimants	\$43,401.00
Amount disbursed last year	\$39,729.00
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Increase	\$ 3,672.00

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

Annuity claims	\$50,899.00
Necessitous cases	4,000.00
Board of Conference Claimants	608.00
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Total	\$55,507.00

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 \$10,085, the sum of \$44,814 is left to be apportioned to the pastoral charges to meet all claims in full. Of this amount, \$40,206 is necessary to meet the Annuity Claims, \$608 for the Board of Conference Claimants, and, subject to your approval, \$4,000 for the necessitous cases. We therefore, recommend that the sum of \$44,814 be apportioned to the pastoral charges.

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

Rev. John J. Bunting for Mrs. Anna D. Chatham;
 Frank P. Gentieu 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. C. N. Jones for Mrs. Ellen M. Brindle;
 Thos. N. Rawlins for Jas. W. Fogle and Katharine B. Fogle;
 Rev. Elwood W. Jones for Mrs. Laura M. Williams and her five minor children.

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., 2122 Gilles St., Wilmington, Del.	\$782	\$544	\$156	\$700
1906	17	Bowman, G. W., Laurel, Del.	391	272	28	300
1920	30	Brewington, J. A., Hebron, Md.	690	480	320	800
1920	30	Burr, Warren, Tennessee Ave., Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.	690	480	295	775
1920	23	Chaires, W. W., Bozman, Md.	529	368	332	700
1905	27	Collins, J. M., 1607 W. 13th St., Wilmington, Del.	621	432	168	600
1917	36	Corkran, L. P., Chestertown, Md.	828	576		576
1921	37	Derrickson, E. H., Odessa, Del.	851	592		592
1919	34	Easley, J. W., Kenton, Del.	782	544		544
1871	5	Esgate, James, Dr. T.D. Esgate, Trustee, Riverside, Cal.	115	80	320	400
1923	34	Given, T. N., Cheswold, Del.	782	544	156	700
1904	22	Greene, W. M., Milton, Del.	506	352		352
1921	37	Guthrie, W. B., Kenton, Del.	851	592	208	800
1914	31	Hardesty, G. L., Seaford, Del.	713	496	69	565
1906	30	Harding, T. H., 1011 W. 7th St., Wilmington, Del.	690	480	295	775
1918	42	Hoffecker, E. L., Bellevue, Md.	966	672		672
1911	10	Holt, T. S., Federalsburg, Md.	230	*		*
1917	12	Jester, B. F., 1617 W. 4th St., Wilmington, Del.	276	192	101	293
1916	30	Koons, W. G., Rising Sun, Md.	690	480	70	550
1919	40	Lindale, J. M., Chestertown, Md., R. D.	920	640		640
1922	20	Matthews, W. E., Smyrna, Del.	460	320	435	755
1921	23	Moore, F. X., New Freedom, Pa.	529	368		368
1919	47	Otis, J. P., Marshallton, Del., Cedars R. D.	1081	752		752
1921	40	Pilchard, S. N., Hillsboro, Md.	920	640		640
1917	35	Prettyman, A. P., Galena, Md.	805	560		560
1916	48	Prettyman, C. W., Carlisle, Pa.	1104	768		768
1913	26	Prouse, J. T., Edgemoor, Del.	598	416	204	620
1922	52	Reed, G. E., 2139 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, Pa.	1196	**		400
1919	34	Reese, J. D., Bozman, Md.	782	544		544
1912	38	Roe, Robert, Trappe, Md.	874	608		608
1917	38	Smith, Alfred, Camden, Del.	874	608		608
1922	31	Smith, G. P., Dover, Del.	598	496		496
1922	33	Stallings, G. W., Lovettsville, Va.	759	528	272	800
1915	40	Stengle, Adam, 407 W. 21st St., Wilmington, Del.	920	640		640
1922	37	Sunfield, E. C., Barnegat, N. J.	851	592	128	720
1916	39	Terry, T. E., Bridgeville, Del.	897	624		624
1897	24	Tomkinson, W. E., Rehoboth Beach, Del.	552	384	291	675
1915	38	Townsend, G. W., Ridley Park, Pa.	874	608		608
1901	24	Wallin, F. O. B., Venersborg, Sweden	552	384		384
1906	21	Walton, O. S., Red Lion, Del.	483	336		336
1919	16	White, W. W., Salisbury, Md.	368	256	384	640
1914	31	Williams, C. H., Snow Hill, Md.	713	496		496
1913	28	Willis, D. H., Cambridge, Md.	644	448		448
*Relinquished. **Part relinquished.						
CHILDREN.						
1922	20	Compton, J. Clifford, Blanche E. Compton, Trustee	115	80		80
1922	29	Fogle, Jas. W., T. N. Rawlins, Trustee, Seaford, Del.	167	116		116
1922	29	Fogle, Katharine B., T. N. Rawlins, Trustee	167	116		116
1916	44	Murray, Edwin N., Pauline N. Murray, Trustee	253	176		176
1918	23	Westerfield, Harry G., Lulu V. G. Westerfield, Trustee	132	92	258	350
1923	10	Williams, Bristol W., E. W. Jones, Trustee, Snow Hill, Md.—Also of the four following children	58	40		40
1923	10	Williams, Grace W.	58	40		40
1923	10	Williams, Melita W.	58	40		40
1923	10	Williams, Sherman	58	40		40
1923	10	Williams, Hugh	58	40		40

Distribution of Conference Funds.

CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.				
		Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Fund	Amount Paid	
WIDOWS.						
1915	43	Adams, Mary R., Rehoboth Beach, Del.	742	516	84	600
1903	21	Avery, Lydia M., P. O. Box 555, Banning, Calif.	362	252		252
1881	8	Bain, Sarah B., 709 6th Ave., Juniata, Pa.	138	96	254	350
1909	40	Bolton, Mary J., 460 Humphrey St., New Haven, Conn.	690	480		480
1903	9	Bovie, Selma C., 37 Red Road, Chatham, N. J.	155	108	142	250
1895	4	Brindle, Ellen M., Greensboro, Md.	69	48	197	245
1915	30	Burke, Laura F., 818 Jefferson St., Wilmington, Del.	518	360		360
1918	31	Burke, Margaret, Newport, Del.	585	372		372
1909	31	Chandler, Mary E., Crumpton, Md.	585	372	103	475
1890	8	Chatham, Anna D., J.J. Bunting, Trustee, Smyrna, Del.	138	96	304	400
1922	5	Cochran, Nora B., 509 Bellevue Ave., Hammonton, N. J.	86	60		60
1922	6	Compton, Blanche E., 6016 Master St., Philadelphia, Pa.	104	72	628	700
1922	38	Conaway, Harriet E., 3000 Madison St., Wilm'ton, Del.	656	456	44	500
1892	17	Creamer, Sarah V., F. P. Gentieu, Trustee, Wilm., Del.	293	204		204
1922	23	Fogle, Nellie M., Seaford, Del.	397	276	104	380
1891	17	Foreman, Mary E., 614 W. 20th St., Wilmington, Del.	293	204	81	285
1914	39	Fosnocht, Bessie B., 67 Putnam Ave., Whitneyville, New Haven, Conn.	673	468		468
1891	20	Gardner, Louisa A., Smyrna, Del.	345	240	260	500
1906	16	Graham, Anna M., Clayton, Del.	276	192	93	285
1893	25	Grigg, G. Anna, Kenton, Del.	431	300		300
1908	27	Grise, Mary E., Pocomoke City, Md.	466	324		324
1921	25	Hurst, Frances P., 1329 Washington St., Wilm., Del.	431	300		300
1919	33	Jaggard, Annie M., Millsboro, Del.	569	396		396
1919	17	Kenney, Mary J., Selbyville, Del.	293	204	81	285
1917	9	Lewis, H. Bertrude, Laurel, Del.	155	108	192	300
1917	23	Martindale, Sallie W., Salisbury, Md.	397	276		276
1899	18	Merrill, Araminta, Upper Fairmount, Md.	311	*		*
1920	31	Mitchell, Jennie S., 4124 Old York Road, Phila., Pa.	535	372		372
1917	24	Morgan, Minnie S., 913 Delaware Ave., Wilm., Del.	414	288		288
1916	10	Murray, Pauline N., 811 Adams St., Wilmington, Del.	173	120		120
1920	34	McFaul, Mary E., 1003 Madison St., Wilmington, Del.	587	408		408
1921	38	Neese, Elizabeth F., 221 Geddes St., Wilmington, Del.	656	456		456
1909	35	Nelson, Evelyn, 811 Adams St., Wilmington, Del.	604	420		420
1917	33	O'Brien, M. Cornelia, Dover, Del., W. C. I.	569	396		396
1887	21	O'Neill, Mary A., 234 N. Carey St., Baltimore, Md.	362	252		252
1918	7	Poole, Maria O., 1540 N. 60th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	121	84	116	200
1882	6	Prettyman, Emma, Salisbury, Md.	104	72	218	290
1921	24	Quigg, Carrie V., 28 Wyoming Ave., Haverford, Pa.	414	288		288
1919	29	Roberts, Mary B., 143 Cedar Ave., Merchantsville, N.J.	500	348		348
1893	14	Robinson, Martha R., Perryman, Md.	242	168	142	310
1884	15	Shilling, Emma F., The Marion, Wilmington, Del.	259	180	70	250
1905	12	Sidell, Sarah D., 5434 Ella St., Olney, Phila., Pa.	207	144	141	285
1901	12	Swain, Martha H., Dover, Del.	207	144	131	275
1914	9	Talley, Elva, Edgemoor, Del.	155	108	192	300
1906	30	Todd, Alice C., Elkton, Md.	518	360		360
1922	17	Webster, Sallie V., Denton, Md.	293	204		204
1918	21	Westerfield, Lulu V. G., Port Deposit, Md.	362	252	148	400
1878	12	Weston, Laura E., 2315 Ridgway Road, Wilm., Del.	207	144	96	240
1913	43	White, Elnora, Millington, Md.	742	516	34	550
1923	10	Williams, Laura M., Buxton, North Carolina	173	120	460	580
1923	19	Williams, Katie, Georgetown, Del.	328	228		228
1920	31	Wyatt, Elmira P., Laurel, Del.	535	372		372
*Relinquished.						

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

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE**Appointed to Confer with the Conference Board of Stewards Relative to Change of Charter.**

Your Committee met and found itself in perfect agreement upon the fundamental law involved. The Committee then met the Board of Stewards, and, after long and careful discussion, proposed, for the sake of harmony, a legal compromise as follows:

1. Strike out that portion of Charter requiring ministers to be elected from Districts.

Reason: Ministers are apt to, and many do, change Districts every year. When elected to the Board of Stewards from given Districts, and

are changed, they automatically cease to be Stewards. Thus the personnel of the ministerial membership of the Board is subject to such frequent change that its effectiveness is seriously impaired.

2. Strike out the present **terms of office** for both ministers and laymen, and substitute a **three year term** for both, as follows:

The Board of Stewards as now constituted, for ministers and for laymen (one layman from each District) shall determine by lot which of their number shall serve one, two and three years; and as so decided the Wilmington Conference at its 1924 session shall elect one ministerial member of the Board to fill the vacancy; at its 1925 session, one ministerial member; and at its 1926 session two ministerial members; and so on perpetually.

Likewise the lay members of the Board of Stewards shall be elected annually by the Board of District Stewards of each District of the Wilmington Conference, subject to approval (confirmation) by the Wilmington Conference at its next session following the election of said member or members; provided that no layman shall be eligible to election as a Conference Steward who is not a Steward in the local Church of which he is a member, and, provided further, that in the event that District Stewards of any District shall fail to elect their representative to the Board of Conference Stewards in any year when his term of office has expired, then the Wilmington Conference shall elect the lay member of the Board of Conference Stewards to represent the said District, so that there shall always be a full Board of four members of the Wilmington Conference, and four lay members, one from each District of the said Wilmington Conference.

Reasons: 1. There is now a strange and unnecessary discrimination between the ministerial and lay members—the latter being elected for four years; and, even if not re-elected, have been allowed to hold office for as long as twelve years.

2. This change will merely have the effect of making ministers and laymen **equal** in this particular.

3. The present Charter sets forth no qualification for the laymen proposed for election by the District Stewards. According to the Charter, the District Stewards could, with entire legality, elect men who were not even Church members to act as Conference Stewards.

4. The present Charter allows one-half of the Board to be elected in which the Conference has no voice whatever. Every sane person, of legal age, has undisputed right in law, and therefore ought to be allowed to say who shall act as his Steward or Trustee and handle his money.

Observations.

1. Of course, refusal to approve or confirm, under this law, would be exceedingly rare; if, indeed, it ever occurred. It merely secures to the Conference a right which is fundamental, in case there should **ever** be occasion for its exercise.

2. There is nothing in this law to prevent the re-election of members of the Board of Stewards, either ministerial or lay, as often as may be desired.

After consideration of this proposition, the Board of Stewards transmitted to your Committee, through its Secretary, the following resolution:

That, in view of the near approach of the General Conference, and of Bishop McDowell's reference to the imperfected character of the legislation dealing with Conference Claimants, it is the judgment of the Board of Stewards that we wait until after the General Conference of 1924 to act upon the proposal made to our Board by the Committee appointed by the 1922 Conference.

While this resolution does not clearly express it in terms, the Secretary of the Board stated that it was adopted as voicing the intention of the Board to bring the charter in harmony with the will of the Conference and the law of the Church after the General Conference of 1924 has acted.

After final consideration, your Committee has decided to recommend that the matter remain as it now stands until after the General Conference of 1924.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

My report will divide itself into two parts. One will be a word, necessarily a brief one, about the activities of the past six months; the other, the outline of a proposed program for the year which lies ahead. I sincerely trust that the program will come to you not simply as a program but as a message. Programs we have aplenty. What we need is a message.

On September 15th last, by the appointment of Bishop McDowell, who acted on the recommendation of the Conference Board of Sunday Schools, to my complete surprise I found myself the Director of Religious Education for the Conference, to serve under the Board of Sunday Schools and the Conference Board of Sunday Schools. The work was undertaken after the Conference year had half-way passed and no other preliminary had been made for it other than a resolution adopted at the preceding session of Conference. Consequently, organization of the task had to be effected from the very foundation. This involved announcement of the appointment, the indication of a program of activity, and the apportionment and collection of the funds necessary for the support of the work. It is a matter of satisfaction that these tasks, in the short time allowed, were satisfactorily performed. This was made possible through the co-operation of the District Superintendents and the members of the Conference Board of Sunday Schools. Of the latter, Mr. H. H. Nuttle, Treasurer, was notable for his devotion and service.

Contacts were established by me with the following schools:—Camden, Ellendale, East New Market, Dover (Wesley), Dover (St. Paul's),

Chestertown, Middletown, Crumpton, Kenton, Millington, Royal Oak, Smyrna, Henderson, St. Michael's, Easton, Still Pond, Hillsboro, Church Hill, Clayton, Delmar, Whitesville, Mt. Vernon, Epworth (Wilmington), Silverbrook (Wilmington), Claymont, Richardson Park, Wesley (Wilmington), Newport. Some of the visits were in connection with special services, such as Rally Day exercises, Sunday School nights in revival services, Harvest Home celebrations and Home Coming gatherings. In the following places the program of an efficient Sunday School, which includes Graded Courses of instruction, Teacher Training classes, organization of departments and classes and the institution of the family altar, was undertaken and satisfactorily advanced:—East New Market, St. Paul's (Dover), Millington, Betterton, Hillsboro, Clayton, Price on the Church Hill charge, Newport, and Wesley Church (Wilmington).

During the first week in January a Field Workers' Conference was held in Wilmington. The staff of the Chicago Office of the Board of Sunday Schools and the Secretaries of the Conferences of the East met for the practical working out of the plans which are directing this great movement named Religious Education. Not only was this Director greatly benefitted and heartened for his task, but the Schools of the City of Wilmington caught a vision and received inspiration.

Most cordial relations exist between the Maryland Sunday School Association and myself. I have been called into conferences with its staff of workers, been invited to speak at County Conventions, and have nominated two representatives for Eastern Shore Methodism to serve on the Executive Committee; namely, Rev. E. W. Jones and Mr. W. M. Pogue.

In all the field work which the limited time has made possible, I have encountered universal cooperation on the part of pastors and local Sunday School Boards. There is an eager spirit to find the best way to serve not only the present age but to serve and conserve the glorious age ahead.

A word concerning plans and purposes for the coming year necessarily has place in this report. In making such a statement I am anxious to be definite and clear. Two main problems confront a progressive and efficient program. Merely to name these problems is sufficient to make them apparent and forceful to everyone. They are: 1, the lack of proper equipment for adequate religious education, almost universally the case in the churches of this Conference. 2, the dearth of leadership qualified by preparation and consecration for the church's most glorious task; namely, a real Sunday School teacher. I can say this much, based on the short six months of contact with my work, there is a longing among many for church and school plants properly designed to carry on the teaching function of the church, and an eagerness to prepare for highest service as evidenced by the teacher training classes which have been organized.

One other observation is in order before the statement of a program is made. The success in the fulfillment of this mighty task will and can depend not upon one man alone. It is too big a task for one man to attempt. It may be too big for us all in united and devoted purpose; but

with Christ, our leader, it can and will be gloriously done. Every member of the Conference is needed. I can only come to your schools for intensive work by your invitation. Call upon me. District Superintendents can make or mar this work. I should be glad to attend District meetings to present the program of the Church in its Sunday Schools. It is also my hope to take each one of the four districts for a quarter of the year each for labor within the district, using the District Superintendent as a teammate in the task.

An outline of the program for the year 1923.

1. Grade the school and group the classes in Departments.

This will involve curriculum and the organization or re-organization of Departments and classes. It will mean the wisest adaptation of present building facilities and looks to improved building equipment. In the organization of classes the purpose is to develop efficiency until they shall measure up to their great possibilities. In this, the stress will be especially upon the teen-age work. Our youth for Christ and in his Church must ever be our goal. To the adult classes, family worship around a family altar, will be presented.

2. Training for leadership.

Under this are included:

- (a) Teacher training classes.
- (b) Institutes with individual churches and groups.
- (c) Ten Day Schools of Sunday School methods under direction of Dr. Harry C. Wilson and Dr. William S. Bovard, in centers like Wilmington and Salisbury. I have been promised aid from both Dr. Wilson and Dr. Bovard for this purpose. Such schools will be modelled after the plan successfully carried on in Harrisburg, Baltimore and Washington.
- (d) The Dickinson Summer School of Religious Education to be held at Carlisle, Pa., July 2d-13th. Fifty from this Conference are not too many to expect on its enrollment.

3. Vacation Bible Schools.

In several communities Vacation Church Schools have been successfully operated. In a large number of other centers the same will and ought to be undertaken.

4. Evangelism.

The definite and continuous presentation of the claims of Christ to the whole life.

