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I.

Rules of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. The President shall call the Conference to order, punctually, at all times determined upon for the opening of its sessions, have each opened by appropriate devotional exercises, and see that all the business pertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and transacted in a proper and orderly manner, according to the provisions of the Discipline and the Rules of the Conference.
2. He shall preserve order in all the proceedings, holding speakers strictly to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, violate the Rules of Order, or use any improper language.
3. He shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference by any two members.
4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.
5. When two or more members claim the floor at the same time, he shall decide who is entitled thereto.

II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

1. The Secretary shall keep a fair and correct record of all the proceedings of the Conference, to be read at the opening of each session, subject to correction by Conference.
2. He shall carefully preserve the journal and papers of the Conference placed in his custody, and shall not allow any person but a member to examine the same, but shall, ad interim, upon the unanimous request of the District Superintendents, furnish a copy of any paper or document in his possession to be used for the best interest of our work; he shall produce the journals and papers at each annual session, and see that the same be forwarded to the General Conference.
3. In an appendix prepared for that purpose, he shall record all reports and documents ordered upon record by the Conference, and all documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal.

III. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

1. Each member of the Conference will be expected and required to be present at the opening of each session to participate in the devotional exercises, unless unavoidably detained; and no member may absent himself, without leave, from the seat of the Conference.
2. When a member would speak on any question, he shall arise in his place and respectfully address the President; refrain from all personalities and discourteous language. And no member shall speak more than once on the same question until every member who chooses to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than ten minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference. Provided, however, that a committee making a report through its chairman or one of its members selected by the committee or by its chairman, shall be entitled to ten minutes; to close the debate, either to oppose the motion to lay the report on the table or this permission not having been used, to close the debate on the motion to adopt.
3. When a member is called to order by the President, or by any member through him, he shall take his seat until the point of order is decided by the President.
4. Any member may call for the division of the question, which shall be granted when, in the judgment of the President, the same will admit of it.
5. When a question has been decided by a vote of Conference, any member who may have voted with the prevailing side, may move for a reconsideration of the same.
6. It shall be in order to move the Previous Question—that is, that the question be taken without further debate—on any measure pending except in cases in which moral character is involved. If the call for the Previous Question

tion be sustained by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, the Main Question shall be put; nevertheless, under this rule, after the Previous Question has been ordered, it shall be in order to divide, or to move to refer, or to recommit, or to lay on the table. It shall not be in order for a member to move the Previous Question or to move to lay on the table at the close of a speech in which he has discussed the pending question.

7. Any member may demand the "yeas and nays" upon any question, and if ONE FIFTH of the members present, and voting, shall second such demand, the vote shall be taken.

8. Any member may object to the reading of a paper, and when such objection is made the reading shall be dispensed with, unless the Conference, without debate, shall otherwise order.

9. No motion, unless seconded, shall be entertained; and all motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing by the member presenting them, if so desired by the President, Secretary, or any member of the Conference.

10. When a motion is made, seconded, and entertained by the President, it shall be in possession of the Conference, but it may be withdrawn at any time by the mover with the consent of the seconder before a decision is had thereon, or an amendment entertained by the President.

11. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member has the floor, when such a motion cannot be made without his consent.

12. In discussing the reports of committees, the chairman of the committee whose report is under consideration, or such members of the same as the committee may agree upon, shall be entitled to close the debate.

IV. QUESTIONS TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT DEBATE.

1. All motions, simply to adjourn.
 2. All motions to lay on the table.
 3. Motions on the "previous question."
 4. Demand for "yeas and nays."
 5. All appeals from the decision of the President, except that the appellant shall state the reason for his appeal and the President the reason for his ruling.
 6. All motions for extension of time, either of a member on the floor, or the session of Conference.
 7. All motions to re-commit.
 8. All motions to reconsider, except the member so moving shall state his reasons therefor.
 9. All motions to place documents, reports or other papers on record.
- All questions that may arise in the course of Conference proceedings, not determinable by these Rules of Order, shall be determined by the President, in accordance with established parliamentary law subject to appeal to the Conference.

II.

CONFERENCE ROLLS.

(a) CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL.

1866 James Esgate	1885 James D. Reese
	1885 George W. Bowman
1868 Cornelius W. Prettyman	1885 Daniel H. Willis
	1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield
1870 Adam Stengle	1886 George E. Wood
1870 George E. Reed	1886 William W. Sharp
	1886 William R. Mowbray
1871 Levin W. Layfield	1886 Henry S. Dulany
1871 Thomas H. Harding	1886 William G. Koons
1871 Franz O. B. Wallin	1886 James T. Prouse
	1886 William P. Taylor
1872 John P. Otis	1887 James H. Wilson
	1887 Harvey W. Ewing
1873 Robert Roe	1888 George T. Alderson
1873 Frank C. MacSorley	1888 John F. Anderson
1873 William M. Greene	1888 Frank F. Carpenter
	1888 Wesley W. Chaires
1876 George W. Townsend	1888 Joshua W. Gray
1876 Wilbur F. Corkran	1888 George W. Stallings
1876 John M. Collins	
1876 Thomas E. Terry	1889 Vinal E. Hills
1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker	1889 Truston C. Smoot
1878 Robert K. Stephenson	1890 George W. Bounds
	1890 Melvin D. Nutter
1879 Olin S. Walton	1890 Julius A. Brewington
1879 Alfred Smith	
1879 Joshua M. Lindale	1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan
	1891 George A. Cooke
1881 Louis P. Corkran	1891 George P. Jones
1881 Sewall N. Pilchard	
	1892 Theodore F. Beauchamp
1882 Allison P. Prettyman	1892 Clarence W. Strickland
1882 Charles H. Williams	1892 Francis B. Short
1883 William B. Guthrie	1893 William L. White
1883 George L. Hardesty	1893 John P. Outten
1883 Vaughan S. Collins	1893 James T. Richardson
1884 William A. Wise	1894 Henry G. Budd
1884 Edmund H. Derrickson	1894 John H. Beauchamp
1884 Thomas N. Given	
1884 William F. Dawson	1895 Edward H. Collins
	1895 Daniel J. Givan
1885 James W. Easley	1895 Thomas R. Van Dyke
1885 Robert Watt	

- 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
- 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
1916 Joseph P. Wilson
- 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 Disston A. Stockely
1923 Lawrence E. Wimbrow
- 1924 Harry N. Bailey
1924 O. Ammon Bartley
1924 Oliver J. Collins
1924 Frank H. Hicks
1924 John E. Parker
1924 Alfred N. Strickland

(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. 2
1912	Allen, G. S. E	Hurlock, Md. 1
1888	Anderson, J. F. R	2122 Gillis St., Wilmington, Del. 3
1921	Andrews, M. S. E	Lewes, Del. 1
1917	Atkins, C. H. E	Concord (P. O. Hobbs, Md.) 3
1924	Bailey, H. N. P	Farmington, Del. 1
1923	Barlow, W. G. E	Ewell, Md. 2
1924	Bartley, O. A. P	Claremont, Va. 1
1902	Baynard, O. T. E	Upper Fairmount, Md. 2
1892	Beauchamp, T. F. E	Selbyville, Del. 4
1894	Beauchamp, J. H. E	Wilmington, Del. 4
1897	Bennett, W. O. E	Greensboro, Md. 2
1914	Benson, N. C. E	Rehoboth, Del. 1
1907	Bicking, J. R. E	Deal Island, Md. 1
1920	Bolton, J. C. E	Port Murry, Patterson, N. J. 3
1890	Bounds, G. W. E	Wilmington, Del. 5
1885	Bowman, G. W. R	Laurel, Del. 19
1890	Brewington, J. A. R	Hebron, Md. 5
1907	Briggs, W. H. E	Easton, Md. 4
1915	Broadway, L. M. E	Wilmington, Del. 8
1904	Buckson, J. A. E	Millsboro, Del. 1
1894	Budd, H. G. E	Dover, Del. 14
1909	Bunting, J. J. E	Smyrna, Del. 2
1888	Carpenter, F. F. E	Cambridge, Md. 2
1888	Chaires, W. W. R	Marydel, Md. 5
1913	Chappell, J. W. D	Mt. Regia Sanatorium, Salem, Va. 7
1915	Clark, C. W. E	Clayton, Del. 3
1876	Collins, J. M. R	1607 W. 13th St., Wilm., Del. 20
1883	Collins, V. S. E	Cape Charles, Va. 2
1895	Collins, E. H. E	Harrington, Del. 1
1924	Collins, O. J. P	Charlestown, Md. 1
1902	Colona, J. W. E	Wilmington, Del. 2
1912	Connelly, O. H. E	Townsend, Del. 2
1891	Cooke, G. A. E	Frankford, Del. 2
1876	Corkran, W. F. E	Crisfield, Md. 7
1881	Corkran, L. P. R	Church Hill, Md. 8
1918	Cummings, W. H. E	Roxana, Del. 2
1899	Dashiell, E. H. E	Salisbury, Md. 2
1900	Davis, Howard E	Wilmington, Del. 1