One word about our text book. Life, in this latest day, brings us into contact with new ideas, new forms of culture, new discoveries of science, new applications of law, new methods of expression and the familiar Word, our Bible and the text book of our Sunday Schools, teems with new mean-

ings and with new adaptations to our needs. Truths unseen before, though they were always there, come to view; deep truths rise to the surface; mysterious truths grow simple and plain; truths that jangled on the ear melt into harmony. Our new needs stretch out eager hands of faith and find abundant supply. The fact is, rapt in wonder and admiration, we discover, anew and anew, that the Bible is the book for all ages—infancy to maturity—and for all times, certainly for ours, and an inexhaustible fountain of truth and comfort and grace.

The work of interpreting Christ to this new age is the most fascinating and inspiring privilege ever committed to mortals. To make youth the focal point for the streaming rays of that illumination is the special service engaging the prayers and labors of this director of religious education and the Board of Sunday Schools and the ministers of this Conference. It is incomprehensible to me how any Methodist pastor can fail to make earnest endeavor to make it certain that Christ may be made to be clear and to shine through him, and that the agency of the Sunday School, with its growingly efficient powers, may incorporate completely into the Church the new life which is all about it and within its reach.

Surely no one who is close to the Church can be insensible to the fact of the presence of this tremendous new life. In very large measure youth has been left unprepared for the responsibilities facing it. A changed attitude on the part of the Church toward its task and toward its consecration to that task needs to be effected. The Church of Christ ought never to be so sure of itself nor so vigorously pressing the program of God as right now. There must come a realization that salvation is not for the individual alone but for society, and that Society, in its truest sense, is mostly on the Cradle Roll and in the Primary room, in the Junior Church and in the Epworth League. With this realization, that salvation belongs to children, has come the further no less inspiring consideration that even now the Church's tasks and responsibilities, many of them, can best be performed by eager and sure-handed youth. Never has there been a louder call for red-blooded, ambitious youth than the Church sends forth today, and never has there been greater opportunity for satisfying service.

We rejoice in the growing sense of obligation in all the churches to care for and to train for highest purposes of life the boys and girls of the Sunday School. We are more than proud to be counted in the great Washington Area and to see our own Conference leading in this divine work.

RANSOM P. NICHOLS, Director.

WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

The Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society is conducting work in four sections of the city. The centers of labor are Asbury Church, Third and Walnut Streets, Wesley Church at the corner of Jackson and Linden Streets, Kingswood Church, Fourteenth and Claymont

Streets, and Minquadale. Assistance toward the support of a worker has been given at Newport and Marshallton. Special financial aid has been rendered Hillcrest Church, which was nearly paralyzed because of the fact that many liberal supporters left our city at the close of the World War. Five paid workers have been employed during the year for full or part time service.

For some time there has been a conviction that there ought to be only one Protestant Church serving in the Browntown section. This society made a sincere effort to purchase the property of the Methodist Protestants at Fifth Avenue. A deal seemed to be near consummation but failed. Then our directors, after careful investigation and full discussion, unanimously decided to transfer their worker and equipment to Wesley Church and to leave Browntown field to the Methodist Protestants, who have increased their efforts to serve that vicinity. Therefore, the work at Sixth Avenue Mission, Sixth Avenue and Anchorage Streets, was transferred to Wesley Church, September, 1922.

Our work at Asbury, Kingswood, Wesley, Newport and Marshallton Churches is conducted in cooperation with the pastors and trustees of these churches. Our regular missionaries, Miss S. Pearl Lynam of Asbury, Miss Emma Campbell of Kingswood and Miss Lillian Carter of Wesley are prodigious community callers. They are effectual assistants to the pastors of these churches, all of which are now located in polyglot communities made up of a transient population of renters. We can not tabulate the possible good these workers do in soliciting the interest of the hundreds of children in the various classes of the church work.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools for children between the ages of five and fourteen years were conducted for four weeks last summer at Asbury, Kingswood, Newport, and Marshallton churches and at Browntown Mission. Sessions were held five days a week from 9 to 11:30 A. M., and the regularity of attendance of many of the children indicated their interest in Bible study. Armenian, English, French, Greek, Polish, Jewish, Italian, and Slovak children were enrolled.

During the entire summer the playground at Asbury was open, and our worker who superintended it devoted much of her time to telling the children stories and to teaching them games.

Kindergartens have been conducted by the Society for about six months of the year. The enrollment at Asbury is 30, at Wesley 23, and at Kingswood 54. A sewing class for girls is conducted at Asbury.

Your secretary, aided by workers from Asbury Church, has conducted a Sunday School at Minquadale, a rapidly growing suburb of Wilmington. Sunday School sessions are held regularly at all of the missions. The interest shown by the many parents and friends of the foreign children who attended the Christmas exercises held at each of the missions was encouraging. Liberal gifts of money from several individuals enabled us to give every child a box of candy. Many of the needy children were given filled stockings contributed by McCabe and Harrison Street Schools.

During the fifteen years of my city pastorates I have given much study and attention to the religious needs of our city people, many of whom are from foreign lands and need every aid and service the church can render. I feel that our Conference should contribute at least five thousand dollars for the work that the City Missionary Society knows is urgently needed. The Society should always be in a position to render the proper aid to every church located in a polyglot community or to any church suddenly squeezed by misfortune of war or commerce.

During the entire year our directors have tried to work on a line of conservation of resources. Your Secretary has confined his efforts to looking carefully and persistently after the work, and not a step has been taken or a measure put through without careful investigation and the unanimous vote of approval of the directors.

In the fall of 1921 a committee of five was appointed by the City Missionary Society to investigate and bring a recommendation concerning the disposition of the Italian Mission. The report of the committee contained the following:—We have sought information from all available sources. We have interviewed men identified with the Italian work from its inception. These friends have given of their time and means to contribute to the success of the work. From these investigations we have found the following facts:

1. When the work was associated and measurably under the care of one of our English-speaking churches it promised success. It was attended with some embarrassment, but in the main the results were encouraging.

2. After the work was housed under a foreign-speaking pastor it became more of a problem. To facilitate the work a property was secured at Third and West Streets. This property was near to and under the oversight of Union Church. A fair congregation was gathered, and a fairly flourishing Sunday School was conducted.

3. The Italian congregation clamored for a new church. All sorts of reasons were urged. The foreigners, it was asserted, could not be reached except through the agency of a church edifice. The first pastor was an educated, capable minister, but he soon grew weary of conditions and asked for release. The City Missionary Society secured the services of another Italian-speaking minister. He was fertile in plans but weak in putting them into effect. For some reason the membership began to decline. It is also a notable fact that during this pastorate practically nothing was contributed by this people toward self-support, and the load became too heavy for the Society to bear.

4. An effort was made to conduct a Sunday School with a fair degree of success. When the fire occurred the work was interrupted for a season. The location of the church was found to be far from ideal. During all this period the workers of the City Missionary Society hoped against hope. There were times when those hopes seemed justified, but it became increasingly evident that we were facing a problem difficult of solution. If

we were to depend on conducting our foreign-speaking work as a separate factor apart from our English-speaking work, we will need people who can speak foreign languages, but it is becoming a serious question whether we should encourage these people, most of whom can understand and speak English, to conduct the worship of God in their own tongue.

Under and in connection with our English speaking churches we can materially aid in the work of Americanization, and, since it is the announced policy of our Home Board to associate as rapidly as possible our foreign-speaking work with our English-speaking churches, and to discontinue the policy of building separate churches for the foreigners, only in exceptional cases, we are ready to recommend the following:

(a) That our Italian Church be disposed of according to Methodist law and usage.

(b) That, if disposed of, when our City Missionary Society debts are paid, the balance be invested for City Missionary purpose.

This past summer a society of colored folks, which has been without a church since their church building was removed to make room for a park, has taken an option on the Italian Mission. They have paid six hundred dollars on account and as soon as legal requirements are complied with the property will be transferred to Saint Peter's Methodist Episcopal Church, which, along with its pastor, Reverend E. P. Robinson, is to be received into the Delaware Conference this April Session.

May I say as a reminder that the downtown sections of the cities of our country have for many years been regarded as the graveyards of Protestantism. The new policy of our church purposes to avert such a result. These situations are now being regarded as a denominational problem. The local church in such communities must be aided to meet the urgent needs of an ever new constituency. Many of our city churches are surrounded by a heterogeneous people from every land. Many of the old residents have moved uptown or to the suburbs. The church located among short term residents needs an able and alert staff of workers. Such churches, being largely depleted of people of financial ability, need efficient pulpit supply and the generous financial aid of the abler churches.

Financial Statement.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury April 1, 1922	\$ 20.83
Interest on deposits	21.23
Received from Conference Treasurer	1325.00
Received from Reverend E. W. Jones	929.64
Received from churches during year	230.00
Received private gifts for Christmas treat	48.00
Received from Sixth Avenue Mission envelopes	49.44
Received from Sixth Avenue Mission, rent	48.00
Received from sale of furniture from 217 West 29 Street	253.50
Received from dwelling 217 West 29 Street, rent	334.65

Received from special donation	1.86
Received from Reverend Z. W. Wells	40.00
Received from Home Board	2490.00
Received on account Italian Mission	600.00

Total\$6392.15

Disbursements.

Salaries	\$4090.04
Goodwill Industries	600.00
Rent for Sixth Avenue Mission building	125.00
Water Rent	9.50
Interest and insurance	185.00
Printing	9.85
Supplies for Kingswood Church	14.38
Taxes of property 217 West 29 Street	79.24
Papering at property 217 West 29 Street	11.00
Kindergarten chairs for Asbury Church	39.00
Interest on Hillcrest Church mortgage	180.00
Two stereopticons	75.00
Loan to Reverend Z. W. Wells	40.00
Christmas treat for Missions	48.00
Board meeting expenses	45.00
Traveling expenses of delegate to council of cities	50.00
Payment on Italian Mission, on deposit	600.00
Balance on hand March 31, 1923	191.14

Total\$6392.15

GEORGE WHITE DAWSON,

Cor. Secretary.

GOOD-WILL INDUSTRIES.

After twelve months hard work we come to the end of the Conference year with an encouraging outlook for another year's work in the promotion of an institution, when run in its full meaning for what it stands, is one of the best institutions to promote thrift, selfrespect and christian living that we have in this country; giving an opportunity to help those who wish to help themselves, taking waste material from wealthy homes and giving handicapped labor employment, placing these things in reach of poor folks who are not able to buy new ones, and using this as a point of contact to touch them spiritually.

In the last twelve months we have furnished three thousand days labor with an average pay of two dollars and thirty-cents per day; we have

paid for labor \$6,902.92; distributed over our counters 20291 articles of all description that is used in a modern home; served 9589 customers; conducted 250 prayer meetings in the plant. Since June, 1920, the beginning of our industries, we have paid to labor \$16,581.08. We have presented the work in seventy-five churches this year, receiving from these congregations in membership fees and donation \$2,015.00; bags have been placed in twenty-eight towns outside of the city; 1534 members are giving us two dollars a year to assist us in giving any unfortunate, who wishes, a chance to start new to make good in life.

With our experience in the Goodwill work we find there is a large number of homeless women who had not the opportunity in their young days to equip themselves with the qualifications for the modern woman of to-day; no stenographic, bookkeeping, typewriting, telegraphic and hundred other modern schools were in her reach. She has filled her place in life; she lived poor and is left poor, not from her own choice; she is shut in somewhere in the attic or basement of a downtown rooming house not equal to the task to get food and clothing and pay her rent; she comes to the Goodwill Industries where the motto stands out, "Not Charity But A Chance," and there, with tears trickling down her cheeks, tells a story which would melt a heart of stone and pleads for a chance.

The Goodwill Industries has a chance for her in making over old garments into new ones but she must have a home. In our annual meeting January 11, 1923, the Directors unanimously adopted resolutions to create a fund to purchase a Goodwill Woman's Home, that such unfortunate women may find shelter and employment to relieve them in time of need.

We find that a will was probated in May, 1920, which reads as follows:

I, Rose Caruth, give and bequeath unto the Trustees of the Wilmington Conference, a corporation of the State of Delaware, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, (\$2,000.00) to be held by the said Corporation for the period of five years. If during that time a home for old people or invalids should be established by the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I direct that said fund of Two Thousand Dollars, with accrued interest, be paid to such institution.

This much needed home is another forward step for Peninsula Methodism.

Our Financial Standing.

Assets	\$25,440.00
Liabilities	8,000.00
Present Worth	\$17,440.00

I thank the brethren for their hearty co-operation in assisting us in this work.

Respectfully submitted,
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”.

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 EXAMINATIONS.

In accord with the action of the Wilmington Annual Conference at its 1923 session, undergraduates will be required to attend the Summer School of Theology to be held at Ocean Grove, N. J., beginning July 29, 1923.

For all necessary information write Rev. T. F. Beauchamp, Chairman, Selbyville, Del., or Rev. V. P. Northrup, Registrar, Richardson Park, Wilmington, Del.

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)Leonard White
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)R. P. Nichols
(b). The Graded Sunday School in Principle and
Practice,—(Meyer)R. P. Nichols
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)J. L. Sparklin
5. Neely's Parliamentary PracticeJ. J. Bunting

Collateral Reading and Study:—

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

Fourth Year.

1. Paul and His Epistles,—(Hayes)J. L. Johnson
2. System of Christian Doctrine,—(Sheldon)J. L. Sparklin
(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).....R. P. Nichols
4. History of Methodism, (Vol. III.), (Stevens)G. P. Jones
5. The Methodist ReviewJ. L. Sparklin

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

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

Second Year.

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

Third Year.

1. Life of St. Paul, (Stalker)J. L. Johnson
2. History of Christian Church, (Monerief)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)J. L. Sparklin
2. The Way to Win, (Fisher)J. A. Leach
3. The Prophets in the Light of Today, (Hill)Leonard White

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)R. P. Nichols
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)Leonard White

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XII. MEMOIRS.

LOUIS E. BARRETT.

Forty-six years of the happiest fraternal relations bound the subject of this memoir and the writer together as members of "the class of '76," in the Wilmington Conference. He was first of all my Conference classmate, then my District Superintendent, and finally, after my retirement from the effective ranks, my pastor; and in all these relations he was always my esteemed and faithful friend and brother. We loved each other.

Louis Edward Barrett, the son of John and Mary Comegys Barrett, was born in Cambridge, Maryland, August 16, 1843, and died in Chestertown, Maryland, March 24, 1922, in the 79th year of his life and just at the close of the 46th year of his ministry.

Brother Barrett was married twice; first to Miss Annie Todd, daughter of David and Maria Todd, of Cambridge, Maryland, Dec. 13, 1864, and, second, to Miss Lydia Maria Terrell of Elkton, Maryland, April 16, 1919, who, with affectionate remembrance, survives him.

During his effective ministry, Brother Barrett served the Church in the following pastoral and official positions:—1876-7, as pastor of Epworth, Wilmington; '78-9, Red Lion; '80-81, Onancock; '82-84, Still Pond; '85-87, Port Deposit; '88-91, St. Paul's; '92-97, D. S. Wilm. Dis.; '98-1900, Milford; '01, Middletown; '02-6, Dover; '07-8, Elkton; '09-15, Chestertown; '16-17, Harrington; '18, Townsend; '19, Retired.

At the session of Conference held in Chestertown in March, 1919, because of failing health, he asked for and was granted a change of relation from effective to the Retired, and, although the same love for the work that had characterized his previous ministry was not in the least abated, no veteran soldier ever received his discharge from his country's service and laid aside his armor more gracefully than he retired as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Having provided a home in Chestertown, where he had very recently served as pastor, he and Sister Barrett set up housekeeping there, and there together they spent the evening hours of his life in the happy enjoyment of his well earned rest and in the affectionate regard of their many friends.

He was in love with nature. It was his custom to rise early and spend the opening hours of the day walking abroad, meditating on the beauty that everywhere meets the gaze of the eye that is open to see it, and many of his most effective and inspiring sermons sparkled with gems of thought thus gathered. He could see the handiwork of God everywhere in nature,

or hear the echo of heavenly music in the thrilling notes of the feathered songsters. He gathered flowers from moor and from crest, and wove them into garlands of beautiful and attractive offerings of praise to God, and of inspiration and comfort for weary and troubled souls who waited on his ministry.

He was intensely patriotic. While his sermons were always forceful, convincing and inspiring, it was on occasions where he could weave together sentiments of devotion to Christ and loyalty to the Constitution and laws of his country that he excelled. On any such occasion he always spoke with an eloquence of speech and fervor of spirit that befitted the true orator. It was enough, in any community where he was known, on any such occasion, to draw together large audiences, for those in charge of the exercises to announce that Dr. Barrett would be the speaker for the day and he never disappointed them.

As a pastor and as a preacher he was so thoroughly in love with his work that he neither had time nor inclination for anything beside. No "side lines" for him. Nor did his passion for preaching the gospel abate in the least with his retirement from the effective ranks, but to the last he spent much of his time studying and writing sermons that, for lack of opportunity and physical strength to deliver, still lie unspoken within the sacred precincts of his study.

His last attempt at writing a sermon, which he did not live to finish, lies in his study, a silent witness to his persistent purpose and effort to magnify the mercy and love of Christ, combining for his text the words of Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" and the words of the Master, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He ceased to labor only when he ceased to live.

Appropriate funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Chestertown on Tuesday morning, March 28, 1922, conducted by Rev. W. A. Wise, his District Superintendent, and Rev. Omar E. Jones, his pastor, assisted by several other members of the Conference, Rev. N. O. Gibson, Pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church of Chestertown, also participating, after which his body was laid to rest in the beautiful Chester Cemetery, in accordance with his own previous request and arrangement.

He is not dead: why should we weep?
There is no death for such as he.
"God giveth his beloved sleep;"
While angel guards their vigils keep,
And when the night is past,
We'll meet again.

THOMAS E. TERRY.

GEORGE W. WILLIAMS.

Rev. G. W. Williams was born in Avon County, N. C., August 9, 1872. He was converted at the age of sixteen years. He was Sunday School Superintendent and Class Leader for several years and also a Local Preacher for five years. In the year 1912 he joined the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, served Nickory, N. C., in the year 1913. He built Newton Church and served there the years 1914 and 1915, and in 1916 he served Chandler's Circuit. Then he served his home charge in 1917 as a supply, and in 1918 he served Royal Oak Charge as a supply. He joined the Wilmington Conference in 1918, and served Queenstown in 1919; Burrsville, 1920; Mount Vernon, 1921; and was assigned to Mr. Vernon in 1922, but on or about the first day of July, 1922, he was halted by a very severe attack of cancer of the stomach. He fought the enemy very hard but in vain and on October 13, 1922, he finished his work and the Master spake to him and said, "Come up higher and receive your reward that awaits you." He said good-bye to a loving companion and seven children from the age of about six months to twenty-one years, also to a loving mother, Mrs. Mary C. Williams.