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1921	Davis, C. E. E	Cheswold, Del. 3
1884	Dawson, W. F. E	Felton, Del. 2
1899	Dawson, G. W. E	Georgetown, Del. 2
1884	Derrickson, E. H. R	Odessa, Del. 4
1886	Dulany, H. S. E	Sharptown, Md. 5
1885	Easley, J. W. R	Wilmington, Del. 6
1902	Eldridge, J. S. E	Camden, Del. 1
1866	Esgate, James P	Los Angeles, California 39
1887	Ewing, H. W. R	North East, Md. 1
1900	Faulkner, F. N. Sy.	Delmar, Del. 3
1905	Ford, D. J. E	Magnolia, Del. 3
1910	Fox, H. P. E	Salisbury, Md. 2
1915	Frye, A. B. E	Ocean View, Del. 1
1921	Gallion, H. W. D	Bishopville, Md. 3
1902	Gardner, J. H. E	Crumpton, Md. 1
1922	Gehman, G. T. P	(Ebenezer), Newark, Del. 1
1891	Geoghegan, J. H. E	Red Lion, Del. 4
1921	Gilbert, B. W. D	At School 3
1895	Givan, D. J. E	North East, Md. 5
1884	Given, T. N. R	Cheswold, Del. 2
1917	Godwin, W. F. E	Newark, Md. 3
1903	Goodhand, A. W. E	Wilmington, Del. 3
1917	Grant, W. S. E	Church Hill, Md. 1
1888	Gray, J. W. E	Delaware City, Del. 1
1873	Greene, W. M. R	Milton, Del. 21
1900	Greenfield, W. E. E	Wilmington, Del. 7
1903	Gunby, W. E. E	Dover, Del. 2
1883	Guthrie, W. B. R	Kenton, Del. 4
1903	Habbart, W. E. E	Wilmington, Del. 6
1910	Hallman, E. C. E	Berlin, Md. 1
1921	Hamblin, S. T. D	Houston, Del. 2
1883	Hardesty, G. L. R	Seaford, Del. 11
1871	Harding, T. H. R	Wilmington, Del. 18
1906	Harris, W. G. E	Elkton, Md. 2
1916	Harris, C. C. E	Rising Sun, Md. 5
1900	Hastings, G. W. E	Somerset (P. O. Chance, Md.) 1
1917	Hearn, W. A. E	Claymont, Del. 3
1918	Henvis, E. W. E	Onancock, Va. 1
1909	Herson, Frank E	Newark, Del. 7
1920	Hess, W. L. E	Hebron, Md. 3
1924	Hicks, F. H. P	At School 1
1889	Hills, V. E. E	Wilmington, Del. 2
1918	Hodgson, R. S. E	Odessa, Del. 4
1876	Hoffecker, E. L. R	Bellevue, Md. 7
1897	Holt, T. S. R	Federalburg, Md. 13
1906	Hubbard, C. L. E	Wilmington, Del. 7

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1900 Hudson, J. A.	E Wyoming, Del.	3
1922 Hudson, C. H.	D Hooper's Is. (Fishing Creek, Md.)	3
1896 Jackson, Leolan	E Sudlersville, Md.	3
1913 Jacobs, D. W.	E Milford, Del.	4
1907 James, O. E.	R Farnhurst, Del.	1
1906 Johns, B. M.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1899 Johnson, J. L.	E Crisfield, Md.	7
1891 Jones, G. P.	E Mystic, Conn.	2
1898 Jones, J. W.	E Delmar, Del.	4
1898 Jones, O. E.	E Middletown, Del.	2
1900 Jones, C. N.	E Denton, Md.	2
1903 Jones, C. T.	E St. George's, Del.	1
1905 Jones, E. W.	E Snow Hill, Md.	3
1915 Jones, R. C.	E Kent Is. (P.O. Stevensville, Md.)	4
1898 Kelso, H. B.	E Phoebus, Va.	1
1904 Kelso, J. M.	E Dover, Del.	2
1886 Koons, W. G.	R Rising Sun, Md.	9
1871 Layfield, L. W.	R Greenwood, Del.	1
1913 Leach, J. A.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1879 Lindale, J. M.	R Chestertown, Md.	6
1920 McCabe, J. B.	E Port Deposit, Md.	3
1905 McCoy, J. C.	E Milton, Del.	2
1905 McDade, H. R.	E St. Peter's (P. O. Oriole, Md.)	1
1906 McDowell, E. W.	E Middletown, Del.	3
1917 McGuire, W. T.	E Hillsboro, Md.	2
1873 MacSorley, F. C.	E Federalburg, Md.	10
1914 Marine, M. W.	E Princess Anne, Md.	2
1909 Marsh, C. L.	E Fairlee, Md.	1
1902 Marshall, E. H.	E Seaford, Del.	1
1900 Martin, O. L.	R Salisbury, Md.	1
1902 Matthews, W. E.	R Smyrna, Del.	3
1920 Minker, R. L.	E Boston University	4
1905 Moore, C. W.	E Chincoteague, Va.	1
1898 Moore, F. X.	R Baltimore, Md.	4
1911 Moore, D. J.	E Trappe, Md.	4
1917 Moore, B. P.	E Nanticoke, Md.	3
1918 Moore, W. V.	E Seaford, Del.	2
1905 Morgan, L. B.	E Richardson Park, Del.	1
1886 Mowbray, W. R.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1912 Newton, G. F.	E Millington, Md.	2
1907 Nichols, R. P.	E Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1890 Nutter, M. D.	E Hockessin, Del.	2
1872 Otis, J. P.	R Marshallton, Del.	6
1893 Outten, J. P.	E Preston, Md.	4
1924 Parker, J. E.	P Marydel, Md.	1
1881 Pilchard, S. N.	R Hillsboro, Md.	4

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1896 Poole, L. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1900 Poole, W. C.	E St. John's (P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	2
1909 Poore, A. F.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1868 Prettyman, C. W.	R Carlisle, Pa.	9
1882 Prettyman, A. P.	R Galena, Md.	8
1897 Prettyman, J. W.	E Zion Ct. (P. O. North East, Md.)	2
1909 Prettyman, E. C.	E Wilmington, Del.	10
1908 Price, J. T.	E Perryville, Md.	1
1886 Prouse, J. T.	R Edge Moor, Del.	12
1870 Reed, G. E.	R Harrisburg, Pa.	3
1910 Reed, H. E.	E Colora, Md.	1
1916 Reed, O. B.	E Hillcrest (P. O. Edgemoor, Del.)	2
1885 Reese, J. D.	R Wye Mills, Md.	1
1907 Revelle, W. H.	E Rock Hall, Md.	3
1911 Rice, O. B.	E Chester-Bethel (P.O.Boothwyn,Pa.)	3
1893 Richardson, J. T.	E Chesapeake City, Md.	1
1873 Roe, Robert	R Trappe, Md.	13
1918 Rowlenson, J. T.	E Cecilton, Md.	2
1910 Sard, T. J.	E Chestertown, Md.	2
1886 Sharp, W. W.	E Mt.Pleasant (P.O.Edge Moor, Del.)	4
1919 Shockley, E. M.	E Still Pond, Md.	2
1892 Short, F. B.	E Milford, Del.	4
1922 Short, W. D.	D Crapo, Md.	1
1879 Smith, Alfred	R Camden, Del.	8
1896 Smith, G. P.	R Dover, Del.	3
1907 Smith, Tilghman	E St. Michaels, Md.	2
1889 Smoot, T. C.	R Denton, Md.	1
1906 Sparklin, J. L.	E Newport, Del.	2
1911 Spry, C. W.	E Greenwood, Del.	2
1888 Stallings, G. W.	R Lovettsville, Loudoun Co., Va.	3
1870 Stengle, Adam	R Wilmington, Del.	10
1878 Stephenson, R. K.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1912 Sterling, G. E.	E Galena, Md.	4
1923 Stockely, D. A.	P Fruitland, Md.	1
1892 Strickland, C. W.	E Tangier, Va.	1
1924 Strickland, A. N.	P At School	1
1896 Sumwalt, J. W. R.	E Y. M. C. A., New York City, N. Y.	2
1885 Sunfield, E. C.	R Barnegat, N. J.	3
1908 Sutton, J. W.	E Kenton, Del.	1
1886 Taylor, W. P.	E Oxford, Md.	3
1904 Taylor, E. B.	E Annessex (P.O. Crisfield, Md.)	1
1897 Taylor, Harry	E Cherry Hill (P. O. Elkton, Md.)	1
1876 Terry, T. E.	R Bridgeville, Del.	10
1916 Thawley, R. T.	D Hockanum, Conn.	7
1903 Thomas, G. S.	E Pittsville, Md.	2
1914 Thomas, E. P.	E Laurel, Del.	2
1876 Townsend, G. W.	R Ridley Park, Pa.	10