"I am now going to join my father and many more of my loved ones in the place that Jesus said I will go and prepare for you."

I have been acquainted with Brother Williams for nearly twenty years, and I knew him as a Christian, as a faithful and earnest servant of the Master. He loved his Church and he sacrificed his life for it even in the southland. Brother Williams never had the advantage of a higher education as many of us have had, but he was a man of great faith in God and by that he was a very successful pastor as well as an evangelist. I think that we can produce records to show that in the year of 1921 while pastor at Mt. Vernon he received nearly two hundred and thirty new members into his church. I happened to be his assistant at this time and at this place.

Brother Williams was a man of prayer. So often he would ask me to go alone with him in prayer to God, and we had that sweet communion together with Him. Brother George Williams still lives in our memory, and especially in the hearts and the souls brought to Christ by his faithful ministry. So we can say in the language of the poet, "A few more years shall roll, A few more seasons come, And we shall be with those that rest, Asleep within the tomb. Then oh, my Lord, prepare my soul for that blest day, Oh, wash me in thy precious blood, and take my sins away."

We, the members of the Winlmington Conference, wish for Sister Williams and all the children as well as loved ones, a life of happiness and God's abiding love.

W. R. WOODSELL.

WILLIAM S. H. WILLIAMS.

The Rev. William Spencer Hall Williams was born at Milford, Delaware, June 7, 1851, and died at Georgetown, Delaware, March 3, 1923. Brother Williams was the son of William Williams and Maria Hall Williams. He was born the second time at nine years of age. This happy event took place in a corn field while engaged in thinning corn. Brother Williams attended school in Milford and Ocean View and later entered a private school in Milford, Delaware. He taught school in and near Ocean View for seventeen years.

It was in the year of 1876 that he was united in marriage to Miss Katie Short, daughter of John B. and Eleanor W. Short, who has proved a helpmate indeed, not only faithful and diligent in the home, but a right arm in Church work. There was born of this happy union, three children; viz., George S. Williams, now residing in Millsboro, Delaware; Mrs. Mary E. Woolridge of Norfolk, Va.; and John W. Williams who died in Colorado, where he had gone for the recovery of his health. It is pleasant to state that the influence of this Godly home was exemplified in the lives of the children.

Brother Williams served in the capacity of a Local Preacher for two years. He then entered the Wilmington Conference and served the following charges:—Holland's Island, Mt. Pleasant Circuit, Millsboro, Cordova, Crapo, Georgetown and Burrsville Circuits. At the close of the latter pastorate he was granted the Supernumerary Relation. At the close of the second year he re-entered the active ranks and served Salisbury and Gumboro Circuits, after which he located in Georgetown, Delaware, where he resided until summoned to the skies.

Brother Williams was a winner of souls. He preached the old Gospel, expected results and rejoiced in the fruition of his faith and labors. Not only did his labor result in the salvation of souls, but in more than one revival he was able to report a hundred conversions. At one point as many as one hundred and fifty souls accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. The Bible declares, "He that winneth souls is wise." This good man's labors resulted in the building and repairing of churches and the payment of old debts. Brother Williams never made any attempt to win the attention of the people by eccentricities of methods, speech or manner in the pulpit. As a preacher, he was tender, soul stirring and experimental. He made no effort at oratory, but sought to lead men to Jesus and believers up the shining way. Yes, many will rise up and call him blessed. As Paul said, "He served the Lord in humility"; and like Enoch, "He walked with God."

Brother Williams was a great sufferer, and while medical skill and affectionate service was rendered by kindly hearts and hands, all efforts to bring him back to health and friends proved unavailing. Death came to his relief March the 3rd. His funeral took place at Wesley M. E. Church, March the 6th. The day was a very disagreeable one, snowing and rain-

ing, yet friends came for miles to attend the funeral. The Rev. John L. Sparklin, his pastor, preached the funeral sermon, while the Revs. C. W. Spry, Geo. R. Ellis and the writer assisted in the service. The Revs. J. T. Bailey and William Gibson were present also. Gentle hands lowered his body in the grave to await the resurrection of the just. We expect to hail him some sweet day in the "house of mansions" and join him in praising Him who said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am ye may be also."

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

O happy, happy soul!
In ecstasies of praise,
Long as eternal ages roll,
Thou see'st they Saviour's face.

Redeemed from earth and pain,
Ah! when shall we ascend,
And in Jesus' presence reign,
With our translated friend!"

HENRY S. DULANY.

ADELAIDE VICTORIA CORKRAN DAWSON.

Words, however wizard like, are powerless to give expression to some of life's experiences. Such an experience came to a brother beloved, when, like a bolt of lightning out of a clear sky, the wife of the Reverend George White Dawson, after a few brief hours of illness, slipped through the veil. It seems difficult even yet to grasp the saddening fact. A woman of upright and vigorous frame, eloquent of vitality, stricken down in a moment, a prey to an unsuspected malady! Yet so it was, for, "it so cometh as a thief in the night."

Adelaide Victoria Corkran Dawson, wife of the Rev. George White Dawson, was born in Federalsburg, Maryland, April 6, 1869, and went to her crowning April 19, 1922. She was united in marriage to our brother April 12, 1899. Two children were born of this union, Frances Naomi and Clinton Wyatt.

Sister Dawson's parents were of sturdy stock, ardent Methodists, people who commanded the respect of all who knew them. It was not strange that their daughter became an ideal wife for a Methodist Minister.

I am thinking to-day of that first meeting in this church, when for the

first time, in the Sabbath School class of the late Dr. W. L. S. Murray, two kindred souls met, a meeting which speedily ripened into love. How fitting that the sister of three Methodist Ministers, the Revs. Wilbur F., Lewis P. and David Corkran, should herself become the wife of an itinerant Methodist Minister!

And because of the writer's long and intimate acquaintance, an acquaintance that continued unmarred by a single cloud of misunderstanding for the best part of a generation, he cannot help thinking of how well she played her part as a true helpmeet in the ministry of our brother bereaved. A well poised judgment, characterized not only by womanly intuition, but grounded in a sturdy common sense, which viewed the vexing problems incident to the experiences of every shepherd of the flock, brought a quality most helpful in the solution of those problems. Memory brings to view her devotion and high loyalty to the sacred calling of him to whom she had given her love and life, and of the high esteem accorded her by those to whom her husband ministered, and that helpful and inspirational leadership she gave in the work of the ministry.

It was given to the writer, as the officer of the Church, to give to Brother and Sister Dawson their first appointment in the ministry. Long official association made me a frequent guest in their home. That home was a refuge and an inspiration. A home characterized by open-handed, generous hospitality. Our departed sister was optimistic and unselfish. Love kept her own ills in the background, lest she add to those whom she loved, and where either her family or her friends were concerned she was impatient of captious criticisms. Her friendship was of that sterling type which stood "four square to every wind that blew." Others might doubt and cavil and intimate but her friendship stood the test. These are some of the beautiful qualities of a minister's wife which come to memory through the mellowing mist of the years. And she bore disappointments with the fortitude of the truly brave. Nor did she waste precious time in fretting over what she had for perfectly lawful reasons set her heart upon. With a promptness and vigor characteristic of her temperament, she "took up the ravelled skein of care" and threw her whole soul into her husband's work. A leader among her kind, strong in executive ability, firm without sternness, she bound others to her "with cords of love." How sweet must have sounded to her ears the "well done, enter into the joy of thy Lord!"

Let us lift up our hearts for she is not dead. She lives in a larger life. All that makes for permanence and Kingdom helpfulness remain intensified by a new environment.

How appropriate the noble lines of James Russell Lowell as he gazed on that snow covered mound in a New England cemetery:

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

The last service in which our crowned sister was a silent participant was held at Asbury Church, at noon. A vast throng crowded the great auditorium to its capacity. What a tribute to her work and worth. The service was in charge of the District Superintendent, assisted by several ministers. Her mortal remains rest in beautiful Riverview, where, as the casket was being lowered in its narrow house of clay, the sun in crimson glory burst through the clouds, typical of the eternal day followed by no night.

ROBERT WATT.

LYDIA AMANDA TERRY.

Lydia Amanda Terry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Gilbert, was born August 3, 1849, in Mill Creek Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware.

Most of her early life was spent in the city of Wilmington, Delaware, where she was employed as a teacher in the public schools of the city for a number of years. Later she made her home in Dover, Del., where she became acquainted with and later was married to Rev. Thomas E. Terry of our Conference.

Early in life she was converted during a revival meeting in St. Paul's M. E. Church in Wilmington, during the pastorate of Rev. Robert W. Todd. She at once joined the church and remained a faithful, loyal member until the day of her death.

Being of a quiet and undemonstrative temperament, she was, in her quiet way, enthusiastic in all the work that fell to her hands as a Methodist pastor's wife. Her life motto, which she often repeated, was: "At least one kindly act every day."

She was a woman of great faith. She took all of the promises of God at their face value, and made even the smallest, every day affairs of life occasions for prayer for divine guidance and blessing. Her Lord and she were on most intimate terms.

Physically frail, the last several years of her life witnessed a constant struggle with the odds all against her, and for the last six months of her life she was confined to her home. For the most of that time her suffering was intense, and her constant desire was that the end toward which she looked, not with any sense of dread or fear but rather with triumphant anticipation, might come. Several weeks before her death she said to her husband, "Elmer, when you pray for me don't pray for my recovery; I don't want to recover. I have suffered so much and am so tired that I just want to quit it all and go home."

In a recent issue of *The Christian Advocate* there is an article from the pen of Dr. William V. Kelly which he begins with this quotation from an old philosopher: "My gray gull lifts wings against the night fall, and takes the dim leagues with a fearless eye." He continues saying: "The adjective best befits the eye of the gray gull. Again and again on ship-

board, standing at the stern of the vessel, I watched the bird following closely the ensign staff in straight, level, effortless flight at an unvarying distance, as if tied to the staff by an invisible thread. And what I noticed most in that lone sea bird was the calm, steady, unflinching pair of eyes fixed fearlessly on me."

This bird seems to have an instinct that the storm is impotent in its presence; and with grace and power of wing and fearless eye, accepts the challenge of the storm and conquers it.

There are storms that sweep over every human life. Sometimes they come with startling suddenness; at other times we see their approach in the distance. But no matter how or when they come our frail humanity dreads them.

Sister Terry knew, by experience, much of the tribulation that pertains to the life that now is, but they served only to fix her mind more steadfastly upon the promise of that life which is to come. She passed through the deep waters of affliction but they did not "overflow" her. She walked in the fire of severe trial, but "the flames did not kindle upon her." She was fearless in the "valley of the shadow of death," because she was walking with her Lord. Her "faith shone more bright and clear when tempests raged without," and "when in danger she knew no fear, in darkness felt no doubt."

It was the writer's privilege to visit her frequently in her affliction. She always requested that he should join with her in a little talk with the Father. Once she said to him, "Ask the Father to take me home today." This he could not do, but he did pray that she might be kept steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and patient in tribulation until she should hear the sweet words, "The Master is come and calleth for thee." She helped him, probably, more than he helped her, for her steadfast faith, implicit confidence and majestic calmness in the presence of death, served to confirm him in "the faith once delivered to the saints."

Emerson and John Henry Newman were very far apart in their theology, but they were joined together in the unity of the spirit at the grave. Emerson, contemplating the future, says:

"Wilt thou not open this heart to know
What rainbows teach and sunsets show;
Verdict which accumulates
From lengthened scroll of human fates;
Voice of earth to earth returned
Prayers of heart that only burned;
Saying what is excellent
As God lives is permanent,
Hearts are dust, heart's loves remain,
Heart's love will meet thee again."

While Newman says:

"So long thy power hath blessed me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since and lost a while."

The end of all earthly sorrow and suffering came to Sister Terry on the morning of September 19, 1922, when, as quietly and peacefully as a summer evening twilight fades and is gone, she passed from earth and its sorrows to the fellowship of the saints in the heavenly home and to her eternal reward.

Her death was a holy triumph. A short while before the end came, in the full consciousness that she was already in the valley of shadows and that the crossing was near, with a gleam of heavenly light illuminating her face, she quoted Fanny Crosby's beautiful words:

"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine;
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of His spirit; washed in His blood."

Appropriate funeral services were held in the home on Saturday, September 23, 1922, conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. L. White, assisted by Revs. W. R. Mowbray, F. C. MacSorley, D. W. Jacobs, F. F. Carpenter and Geo. W. Jones, after which her remains were interred in the family lot in Odd Fellows Cemetery at Camden, Delaware.

W. L. WHITE.

MOSENA VANBURKALOW MACNICHOL.

Mosena VanBurkalow MacNichol, daughter of Moses S. and Margaret VanBurkalow, was born near Magnolia, Kent County, Delaware, Aug. 22, 1860.

It was the writer's privilege to be acquainted with this good sister from the days of her early childhood, our families being intimately related in the social and church life. Brother VanBurkalow, half brother of Rev. James T. VanBurkalow, late of our Conference, was a man of unusual talent and ability. He was, for a long time before his death, a class-leader and exhorter in the Church in Magnolia, and though always a very busy man, he never allowed secular matters to interfere with his religious duties. Sister VanBurkalow was also a consistent and earnest Christian. The family altar was never allowed to go down in their home. So it was that Sister MacNichol was born and reared in a religious atmosphere, and it was only natural that in the days of her early childhood she gave her heart to God and consecrated her life to His service.

In the spring of 1876 Brother MacNichol was sent as junior preacher to Camden Circuit, of which the church in Magnolia at that time formed a part, and he made his home in that town, perhaps, because of its central location as related to Camden Circuit. Discovering in this comely maiden what he considered a suitable companion for a Methodist minister, he sought and obtained her consent for marriage, and on the twenty-first day of March, 1877, they were united in holy matrimony, and were appointed to Barrett's Chapel as their first charge at the close of the Conference shortly afterward.

To Brother and Sister MacNichol four children were born, three of whom survive the death of their parents; viz., Miss Beulah MacNichol, Mrs. Lottie Coulbourn of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Margaret Smith of Wilmington, Delaware. Most of the time since the death of her husband, which occurred in October, 1914, she made her home in Cambridge, Md., together with her unmarried daughter, until called to possess the mansion not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

She was well qualified for the position of a minister's wife, being of a congenial disposition and temperament as well as being religiously interested in everything pertaining to her husband's work, relieving him of much of the routine of his pastoral duties. She practically took charge of the benevolent collections so far as the gathering of the monies was concerned. She was fond of music, and in several of their appointments assumed the responsibility of leading the choir. All this, and a good home-keeper beside.

Brother W. E. Gunby, her pastor, says of her: "She was a large asset to all the work of the church just so long as she could be. She was prudent, progressive and sacrificial for the interests of the church. She was a warm friend of the administration of the church and very close to the Pastor. She was a long and patient sufferer; never murmuring nor complaining. She longed to go. Her faith was strong, serene, triumphant. She spoke to me often of the future life. I was standing by her bedside when she passed away, and her last words were, 'You may take all else in this world, but give me Jesus.'"

"When thou passest through the fire thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee," is the promise of God to those who love and faithfully serve Him. It was Sister MacNichol's lot to prove the reliability of this comforting assurance during her life, but especially was it true in her final affliction, which began with what seemed a matter of small importance, but which, like a smouldering fire, gradually developed into a flame that, in spite of the best medical skill to extinguish, spread until it had consumed the whole body. Her suffering was intense, but her patience endured to the end, and her faith never for a moment faltered.

She bade good-bye to all her cares and suffering October 25, 1922, when the spirit released from the clay, went to join the Spirits of the just made perfect, having spent 28 years in the Methodist Episcopal itinerancy, and eight years of unselfish, helpful service in the town where she made

her home during her widowhood. It may still be said of the folks called "Methodists," "Our people die well."

Appropriate funeral services, conducted by her pastor who was assisted by Revs. D. H. Willis and F. C. MacSorley, were held in Zion M. E. Church, Cambridge, October 27, 1922, after which her body was laid to rest beside that of her husband in Odd Fellow's Cemetery, Camden, Delaware, awaiting the call of the Resurrection Angel.

THOS. E. TERRY.

JOSEPHINE DRAPER SYPHERD.

Josephine Draper Sypherd, widow of the Rev. J. Owen Sypherd, died in Camden, Del., Dec. 10, 1922, in the eighty-sixth year of her age. Her husband was a member of the Philadelphia Conference and later of the Wilmington Conference, and filled, during his active career appointments at Camden, Del., Centreville, Md., Scott (Wilmington), Zion, Md., Laurel, Del., and Snow Hill, Md. Sister Sypherd was in every way well fitted for the sphere in life which she was called upon to fill. She was refined, tactful, intelligent and spiritual; a helpmeet in every way to her faithful husband. Her last days were shadowed by great bodily afflictions. For several months before her death she had been totally blind. These afflictions, however, did not, in the least, cloud her spiritual vision. She was always bright and cheerful and continually took comfort in the fact that "These light afflictions, which are but for a moment, worketh out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

She is survived by three sons, Clarence D. of Dover, Herman M. of Atlantic City, and Prof. J. Owen of the University of Delaware, Newark, Del. Funeral services were held in Dover, Del., Dec. 12, 1922, conducted by Rev. J. W. Colona, D. D., of Wesley Church, Dover.

ALFRED SMITH.

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WHEREAS, The Wilmington Annual Conference being advised of the recent demise of Mr. Joseph Zane Wilkins, whose death occurred Sunday, January 28, 1923, at Wilmington, Delaware; and,

WHEREAS, The deceased was so well and favorably known by the members of this Conference as well as throughout this entire territory, he having, for considerably more than a score of years, been prominently identified with this body as official representative of the Wilmington Every Evening; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, First, that, while we reverently seek to conform our

wills to the unerring way and infinite wisdom of Him "who doeth all things well," we are sensible of a loss sustained by our Church as well as by the State of Delaware in the death of this valuable and useful constituent and citizen.

RESOLVED, Second, that we shall greatly miss from our midst this gentlemanly, genial, courteous, whole-soul personality, whose wide and familiar range of acquaintance with our Bishops, ministers and laymen, together with his knowledge of the polity, law and practice of the Church so peculiarly enabled him, through the daily press and in an exceptional manner, to accurately and efficiently keep our Methodist people intelligently informed as to the various proceedings of this Conference as well as with the programs and progress of our Church at large.

RESOLVED, Third, that we herewith express our unqualified appreciation to the management of the Wilmington Every Evening for so continuously assigning this most proficient and accommodating member of their staff to the performance of press duty at the seat of our annual sessions.

RESOLVED, Fourth, that a copy of this minute, endorsed by our presiding officer and the secretary of the Conference, be transmitted to Miss Ida Wilkins, the surviving sister of our translated friend and brother.

(Signed) WILLIAM F. McDOWELL,
President.
DISSTON W. JACOBS,
Secretary.

XIII.

ROLL OF HONORED DEAD.