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1914	Truitt, P. P. E Ocean City, Md.	1
1905	Van Blunk, J. M. S. E Quantico, Md.	5
1895	Van Dyke, T. R. E Wilmington, Del.	2
1871	Wallin, F. O. B. R Sweden	24
1879	Walton, O. S. R Red Lion, Del.	19
1906	Warren, J. H. Sy. 1400 Cottage Fall Rd., Norfolk, Va.4	
1885	Watt, Robert R 18 Kingsbury St., Worcester, Mass.1	
1913	Wells, Z. W. E New Castle, Del.	2
1910	Wheatley, M. E. E Ridgely, Md.	3
1919	Whedbee, J. H. E East New Market, Md.	3
1893	White, W. L. E Bridgeville, Del.	4
1908	White, Leonard E Dover, Del.	2
1914	White, Frank E Centreville, Md.	3
1882	Williams, C. H. R Snow Hill, Md.	11
1885	Willis, D. H. R Cambridge, Md.	12
1912	Willis, Ivanhoe E Marshallton, Del.	5
1887	Wilson, J. H. E Mt. Lebanon (P.O. Rockland, Del.)2	
1906	Wilson, Daniel E Hopewell (P.O. Port Deposit, Md.)3	
1916	Wilson, J. P. E Salisbury, Md.	1
1923	Wimbrow, L. E. D Wilmington, Del.	2
1916	Windsor, L. E. E Dagsboro, Del.	2
1884	Wise, W. A. E Wilmington, Del.	2
1886	Wood, G. E. E Frederica, Del.	1
1905	Woodell, W. R. E Stockton, Md.	1
1918	Wootten, J. W. E Tilghman, Md.	3
1922	Wright, J. H. D At School	3
1918	Zimmerman, A. F. E Mt. Vernon (P.O. Pr. Anne, Md.)1	

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Name	Appointment	Year
Adams, R. H.	Brack-Ex (P.O. Marshallton, Del.)	5
Atkinson, W. F.	White Haven, Md.	1
Baker, F. A.	Bayside (P. O. Sherwood, Md.)	2
Barrett, T. S.	Piney Neck (P.O. Rock Hall, Md.)	2
Branford, H. V.	Ayres Chapel (P.O. Leemont, Va.)	2
Branford, C. W.	Pocomoke City, Md.	2
Buckson, W. C.	Reliance (P.O. Oak Grove, Del.)	3
Campbell, R. W.	Canterbury (P. O. Viola, Del.)	2
Covington, Henry	Queenstown, Md.	4
Diehl, J. R.	Little Creek, Del.	1
Derrickson, J. L.	Whitesville, Del.	1
Dixon, T. S.	Mardela Springs, Md.	2
Donohoe, W. I.	Georgetown, Del.	2
Dutton, C. R.	Bethel, Del.	1
Freeman, W. A.	Lakesville (P.O. Andrews, Md.)	1

Name	Appointment	Year
Graham, J. T.	Parsonburg, Md.	2
Hamer, Conrad	Zoar Ct. (P. O. Georgetown, Del.)	1
Hanby, J. C.	Westover, Md.	1
Hanby, S. L.	Henderson, Md.	3
Horner, W. B.	Mt. Pleasant (P.O. Laurel, Del.)	1
Horseman, S. T.	Holland's Is. (P.O. Wenona, Md.)	5
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McClintock, W. C.	Pomona (P.O. Chestertown, Md.)	2
McLain, L. T.	Nassau, Del.	4
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Mills, R. W.	Blades, Del.	7
Pardee, Thomas	Christiana, Del.	4
Parks, H. M.	Leipsic, Del.	1
Prettyman, D. B.	Girdletree, Md.	5
Scarborough, A. S.	Powellville (P.O. Pittsville, Md.)	1
Sharpless, C. D.	Bethel & Town Pt. (Elkton, Md.)	1
Smith, H. M.	Church Creek, Md.	2
Thomas, A. G.	Vienna, Md.	1
Thornton, J. H.	Lincoln, Del.	1
Travers, Alonzo	Ellendale, Del.	3
Truitt, H. E.	St. Paul's (P. O. Dover, Del.)	1
Tyler, E. S.	Galestown (P.O. Seaford, Del.)	1
Wilson, R. H.	Marion, Md.	1
Wolcott, P. C.	Hollyoak Road, Del.	1
Wright, E. N.	Burrsville (P. O. Denton, Md.)	2

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Conaway, W. N.	Denton, Md.	Northrup, C. L.	Hurlock, Md.
Cooper, R. W.	Newark, Del.	Rodgers, R. W.	Wilmington, Del.
Covey, A. H.	Chestertown, Md.	Smith, S. J.	Newark, Del.
Crooks, E. B.	Newark, Del.	Strickland, W. G.	Wilmington, Del.

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Barrett, R. J.	Dover, Del.	Galloway, John.	Wilmington, Del.
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Buckson, W. C.	Oak Grove, Del.	Hamer, Conrad.	Georgetown, Del.
Cantwell, W. S.	Cheswold, Del.	Hanby, S. L.	Henderson, Md.
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English, T. W.	Mardela Sp'gs, Md.	Hudson, J. W.	Millsboro, Del.
Emerson, Rietta M.	Wilm'n, Del.	Hudson, Thomas.	Ocean View, Del.
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Jordan, L. J.	Wilmington, Del.	Smith, Charles	Hebron, Md.
Keim, J.	Elkton, Md.	Talley, N. L.	Wilmington, Del.
Kelly, F.	Dover, Del.	Talley, P. R.	Wilmington, Del.
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Kliver, G. W.	Cornersville, Md.	Thornton, J. H.	Lincoln, Del.
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Kirwan, R. W.	Tyaskin, Md.	Todd, Brady	Toddville, Md.
Kopp, George	Perryville, Md.	Todd, N. L.	Toddville, Md.
Law, W. A.	Selbyville, Del.	Tomer, Hugh	Wilmington, Del.
Little, James	Newark, Del.	Truitt, W. C.	Millsboro, Del.
Louhoff, F. C.	Wilmington, Del.	Truitt, H. E.	Dover, Del.
McClintock, Wm.	Chestertown, Md.	Van Keuren, E. A.	Newark, Del.
McNeal, James H.	Dover, Del.	Waldram, George.	Perryville, Md.
Marsh, E. F.	Tylerton, Md.	Weldin, G. W.	Wilmington, Del.
Milbury, Douglas	Milford, Del.	West, Lee C.	Laurel, Del.
Mills, R. W.	Blades, Del.	White, E. W.	Roselle, Del.
Mohring, J. M.	Wilmington, Del.	White, John	Wilmington, Del.
Nelson, W. C.	Crisfield, Md.	Williams, C. W.	Cape Charles, Va.
Powell, Charles R.	Laurel, Del.	Wilmot, A. A.	Wilmington, Del.
Ralph, Wm.	Elkton, Md.	Winder, E. J.	Seaford, Del.
Rowelson, W. F.	Sherwood, Md.	Wright, Ernest	Denton, Md.
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1927—J. T. Richardson, Leolan Jackson, H. S. Dulaney.

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1926—W. E. Greenfield, T. R. Van Dyke, W. O. Hoffecker.