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

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EFFECTIVE
1859	John E. Elliott	Nov. 8, 1868	Snow Hill, Md.	30	10
1836	Thos. J. Quigley	Oct. 19, 1870	Laurel, Del.	65	44
1850	Daniel Titlow	Feb. 7, 1871	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	4
1867	Amos A. Ewing	Jan. 19, 1872	Cecil County, Md.	30	4
1848	Alfred Cookman	Nov. 13, 1872	Newark, N. J.	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey	July 9, 1871	Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct. 3, 1872	Frankford, Del.	34	13
1825	T. J. Thomson	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.	58	31
1857	Thomas J. Williams	Mar. 29, 1879	New Castle, Del.	53	21
1870	William I. Bain	May 13, 1880	Pocomoke City, Md.	36	10
1832	William 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 B. Quigley	Aug. 19, 1881	Hopewell, Md.	27	2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman	Feb. 27, 1882	Newark, Md.	36	9
1865	Benj. W. Chase	Dec. 11, 1882	Seaford, Del.	48	17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack	June 24, 1883	Cambridge, Md.	67	46
1834	I. T. Cooper	Apr. 12, 1884	Camden, Del.	78	26
1829	Henry Colclazer	Dec. 18, 1884	Philadelphia, Pa.	75	55
1833	John L. Taft	May 30, 1884	Norristown, Pa.	72	41
1869	John Shilling	July 22, 1884	Wilmington, Del.	52	15
1842	Arthur W. Milby	June 13, 1886	Harrington, Del.	71	44
1840	Elon J. Way	July 5, 1886	Baltimore, Md.	75	26
1839	Valentine Gray	Jan. 21, 1887	Gap, Pa.	72	42
1881	Isaiah D. Johnson	Mar. 4, 1887	Bridgeville, Del.	33	6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil	Mar. 9, 1887	Church Hill, Md.	55	28
1854	Joseph Dare	Oct. 22, 1887	Newark, Del.	56	32
1886	Frank M. Morgan	Feb. 11, 1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	34	3
1849	William Merrill	Oct. 23, 1889	Upper Fairm't, Md.	75	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
1823	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	Perrymans, 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

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1859	Thomas E. Bell	Mar. 21, 1895	Easton, Md.	58	
1868	James Conner	Sept. 10, 1896	Selbyville, Del.	59	28
1862	Merritt Hulburd	Oct. 10, 1896	Wilmington, Del.	54	34
1873	Newton McQuay	May 13, 1897	St. Michaels, Md.	57	21
1896	William G. Chance	Sept. 13, 1897	Quantico, Md.	33	2
1848	Wm. B. Walton	June 21, 1898	Salisbury, Md.	77	48
1850	John B. Quigg	July 30, 1898	Wilmington, Del.	72	46
1845	John H. Caldwell	Mch. 11, 1899	Dover, Del.	79	45
1860	Andrew D. Davis	Apr. 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	North East, 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
1826	Benj. F. Price	Mar. 22, 1901	Elkton, Md.	84	60
1851	Jas. W. Hammersly	Apr. 19, 1901	Brooklandville, Md.	78	40
1877	Walter E. Avery	Apr. 22, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	50	25
1860	J. Owen Sypherd	Sept. 3, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	69	39
1872	John D. Kemp	Sept. 21, 1902	Chestertown, Md.	65	30
1856	William F. Talbot	Feb. 26, 1903	Dover, Del.	73	27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard	Apr. 13, 1903	Frankford, Del.	65	41
1843	Thos. H. Haynes	May 23, 1903	Smyrna, Del.	81	51
1853	Geo. A. Phoebus	May 28, 1903	Brooklyn, N. Y.	74	33
1868	Jonathan S. Willis	Nov. 24, 1903	Milford, Del.	74	43
1867	John D. Rigg	Dec. 16, 1903	Hockessin, Del.	65	27
1869	Edward Davis	Jan. 9, 1904	Newark, Md.	84	28
1856	John France	Mar. 10, 1904	Wilmington, Del.	69	48
1879	E. K. Creed	Apr. 24, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	58	25
1890	E. R. Sidell	May 14, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	43	14
1853	J. B. Merritt	July 8, 1904	Fairlee, Md.	78	32
1872	G. W. Wilcox	Dec. 15, 1904	Salisbury, Md.	62	20
1889	James E. Graham	July 13, 1905	Seaford, Del.	52	16
1853	Robert W. Todd	Jan. 18, 1906	Baltimore, Md.	75	52
1858	S. T. Morris	Apr. 13, 1906	Roselle Park, N. J.	73	45
1879	C. A. Grise	Apr. 12, 1907	Berlin, Md.	51	28
1868	W. R. MacFarlane	Feb. 18, 1908	Hockessin, Del.	71	40
1898	F. E. Bloxton	Mar. 5, 1908	Nanticoke, Md.	40	10
1869	W. R. Gwinn	Mar. 13, 1908	Baltimore, Md.	67	34
1876	Albert Chandler	June 22, 1908	Bethel, Del.	58	32
1870	E. H. Nelson	Oct. 27, 1908	Delaware City, Del.	62	39
1860	H. W. Bolton	Jan. 8, 1909	Camden, Del.	69	
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow	Feb. 3, 1909	Dover, Del.	81	42
1869	E. H. Miller	Jan. 22, 1911	Sharptown, Md.	66	43
1876	W. L. P. Bowen	Mar. 11, 1911	Newark, Md.	77	17
1866	E. E. White	Dec. 26, 1912	Oxford, Md.	69	46
1853	W. M. Warner	Apr. 16, 1913	Millington, Md.	83	41
1897	J. W. Talley	Aug. 9, 1913	Near Wilm., Del.	42	9
1868	I. G. Fosnocht	Dec. 3, 1913	Smyrna, Del.	65	45
1858	H. S. Thompson	Apr. 1, 1914	Smyrna, Del.	79	52
1865	G. W. Burke	Apr. 30, 1914	Smyrna, Del.	78	42
1872	R. H. Adams	Sept. 11, 1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	71	42
1869	T. B. Hunter	Nov. 12, 1914	Monrovia, Cal.	77	42
1876	E. C. MacNichol	Oct. 18, 1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	60	38
1880	J. R. Cannon	Feb. 8, 1915	Chance, Md.	56	34
1865	James Carroll	Apr. 15, 1915	Milford, Del.	91	34
1871	William L. S. Murray	Feb. 26, 1916	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1901	R. H. Lewis	Aug. 30, 1916	Fishing Creek, Md.	31	12
1876	T. A. H. O'Brien	Oct. 21, 1916	Salisbury, Md.	63	40
1887	S. M. Morgan	Jan. 6, 1917	Wilmington, Del.	63	27
1864	T. E. Martindale	Feb. 16, 1917	Salisbury, Md.	73	52
1893	H. A. G. Westerfield	June 17, 1917	Port Deposit, Md.	51	23
1886	Asbury Burke	Sept. 4, 1917	Newport, Del.	66	31
1870	John W. Poole	Sept. 30, 1917	Philadelphia, Pa.	91	18
1901	William H. Kenney	Apr. 16, 1918	Selbyville, Del.	69	17
1884	Emerson S. Roberts	Aug. 6, 1918	Middletown, Del.	64	34
1884	Wilmer Jaggard	Nov. 21, 1918	Millsboro, Del.	62	34
1887	Ralph T. Coursey	Jan. 5, 1919	Wyoming, Del.	56	31
1885	James M. Mitchell	Sept. 25, 1919	Millington, Md.	61	32
1878	Charles A. Hill	Oct. 11, 1919	Smyrna, Del.	62	39
1870	Joseph A. Arters	Dec. 14, 1919	Cordova, Md.	86	40
1886	Clinton T. Wyatt	Feb. 7, 1920	Denton, Md.	56	34
1884	Daniel F. McFaul	Mar. 6, 1920	Wilmington, Del.	82	34
1878	Howard T. Quigg	Apr. 4, 1920	Newport, Del.	61	42

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1892	William O. Hurst	Aug. 4, 1920	Phoebus, Va.	54	28
1878	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	Philip 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.	63	20
1876	Louis E. Barrett	Mar. 25, 1922	Chestertown, Md.	78	43
1912	George W. Williams	Oct. 6, 1922	Mt. Vernon, Md.	50	10
1892	Wm. S. H. Williams	Mar. 3, 1923	Georgetown, Del.	71	25

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	John D. Rigg
14	" 8, '82	Middletown	J. F. Hurst	John D. Rigg
15	" 7, '83	Cambridge	M. Simpson	John D. Rigg
16	" 5, '84	Wilm'ton—Asbury	W. L. Harris	John D. Rigg
17	" 12, '85	Snow Hill	S. M. Merrill	John D. Rigg
18	" 4, '86	Elkton	W. F. Mallalieu	John D. Rigg
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield	H. W. Warren	John D. Rigg
20	" 7, '88	Wilm'ton—Union	C. D. Foss	John D. Rigg
21	" 20, '89	Easton	R. S. Foster	John D. Rigg
22	" 26, '90	Milford	Thos. Bowman	John D. Rigg
23	" 19, '91	Centreville	C. H. Fowler	John D. Rigg
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray
25	" 15, '93	Middletown	S. M. Merrill	A. S. Mowbray
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury	J. H. Vincent	A. S. Mowbray
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna	J. F. Hurst	A. S. Mowbray
28	" 18, '96	Dover	H. W. Warren	A. S. Mowbray
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown	J. M. Walden	A. S. Mowbray
30	" 23, '98	Lewes	J. P. Newman	A. S. Mowbray
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge	C. D. Foss	A. S. Mowbray
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray
33	" 20, '01	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. Wilson	W. A. Wise
45	" 26, '13	Crisfield	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
46	April 1, '14	Berlin	Earl Cranston	W. A. Wise
47	March 24, '15	Laurel	R. J. Cook	W. A. Wise
48	" 29, '16	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
55	April 4, '23	Dover	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 Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held in the Dover Presbyterian Church, Dover, Delaware, April 6, 1923.

The meeting was called to order at 9.30 A. M. by the President, W. Harry Jones of Sudlersville, Md., who requested Prof. W. B. Thornburg of Dover, to lead the devotional exercises. The opening song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," was sung by the congregation, after which Brother Thomas P. Scott of Lewes, addressed "The Throne of Grace." Following the prayer, "Joy to the World" was sung, which concluded the devotions.

Welcome.

The Reverend G. A. Burlsem, Pastor of Dover Presbyterian Church, was introduced, who extended a most cordial welcome to the Association

on behalf of his people and the churches of Dover, and expressed delight in having the Laymen meet in this historic church, whose congregation was organized 214 years ago; the present edifice in which we met being erected in 1791.

Frank M. Jones, Esq., of Georgetown, very fittingly responded to the address of welcome in which he assured the Pastor of the Church of our very great pleasure in holding our meeting in a Church surrounded by such rich historic associations.

President's Address.

President Jones in his annual address sounded the call to larger activities. He said, "The Laymen in the Church today have a big place. Every Layman should be a pastor. The vision is greater now than ever before. Too many lie idly on their oars and leave the other fellow to do the work, but the good Christian is an active Christian. Everyone is a steward and God expects returns." He closed by saying, "The vital point is the saving of men but we need a spiritual baptism so we can do the work."

Roll Call.

The roll of officers and delegates was called to which five officers and eighty-one delegates responded. The delegates being divided as follows:—Dover District, 30; Middletown District, 15; Salisbury District, 19; Wilmington District, 17.

Committees.

The President appointed the following committees:

Resolutions:—Frank W. Jones, Esq., Georgetown; Prof. W. T. Dashiell, Salisbury; George W. Booker, Wilmington; Walter O. Hoffecker, Smyrna.

Finance:—Prof. W. B. Thornburg, Dover; A. F. Powell, Berlin; C. A. Short, Newark; W. J. Massey, Church Hill.

Nominations:—Thos. P. Scott, Lewes; W. T. Tankersly, Deal's Island; Mrs. Sarah Hoffecker, Wilmington; Richard Hodgson, Townsend.

Fraternal Greetings:—I. T. Cooper, Camden; R. S. Loomis, Wilmington; J. H. Anderson, Cheswold; J. T. Taylor, Snow Hill.

Sunday School Work.

Reverend Ransom P. Nichols, Director of Religious Education, gave a report of his work among the Sunday Schools of the Conference and outlined his plans for the coming year. He said he stands ready to co-operate in any way to serve the Sunday Schools and young people's organizations as, "The church sends forth a loud call for the youth of our church today."

President Jones responded, strongly urging the Laymen to back up the work of Brother Nichols.

On motion, a rising vote of thanks was extended to Brother Nichols for the splendid report and the Association pledge co-operation.

Brothers Nehemiah Clark of Easton; I. S. Lawson, Crisfield; W. B. Thornburg, Dover; Walter O. Hoffecker, Smyrna; T. B. Ely, Wilmington; H. H. Nuttle, Concord, Md., commended the work of Brother Nichols, following which a motion prevailed to donate \$50.00 to purchase a stereopticon to be used by Brother Nichols in his work.

Collection was then taken which amounted to \$82.00.

Dover District Parsonage.

Brother Frank M. Jones of Georgetown, asked permission to speak for a few minutes to the Laymen, especially those from the Dover District, in reference to the District Parsonage. He stated a parsonage had been purchased in Dover at a cost of around \$7,500 and urged the members on the Dover District to pay their apportionments promptly in order that obligations could be met.

Conference Visitors.

Reverend W. W. Davis of Baltimore, General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland, was introduced and addressed the Conference on the work of the Alliance, and told of the growing disregard of the sanctity of the Sabbath Day. Following which, Resolution No. 3 was read and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Treasurer's Report.

Dover, Delaware, April 6, 1923.

To the President, Vice Presidents, Officers and Members of
The Laymen's Association, Wilmington Conference,
Methodist Episcopal Church.

Brethren:

I beg leave to submit the following as my report as Treasurer of your Association for the Conference year:

Balance on hand from S. T. Smith, former Treasurer	\$30.09
Received from collection, Laymen's Association, last Conference	32.72
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	\$62.81

Disbursements:

Mar. 24, 1922, Paid janitor at Conference, Cambridge	\$ 4.00
Apr. 5, 1922, Paid Kell's, Newark, Del., printing programs	5.60
May 4, 1922, Paid Rev. D. W. Jacobs, Secretary, printing minutes of Laymen's Association, 1922	18.00

Balance, deposited in Delaware Trust Co., Laurel, Delaware	35.21
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	\$62.81

Fraternally submitted,

M. EDWARD CULVER, Treasurer.

On motion the report was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises were again conducted by Prof. W. B. Thornburg. Brother T. Blair Ely of Wilmington, led in prayer.

Washington Christian Advocate.

Brother Walter U. Causey of Baltimore, Business Manager of the Washington Christian Advocate, was introduced and spoke of the necessity of having a church paper in the home and urged the Laymen to subscribe in order that they might be properly informed on all matters pertaining to the Church. Resolution No. 2 was read and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Dr. Charles E. Ely.

Dr. Charles E. Ely, Carlisle, Pa., was the next speaker. His subject was, "The Church of Town and Country."

Among other things he said, "Some of our city Churches have nothing in common with rural churches. If we could get one good, consecrated layman in each church we could stir the world; we would not need to depend upon the ministers. The world today needs Christ to lift it out of the slough of despond." He said it was the business of every community to take care of all human needs if we are to present Christ. During his address he exhibited a large chart containing an interesting survey of rural problems and declared that any child who lives close enough to town to go to the town public school, lives close enough to town to attend Sunday School in town, and if they do not, someone is responsible, for the task of the church is to reach the last man. He challenged the laymen to not be contented until the last man, woman and child were safely housed in the Church of God. "We need to get a vision of the possibilities of the church," he said. "The church must build itself into the life of the child." At the close of his address, Dr. Ely gave the audience an opportunity to ask any question concerning their rural church problems.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Ely for his helpful, instructive and inspiring address.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report which, on motion, was adopted:

Report of Committee on Finance.

Dover, Delaware, April 6, 1923.

To the Officers and Members of
The Laymen's Association, Wilmington Conference,
Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

We, your committee on Finance, respectfully report that we have audited the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct as per his report submitted at this session.

Fraternally yours,

W. B. THORNBURG,
W. J. MASSEY,
CLARENCE A. SHORT,
Committee on Finance.

The following report was also submitted:

Recommendations of the Committee on Finance.

Dover, Delaware, April 6, 1923.

To the Laymen's Association,
Wilmington Conference, M. E. Church.

Brothers:

We, your Committee on Finance, recommend the payment of the following bills and donations:

Victor C. Hitchens, printing programs and credentials	\$10.50
W. Harry Jones, expenses attending Area meeting	12.30
Donation to Sexton Presbyterian Church	4.00
Rev. R. P. Nichols for Stereopticon	50.00
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	\$76.80

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. THORNBURG,
W. J. MASSEY,
CLARENCE A. SHORT,
Committee on Finance.

On motion, the recommendation of the finance committee was adopted and checks were ordered drawn for the amounts.

The following constitution of the Washington Area Laymen's Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was adopted at a meeting of the Presidents and Secretaries of the Laymen's Associations of the four Conferences of the Area, held in the Board Rooms of the Maryland Bible Society, Baltimore, Md., Feb. 14, 1923, and sent to the Laymen's Associations for approval, was read and unanimously adopted by this Association:

Constitution of the Washington Area Laymen's Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Name. The name of this Association shall be The Washington Area Laymen's Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Membership. The Membership of this Association shall be composed of all the adult members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Washington Area. The Sustaining Membership shall be composed of all members who contribute \$1 or more per year to the Association.

Governing Board. The Governing Board shall consist of the Resident Bishop, the Area Secretary, the President, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Area Director of Lay Activities of this Association, together with the President and Secretary of each Conference Laymen's Association and five men elected at large by the other members of the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall constitute the Department of Lay Activities of the Washington Area Council.

Officers. The officers shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Secretary-Treasurer, and an Area Director of Lay Activities. These officers, (except the four Vice-Presidents) and the five men at large shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Governing Board. The four Vice-Presidents shall consist of the Presidents of the four Conference Laymen's Associations of the Washington Area.

Direction. The active direction of this Association shall, with the approval of the Governing Board, be vested in the Area Director of Lay Activities. He shall develop the plans of work, and shall supervise their execution. The office and travel expenses of the Director of Lay Activities shall be paid by the Treasurer, on approval of the Executive Committee.

Annual Meetings. The annual meeting of the Governing Board shall be held in Baltimore, Maryland, in connection with the annual meeting of the Area Council. Special meetings may be held at the request of the Area Director of Lay Activities, approved by the Executive Committee, notice of such meetings to be made by the President at least one week in advance.

Executive Committee. An Executive Committee of five members shall be appointed by the President at each annual meeting from the members of the Governing Board. It shall be their duty to advise with the Director of Lay Activities, to audit and approve expenditures of the Association, and to act for the Governing Board in the interim between its annual and special meetings.

Object. The objects of this Association shall be to co-ordinate the work of the Conference Laymen's Association, and to support the great program of the Church under the leadership of our Presiding Bishop, to promote and stimulate all the regular activities of the local church, including Stewardship, Systematic Finance, Evangelism, Christian Education, and circulation of Church Papers and Literature; to emphasize Social Service and Christian Citizenship; to Christian Co-operation in the Community welfare and uplift work and in aggressive action against commercialized evil in every form and against all sin-producing conditions.

Finances. The Governing Board shall have authority to secure from the Conference Laymen's Associations such funds as may be deemed necessary for its work.

Amendments. This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Governing Board at which two-thirds of the membership of the Board are present, by a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present.

The following report of the Committee on Fraternal Greetings was then read:

Report of the Committee on Fraternal Greetings.

The Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference extends greetings, cordial greetings, to the Wilmington Conference in session at Dover.

We assure you we are interested in the Post Centenary Programme and pledge ourselves, individually, to help put it across.

IGNATIUS T. COOPER,
JOHN T. TAYLOR,
J. H. ANDERSON,
Committee on Fraternal Greetings.

On motion, the report was adopted and the Secretary was instructed to convey the same to the Conference.

Reply to the Communication on Fraternal Greetings.

Milford, Delaware, April 7, 1923.

Mr. Victor C. Hitchens, Secretary,
Laymen's Association,
Laurel, Delaware.

Dear Sir:

As Secretary of the Wilmington Annual Conference I was instructed to acknowledge to you the receipt of the communication forwarded to our Conference by the Laymen's Association, and to assure the members of said Association of the Conference's grateful appreciation of their interest in and pledge of support to the Post Centenary Program.

Yours very truly,

DISSTON W. JACOBS, Secretary.

Round Table Discussion.

The Round Table discussion was then entered into. Prof. C. A. Short of Newark, Del., former Secretary, spoke on the objects of the Laymen's Association, saying that when it was organized and during its fourteen years of existence, there had been one central thought—"like a scarlet thread running through it all"—and that thought was to educate the Laymen of the Conference to the financial needs of the ministry and to furnish adequate support for our preachers, and that he felt it had been, to a large extent, accomplished.

Brother Nehemiah Clark of Easton, Md., said the meetings of the Laymen's Association should be a place to come to receive inspiration, and plead for greater activities along Christian lines.

Prof. W. B. Thornburg of Dover, suggested for discussion, by laymen and ministers, at our 1925 meeting, this subject, "What are my duties?", saying this would cover every phase of Christian work.

Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

For President: W. Harry Jones, Sudlersville, Md.

Vice Presidents:

Dover District: Prof. W. B. Thornburg, Dover, Del.

Middletown District: H. H. Nuttle, Hobbs, Md.

Salisbury District: Prof. W. T. Dashiell, Salisbury, Md.

Wilmington District: Rual S. Loomis, Wilmington, Del.

Secretary: Victor C. Hitchens, Laurel, Del.

Treasurer: M. Edward Culver, Laurel, Del.

On motion, the report was accepted and the nominees were unanimously elected for two years.

Resolutions.

The Committee on Resolutions reported favorably Resolutions I, II, III and IV, which were taken up in order.

Resolution I, referring to Rev. R. P. Nichols, Director of Religious Education, was unanimously adopted.

Resolution II, referring to the Washington Christian Advocate, was unanimously adopted.

Resolution III, referring to Lord's Day Alliance, was unanimously adopted.

Resolution IV, referring to Trustees of Dover Presbyterian Church, was unanimously adopted.

Announcement.

Dr. Ely asked for permission to speak for the Board of Home Missions for a moment, at which time he announced that he desired to hold at least

one Rural Church Institute in each District of the Wilmington Conference during the coming year.

There being no further business coming before the meeting, on motion, the Association adjourned to meet in 1925.

VICTOR C. HITCHENS,
Secretary.

W. HARRY JONES,
President.

Resolution No. 1.

The Wilmington Conference of 1922, taking a forward step, authorized the appointment of a qualified leader for its Sunday School interests and voted a sum for its support.

We re-affirm our belief in the plan of expansion and pledge it our hearty support.

Rev. Ransom P. Nichols, an efficient and consecrated member of our Conference, was appointed by Bishop McDowell to be Director of Religious Education. With vision, sound judgment and complete devotion he has undertaken his great task. He assumed the activities of his work September 15, 1922.

We request that the sum of \$2500 be secured for the promotion of this glorious task, said sum to be apportioned to the Churches by the District Superintendents. It is the hope that these apportionments will be paid early in the Conference year in order that the Conference Board of Sunday Schools may have funds with which to push this Divine work.

Resolution No. 2.

RESOLVED: That we believe the WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE to be essential to the creation and perpetuation of an Area consciousness; a means of communication from the Bishop and other leaders of our Area; and a means of giving our people the necessary information for the proper prosecution of the program of our Church, both local and general; therefore,

We recommend that our District Superintendents be authorized to ask our people to contribute our proportion of the necessary sum to supplement the normal income of the ADVOCATE in order to assure the continuance of said paper until such time as its subscription list is large enough to make such help unnecessary.

We further recommend that our Pastors use their best endeavors to reach their quota of subscribers, and to secure the enlistment of all officials of their Churches as subscribers, in order that we may have a fully informed leadership in all of our Churches.

As a further assistance in financing the paper, we suggest that all subscriptions be paid promptly, and, as far as possible, cash being forwarded with subscriptions.

Resolution No. 3.

WHEREAS, The amusement, sporting and certain business interests are seeking to commercialize the Lord's Day by special legislation where possible, or by the practical nullification of laws of our State through failure to enforce same; and,

WHEREAS, This lack of enforcement of law by the properly constituted authorities is creating a spirit of lawlessness with reference to all law; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Laymen's Association of Wilmington Conference, in session assembled, that we call upon the pastors of our Conference to lead us in an educational campaign that will once more give us the Sabbath conscience; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we recommend to all of our Church and Sunday Schools, for adoption, the Lord's Day Alliance's Educational Program, and we pledge them our fullest and best cooperation in helping rescue the Lord's Day from Sunday sports and amusements.

Resolution No. 4.

RESOLVED: That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the Trustees of this Church for its use for the meetings of our Laymen's Association, and that our Secretary convey the same to the proper official.

OFFICERS OF LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

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

LAY DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

- 1872—Delegates, Daniel M. Bates, Walter H. Thompson.
Alternate, John F. Williamson, Thomas Mallalieu.
- 1876—Delegates, John F. Williamson, Thomas Mallalieu.
Alternate, W. J. Jones, Dr. Geo. C. Tyler.
- 1880—Delegates, I. T. Matthews, T. B. Coursey.
Alternate, J. F. Dawson, P. F. Causey.
- 1884—Delegates, F. A. Ellis, Alfred G. Cox.
Alternate, Dr. A. E. Sudler, Jos. Pyle.
- 1888—Delegates, H. P. Cannon, L. S. Melson.
Alternate, Joseph Pyle, Dr. A. E. Sudler.
- 1892—Delegates, Dr. A. E. Sudler, Joseph Pyle.
Alternate, I. T. Parker, J. W. Melson.
- 1896—Delegates, Dr. W. L. Gooding, W. H. Jackson.
Alternate, T. J. Truxton, G. F. Jones.
- 1900—Delegates, Chas. B. Lore, G. E. Hukill, Jos. E. Holland, Geo. A. Cox.
Alternate, S. H. Baynard, G. C. Moore, J. W. Fletcher, L. E. P. Dennis.
- 1904—Delegates, C. B. Lore, H. P. Cannon, R. M. Cooper, J. E. Ellegood.
Alternate, A. W. Sisk, Geo. C. Moore, L. S. Melson.
- 1908—Delegates, J. P. Holland, I. T. Parker, W. O. Hoffecker, R. D. Jones.
Alternate, John G. Townsend, Jr., Joseph W. Coley, J. C. Mullikin.
- 1912—Delegates, Chas. H. Jefferson, John G. Townsend, Wm. Saulsbury, Joseph W. Coley.
Alternate, Mrs. Jeannie M. Field, A. W. Sisk, Wm. T. Records.
- 1916—Delegates, E. J. Winder, Thos. H. Bock, Melville Gambrill, Martin B. Burris.
Alternate, I. M. Lenderman, W. O. Hoffecker, L. E. P. Dennis.
- 1920—Delegates, E. C. Hardesty, H. C. Conrad, L. Atwood Bennett, J. W. Wheatley.
Reserves, Joseph Mallalieu, R. F. Powell, J. S. Mullin, Jr.

PASTORAL RECORD.

NOTE:—Sy., Supernumerary; R., Retired.

- Alderson, G. T.**—1888-9, Queenstown; 90-2, Bishopville; 93-4, Federalsburg; 95-9, Princess Anne; 00, Harrington; 1901-3, Lewes; 04-5, Snow Hill; 06-7, New Castle; 08, Perryville; 09-12, Newark; 13-18, Harrison St.; 19, Chestertown; 20-22, Elkton; 23-, Asbury (Wilm.)
- Allen, G. S.**—1912-14, Vienna; 15-17, Nassau; 18-19, Powellville; 20-, St. Peters.
- Anderson, J. F.**—1888-9 Westover; 90, Parsonburg; 91, Parksley; 92, Crumpton; 93-4, Pomona; 95-7, Talbot; 98, Woodlawn; 99, Marion; 00, Powellville; 01-2, Stockton; 03-4, Sharptown; 05, Houston; 06-7, Wyoming; 08-9, Farmington; 10-11, Kenton; 12-14, St. Georges; 15-18, Cherry Hill; 19, Mt. Lebanon; 20-21, Colora; 22-, R.
- Andrews, M. S.**—1921-, At school.
- Atkins, C. H.**—1917, Leipsic; 18-21, Lincoln; 22-, Concord.
- Barlow, W. G.**—1923-, Smith's Island.
- Baynard, O. T.**—1902-3, Henderson; 04, Royal Oak; 05-6, Crumpton; 07-9, Millville; 10-13, Chincoteague; 14, Armory; 15-17, Onancock; 18-19, Rehoboth; 20-21, Beckwith & Spedden; 22, Hillsboro; 23-, Fairmount.
- Beauchamp, T. F.**—1892-3, Selbyville; 94-6, Smith's Isl.; 97-8, Mt. Vernon; 99-00, Williston; 01-4, Still Pond; 05-7, Federalsburg; 08-10, Berlin; 11-13, Wesley (Wilm.); 14-15, Secy. Wilm. City Missionary Society; 16-18, Chestertown; 19-20, Epworth; 21-, Selbyville.
- Beauchamp, J. H.**—1894, Pocomoke Circuit; 95-6, Chincoteague; 97-8, Agt. Conf. Academy; 99-01, St. Michaels; 02-3, Townsend; 04-6, Harrington; 07-8, Greensboro; 09-11, Still Pond; 12-15, Perryville; 16, New Castle; 17-20, Cor. Secy. Wilm. City Missionary & Ch. Ext. Society; 21-, Supt. Goodwill Industries.
- Bennett, W. O.**—1897-98, Queenstown; 99, Annessex; 00, Fruitland; 01-2, Ridgely; 03-10, Sudlersville; 11-13, Bridgeville; 14-16, Cape Charles; 17, Cookman; 18-19, Berlin; 20-22, Laurel; 23-, Greensboro.
- Benson, N. C.**—1914, Queenstown; 15, Bishopville; 16-18, Georgetown Circuit; 19-20, Greenwood; 21-, Seaford Circuit.
- Bicking, J. R.**—1907, Elk Neck; 08-9, Cherry Hill; 10-12, East Lake; 13-16, Centreville; 17, Ridgely; 18-21, New Castle; 22-, Pocomoke City.
- Bolton, J. C.**—1920-21, Clayton; 22-, At School.
- Bounds, G. W.**—1890, Taylor's Isl.; 91, Church Creek; 92, Dover; 93-5, Cape Charles; 96-9, Deal's Isl.; 00-1, Tangier; 02-6, St. Michaels; 07, Harrington; 08-9, Federalsburg; 10-12, Frederica; 13-15, Dagsboro; 16, Perryville; 17-19, Richardson Park; 20-, Kingswood.
- Bowman, G. W.**—1885, Burrsville; 86-7, Beckwith; 88-9, Parsonburg; 90-1, Mt. Vernon; 92, Bethel & Summit; 93, Wyoming; 94-5, Vienna; 96, Crapo; 97, E. New Market; 98, Gumboro; 99-0, Woodlawn; 01, Marshallton; 02-5, Sy.; 06-, Retired.
- Brewington, J. A.**—1890, Reed's Wharf; 91-2, Gumboro; 93, Vienna; 94, Conf. Academy; 95, Hurlock; 96, Georgetown Ct.; 97-8, Lincoln; 99, Millsboro; 00-1, Cordova; 02, Girdletree; 03-4, Parsonburg; 05-6, St. Georges; 07, Ebenezer; 08-9, East Lake; 10-11, Chester-Bethel; 12, Whitesville; 13-14, Bozman; 15, Roxana; 16-17, St. John's; 18, Quantico; 19, Westover; 20-, Retired.
- Briggs, W. H.**—1907-9, Colora; 10-13, Zion Ct.; 14-15, Preston; 16-20, Selbyville; 21-, Easton.
- Broadway, L. M.**—1915-16, Kingswood; 17-, Madaley.
- Buckson, J. A.**—1904-7, Galestown; 08-11, Armory; 12-14, Beckwith; 15-19, Whitesville; 20-22, Zion Ct.; 23-, Crumpton.

- Budd, H. G.**—1894-7, Perryville; 98-02, Berlin; 03-6, Centreville; 07-10, Crisfield; 11-17, Principal, Wilmington Conference Academy; 18- , President Wesley Collegiate Institute.
- Bunting, J. J.**—1909, Mardela Springs; 10-11, Marion; 12-14, Mt. Vernon; 15-17, Seaford; 18-19, Ridgely; 20-22, Berlin; 23- , Smyrna.
- Burr, Warren**—1888-9, Girdletree; 90-4, St. Peter's; 95, Kingswood; 96-8, Cape Charles; 99-02, Sy.; 03-7, Rock Hall; 08-10, North East; 11-12, Greensboro; 13-17, Townsend; 18-19, Harrington; 20-21, Port Deposit; 22- , R.
- Carpenter, F. F.**—1888-9, Bishopville; 90, Cape Charles; 91, Little Creek; 92, Leipsic; 93-4, Townsend; 95-8, Hillsboro; 99-0, Frankford; 01-3, Deal's Isl.; 04-8, Mt. Salem; 09-11, Port Depcsit; 12-15, Brandywine; 16-19, Laurel; 20-22, Seaford; 23- , Cambridge.
- Chaires, W. W.**—1888, Shortley; 89-90, Somerset; 91, Smith's Isl.; 92-3, Crapo; 94, Williston; 95, Sy.; 96, Crumpton; 97-0, Tilghman; 91, Rock Hall; 02-6, Sy.; 07, Roxana; 08-10, Supernumerary; 11, Fairlee; 12-13, Marydel; 14-15, Kenton; 16-19, Bozman; 20- , Retired.
- Chappell, J. W.**—1913-16, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference; 17, Brack Ex; 18- , U. S. Army.
- Clark, C. W.**—1915-17, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference; 18-19, Brack Ex; 20-21, Hockessin; 22- , Clayton.
- Collins, J. M.**—1876, Sudlersville; 77, Denton; 78, Royal Oak; 79, Kent; 80, Appoquinimink; 81, Westover; 82-3, Worcester; 84, Ellendale; 85-6, Lincoln; 87, Church Creek; 88-90, Elliott's Isl.; 91-2, Talbot; 93-4, Kenton; 95-7, Ingleside; 98, Holland's Isl.; 99-00, Bethel; 01-2, Sy.; 03, Hooper's Isl.; 04, Colora; 05- , R.
- Collins, V. S.**—1883, Dover & Cambridge; 84-5, Vienna; 86-7, Felton; 88-90, Scott; 91-3, Centreville; 94-6, New Castle; 97, Georgetown; 98-1900, Principal, Wilm. Conf. Academy; 01-3, Smyrna; 04-8, Port Deposit; 09-12, Middletown; 13-16, St. Paul's; 17-22, Dist. Supt., Salisbury District; 23- , Cape Charles.
- Collins, E. H.**—1895, Claymont; 96-7, Stanton; 98-9, St. George's; 00, Whitesville; 01-2, St. John's; 03, Chesapeake; 04-6, Marydel; 07-8, Still Pond; 09, Fairmount; 10-12, Parsonburg; 13-16, Madeley; 17-18, East Lake; 19, North East; 20- , Trinity.
- Colona, J. W.**—1902-3, Annessex; 04-6, Princess Anne; 07-10, Bridgeville; 11-17, Georgetown; 18-22, Dover; 23- , Dist. Supt., Wilmington District.
- Connelly, O. H.**—1912, Piney Neck; 13, Christiana; 14, Claymont; 15-16, Colora; 17-19, Roxana; 20-22, Millington; 23- , Townsend.
- Cooke, G. A.**—1891-99, Minn. Conference; 1900-5, N. Eng. Conf.; 1906-7, Troy Conf.; 1908-9, N. Y. Conf.; 1910-11, Somerset; 12-13, Tangier; 14-16, Wesley, (Wilm.); 17-20, Retired; 21-22, St. John's; 23- , Frankford.
- Corkran, W. F.**—1876, Millsboro; 77, Harrington; 78-9, Barrett's Chapel; 80, Leipsic; 81-2, Magnolia; 83-5, Gumboro; 86-90, Asbury (Crisfield); 91-6, Dist. Supt. Salisbury District; 97-1902, Dist. Supt. Easton District; 03-4, Georgetown; 06-8, Newark, Del.; 09-17, Union; 18- , Asbury (Crisfield).
- Corkran, L. P.**—1881, Sudlersville; 82-3, King's Creek; 84, Queenstown; 85-6, Oxford; 87-8, Preston; 89-90, Greenwood; 91, Lincoln; 92-3, Delmar; 94-6, Marion; 97, New Castle; 98-1900, Fairmount; 01-4, Milton; 05-6, Epworth; 07-10, Hillsboro; 11, Rock Hall; 12-16, Sudlersville; 17- , Retired.
- Cummings, W. H.**—1918-20, Ebenezer; 21-22, Fairmount; 23- , Roxana.
- Dashiell, E. H.**—1899-02, Mt. Lebanon; 03-4, Chesapeake City; 05-6, North East; 07-9, Frederica; 10-11, Federalsburg; 12-15, Asbury (Crisfield); 16-20, Cor. Sec'y Endowment Commission; 21-22, Cape Charles; 23- , Dist. Supt., Salisbury District.
- Davis, Howard**—1900, Little Creek; 01-2, Salem; 03-5, Powelville; 06-7, Marion; 08-9, Mt. Vernon; 10-13, Cape Charles; 14-17, Bridgeville; 18-19, Chaplain; 20- , Lewes.
- Davis, C. E.**—1921, At School; 22- , Cheswold.