1927—T. F. Beauchamp, R. K. Stephenson, A. L. Johnson.

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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.

1927—E. W. Jones, F. F. Carpenter, J. W. Jones, C. L. Hubbard.

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Ministerial:—R. P. Nichols, F. C. MacSorley, C. L. Hubbard, E. M. Shockley.

Lay:—H. H. Nuttle, M. H. Pierce, O. M. Shockley, I. E. Perry, L. E. Layfield.

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Lay:—S. S. Andrews, Harry Mayer, E. C. Hardesty, C. A. Short, H. M. Waller.

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Boston University School of Theology—G. P. Jones.

Morgan College—T. J. Sard and Frank White.

Princess Anne Academy—J. L. Johnson and W. L. Hess.

Drew Theological Seminary—E. C. Prettyman, L. E. Windsor, W. V. Moore and Z. W. Wells.

Wesley Collegiate Institute—Tilghman Smith and T. R. Van Dyke.

V.

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PERIODICALS:—J. T. Price, W. L. Hess, W. T. McGuire, C. T. Jones.

BIBLE:—H. W. Gallion, G. W. Dawson, Tilghman Smith, D. J. Givan.

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TEMPERANCE, PROHIBITION, AND PUBLIC MORALS:—W. F. Dawson, D. A. Stockely, E. C. Prettyman, D. J. Moore.

EDUCATION FOR NEGROES:—M. E. Wheatley, G. S. Thomas, C. C. Harris, E. P. Thomas.

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W. H. M. SOCIETY:—J. R. Bicking, Howard Davis, J. B. McCabe, John Wooten.

HOSPITALS:—W. L. White, W. R. Mowbray, R. C. Jones, J. M. S. Van Blunk.

RESOLUTIONS:—W. L. White, M. W. Marine, W. H. Revelle, R. P. Nichols.

MEMOIRS:—T. E. Terry and those appointed to prepare memoirs of the deceased.

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?**
Joseph P. Wilson, Northwest Iowa.
- 3. Who have been Readmitted?**
None.
- 4. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**
None.
- 5. Who have been Received on Trial?**
 - (a) In Studies of First Year.
Harry N. Bailey, O. Ammon Bartley, Oliver J. Collins, Frank H. Hicks, John E. Parker, Alfred N. Strickland.
 - (b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.
None.
- 6. Who have been Continued on Trial?**
 - (a) In Studies of First Year.
None.
 - (b) In Studies of Second Year.
Gilbert T. Gehman, John W. Chappell, D. Arthur Stockely.
 - (c) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
 - (d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
Lawrence E. Wimbrow.
- 7. Who have been Discontinued?**
None.
- 8. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
Charles H. Hudson, Wingate D. Short, Johnson H. Wright, Benjamin W. Gilbert.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
Milton S. Andrews.

- 9. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
 - (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
Benjamin W. Gilbert, Charles H. Hudson, Wingate D. Short, Johnson H. Wright.
 - (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
Roy T. Thawley.
- 10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
John C. Bolton, Harry W. Gallion, Sylvanus T. Hamblin.
- 11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
Milton S. Andrews, William L. Hess, August F. Zimmerman.
 - (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 T. Graham, Charles D. Sharpless.
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
 - (c) Under the Seminary Rule.
None.
- 13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
 - (a) As Local Deacons.
None.
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
- 14. Was the Character of each Preacher examined.**
It was.
- 15. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**
None.
- 16. Who have Died?**
George R. Ellis, Van P. Northrup, Warren Burr, William E. Tomkinson, Benjamin F. Jester, Walter W. White.
- 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?**
Charles R. Dutton was recognized as an Elder from the Methodist Protestant Church, and District Superintendent was permitted to use him as a Supply.
23. **Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?**
F. N. Faulkner (3); J. H. Warren (4).
24. **Who are the Retired Ministers?**
J. F. Anderson, G. W. Bowman, J. A. Brewington, J. M. Collins, W. W. Chaires, L. P. Corkran, E. H. Derrickson, J. W. Easley, James Esgate, H. W. Ewing, T. N. Given, W. M. Green, W. B. Guthrie, T. H. Harding, G. L. Hardesty, E. L. Hoffecker, T. S. Holt, O. E. James, W. G. Koons, L. W. Layfield, J. M. Lindale, O. L. Martin, 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, T. C. Smoot, G. W. Stallings, Adam Stengle, E. C. Sunfield, T. E. Terry, G. W. Townsend, O. S. Walton, F. O. B. Wallin, Robert Watt, C. H. Williams, D. H. Willis.
25. **Who are the Triers of Appeals?**
W. A. Wise, W. R. Mowbray, F. F. Carpenter, J. T. Price, J. T. Rowlenson.
Reserves:—W. L. White, V. S. Collins.
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?**
\$139,633.
- (b) **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
\$31,362.
31. **What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**
32. (a) **What has been Received on these Claims?**
\$48,077.18.
- (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?**
\$48,500.
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?**
McCabe Memorial, 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
Bethel, Del., (Sup.) C. R. Dutton	Harrington, Del. E. H. Collins
Blades & Epworth (Sup.) R. W. Mills P. O. Seaford, Del.	Hooper's Island, C. H. Hudson P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.
Bridgeville, Del. W. L. White	Houston, Del. S. T. Hamblin
Cambridge, Md. F. F. Carpenter	Hurlock, Md. G. S. Allen
Camden, Del., J. S. Eldridge	Lakesville, (Sup.) W. A. Freeman P. O. Andrews, Md.
Canterbury, (Sup.) R. W. Campbell P. O. Viola, Del.	Laurel, Del. E. P. Thomas
Church Creek & Taylor's Island, (Sup.) H. M. Smith	Leipsic, Del. (Sup.) H. M. Parks
P. O. Church Creek, Md.	Lewes, Del. M. S. Andrews
Crapo, Md., W. D. Short	Lincoln, Del. (Sup.) J. H. Thornton
Dover, Del.:	Little Creek, Del. (Sup.) J. R. Diehl
St. Paul's, (Sup.) H. E. Truitt	Magnolia & Barratt's Chapel, D. J. Ford
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., To be supplied	Millsboro, Del. J. A. Buckson
Farmington and Epworth, (Sup.) H. N. Bailey	Milton, Del. J. C. McCoy
P. O. Farmington, Del.	Mt. Pleasant, (Sup.) W. B. Horner P. O. Laurel, Del.
Federalsburg, Md., F. C. MacSorley	Nassau, Del. (Sup.) L. T. McLain
Felton, Del. W. F. Dawson	Rehoboth, Del., N. C. Benson
Frederica, Del., G. E. Wood	Reliance, (Sup.) W. C. Buckson P. O. Oak Grove, Del.
Galestown & McKendree, (Sup.) E. S. Tyler	Seaford, Del. W. V. Moore
P. O. Seaford, Del.	Seaford Circuit, E. H. Marshall P. O. Seaford, Del.
Georgetown, Del. G. W. Dawson	Vienna, Md. (Sup.) A. G. Thomas
Georgetown Circuit, (Sup.) W. I. Donohoe	Williamsburg, Md., To be supplied
P. O. Georgetown, Del.	Wyoming, Del., J. A. Hudson
	Zoar Circuit, (Sup.) Conrad Hamer P. O. Georgetown, Del.