- Dawson, W. F.**—1884-5, Houston; 86-7, Vienna; 88-9, Millsboro; 00-2, Beckwith; 93-5, Magnolia; 96, Mt. Vernon; 97, Whitesville; 98, Chester; 99-02, Wesley; 03-7, Cecilton; 08, Church Hill; 09-12, Camden; 13, Cheswold; 14-15, Hillsboro; 16-17, Nanticoke; 18-19, Tangier; 20-22, Princess Anne; 23- , Felton.
- Dawson, G. W.**—1899-0, Perryville; 01-2, Bethel; 03-5, Mt. Lebanon; 06-8, Wesley (Wilm.); 09-10, Deal's Isl.; 11-12, Harrison St.; 13-22, Asbury (Wilm.); 23- , Georgetown.
- Derrickson, E. H.**—1884-5, Pocomoke Ct.; 86-7, Newark, Md.; 88-9, Sharptown; 90-2, Girdletree; 93-5, Mt. Vernon; 96-7, Magnolia; 98-0, Mt. Pleasant; 01, Onancock; 02-4, Nanticoke; 05, St. Peter's; 06, Cheswold; 07-8, Marydel; 09-13, Church Hill; 14-17, Oxford; 18-20, Odessa; 21- , R.
- Dulaney, H. S.**—1886-7, Holland's Isl.; 88-90, Parksley; 91-4, Kingswood; 95-7, Onancock; 98-9, Whitesville; 00, Millington; 01-3, Asbury, Wil.; 04-6, Asbury (Crisfield); 07-11, Sy.; 12-16, Grace (Salisbury); 17-19, Felton; 20- , Sharptown.
- Easley, J. W.**—1885-6, Girdletree; 87-8, Onancock; 89-91, Federalsburg; 92-3, Chestertown; 94-7, Centreville; 98-00, Brandywine; 01, Scott; 02-4, Harrison St.; 05-9, Kentucky Conf.; 10-11, Cor. Sec'y Wil. City Missionary Soc'y; 12-14, Snow Hill; 15-17, McCabe; 18, Cape Charles; 19- , Retired.
- Eldridge, J. S.**—1902-11, New Jersey Conference; 1912-20, Northern New York Conference; 1921-22, Dagsboro; 23- , Mt. Vernon.
- Ellis, G. R.**—1898, Worton; 99-02, Kenton; 03-5, Ridgely; 06-7, Hurlock; 08, Nassau; 09-10, Rehoboth; 11, Kingswood; 12-16, Millsboro; 17-21, Magnolia; 22- , Millsboro.
- Esgate, James**—1866, Bridgeville; 67, Annessex; 68, Bethesda; 69, Quantico; 70, Chesapeake City; 71-85, Sy.; 86- , R.
- Ewing, H. W.**—1887-89, Madeley; 90-92, Crisfield; 93-96, Port Deposit; 97-98, Mt. Salem; 99, Kentucky Conference; 1900-13, New England Conference; 14-18, West Virginia Conference; 19- , Union (Wilm.).
- Faulkner, F. N.**—1899-04, Selbyville; 05-6, Parsonburg; 07-8, At School; 09, Bethel; 10-12, Fairmount; 13-20, Delmar; 21, Leave of Absence; 22- , Supernumerary.
- Ford, D. J.**—1905, Betterton; 06, Henderson; 07, Royal Oak; 08-10, Powellville; 11-12, Cherry Hill; 13, Eastlake; 14-16, Seaford Circuit; 17-18, Nanticoke; 19-20, Frankford; 21, Mardela Springs; 22- , Magnolia.
- Fox, H. P.**—1910-11, Northern New York Conference; 12-22, Baltimore Conference; 23- , Salisbury.
- Frye, A. B.**—1915-19, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference; 20, Concord Ct.; 21- , Church Hill.
- Gallion, H. W.**—1921, Bayside; 22- , Bishopville.
- Gardner, J. H.**—1902-3, Church Creek; 04-5, Marion; 06, Westover; 07-8, Onancock; 09-11, Millsboro; 12-13, Galestown; 14-17, Lincoln; 18-19, Seaford Circuit; 20- , Crapo.
- Gelman, G. T.**—1922- , St. Paul's (Dover).
- Geoghegan, J. H.**—1891, Cordova; 92, Wye; 93, Armory; 94-5, Hopewell; 96-8, Church Hill; 99-00, Cherry Hill; 01-2, St. George's; 03-4, Girdletree; 05-7, Quantico; 08-9, Houston; 10-12, Ebenezer; 13-14, Delaware City; 15-16, Mt. Lebanon; 17-18, Newark, Md.; 19-20, Bethel Circuit; 21- , Red Lion.
- Gilbert, B. W.**—1921- , At School.
- Givan, D. J.**—1895-7, Parksley; 98, Chance; 99-00, Gumboro; 01-3, Farmington; 04-6, Hillsboro; 07-9, Odessa; 10, Madeley; 11-13, Harrington; 14-16, Princess Anne; 17-19, Milton; 20- , North East.
- Given, T. N.**—1884-7, Va. Conf.; 88-9, Mt. Lebanon; 90, Stanton; 91, Somerset; 92-3, Fruitland; 94-5, Millsboro; 96, Sharptown; 97, Newark, Md.; 98, Church Creek; 99-00, Burrsville; 01, Hockessin; 02, Red Lion; 03-4, Charlestown; 05, Armory; 06-10, Sy.; 11, Henderson; 12, Fairlee; 13, Wye Mills; 14, Roxana; 15, Quantico; 16-17, Delaware City; 18-19, St. John's; 20, Christiana; 21-22, White Haven; 23- , R.

- Godwin, W. F.**—1917, Central Penna. Conference; 18-19, Bishopville; 20-21, Tangier; 22- , Newark, Md.
- Goodhand, A. W.**—1903-5, Cheswold; 06-7, Stockton; 08-9, Frankford; 10-12, St. Peter's; 13-14, Hurlock; 15-17, Fairmount; 18-19, Still Pond; 20-21, Richardson Park; 22- , Eastlake.
- Grant, W. S.**—1917-19, Houston; 20- , Rehoboth.
- Gray, J. W.**—1888, Pocomoke Ct.; 89, Powellville; 90-1, Fruitland; 92-3, Smith's Isl.; 94, Somerset; 95-6, Roxana; 97-9, Crapo; 00, Chincoteague; 01-2, Mt. Vernon; 03-4, Lincoln; 05, Cordova; 06-7, Powellville; 08, Quantico; 09-10, Newark, Md.; 11-13, Bethel; 14-15, Chester-Bethel; 16-17, Ebenezer; 18-19, Charlestown; 20-21, Retired; 22- , Cherry Hill.
- Greene, W. M.**—1873, Millsboro; 74, Camden; 75, Bridgeville; 76, Felton; 77-8, Church Creek; 79-80, Bethel; 81-2, Kent; 83-4, Christiana; 85-6, Galestown; 87, Wyoming; 88-9, Beckwith; 90-1, Williston; 92-3, Farmington; 94, Nassau; 95-98, Sy.; 04- , Retired.
- Greenfield, W. E.**—1900, Elk Neck; 01-5, Perryville; 06-13, Silverbrook; 14-17, Berlin; 18- , Brandywine.
- Gunby, W. E.**—1903-4, Queenstown; 05-6, Odessa; 07-11, Princess Anne; 12-13, Easton; 14-17, Wesley (Dover); 18-22, Cambridge; 23- , Dist. Supt., Dover District.
- Guthrie, W. B.**—1883, Pocomoke Ct.; 84-5, Westover; 86-7, Fruitland; 88-90, Holland's Isl.; 90-2, Houston; 93-4, Gumboro; 95-8, Somerset; 99-00, Rock Hall; 01, Marydel; 02, Magnolia; 03-4, Chincoteague; 05, Millsboro; 06, Roxana; 07, Burrsville; 08, Sy.; 09, Vienna; 10-11, Westover; 12-13, Powellville; 14-16, Wye Mills; 17-19, Kenton; 20, Queenstown; 21- , Retired.
- Habbart, W. E.**—1903, Little Creek; 04-5, Fairlee; 06-7, Kenton; 08-10, Ridgely; 11-12, Crisfield; 13-16, Ridgely; 17-18, Mt. Salem; 19- , Harrison St.
- Hallman, E. C.**—1910-19, North Indiana Conference; 1920-21, Ocean View; 22- , Tangier.
- Hamblin, S. T.**—1921-22, At School; 23- , Houston.
- Hardesty, G. L.**—1883-4, Woodland; 85-7, Magnolia; 88, Tangier; 89-90, Galestown; 91-2, St. George's; 93-4, Roxana; 95-9, St. Peter's; 00-2, Smyrna Ct.; 03, Berlin; 04-6, Whitesville; 07-9, Seaford Ct.; 10-11, Kent Isl.; 12-13, Cecilton; 14- , Retired.
- Harding, T. H.**—1871, Denton; 72, Hillsboro; 73-4, Queenstown; 75, Church Creek; 76-7, Galestown; 78-9, Sharptown; 80-2, Gumboro; 83-4, Quantico; 85-7, Mt. Vernon; 88-9, Newark, Md.; 90, Stockton; 91-2, Ingleside; 93-6, Charlestown; 97, St. Georges; 98-1900, Stanton; 01-6, Sy.; 07- , Retired.
- Harris, W. G.**—1906-7, Christiana; 08-9, Marion; 10-12, Bishopville; 13-15, Frankford; 16-17, Sharptown; 18-22, Cookman; 23- , Elkton.
- Harris, C. C.**—1916-17, Claymont; 18-19, Kingswood; 20- , Rising Sun.
- Hastings, G. W.**—1899-00, Stockton; 01-2, Gumboro; 03-4, Mt. Vernon; 05-7, Frankford; 08-10, Nanticoke; 11-12, Frankford; 13-16, Deal Is.; 17-18, Hebron; 19-20, Perryville; 21, Retired; 22- , Ocean View.
- Hearn, W. A.**—1917, Asst. Pastor, Grace (Wilm.); 18-19, Y. M. C. A. Secretary and Chaplain 6th Marines, A. E. F.; 20-21, Newark (Md.); 22- , Claymont.
- Hervis, E. W.**—1918, Elk Mills; 19-21, At School; 22- , Claremont.
- Herson, Frank.**—1909-17, Philadelphia Conference; 18- , Newark.
- Hess, W. L.**—1920-21, Stockton; 22- , Hebron.
- Hills, V. E.**—1889-98, E. Maine Conf.; 99-02, Lincoln; 03-4, Gumboro; 05-7, Mt. Vernon; 08-9, Parsonburg; 10-15, Selbyville; 16-17, Asbury (Crisfield); 18-19, Pocomoke City; 20-22, Denton; 23- , Wesley (Wilm.).
- Hodgson, R. S.**—1918, Canterbury; 19-20, At School; 21- , Odessa.
- Hoffecker, E. L.**—1876, Denton; 77, King's Creek; 78-9, Talbot; 80-2, Cambridge; 83-01, N. Y. Conf.; 02-4, Greensboro; 05-8, Fairmount; 09, Wesley (Dover); 10-15, D. S. Wilm. District; 16, Cor. Secy. Wilm. City Missionary Society; 17, Sabbatical Year; 18- , Retired.

- Holt, T. S.**—1897-00, St. John's; 01-4, Federalsburg; 05-6, Still Pond; 07-11, Sy.; 12- , Retired.
- Hubbard, C. L.**—1906-17, Baltimore Conference; 18- , St. Paul's (Wilm.).
- Hudson, J. A.**—1900, Atlantic Missions Conf.; 09, Galestown; 10-11, Beckwith; 12, Blades; 13-14, Williamsburg; 15, Pomona; 16, Newark, Md.; 17-18, Smith's Is.; 19-21, Chester-Bethel; 22- , Wyoming.
- Hudson, C. H.**—1922- , Hooper's Island.
- Jackson, Leolan.**—1896-06, Holston Conf.; 07, Vienna; 08-9, Beckwith; 10-11, Wyoming; 12-14, Crapo; 15-16, Magnolia; 17-19, Princess Anne; 20-21, Tilghman's; 22- , Sudlersville.
- Jacobs, D. W.**—1913-14, Blades; 15-17, Rehoboth; 18-20, Bridgeville; 21- , Milford.
- James, O. E.**—1907, Queenstown; 08-9, Roxana; 10, Fruitland; 11-12, Gumboro; 13-14, Farmington; 15, Annessex; 16, Sy.; 17-18, Colora; 19, Red Lion; 20-22, Mt. Lebanon; 23- , Ebenezer.
- Jester, B. F.**—1886-1901, M. P. Church; 02, Talbot; 03-4, Crapo; 05, Phila. Conf.; 06-7, Armory; 08, Trinity; 09, Wyoming Conf.; 10-13, Sy.; 14, Charlestown; 15, Burrsville; 16, Asst. Union (Wil.); 17- , R.
- Johns, B. M.**—1906-23, Wyoming Conference; 23- , Grace (Wilm.).
- Johnson, J. L.**—1899-00, Galestown; 01-3, Greenwood; 04-6, Seaford Ct.; 07-11, E. New Market; 12-15, New Castle; 16-17, Scott; 18- , Immanuel (Crisfield).
- Jones, G. P.**—1891-3, Chincoteague; 94, Selbyville; 95-8, Cherry Hill; 99-01, Townsend; 02, Hurlock; 03, Brandywine; 04-6, Milford; 07-8, Middletown; 09-14, D. S. Salisbury Dist.; 15-19, Elkton; 20-22, Townsend; 23- , Treas., Conf. Claimant Endowment Commission.
- Jones, J. W.**—1898, Annessex; 99-03, Cookman; 04-5, Towsend; 06-7, Ridgely; 08, Ebenezer; 09-10, Rising Sun; 11-12, Deal Isl.; 13-15, Frederica; 16-17, Middletown; 18, McCabe; 19-20, Cape Charles; 21- , Delmar.
- Jones, O. E.**—1898-9, Ingleside; 00-02, At School; 03-4, Delaware City; 05-7, St. John's; 08-10, Cecilton; 11-14, Seaford; 15-19, Lewes; 20-22, Chestertown; 23- , Dist. Supt., Middletown District.
- Jones, C. N.**—1900, Leipsic; 01-2, At School; 03, Colora; 04-5, Cookman; 06, Chesapeake City; 07-8, St. Georges; 09-10, Preston; 11-12, Delaware City; 13-15, Hopewell; 16-19, Clayton; 20-22, St. Michaels; 23- , Denton.
- Jones, C. T.**—1903-06, N. Indiana Conf.; 07, Chincoteague; 08-10, Gumboro; 11-12, Fruitland; 13, Trappe; 14-15, Crumpton; 16, Hillsboro; 17-19, Tilghman's; 20-21, Hopewell; 22- , Chesapeake City.
- Jones, E. W.**—1905-6, Queenstown; 07, Bozman; 08-9, Kenton; 10-11, Millville; 12-15, E. N. Market; 16-20, Silverbrook; 21, Secy., Wilm. City Missionary & Ch. Ext. Society; 22- , Snow Hill.
- Jones, R. C.**—1915, Vienna; 16-17, Bishopville; 18-20, At School; 21- , Kent Island.
- Kelso, H. B.**—1898, School; 99-00, Elliott's; 01-2, Powellville; 03-5, Williamsburg; 06-9, Magnolia; 10, Galestown; 11-14, Rehoboth; 15, Concord; 16-20, Mt. Pleasant; 21- , Perryville.
- Kelso, J. M.**—1904, Mardela; 05-6, School; 07-8, Ellendale; 09, Trappe; 10, Fairlee; 11-12, Queenstown; 13-14, Nassau; 15-17, Farmington; 18-19, Crapo; 20-22, Houston; 23- , Professor in Wesley Collegiate Institute.
- Koons, W. G.**—1886, Westover; 87-91, Wesley; 92-4, North East; 95, Cookman; 96, Rising Sun; 97-00, Bridgeville; 01-2, New Castle; 03-8, D. S. Easton Dist.; 09-11, Scott; 12-14, Lewes; 15, Cor. Secy Conf. Claimant Fund; 16- , R.
- Layfield, L. W.**—1871, Princess Anne; 72, Claymont; 73-5, Elk Neck; 76-8, Charlestown; 79-81, Bethel; 82-4, Claymont; 85-7, St. George's; 88-90, E. N. Market; 91, Magnolia; 92-3, Zion; 94-6, Epworth; 97-9, Smyrna Ct.; 00-3, Camden; 04-8, Greenwood; 09-14, Felton; 15-17, Hurlock; 18, Chester-Bethel; 19- , Delaware City.