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

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

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

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

Annamessex, E. B. Taylor	E. B. Taylor	Cape Charles, Va. V. S. Collins
P. O. Crisfield, Md.	P. O. Crisfield, Md.	Chincoteague, Va., C. W. Moore
Ayres Chapel, (Sup.) H. V. Branford	(Sup.) H. V. Branford	Claremont, Va., O. A. Bartley
P. O. Leemont, Va.	P. O. Leemont, Va.	Crisfield, Md.:
Berlin, Md. E. C. Hallman	E. C. Hallman	Asbury. W. F. Corkran
Bishopville, Md., H. W. Gallion	H. W. Gallion	Immanuel, J. L. Johnson

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

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

Bethel & Town Point, (Sup.) C. D. Sharpless	Christiana, Del. (Sup.) Thomas Pardee
P. O. Elkton, Md.	Claymont, Del., W. A. Hearn
Charlestown, Md., O. J. Collins	Colora, Md., H. E. Reed
Cherry Hill, Harry Taylor	Delaware City, Del., J. W. Gray
P. O. Elkton, Md.	Ebenezer, G. T. Gehman
Chesapeake City, Md., J. T. Richardson	P. O. Newark, Del.
Chester-Bethel, O. B. Rice	Elkton, Md. W. G. Harris
P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.	Hockessin, Del. M. D. Nutter

Holly Oak, Del. (Sup.) P. C. Walcott	Wilmington:
Hopewell, Daniel Wilson	Asbury, G. T. Alderson
P. O. Port Deposit, Md.	Brandywine, W. E. Greenfield
Marshallton & Cedars, Ivanhoe Willis	Brack-Ex, (Sup.) R. H. Adams
P. O. Marshallton, Del.	P. O. Marshallton, Del.
Mt. Lebanon, J. H. Wilson	Cookman, W. R. Mowbray
P. O. Rockland, Del.	Eastlake, A. W. Goodhand
Mt. Pleasant, W. W. Sharp	Edgemoor, (Sup.) J. E. Layton
P. O. Edge Moor, Del.	Epworth, T. R. Van Dyke
Newark, Del., Frank Herson	Grace, B. M. Johns
New Castle, Del. Z. W. Wells	and L. E. Windsor
Newport & Stanton, J. L. Sparklin	Harrison Street, W. E. Habbart
P. O. Newport, Del.	Hillcrest and Belle Font, O. B. Reed
North East, Md., D. J. Givan	P. O. Edgemoor, Del.
Perryville, Md., J. T. Price	Kingswood, G. W. Bounds
Port Deposit, Md., J. B. McCabe	Madeley, L. M. Broadway
Red Lion, Del. J. H. Geoghegan	McCabe, A. F. Poore
Rising Sun, Md., C. C. Harris	Mt. Salem, L. E. Poole
St. George's & Summit, C. T. Jones	Richardson Park, L. B. Morgan
P. O. St. George's, Del.	Scott, W. A. Wise
St. John's, W. C. Poole	Silverbrook, R. K. Stephenson
P. O. Lewisville, Pa.	St. Paul's, C. L. Hubbard
Stanton, Del. (Sup.) F. C. Louhoff	Trinity, Howard Davis
Zion Circuit, J. W. Prettyman	Union, J. A. Leach
P. O. North East, Md.	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.
- J. W. R. Sumwalt, Associate Director of Religious Work in the Y. M. C. A.
- 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, F. H. Hicks, B. W. Gilbert, A. N. Strickland, 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-sixth Session in Harrison Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., on Wednesday morning, March 26, 1924, at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop William F. McDowell presiding.

LORD'S SUPPER.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by Howard Davis, J. T. Price, C. L. Hubbard and J. L. Johnson.

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

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

ORGANIZATION.—Secretary.—Disston W. Jacobs was, on motion of W. E. Gunby, unanimously elected secretary, and nominated as his assistants J. R. Bicking and Tilghman Smith and they were confirmed.

Statistician.—N. C. Benson was unanimously elected statistician and the following assistants were nominated and confirmed:—A. W. Goodhand, O. B. Rice, R. P. Nichols, J. W. Wootten, Leolan Jackson, J. M. Kelso, D. A. Stockely, L. E. Windsor and G. E. Sterling.

Treasurer.—The Treasurer, V. E. Hills, nominated the following assistants and they were confirmed:—O. B. Reed, W. A. Hearn, M. E. Wheatley, W. L. Hess, E. P. Thomas, Frank White, W. V. Moore, J. L. Sparklin, T. J. Sard, H. W. Gallion, J. B. McCabe, A. F. Zimmerman, A. B. Frye, O. H. Connelly and J. T. Rowlenson.

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

Conference Program.—The program of the Conference as printed was made the official program, subject to modification when deemed necessary.

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

Methodist Review.—W. P. Taylor was nominated and elected agent for the Methodist Review.

SUNDAY MOVING PICTURES.—On motion of Tilghman Smith the following resolution was adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to immediately notify certain members of the Maryland Legislature of our action:

WHEREAS, A bill to permit motion picture theatres to be opened on Sunday in Baltimore has been reported favorably by a committee of the Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, Its enactment would lower the moral standards of the whole State; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, embracing all the Eastern Shore and representing a constituency of approximately 75,000 therein, emphatically protest the passage of this bill.

REQUEST REAPPOINTMENT OF BISHOP McDOWELL.—The following resolution was presented and read by D. W. Jacobs and, on his motion, it was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, During the past eight years the Wilmington Annual Conference has been under the direct supervision of our genial, efficient and much beloved Bishop McDowell; and,

WHEREAS, His christian character has been a perpetual inspiration, his messages timely, spiritual and persuasive and his leadership in general of such high order as to inspire pastors and people in the great task of winning men to Christ; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we hereby memorialize the General Conference of 1924 to retain our Conference in the Washington Area, and reappoint as resident bishop of said area for the next quadrennium, William Frasier McDowell, preacher, bishop, man of God.

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:—T. F. Beauchamp, R. K. Stephenson and A. L. Johnson.

COMMITTEE ON GEN. CONF. MEMORIALS.—On motion of V. S. Collins, amended by D. W. Jacobs, a committee was ordered appointed by the Chair consisting of one minister from each district and one at large, to which committee were referred all memorials to the General Conference, and the report of said committee was made the order of the day for Saturday morning immediately after the reading of the journal. The Chair appointed the following:—F. F. Carpenter, W. O. Bennett, T. F. Beauchamp, B. M. Johns and G. A. Cooke. The committee's report was ordered considered in open session on motion of Robert Watt.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—On motion of V. S. Collins an Executive Session was ordered for Friday morning immediately after the reading of the journal.

ELECTION OF GEN. CONF. DELEGATES.—The election of General Conference delegates was made the order of the day for Friday morning immediately following the Executive Session.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was taken up. W. E. Gunby, Superintendent of the Dover District; O. E. Jones, Superintendent of the Middletown District; and E. H. Dashiell, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, were called, their characters passed and they read reports of their work. The Effective Elders of these districts were called, their characters passed and they answered affirmatively the questions required by the discipline relating to prorating ministerial support and the full support of the benevolences.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Mr. H. P. Bennett, Circulation Manager of the Christian Advocate; Mr. R. A. Brooks, representing the Methodist Book Concern; and Rev. S. B. Goff of the Philadelphia Conference, were introduced, the first two named addressed the Conference.

DRAFTS.—The Bishop presented a draft from the Chartered Fund amounting to \$35., and one from the Methodist Book Concern amounting to \$3,732., and they were ordered in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

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

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

REPORTING SALARIES.—On motion of J. W. Colona the pastors were instructed to report as salary all missionary monies received by them on salary, and the statistician was requested to place on the margin of the statistical sheets opposite the number and name of each charge so aided a star to aid in making proper apportionments.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The order of the day was called. G. T. Alderson was called to the chair.

The memoir of Walter W. White, written by H. P. Fox; that of Van P. Northrup, written by Robert Watt; that of Benjamin F. Jester, written by W. E. Habbart; that of George R. Ellis, written by J. L. Sparklin; that of William E. Tomkinson, written by V. S. Collins; and that of Warren Burr, written by G. T. Alderson, were presented and read.

Alfred Smith presented and read the memoir of Mrs. Wilhelmina Sharp; W. F. Corkran, those of Mrs. Elsie Bicking and Mrs. Annie M. Hardesty; F. F. Carpenter, that of Mrs. Jennie Creamer.

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

Conference also instructed the Secretary to print in the minutes the memoir of Mrs. Araminta Merrill as written by O. T. Baynard.

CHAIR.—Bishop McDowell resumed the chair.

HOUR OF ADJOURNMENT.—On motion of G. W. Dawson the hour of adjournment was fixed for 12 o'clock Noon, to reconvene at 1:30 P. M. unless otherwise ordered.

EXCUSED.—On motion, J. M. S. Van Blunk was excused from attending this annual session of the Conference. J. W. R. Sumwalt was also excused from further attendance after today; J. W. Prettyman was excused to attend a funeral.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Bishop McDowell introduced to the Conference Hamilton P. Fox and Allan F. Poore, they having been transferred to our Conference from the Baltimore Conference.

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

SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 1:45 P. M., Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

QUESTION 14.—The Fourteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was resumed. J. W. Colona, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, was called, his character passed and he read a report of his work. The Effective Elders of this district were called, their characters passed and they answered affirmatively the questions required by the discipline relating to pro-rating ministerial support and the full support of the benevolences.