- Leach, J. A.**—1913, Church Creek; 14, Galestown; 15-16, Reliance; 17-18, Sudlersville; 19-22, Greensboro; 23-, Berlin.
- Lindale, J. M.**—1879, Bridgeville; 80, Denton; 81-2, Woodland; 83-4, Fruitland; 85-7, Pomona; 88-91, Bayside & Tilghman; 92-4, Cordova; 95-8, Sudlersville; 99-00, Federalsburg; 01-3, Church Hill; 04-6, Mt. Pleasant; 07-10, Bethel & Summit; 12-13, Hopewell; 13-15, Red Lion; 16, Roxana; 17-18, Wye Mills; 19-, Retired.
- McCabe, J. B.**—1920-21, Whitesville; 22-, Port Deposit.
- McCoy, J. C.**—1905-6, Royal Oak; 07-8, Pomona; 09-10, Tilghman; 11, Galestown; 12-13, Marshallton; 15-19, Zion; 20-22, St. George's; 23-, Milton.
- McDade, Howard.**—1905-19, Philadelphia Conference; 20-21, Claymont; 22, Salisbury Circuit; 23-, Suspended.
- McDowell, E. W.**—1906, Elliott's Isl.; 07-9, Bishopville; 10-12, Mt. Pleasant; 13-14, Ocean View; 15-16, Somerset; 17-19, Hillsboro; 20-21, Pocomoke City; 22-, Middletown.
- McGuire, W. T.**—1917, Hickman; 18-20, At School; 21-22, Ocean City; 23-, Hillsboro.
- MacSorley, F. C.**—1873-4, Bridgeville; 75, Dorchester; 76, Royal Oak; 77, Kent; 78-80, Hillsboro; 81-2, Trappe; 83, Harrington; 84-6, Laurel; 87-9, Crisfield; 90-2, Lewes; 93-5, Cambridge; 96-8, Newark, Del.; 99-2, Pocomoke; 03-5, Kent Isl.; 06-10, Townsend; 11-14, McCabe; 15-, Federalsburg.
- Marine, M. W.**—1914-15, Hickman; 16-17, Powellville; 18-19, Stockton; 20-22, Felton; 23-, Princess Anne.
- Marsh, C. L.**—1909-10, No. Indiana Conf.; 1911-14, Northwest Indiana Conf.; 1915-21, Colorado Conf.; 1922, Gumboro; 23-, Marion.
- Marshall, E. H.**—1902-05, Va. Conf.; 06, Claremont; 07, Ocean View; 08-10, Phoebus; 11-12, Hebron; 13-14, Gumboro; 15-16, Girdletree; 17-18, Reliance; 19-20, Georgetown Ct.; 21-, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel).
- Martin, O. L.**—1900-01, Westover; 02-3, Quantico; 04-5, St. George's; 06-7, Somerset; 08-9, Parsonburg; 10-17, Located; 18, Annamessex; 19-20, White Haven; 21-, Bethel & Town Point.
- Matthews, W. F.**—1902, Marion; 03-4, Newark, Md.; 05-7, Bethel; 08-12, Smyrna Ct.; 13-14, Magnolia; 15-16, Felton; 17-19, Cordova; 20-21, Hebron; 22-, R.
- Minker, R. L.**—1920, Assistant Pastor, Grace (Wilm.); 21-, At School.
- Moore, C. W.**—1905, N. H. Conf.; 05-6, Vienna; 07-9, Millington; 10, Hopewell; 11-12, Greenwood; 13, Galena; 14, Mt. Pleasant, Laurel; 15-16, Crapo; 17, Grace (Salisbury); 18-19, Hurlock; 20-, Camden.
- Moore, F. X.**—1898, Marion; 99-00, Newark, Md.; 01, Fruitland; 02-3, Westover; 04-7, Hopewell; 08-11, New Castle; 12-14, Still Pond; 15-19, Port Deposit; 20, Newport; 21-, Retired.
- Moore, D. J.**—1911-12, Christiana; 13, Queenstown; 14-15, Trappe; 16-17, Parsonburg; 18-19, Millington; 20, Mt. Vernon; 21-, Trappe.
- Moore, B. P.**—1917, Milford Neck; 18-19, Church Creek; 20-21, Millsboro, 22-, Nanticoke.
- Moore, W. V.**—1918, Mardela Springs; 19-20, At School; 21-22, Newport; 23-, Seaford.
- Morgan, L. B.**—1905, Leipsic; 06-8, Williamsburg; 09-10, Concord; 11-13, Georgetown Ct.; 14-, Chincoteague.
- Mowbray, W. R.**—1886, Sassafras; 87-8, Royal Oak; 89-92, Pomona; 93-6, Smyrna Ct.; 97, Nanticoke; 98-00, Zion; 01-6, Bridgeville; 07-11, Lewes; 12-15, Milford; 16-22, D. S. Dover District; 23-, Cookman.
- Newton, G. F.**—1912-14, Westover; 15-17, Fruitland; 18, Fairmount; 19-20, Cherry Hill; 21-22, Ebenezer; 23-, Millington.
- Nichols, R. P.**—1907-12, Salt Lake City, Utah; 13-14, Newport; 15-17, Still Pond; 18, Epworth; 19-22, Smyrna; 23-, Director of Religious Education.

- Northrup, V. P.**—1892-3, Quindocqua; 94, Bishopville; 95-6, St. John's; 97-00, Madeley; 01-2, Delaware City; 03-5, Clayton; 06-9, Cookman; 10, Rock Hall; 11-13, St. Michaels; 14-15, Harrington; 16-17, Brandywine; 18-21, Middletown; 22-, Richardson Park.
- Nutter, M. D.**—1890-2, Hurlock; 93-4, Beckwith; 95-6, Gumboro; 97-8, Marydel; 99-00, West Va.; 01-4, St. Peter's; 05, Stockton; 06-8, Tangier; 09-12, Hurlock; 13, Parsonburg; 14-20, Chesapeake City; 21-22, Hillcrest; 23-, Hockessin.
- Otis, J. P.**—1872-3, New England; 74-7, Va.; 78-9, Cambridge; 80-1, Centreville; 82-4, Odessa; 85-7, Elkton; 88-90, Port Deposit; 91, Bridgeville; 92-3, Brandywine; 94-5, St. Michaels; 96-8, Crisfield; 99-00, Mt. Salem; 01-3, Newark, Del.; 04-8, Rising Sun; 09-10, Greensboro; 11-13, North East; 14-15, Sharptown; 16-18, Marshallton; 19-, Retired.
- Outten, J. P.**—1893-4, Williamsburg; 95-6, E. N. Market; 97-8, Rock Hall; 99-01, Nassau; 02-3, Onancock; 04-5, Cape Charles; 06, Crisfield; 07-9, Kent Isl.; 10, Frankford; 11-12, Madeley; 13-16, Cookman; 17-20, Deal Island; 21-, Preston.
- Pilehard, S. N.**—1881-2, Wyoming; 83-4, Magnolia; 85, Stockton; 86-7, Frankford; 89-90, Delaware City; 91-5, Laurel; 96, Scott; 97-00, Chaplain U. S. A.; 01, Greensboro; 02-5, Crisfield; 06-8, Union; 09-12, Delmar; 13-17, Cambridge; 18-20, Georgetown; 21-, Retired.
- Poole, L. E.**—1896, Queenstown; 97-8, Charlestown; 99-02, Chesapeake; 03-5, Pocomoke; 06, Elkton; 07-10, Georgetown; 11-12, Epworth; 13-14, Newark, Del.; 15-21, Snow Hill; 22, New Castle; 23-, Mt. Salem.
- Poole, W. C.**—1900-01, Queenstown; 02-3, Fairlee; 04-7, Church Hill; 08-10, McCabe; 11-12, Nanticoke; 13, Anti-Saloon League; 14, Richardson Park; 15, Galena; 16-17, Ocean City; 18-20, Parsonburg; 21-22, Frankford; 23-, St. John's.
- Poore, A. F.**—1909-22, Baltimore Conference; 23-, McCabe.
- Prettyman, C. W.**—1868, Millington; 69-70, Dickinson College; 71-2, Leipsic; 73-4, Appoquinimink; 75-6, Sudlersville; 77-9, Centreville; 80-2, Lewes; 83-5, Union; 86-7, Newark, Del.; 88-92, Fairmount; 93-5, Seaford; 96-00, Salisbury; 01-2, Brandywine; 03-5, New Castle; 06-11, Snow Hill; 12, Snow Hill; 13-15, Smyrna; 16-, R.
- Prettyman, A. P.**—1882-3, Hillsboro; 84-5, Bayside; 86-8, Trappe; 89-91, Chester-Bethel; 92-3, Delaware City; 94-7, Zion; 98-12, Galena; 13-14, Greensboro; 15-16, Rising Sun; 17-, Retired.
- Prettyman, J. W.**—1897, Piney Neck; 98, Crumpton; 99-00, Church Creek; 01-2, Crumpton; 03-4, Cordova; 05-6, Lincoln; 07, Girdletree; 08-10, Crapo; 11, Hillsboro; 12-17, Rock Hall; 18-19, Sharptown; 20-22, Somerset; 23-, Zion Circuit.
- Prettyman, E. C.**—1909-10, Royal Oak; 11-12, Red Lion; 13-14, Ebenezer; 15-, Supt. Dept. of Delaware of Maryland Anti-Saloon League.
- Price, J. T.**—1908, Royal Oak; 09-10, Charlestown; 11-12, Tilghman; 13, St. Johns; 14, Burrsville; 15-16, Blades; 17-19, Camden; 20-, Hurlock.
- Prouse, J. T.**—1886, Quantico; 87, Ellendale; 88, Church Creek; 89-90, Nassau; 91, Annamessex; 92, Mt. Vernon; 93-4, Talbot; 95-6, Kenton; 97, Trappe; 98-9, Red Lion; 00-2, Charlestown; 03, Christiana; 04-6, Chester-Bethel; 07-8, Kingswood; 09, Hockessin; 10, Marshallton; 11, Clayton; 12, Sy.; 13-, R.
- Reed, G. E.**—1870-74, N. England Southern Conf.; 75-88, N. Y. East Conf.; 89-11, President of Dickinson College; 12-14, Grace (Wilm.); 15-21, Pres. National Society for Broader Education; 22-, R.
- Reed, H. E.**—1910-12, School; 13-14, Girdletree; 15-16, Smith Island; 17-19, Rising Sun; 20-22, Milton; 23-, St. George's.
- Reed, O. B.**—1916-17, Marydel; 18-20, Church Hill; 21, Chesapeake City; 22, Hockessin; 23-, Hillcrest.
- Reese, J. D.**—1885, Chincoteague; 86-7, Bayside; 88, Pomona; 89-90, Royal Oak; 91-2, Appoquinimink; 93, Girdletree; 94, Crapo; 95-6, Williston; 97-8, Nassau; 99-00, Mt. Vernon; 01-2, Houston; 03-4, Beckwith; 05, Tilghman; 06, Colora; 07-9, Chester-Bethel; 10, Cherry Hill; 11, Wye; 12-13, Hockessin; 14-15, Hobron; 16-17, Trappe; 18, Oxford; 19-, Retired.

- Revelle, W. H.**—1907, Annapessex; 09-10, Quantico; 11-14, Newark, Md.; 15-17, Mt. Vernon; 18-19, Somerset; 20-21, Hillsboro; 22-, Rock Hall.
- Rice, O. B.**—1911, Powellville; 12, St. John's; 13-14, Pomona; 15, Delaware City; 16-17, Stockton; 18-19, Mt. Vernon; 20-21, East New Market; 22-, Chester-Bethel.
- Richardson, J. T.**—1893-98, E. M. Conf.; 99-00, Church Hill; 01-5, Denton; 06, Frederica; 07, North East; 08-9, Rock Hall; 10-12, Cookman; 13-15, Mt. Pleasant; 16-19, Preston; 20-, Harrington.
- Roe, Robert**—1873, Hillsboro; 74, Talbot; 75, Sudlersville; 76, Church Creek; 77-8, Lewisville; 79, Pocomoke; 80-1, Berlin; 82-3, Sharptown; 84, Sy.; 85-7, Millsboro; 88-9, Ellendale; 90-3, Rock Hall; 94-6, Trappe; 97-8, Kenton; 99-00, Sudlersville; 01-2, Cheswold; 03, Talbot; 04-5, Trappe; 06-7, Betterton; 08-9, Stanton; 10-11, Elliott's; 12-, R.
- Rowlenson, J. T.**—1918-22, Crumpton; 23-, Cecilton.
- Sard, T. J.**—1910-11, Burrsville; 12-13, Armory; 14-17, Tangier; 18-22, Scott; 23-, Chestertown.
- Sharp, W. W.**—1886-7, Ingleside; 8-9, Kenton; 90-2, Kent Isl.; 93-4, Hillsboro; 95-8, Wesley; 99-01, Delmar; 02-3, Tangier; 04-5, Deal's Isl.; 06, St. Peter's; 07-9, Newport; 10-13, Seaford Ct.; 14-15, Eastlake; 16-20, Frederica; 21-, Mt. Pleasant.
- Shockley, E. M.**—1919, Bayside; 20-22, At School; 23-, Still Pond.
- Short, F. B.**—1892-.....; 1923-, Lecturer for Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals.
- Short, W. D.**—1922, Greenwood; 23-, Charlestown.
- Smith, Alfred**—1879-80, E. N. Market; 81-2, Oxford; 83-5, Greensboro; 86-9, Cambridge; 90, Middletown; 91-6, D. S. Easton Dist.; 97-01, Dover; 02, Epworth; 03-10, Temperance Evangelist; 11-12, Sec'y Temperance Society; 13-16, Camden; 17-, Retired.
- Smith, G. P.**—1896, Lakesville; 97, Ellendale; 98-00, Houston; 01-5, Wyoming; 06-9, Clayton; 10-11, St. John's; 12-13, Kenton; 14-16, Millington; 17-21, Cheswold; 22-, R.
- Smith, Tilghman**—1907, Canterbury; 08, Christiana; 09-10, Pomona; 11, Girdle-tree; 12-14, Marion; 15-17, Bethel; 18-19, E. New Market; 20-22, Still Pond; 23-, St. Michaels.
- Smoot, T. C.**—1889, Stanton; 90, Mt. Lebanon; 91, Berlin; 92, Sharptown; 93, Leipsic; 94-5, Wyoming; 96-7, Millington; 98-9, Felton; 00-1, Nanticoke; 02-3, Marydel; 04-6, Galena; 07-8, Chesapeake; 09, St. Peter's; 10-11, Whitesville; 12-14, Kent Island; 15, Newport; 16-17, East New Market; 18-21, Rock Hall; 22-, Onancock.
- Sparklin, J. L.**—1906-7, Farmington; 08-10, Cordova; 11, Sudlersville; 12-13, Odessa; 14-16, Church Hill; 17-18, Millsboro; 19-20, Wyoming; 21-22, Georgetown; 23-, Newport.
- Spry, C. W.**—1911, Marshallton; 12-13, School; 14, Mardela; 15, Ocean City; 16, Lakesville; 17, Vienna; 18-20, Farmington; 21-22, Georgetown Circuit; 23-, Greenwood.
- Stallings, G. W.**—1880-05, Virginia Conf.; 06-7, Phoebus; 08-9, Chincoteague; 10-12, Roxana; 13-14 St. Peter's; 15, Bozman; 16-17, Crumpton; 18-19, Marydel; 20-21, Fairlee; 22-, R.
- Stengle, Adam**—1870-1, Chincoteague; 72, Gumboro; 73-4, Quantico; 75-6, E. N. Market; 77-9, Crisfield; 80-2, Union; 83-5, Middletown; 86-90, Union; 91-2, Port Deposit; 93-7, Smyrna; 98-02, Georgetown; 03-8, D. S. Salisbury Dist.; 09, Conference Evangelist; 10, Sy.; 15-, R.
- Stephenson, R. K.**—1878, Snow Hill; 79, Annapessex; 80, Barrett's Chapel; 81-2, Appoquinimink; 83-5, Trappe; 86-8, Millington; 89-92, Smyrna Ct.; 93-5, Crisfield; 96-00, Seaford; 01-2, Elkton; 03-8, Scott; 09, D. S. Easton Dist.; 10-15, D. S. Dover District; 16-20, Milford; 21-, Silverbrook.
- Sterling, G. E.**—1912-13, Pittsville; 14, Bishopville; 15-16, Marion; 17-18, Ocean View; 19-20, Fairmount; 21-, Galena.

- Stockely, D. A.**—1823-, Whitesville.
- Strickland, C. W.**—1892, Little Creek; 93-4, Elliott's Isl.; 95, Pocomoke Ct.; 96-7, Parsonburg; 98-9, Chincoteague; 00-1, Quantico; 02-4, Nassau; 05, Williston; 06, Newport; 07-8, St. Peter's; 09-10, Greenwood; 11-12, Bozman; 13-15, Nanticoke; 16-18, Frankford; 19-22, Pittsville; 23-, Deal Island.
- Sumwalt, J. W. R.**—1896-12, Baltimore Conference; 13-18, Pittsburgh Conference; 19-22, Grace (Wilm.); 23-, Associate Director of Religious Work in the Y. M. C. A.
- Sunfeld, E. C.**—1885-98, N. J. Conf.; 99-00, Chestertown; 01, Millington; 02-4, Conf. Evangelist; 05-6, Felton; 09-11, Perryville; 12-13, Sec'y City Missionary Society; 14-15, Parsonburg; 16, Eastlake; 17-18, Retired; 19-21, Eastlake; 22-, R.
- Sutton, J. W.**—1908, Claremont; 09-10, Williamsburg; 11-12, Nassau; 13-14, Fruitland; 15, Sy.; 16, Galena; 17, Marion; 18-19, Hopewell; 20-21, Bozman; 22-, Cordova.
- Taylor, W. P.**—1886-92, At School; 93, Perryville; 94, St. John's; 95-6, Mt. Lebanon; 97-8, Christiana; 99-01, Beckwith; 02, Crapo; 03-4, Elk Neck; 05-6, Bethel & Summitt; 07-9, Smith's Island; 10-13, Lincoln; 14-15, Georgetown Ct.; 16-17, Quantico; 18-21, Grace (Salisbury); 22-, Oxford.
- Taylor, Harry**—1897, Little Creek; 98, Vienna; 99-00, Williamsburg; 01-3, Burrsville; 04-5, Georgetown Ct.; 06, Charlestown; 07-9, Mt. Pleasant; 10-11, St. Georges; 12-13, Crumpton; 14, Cordova; 15-17, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel); 18-19, Bethel; 20, Seaford Ct.; 21-, Frederica.
- Taylor, E. B.**—1904, M. P. Ch.; 04, Ellendale; 05-6, Pomona; 07, Fairlee; 08-10, Red Lion; 11-13, Charlestown; 14-15, Stockton; 16-18, Greenwood; 19, Nanticoke; 20-21, Powellville; 22-, Fruitland.
- Terry, T. E.**—1876-7, Leipsic; 78-9, Beckwith; 80-1, Seaford; 82-4, Centreville; 85-6, New Castle; 87-91, Dover; 92-5, St. Paul's; 96-8, Harrington; 99-00, Elkton; 01-3, Asbury, Md.; 04-7, Laurel; 08-11, Easton; 12-14, Frederalsburg; 15-, R.
- Thawley, R. T.**—1916-17, Red Lion; 18-, At School.
- Thomas, G. S.**—1903-5, Elliott's; 06-10, Georgetown Ct.; 11-14, Concord; 15-20, Kent Island; 21-22, Deal Island; 23-, Pittsville.
- Thomas, E. P.**—1914-15, Pittsville; 16-17, School; 18-20, Octan City; 21-22, Epworth (Wilm.); 23-, Laurel.
- Tomkinson, W. E.**—1871-2, N. Y. E. Conf.; 83, Chesapeake; 84, Princess Anne; 85-6, Charlestown; 87-8, Sy.; 90, Claymont; 91-3, Mt. Pleasant; 94, E. N. Market; 95-6, Houston; 97-8, Sy.; 99-, R.
- Townsend, G. W.**—1876, Claymont; 77-8, Asbury, Md.; 79-81, Salisbury; 82, Pocomoke; 83-5, Galena; 86-9, Hillsboro; 90, Bridgeville; 91-3, Denton; 94-8, Delmar; 99-00, North East; 01-2, Cecilton; 03-5, Hurlock; 06-7, Cape Charles; 08-10, Stockton; 11-12, Cheswold; 13, Sy.; 14, Rising Sun; 15-, R.
- Truitt, P. P.**—1914-15, Alabama Conference; 1916-20, Georgia Conference; 1921-, Phoebus.
- Van Blunk, J. M. S.**—1905-6, Kingswood; 07-8, Charlestown; 09, Asst. Pastor Asbury (Wilm.); 10, Black Hills Mission, S. D.; 11, Asst. Pastor Asbury (Wilm.); 12-13, Quantico; 14-19, Located at own request; 20-, Quantico.
- Van Dyke, T. R.**—1895-7, Oxford; 98, Pomona; 99-00, Cape Charles; 01-3, Whitesville; 04-5, Tangier; 06-8, Deal Island; 09-19, Wesley; 11-13, Berlin; 14-16, Mt. Salem; 17-18, Baltimore Conference; 19-22, Cecilton; 23-, Epworth.
- Wallin, F. O. B.**—1871-1900, Swedish Mission, Wilmington, Del.; 01-, R.
- Walton, O. S.**—1879, Sudlersville; 80, Princess Anne; 81-2, Chincoteague; 83-5, Sassafraz; 86, Cape Charles; 87, Selbyville; 88-9, Red Lion; 90, Sy.; 91, Hopewell; 92-3, Annapessex; 94-7, Hockessin; 98-00, Preston; 01-5, Sy.; 06-, R.
- Warren, J. H.**—1906-10, Holston Conference; 11, Atlantic Mission Conference; 12-17, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference; 18-19, Seaford; 20, Field Secretary of American University; 21-, Supernumerary.

Watt, Robert—1885-7, Princess Anne; 88-9, Snow Hill; 90-3, Milford; 94-5, Scott; 96-7, Laurel; 98-03, D. S. Wilmington District; 04-9, Smyrna; 10-15, D. S. Easton District; 16-22, D. S. Wilm. District; 23-, Leave of Absence.

Wells, Z. W.—1913, Holland's Island; 14-16, School; 17-22, Wesley (Wilm.); 23-, New Castle.

Wheatley, M. E.—1910-11, Blades; 12-13, Burrsville; 14-15, St. John's; 16-18, Concord; 19-21, Centreville; 22-, Ridgely.

Whedbee, J. H.—1919, Trappe; 20-21, Cordova; 22-, East New Market.

White, W. W.—1875-02, M. P. Ch.; 03, Royal Oak; 04, Hockessin; 05-6, Fruitland; 07, Gumboro; 08, Millsboro; 09, Westover; 10-11, Vienna; 12, Golt; 13, Wye; 14, Fairlee; 15, Charlestown; 16, Bayside; 17, Lakesville; 18, Town Point; 19-, Retired.

White, W. L.—1893-4, Cookman; 95-7, Federalsburg; 98-00, Lewes; 01-3, Seaford; 04-8, Chestertown; 09, Mt. Salem; 10-13, Dover; 14-20, Easton; 21-, Bridgeville.

White, Leonard—1908-9, Fairlee; 10, Asst. Supt. Peninsula Anti-Saloon League; 11-13, Cordova; 14-16, St. Michaels; 17-18, Centreville; 19-22, Mt. Salem; 23-, Dover.

White, Frank—1914, Royal Oak; 15-16, Cordova; 17-19, Galena; 20-21, Ridgely; 22-, Centreville.

Williams, C. H.—1882, Bridgeville; 83, E. N. Market; 84-6, Church Creek; 87-9, Stockton; 90, Sharptown; 91-3, Marshallton; 94-7, Mt. Pleasant; 98-00, Greenwood; 01, Preston; 02-4, Fruitland; 05-6, Gumboro; 07, Sy.; 08-10, Hebron; 11-12, Ocean View; 13, Colora; 14-, R.

Willis, D. H.—1885-91, Va. Conf.; 92, Hooper's Isl.; 93-4, Church Creek; 95-6, Williamsburg; 97, Galestown; 98-9, Powellville; 00, Pocomoke Ct.; 01-2, Bethel; 03, Holland's Isl.; 04, Salem; 05, Chincoteague; 06, Ocean View; 07-8, Westover; 09-10, Kingswood; 11, Bayside; 12, Little Creek; 13, R.

Willis, Ivanhoe.—1912, Royal Oak; 13-16, Tilghman's; 17-19, St. George's; 20-, Marshallton.

Wilson, J. H.—1887-91, Va. Conf.; 92, Parksley; 93, Preston; 94, Hooper's Isl.; 95-6, Tilghman; 97-8, Williamsburg; 99-01, Georgetown Ct.; 02, Beckwith; 03-4, Houston; 05-6, Sharptown; 07-11, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel); 12, Girdle-tree; 13, Roxana; 14, Sy.; 15-18, Bethel Circuit; 19, Colora; 20-22, Charlestown; 23-, Mt. Lebanon.

Wilson, Daniel—1906, Wye; 07, Tilghman's; 08-10, Crumpton; 11-14, Smith's Island; 15-18, St. Peter's; 19-21, Onancock; 22-, Hopewell.

Wimbrow, L. E.—1923-, At School.

Windsor, L. E.—1916, Hickman; 17, Little Creek; 18-20, Mt. Pleasant Ct.; 21-22, At School; 23-, Dagsboro.

Wise, W. A.—1884-5, Kingswood; 86-7, Red Lion; 88-9, Cape Charles; 90, Berlin; 91-2, Pocomoke; 93-4, Silverbrook; 95-8, North East; 99, Harrington; 00, Onancock; 01-3, North East; 04-6, Seaford; 07-11, Centreville; 12-15, Scott; 16-21, D. S., Easton District; 22, D. S., Middletown District; 23-, Scott.

Wood, G. E.—1886, Crumpton; 87, Kings Creek; 88-9, Hallwood; 90, Chincoteague; 91-4, Claymont; 95, Bishopville; 96-7, Cannon; 98-9, Parsonburg; 00-1, Magnolia; 02-3, E. N. Market; 04-6, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel); 07-8, Newark, Md.; 09-10, Onancock; 11-13, Sy.; 14, Cherry Hill; 15-16, St. George's; 17-18, Rockland; 19, Girdle-tree; 20-21, Bethel; 22-, Lincoln.

Woodell, W. R.—1905-1921, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conf.; 1917-18, Supernumerary; 1922, Pocomoke Circuit; 23-, Fruitland.

Wootten, J. W.—1918, Westover; 19-21, Fruitland; 22-, Tilghman.

Wright, J. H.—1922-, At School.

Zimmerman, A. F.—1918-19, Nassau; 20-21, Bishopville; 22-, Stockton.

XVI.

GENERAL STATISTICS

OF

WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(Fifty-Fifth Session)

1923.

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Dover, Del.

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STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Local Preachers Received During Year, Now on Roll, Church Membership (Full Members, Non-Resident Members, Deaths During Year), Epw'th League (Senior Members, Junior Members), Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Parsonages, etc.), Current Expenses, and General Conference Expenses (Apportioned for the Quadrennium, Paid this Year, Balance Due).

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools (Officers and Teachers, Scholars not including Home Department and Cradle Roll, etc.), and various financial and membership statistics for each charge.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

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

*Report for part of the year.

TREASURER'S DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference, Benevolences as ordered by the Annual Conference (Hospitals and Homes, City Missionary or Church Extension Society, Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, Anti-Saloon League, Domestic Missions, 1% Salary Conference Entertainment, Director of Religious Education, 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, General Conference Expenses), Other Cash Items (Grand Total, incl. Disciplinary and Annual Conf. Benevolences and Other Cash Items).

*Report for part of the year.

STATISTICAL
SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership					Epw'th League		Church Property							General Conference Expenses				
	Local Preachers	Prep'ry Mem.		Full Members			Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses	Appropriated for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance Due
		Received During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Deaths During Year													
		Year																	
1 Annessex	12	3	193					2	\$ 8500	1	\$ 2000	\$ 200			\$ 200		10		
2 Ayres Chapel	20		180					3	5200	1	1000	95			120		5		
3 Berlin		34	263	34	3	45		1	25000	1	8500	156			440		17		
4 Bishopville	1	51	297	11	6	25		4	8000	1	1500	454			150				
5 Cape Charles		37	287	12	2	60	22	1	9000	1	8000	215	3000		397				
6 Chincoteague		19	160	6	2			1	30000	1	3000	23000		10000	400		4		
7 Claremont		9	96			50	24	1	2000	1	1500	134			180				
8 Cris'd-Asbury	1	85	620	5	5	160		1	100000	1	5000	35000		10000	500		10		
9 Immanuel	2	70	1483	53	6	500	285	1	50000	1	8000	2263			3086				
10 Dagsboro		1	8	433	5	30		1	9000	1	4000	500			350		10		
11 Deal's Island	1	12	27	812	10	70	35	2	23000	1	2500	200	700		1400		4		
12 Delmar	1	13	18	465	1	109	46	1	15000	1	10000	1477	3823		1477		8		
13 Fairmount	2	8	12	265	40	30	25	3	10000	1	2300	100	75		375				
14 Frankford		4	20	308	4	20		3	10000	1	2000	500			200				
15 Fruitland		13	1	199	3	25		3	10700	1	2500	630	65		200		5		
16 Girdletree		27	27	278	5	50		3	9500	1	2500	244			225		6		
17 Gumboro		7	18	274		3		4	6000	1	2500				155		6		
18 Hebron	1	3	2	107		38	38	1	15000	1	2500	185	500	500	130				
19 Holland's Isl.			25					1	1000						20		1		
20 Maryland Sp'g	1		150					3	7000	1	2500				151				
21 Marion		2	2	120	5	5		2	12000	1	3000	126	75		185		5		
22 Mt. Vernon		120	120	294		48		2	12000	1	4500				282				
23 Nanticoke	1	22	22	177	10	3		3	9500	1	1500	427	545		160				
24 Newark		34	12	142	17	1	70	3	9000	1	2500				150				
25 Ocean City			156	14	1			2	22000		44	1082	5518		100		2		
26 Ocean View	1	9	9	372	2	40		2	12800	1	2500	50	110		300		5		
27 Onancock		2		198	12	4		2	7000	1	5000	150			355		19		
28 Parsonsbury			229		1			2	5000	1	1000	23			200		5		
29 Phoebus		43		300	128	4	30	25	12500	1	4500	2000			628		12		
30 Pittsville		26	68	282		3	80		9500	1	3500	200			200		5		
31 Pocomoke	1	22	22	412	17	4	75	80	13000	1	2000	500			550				
32 Pocomoke Ct		1	6	177		3	40	60	4 5000	1	1500	1000	300	250	125		2		
33 Powellville	1	5	25	303	11	6		4	5500	1	2500	300			100		20		
34 Princess Ann	1	78			1	55		1	30000	1	6000	415			345		10		
35 Quantico		14	10	243	4			3	9500	1	2000				140		7		
36 Roxana	1	10	4	275	19	2	30	20	7000	1	1500	200			300		3		
37 St. Peter's		11	20	265	6	12	40	42	8000	1	2000	371			250				
38 S'b'y-Asbury	2	52	52	922	81		150		100000	1	10000	1934			2700		27		
39 " -Circuit		42	30	255	12	3	48	45	3 16000	1	3300	302			662		16		
40 Selbyville	1	30	12	432		5			2 30000	1	3000	2500			200		5		
41 Sharptown	1	55	8	262	40	3	70	53	1 8000	1	4000	200	150		206		21		
42 Smith's Isl.		10		510		10	57		3 26000	1	1500	479	465		976		14		
43 Snow Hill		7	16	368	74	6	50		1 30000	1	16500	9306			6850				
44 Somerset		10	30	280	14	5	75		2 16000	1	1500	1000			300		4		
45 Stockton		5	8	345		6	40		4 22500	1	2500	1014			400				
46 Tangier	1	49	75	385	4	4	250		1 16000	1	1500	1350	250	1300	1100		39		
47 Venton				25		2			1 1000						45				
48 Westover		4		81	2				2 6000	1	2000	301	60		93		4		
49 White Haven				87	10		23		2 6000	1	1500	165			850		107		
50 Whitesville	1	32	82	338	25		35	20	4 15000	1	2000	90			150		5		
Total	24	1067	1048	16480	676	157	2328	1020	107	915700	47	161600	88317	11207	41983	19430		316	

STATISTICAL
SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Sunday Schools											
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars not including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enroll't in all Depts. Inc. Cradle Roll, Home Dept., Off'r, 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 Appropriated Benevolences	Sunday School Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
1 Annessex	2	12	188		200	90		12	160			40
2 Ayres Chapel	3	29	309		11	349		29				61
3 Berlin	1	27	196	40	15	278		27	171			228
4 Bishopville	4	61	521	8	55	645		61		40		130
5 Cape Charles	1	32	329	3	30	394		32	261	34		365
6 Chincoteague	1	15	285			300		15	100			200
7 Claremont	1	20	94	7	20	141		18	32	8		108
8 Crisfield-Asbury	1	28	570		40	638		28	350	60		350
9 Immanuel	1	40	1396		120	1556		40	1004	56		1500
10 Dagsboro and St. Georges	2	44	405		65	514		44	287	1		75
11 Deal's Island	2	40	300			340		40	200	10		150
12 Delmar	1	35	413	25	25	498		35	372	13		623
13 Fairmount	3	36	211	7	26	280		36	160			380
14 Frankford	3	45	360		5	410		45	270	3		160
15 Fruitland	2	33	270		33	336		30	154	11		275
16 Girdletree	3	24	208		12	244		24	24	18		150
17 Gumboro	4	60	359		16	435		60	163	30		91
18 Hebron	1	20	64		19	103		20	46	3		101
19 Holland's Island	1	10	30			40		10	20			15
20 Maryland Springs	3	43	223			266		43				75
21 Marion	2	23	122		20	165		20	70			65
22 Mt. Vernon	2	35	350			385		35	315			
23 Nanticoke	3	40	176	40		256		40	162	15		82
24 Newark	3	26	212	6	10	254		26	150	118		
25 Ocean City	2	28	146		25	199		28	70			100
26 Ocean View and Millville	2	30	250		21	301		30	200			260
27 Onancock	2	36	208		19	263		36	84			204
28 Parsonsbury	2	38	180			218		38		1		335
29 Phoebus	1	43	287	70	100	500		38	168	32		200
30 Pittsville	3	43	405			448		43	300	26		175
31 Pocomoke City	1	29	305	31	25	390		29	250	15		531
32 Pocomoke Circuit	4	21	300			321		20	275	10		425
33 Powellville	4	36	420		24	480		36	40	10		20
34 Princess Anne	1	28	373		24	425		28		45		250
35 Quantico	3	40	300			349		40	200	10		168
36 Roxana	2	22	506		22	550						

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), Baptisms (Adults Baptized, Children Baptized, Baptized Children under instruction for Membership), Total Paid for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency.

*Part of year for ministerial support.

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 (Hospitals and Homes, City Missionary or Ch'ch Extension Society, Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, Anti-Saloon League, Domestic Missions, 1/2 Salary Conference Entertainment, Director of Religious Education, Total Benevolences Or'd by Annual Conference), Other Cash Items (Support of District Superintendent, Support of Bishops Episcopal Fund, Support of Conference Claims, Annual Conf. Investments for Conf. Claims, Gen'l Conference Expenses, Grand Total Incl. Disciplinary and Annual Conf. Benevolences and Other Cash Items).

*Part of year for ministerial support.

STATISTICAL
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

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 Appointed 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.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—Recapitulation by Districts.

NAME OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT	Support of Pastor				Support of District Supt.		Support of Conference Claimants		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Sun's Schools		Baptisms					
	Total Claim Includ- ing House Rent.	Total Paid Includ- ing House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim		Paid	Total Enrollment in all Departments	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children Under Instruction for Mem'p			
W. R. Mowbray	62205	62388	6530	4011	3946	1862	1300	8875	7542	75181	1554	1011556	15392	45	481	399	
Middletown	62346	62071	7546	8500	3758	1343	1294	7870	6890	74013	1698	851147	10925	23	441	253	
Salisbury	85976	85546	9880	5074	5054	1780	1771	9961	9574	104945	936	1071674	19152	62	603	420	
Robert Watt	100374	99984	15505	4715	4781	1863	1850	10722	9707	116132	1719	701498	17270	68	770	483	
Conference total.	310901	310004	39261	17600	17539	6446	6115	33428	33718	367571	5867	3615870	62748	209	2205	1565	
Last year	308021	306286	39457	17311	17088	5871	5663	33174	30882	359929	5853	3665784	65200	266	2539	1654	
Increase	2880	3708	195	289	451	577	652	4254	2831	7642	44	86	5	57	244	89	
Decrease																	

NAME OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT	Church Membership				Epw'rh League		Church Property						General Conference Expenses				
	Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Members	Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid This Year	Balance for the Quadrennium
W. R. Mowbray	29	688	825	12016	378	1741870	628	618700	41124400	21572	5488	29103	17677	921	509	221	
Middletown	11	386	896	16430	583	1441791	1027	520900	41123400	17754	3967	28455	15400	316	316		
Salisbury	24	1067	1648	23228	1020	1572328	1020	915700	47101600	88317	1207	41933	19490	258	258		
Robert Watt	44	620	577	13103	865	1781826	1642	1387000	47241350	90631	33223	104993	81202	1004	1004		
Conference total.	108	2762	2846	50378	2522	6537315	4817	3441700	177656750	218254	53880	204004	133739	682	682		
Last year	109	3108	3438	48890	2439	6286978	4001	3168400	178626300	255953	31472	166612	133367	872	872		
Increase		1488	88	25	337	316	6	278300	30120	37798	22408	37883	872				
Decrease																	

TREASURER'S REPORT. RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS	Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference										Other Cash Items								
	Centenary and Apper- tioned Benevolences	Children's Day Fund (Board of Education)	Woman's Foreign Mis- sionary Society	Woman's Home Mis- sionary Society	Total Disciplinary Be- nevolences	Hospitals and Homes	City Missionary or Chau- rity Extension Society	Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund	Anti-Saloon League	Domestic Missions	1/2 Salary Conference Entertainment	Director of Religious Ed- ucation	Total Benevolences Or- dered by the Annual Conference	Support of District Super- intendents	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	Support of Conference Claimants	Annual Conf. Investments for Conf. Claimants	General Conference Expenses	Grand Total
Dover	28535	310	1463	1664	31972	431	805	1551281	405	496	329	3402	38821821	38821821	7749	439	221	46896	
Middletown	23750	322	1794	1417	32283	342	425	1791040	270	519	803	3078	37681284	37681284	6890	412	209	47894	
Salisbury	30503	672	1037	1439	327	277	219	7251507	644	332	4031	4031	50551766	50551766	9578	451	316	44689	
Wilmington	52172	317	5885	5821	64492	467	1098	2481678	589	708	540	5328	47811950	47811950	9707	2166	258	88428	
Total	138760	1621	10179	10441	162198	1567	1682	8014724	2771	2367	1504	15839	174966331	174966331	38924	3468	1004	229937	
Totals for 1921-1922	122622	1635	9535	10318	144110	1563	2797	3074501	2831	2006	14887	170925660	170925660	30884	3121	632	216434	
Increase	17138	644	123	18068	4	494	223	404	671	3040	847	372	13563	
Decrease	14	60	

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