INTRODUCTION.—Dr. M. P. Giffin, representing Drew Theological Seminary, 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.

ASKING FOR RETIRED RELATION.—To the Committee on Conference Relations were referred the cases of T. C. Smoot, L. W. Layfield, H. W. Ewing, O. E. James and Robert Watt, who are asking for the Retired Relation.

MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS.—T. R. Van Dyke, B. M. Johns and H. P. Fox were, on motion of G. T. Alderson, nominated and elected members of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, T. N. Given pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8:30 A. M., Bishop W. F. McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. A hymn was sung, W. A. Wise led the Conference in prayer and a brief address was made by the Bishop.

PIERRE S. du PONT.—Hon. Henry P. Scott was introduced and, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre S. du Pont, extended an invitation to the Conference to be their guests at "Longwood" this afternoon. On motion of C. L. Hubbard the invitation was unanimously accepted by a rising vote.

JOURNAL.—The journals of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

ABSENCE OF MR. T. N. RAWLINS.—Being detained at home on account of illness, the Secretary was instructed to convey to Mr. Thomas N. Rawlins, President of the Board of Stewards, the greetings of the Conference, on motion of E. W. Jones.

TELEGRAMS OF GREETINGS.—Telegrams announcing the greetings from the Philadelphia and Delaware Annual Conferences were received and read, and, on motion, the Secretary was instructed to make suitable replies.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. L. C. Clark, Chancellor of the American University; Morris W. Ehnes, Treasurer of the Committee on Conservation and Advance; W. E. J. Gratz, Secretary of Institutes and Life Work of the Epworth League; P. J. Maveety, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education for Negroes; Dr. Joseph B. Hingeley, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants; and Miss Jessie E. Arbuckle, Personnel Secretary of the General Deaconess Board, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

DRAFT.—Dr. Hingeley presented a draft from the Board of Conference Claimants amounting to \$250., which was ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

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.

Charles H. Hudson, Wingate D. Short, Johnson H. Wright, Benjamin W. Gilbert, and Milton S. Andrews were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented, and the Committee recommended.

Gilbert T. Gehman was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and he was Continued on Trial and advanced to the Studies of Second Year.

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.

William L. Hess and August F. Zimmerman 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 2.—The Second Question, "Who have been received by Transfer and from what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of Joseph P. Wilson from the Northwest Iowa Conference, and he was introduced to the Conference.

QUESTION 10.—The Tenth Question, "What Members are in the Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. Harry W. Gallion and Sylvanus T. Hamblin were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, they were advanced to the Studies of Fourth Year.

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

INTRODUCTION.—The following members of the Baltimore Conference were introduced by Bishop McDowell:—T. S. Long, E. T. Mowbray and E. L. Watson.

E. T. Mowbray addressed the Conference in the interest of the Strawbridge Home, and, on motion of E. H. Dashiell, a committee of five, consisting of G. W. Dawson, T. J. Sard, E. W. Jones, C. L. Hubbard and V. S. Collins, was appointed to confer with the committee present from the Baltimore Conference in relation to this matter and report to the Conference.

Dr. E. L. Watson, Editor of the Washington Christian Advocate, spoke in the interest of same, and the following was adopted, on motion of E. H. Dashiell:

We have listened with interest and appreciation to the Rev. Dr. E. L. Watson, Editor of the Washington Christian Advocate, in his presentation of our Area Advocate, and desiring to voice our estimate of the worth of this useful journal, we offer the following:

1. We feel constrained to make grateful mention of the continued generosity of Mr. John L. Alcock, whose openhanded giving has made possible the maintenance of the Washington Christian Advocate. Such public spirited devotion to a worthy cause merits all commendation.

2. We congratulate Dr. Watson for the fine fashion in which he has carried the work of a fallen leader, Dr. J. Fred Heisse, a princely, heroic, unselfish soul, who literally gave his life for the cause he loved. The standard of excellence maintained by him has not suffered in the hands of his successor.

3. We count the Washington Area fortunate in having within its borders contributors of such marked ability as our own Bishop McDowell, Dr. George Clarke Peck, Deets Picket, and many others who, without money and without price, have given service which rendered elsewhere would have had a money value of no small amount.

4. We count it an unusual occurrence that a staff of volunteer writers has given to our Methodism and allied interests a paper worth while, and a medium through which the affairs of our church have been brought to our people in striking, impressive fashion.

5. We desire to again affirm our faith in and loyalty toward this journal, and express the earnest hope that ere long the "powers that be" will afford a measure of relief from heavy burdens and help toward a larger sphere of usefulness.

6. We adopt as our slogan "The Washington Christian Advocate in every home."

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.—The Bishop appointed E. C. Hallman, Tilghman Smith and J. W. Prettyman members of the Board of Examiners.

QUESTION 6.—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. D. Arthur Stockely was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and he was Continued on Trial and advanced to the Studies of Second Year.

Lawrence E. Wimbrow was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and he was Continued on Trial and advanced to the Studies of Fourth Year.

RECONSIDER MOTION.—After reconsidering its motion ordering an Executive Session immediately following the reading of the journal on Friday morning, Conference ordered an open session at that hour.

INTRODUCTION.—The transfer of Francis B. Short from the Philadelphia Conference was announced by the Bishop and he was introduced to the Conference.

CORPORATE SESSION.—The Conference went into Corporate Session for the purpose of electing ministerial trustees of the Wesley Collegiate Institute, and Hon. John G. Townsend, Jr., President of the Board of Trustees, was called to the Chair and presided.

The following were elected trustees for a term of three years:—G. T. Alderson, V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran, L. B. Morgan and T. F. Beauchamp.

ADJOURNMENT.—On motion, Conference adjourned.

FOURTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock with Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. The Bishop addressed the Conference and W. G. Koons led in prayer.

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

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—Conference ordered, on motion of E. W. Jones, the case of T. C. Smoot referred to the Board of Stewards for necessitous consideration.

CONFERENCE RELATION.—To the Committee on Conference Relations was referred the case of O. L. Martin who is asking for the Retired Relation.

QUESTION 8.—The Eighth Question was resumed. The class was called and the Bishop put the usual disciplinary questions asked for admission into Full Membership and Charles H. Hudson, Wingate D. Short, Johnson H. Wright and Benjamin W. Gilbert were so admitted and elected to Deacon's Orders. Milton S. Andrews was also admitted into Full Membership. He had been previously ordained Deacon.

ORDER OF THE DAY—ELECTION OF DELEGATES.—The order of the day for the election of delegates to the General Conference was taken up.

Rules Governing Election.—The Secretary presented and read the following rules governing the election of delegates to the General Conference and, on his motion, they were adopted:

1. That four delegates be elected by this Conference to attend the next General Conference; and that three reserve delegates be elected.
2. That the person receiving the highest number of votes, provided the same be a majority of the votes cast, shall be chosen as delegates.
3. That any ballot containing more or less than the number of names to be voted for be rejected and, therefore, not counted.

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

Tellers.—The Chair appointed the following tellers:—G. W. Dawson, Howard Davis, J. W. Wootten, M. E. Wheatley, J. A. Leach, M. W. Marine, C. L. Hubbard, Frank Herson and Tilghman Smith.

First Ballot.—The first ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Dr. Allan MacRossie, Education Director of the Commission on Conference Courses of Study; Dr. Thomas S. Brock, representing the Ocean Grove School of Theology; Dr. Clarence True Wilson, General Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals; and Dr. J. H. Morgan, President of Dickinson College, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.—Dr. W. W. Davis, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, was introduced and addressed the Conference. On motion of G. T. Alderson, W. G. Harris was elected a member of the Educational Committee of said organization.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—G. A. Cooke presented and read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance and it was adopted.

NEAR EAST RELIEF.—Dr. Robert Bagnell was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Near East Relief. The following, commending the work of this organization, was read and adopted:

I. We record our appreciation of the efficient and Christ-like work that the Near East Relief is doing under very difficult and dangerous conditions.

II. We commend the efficient and economical administration of the work of the Near East Relief at home, and the wise guidance and far-reaching results of the work in the countries of the Near East.

III. We recognize the fact that this work is not only charitable and philanthropic, but also Christian and Missionary in the highest degree, and therefore its political effects in the whole country of the Balkans and the Near East, which has been the tinder box of the centuries, must make for permanent peace.

IV. We are sure that the training of these many thousands of children for efficient business and professional lives, and the inculcation of the principles of Jesus Christ in their lives must tremendously effect the civilization of the whole Near East, as these young men and women go out into positions of trust all through those countries.

V. We further believe that the support of this great movement by the solid Christian forces of America, without any sectarian or denominational emphasis, will make greatly for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

VI. We commend the work of the Near East Relief Committee to our people, and gladly endorse the opening of our churches to the presentation of this great cause.

GREETINGS TO DR. G. E. REED.—On motion of V. S. Collins, Conference instructed the Secretary to send a congratulatory telegram to Dr. G. E. Reed on this his seventy-eighth birthday, and convey to him our greetings and best wishes.

THANKS TO DR. BAGNELL.—For his tender care and kindly ministrations to our Brother W. E. Tomkinson, Conference expressed its grateful appreciation to Dr. Bagnell by a rising vote of thanks, on motion of V. S. Collins.

STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS.—The following report of the Committee on the Strawbridge Home was submitted and adopted:

Your committee appointed to confer with the committee of the Baltimore Conference concerning the Strawbridge Home for Boys begs leave to report that we recommend:

1. That the Wilmington Conference heartily endorse the project of the Baltimore Conference for the establishment of this home and pledge our cooperation to make it a success.

2. That the Wilmington Conference nominate to the Bishop three persons to be elected as trustees of Home.

3. That we give our churches an annual opportunity to contribute to the maintenance of the Home, preferably at Christmas time.

4. That we rejoice that the Baltimore Conference has given the Wilmington Conference this opportunity to share with them in providing a shelter for the destitute boys and girls of our beloved Peninsula; and we recommend to all our Pastors to use the accommodations offered by the Strawbridge Home in the protection of the children dependent upon our Churches for protection and training.

DONATION TO CONF. CLAIMANT FUND.—On motion of V. E. Hills, after an explanation of an error in accounts, Conference ordered a donation to the Conference Claimant funds of \$100.

REPORT OF CONF. BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—F. C. MacSorley presented and read the report of the Conference Board of Sunday Schools. On motion of Robert Watt the report was adopted after the acceptance of the amendment calling for the striking out of the report the word "another."

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.—R. P. Nichols, Director of Religious Education, presented and read his report and it was adopted.

FIRST BALLOT RETURNED.—The Tellers returned, and the Bishop announced the result of the first ballot as follows:—Ballots cast, 152;

necessary to a choice, 77. No one receiving a majority vote there was no election. The ballot was as follows:—G. T. Alderson, 75; E. H. Dashiell, 69; T. F. Beauchamp, 59; J. J. Bunting, 59; F. C. MacSorley, 50; J. W. Colona, 47; W. E. Gunby, 43; W. F. Corkran, 41; O. E. Jones, 36; W. L. White, 27; W. E. Habbart, 18; C. L. Hubbard, 16; V. S. Collins, 8; T. J. Sard, 5; several more names with four votes or less.

SECOND BALLOT.—The second ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

On motion, Conference then instructed the tellers to report only those names receiving five or more votes.

BOARD OF S. S. NOMINATIONS.—O. E. Jones nominated the following as members of the Conference Board of Sunday Schools and they were elected:—District Superintendents, ex-officio; members of the Area Council—J. L. Johnson and W. Harry Jones; Ministerial—F. C. MacSorley, R. P. Nichols, C. L. Hubbard and E. M. Shockley; Lay—H. H. Nuttle, M. H. Pierce, O. M. Shockley, I. E. Perry and L. E. Layfield.

DEACONESS BOARD.—On motion of J. W. Colona, W. A. Wise, T. R. Vandyke, W. G. Harris and J. L. Johnson were elected members of the Deaconess Board.

ILLNESS OF E. C. SUNFIELD.—Word was received of the illness of E. C. Sunfield and, on motion of J. W. Colona, the Secretary was instructed to convey to him our sincere good wishes and earnest hopes for his rapid recovery. The Conference paused in its deliberations while T. E. Terry led in prayer in behalf of this stricken brother.

QUESTION 12.—The Twelfth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up. The recommendations were received in due form for the election to Deacon's Orders under the Local Rule of John T. Graham and Charles D. Sharpless. Their characters were passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents recommended and they were elected to said orders.

SECOND BALLOT RETURNED.—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the second ballot as follows:—Ballots cast, 153; necessary to choice, 77. G. T. Alderson having received 94 votes, and E. H. Dashiell having received 79 votes, they were declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows:—T. F. Beauchamp, 66; F. C. MacSorley, 63; J. J. Bunting, 58; J. W. Colona, 52; W. E. Gunby, 43; O. E. Jones, 41; W. F. Corkran, 37; W. L. White, 20; W. E. Habbart, 12; C. L. Hubbard, 9; G. P. Jones and V. S. Collins, 5 each.

THIRD BALLOT.—The third ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—Conference ordered that when we convene at 1:30 P. M. it be in Executive Session.

QUESTION 36.—The Thirty-sixth Question, "Where shall the Next Conference be held?" was taken up. Through its pastor, A. F. Poore, McCabe Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., invited the Conference to hold its next annual session in that church under Plan No. 2. On motion of W. F. Corkran, the invitation was unanimously accepted.

THIRD BALLOT RETURNED.—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the third ballot as follows:—Ballots cast, 148; necessary to choice, 75. T. F. Beauchamp having received 81 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows:—F. C. MacSorley, 57; J. J. Bunting, 43; J. W. Colona, 33; W. E. Gunby, 32; O. E. Jones, 23; W. F. Corkran, 20; W. L. White, 6.

FOURTH BALLOT.—The fourth ballot was then taken and the tellers retired.

TIME EXTENDED.—Time was extended on motion of G. W. Bounds.

JOINT SESSION.—Conference voted to receive the Lay Electoral Conference in joint session at 10:30 o'clock, Saturday morning, and a committee of three, consisting of Robert Watt, W. L. White and T. E. Terry, was ordered appointed to extend to said Lay Electoral Conference our greetings and advise them of our action relative to a joint session.

STANDING COMMITTEES—1925.—The Standing Committees as nominated by the Cabinet were ordered printed in the minutes without being read to the Conference.

FOURTH BALLOT RETURNED.—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the fourth ballot as follows:—Ballots cast, 144; necessary to choice, 73. F. C. MacSorley having received 74 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows:—J. J. Bunting, 30; J. W. Colona, 22; W. E. Gunby, 7; W. F. Corkran, 5.

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

Conference instructed the tellers to refrain from making any announcement of the results of this ballot until the afternoon session.

MANAGERS OF CONF. EDUCATION SOCIETY.—F. C. MacSorley nominated for managers of the Wilmington Conference Education Society the following and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference:—C. W. Prettyman, D. W. Jacobs, M. E. Wheatley, A. C. Humphries, W. O. Hoffecker and E. B. Dennis.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made, doxology was sung, and Conference adjourned, J. M. Collins pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH SESSION—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened in Executive Session at 1:30 P. M., Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. H. W. Ewing led in prayer.

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 Harry N. Bailey, Willard I. Donohoe, Frank H. Hicks, John E. Parker, Ernest N. Wright, Alfred W. Strickland, Oliver J. Collins and O. Ammon Bartley, and, with the exception of the last named who was not present, they were introduced to the Conference and then requested to retire.

In the cases of Harry N. Bailey, Frank H. Hicks, Alfred W. Strickland, O. Ammon Bartley and Oliver J. Collins, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendents represented and they were Received on Trial and placed in the Studies of the First Year.

In the case of John E. Parker the Registrar reported, the District Superintendent recommended, the Committee reported without recommendation or prejudice, and by a two-thirds vote he was Received on Trial and placed in the Studies of First Year.

In the cases of Willard I. Donohoe and Ernest N. Wright, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented, the Committee did not recommend, and the District Superintendents were, by action of the Conference, permitted to withdraw their applications and granted permission to employ them as supplies.

RESERVE DELEGATES—FIRST BALLOT RETURNED.—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the first ballot as follows:—Ballots cast, 132; necessary to a choice, 67. J. W. Colona having received 77 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows:—J. J. Bunting, 65; W. E. Gunby, 61; O. E. Jones, 60; W. F. Corkran, 29; W. L. White, 20; W. E. Habbart, 14; V. E. Hills, 9; T. R. Van Dyke, 7; C. L. Hubbard, 6; G. A. Cooke, 5.

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

SUPPLEMENT ENDOWMENT FUND.—F. B. Short addressed the Conference and presented a proposition in the interest of the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund, and, on motion of E. W. Jones, the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission was requested to make a suitable expression covering the acceptance of this proposition and a plan making it effective.

RESERVE DELEGATES—SECOND BALLOT RETURNED.—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the second ballot as follows:—Ballots cast, 126; necessary to choice, 64. O. E. Jones having

received 69 votes and W. E. Gunby having received 64 votes, they were declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows:—J. J. Bunting, 57; W. L. White, 14; W. F. Corkran, 12.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMANTS' FUNDS.—Further consideration of the motion of E. W. Jones requesting the Conference to instruct the Board of Stewards to make the distribution of the amounts to the claimants on the quarterly basis was postponed until the executive session on Saturday afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT.—Conference adjourned, Robert Watt pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock with Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

JOURNALS.—The journals of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

QUESTION 10.—The Tenth question was resumed. Milton S. Andrews was called, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, he was passed in his studies and elected to Elder's Orders under the Seminary Rule.

ORDER OF THE DAY—MEMORIALS.—The Committee appointed to consider the General Conference Memorials made, through its Secretary, T. F. Beauchamp, and G. A. Cooke, a member of the committee, the following report:

On Wilmington Conference Memorial limiting the term of the District Superintendent to six years out of twelve, the committee recommended concurrence, and, on motion, the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

On Wilmington Conference Memorial on Conference Courses of Study, the committee recommended concurrence. An amendment offered by E. H. Dashiell, to make it read, "three bishops and six elders," instead of "nine elders," was accepted by the committee, and then, on motion of V. S. Collins, Paragraph 210, Section 1, of the 1920 Discipline, was substituted for the whole paragraph in the memorial on the subject of the personnel of the Commission. The memorial as amended was then adopted.

The Memorial petitioning the General Conference to provide some plan for an adequate financial support of our Theological Schools was, on motion of W. F. Corkran, adopted.

A Memorial petitioning the General Conference to retain Paragraph 280 in our book of Discipline, and instructing our delegates to act accordingly, was, on motion of G. A. Cooke, adopted.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.—Two proposed amendments to the constitution admitting laymen as members of the Annual Conference, one each from the Gulf and Italy Annual Conferences, were presented by Bishop McDowell and were not adopted, the vote being on each amendment none for and 95 against. (These amendments are not printed herein but are on file in Conference records.)

INTRODUCTION.—Dr. Morris E. Swartz, Area Secretary, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of the World Service Program.

ORDER OF THE DAY—JOINT SESSION.—The Lay Electoral Conference was received in joint session. Mr. I. Elmer Perry, President of the Lay Electoral Conference and delegate-elect to the General Conference; Mr. W. Harry Jons, President of the Laymen's Association and delegate-elect to the General Conference; Professor C. A. Short, Secretary of the Lay Electoral Conference, were introduced and made brief addresses. After an address by Bishop McDowell, all delegates-elect present were introduced.

WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—Dr. H. G. Budd, President of the Wesley Collegiate Institute, addressed the Conference in the interest of that institution.

JOINT SESSION ADJOURNED.—After the singing of a hymn the joint session adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—The afternoon session convening at 1:30 o'clock was ordered an executive session.

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:—J. T. Richardson, Leolan Jackson and H. S. Dulaney.

BOARD OF EPWORTH LEAGUE.—The report of the Board of Epworth League was presented and read by W. G. Harris and was adopted. The following officers were nominated and elected:—President, J. T. Price; Vice-Presidents, Morton C. Baxter, Melvin E. Wheatley, J. T. Price and Clark E. Wood; Secretary and Treasurer, G. E. Sterling; Junior League Superintendent, Miss Carrie Dempsey.

COLLECTION.—A collection was ordered and taken and, on motion of the Secretary, all monies received over and above the amount asked for were ordered applied to fund of \$100. for Conference claimants referred to in motion of V. E. Hills in the session on Thursday.

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.)

PERIODICALS.—The report of the Committee on Periodicals was adopted after having been presented and read by W. F. Dawson, and the following was adopted:

While we recognize the wisdom and necessity of supporting the Washington Christian Advocate on its merits and within the Area, we request our delegation to the General Conference to co-operate with the delegations of the Baltimore and Central Pennsylvania Conferences to secure such subsidy as will be needed until the paper has become self-supporting.

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

SEVENTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened in Executive Session at 1:30 P. M., Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. J. W. Easley led in prayer.

REPORT—COM. ON CONF. RELATIONS.—The Committee on Conference Relations made their report and, at their own request, Robert Watt, T. C. Smoot, O. L. Martin, H. W. Ewing, L. W. Layfield were granted the Retired Relation.

The following was presented, read and adopted on motion of W. F. Corkran:

WHEREAS, Our Brother L. W. Layfield has been fifty-four years without a break in the itinerant ministry in this Conference territory, having been licensed to preach by the Annessex Circuit Quarterly Conference, Vaughn Smith, Presiding Elder, February 12, 1870, and sent as junior preacher to Snow Hill Circuit the following month; and having failed to fill his preaching engagements but six times in these fifty-four years and but once in the last ten years, also having failed to answer the Conference roll call but once in all these years, and that on account of sickness in his family; and,

WHEREAS, He comes to this session of our Conference asking for the Retired Relation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we join with our Brother and Sister Layfield in devout thanks to the great Head of the Church for the very remarkable preservation of their lives and health through all these long years and the happiness and prosperity with which their lives have been filled and crowned; and be it

RESOLVED, That we assure them of our very high appreciation of the diligence and success with which they have cultivated the Lord's fields and thereby contributed so much to the enlargement and enrichment of the heritage into which we have entered; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we assure them of our interest and affection and prayers that the evening of their lives may be bright and beautiful in the conscious smile of Him Whose they are and Whom they have served so long and so well.

On the recommendation of the Committee, O. E. James was granted the Retired Relation.

In the case of C. R. Dutton, an Elder in the Methodist Protestant Church, Conference recognized his Elder's Orders and permitted the District Superintendents to employ him as a supply.

ELECTION—COM. ON CONF. RELATIONS.—E. W. Jones, F. F. Carpenter, J. W. Jones and C. L. Hubbard were, on motion of E. W. McDowell, elected members of the Committee on Conference Relations for a term of three years, the Secretary casting the ballot.

PAYMENTS TO CONF. CLAIMANTS.—Having postponed further consideration at a former session, Conference resumed consideration of the motion of E. W. Jones instructing the Board of Stewards to pay quarterly the respective funds to the Conference claimants. G. T. Alderson moved that the matter be referred back to the Board of Stewards with the request that they formulate a plan agreeable to both the Board and the claimants and report to the annual session in 1925. H. G. Budd then moved as a substitute that the motion of E. W. Jones be adopted to become operative at the next annual session of the Conference. After discussion the previous question was ordered, the substitute being accepted and then adopted.

On motion of V. S. Collins, Conference authorized the Stewards and the Trustees to pay their wards this year monthly or quarterly as they think best.

W. H. M. S. REPORT.—Report of Committee on Woman's Home Missionary Society was read and adopted.

SALE OF PROPERTY.—O. E. Jones, District Superintendent, was granted authority to sell the church properties at Morgneck and Sassafras.

WORD OF SYMPATHY.—Henry Covington, being detained at home on account of illness, the Secretary was instructed to send to him a word of sympathy and the greetings from the Conference, on motion of O. E. Jones.

ADJOURNMENT.—After announcements were made Conference adjourned, Adam Stengle pronouncing the benediction.

EIGHTH 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 Benjamin W. Gilbert, Charles H. Hudson, Wingate D. Short, Johnson H. Wright, John T. Graham and Charles D. Sharpless were ordained as Deacons, the last two named having been elected to Deacon's Orders as Local Preachers.

Elders.—Those elected to Elder's Orders were called and presented and the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, ordained Milton S. Andrews, William L. Hess and August F. Zimmerman as Elders.

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

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

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

Wingate D. Short	Johnson H. Wright
Charles H. Hudson	John T. Graham
Benjamin W. Gilbert	Charles D. Sharpless

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

Milton S. Andrews
William L. Hess
August F. Zimmerman

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

William F. McDowell

Wilmington, Del.

Bishop.

NINTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding. V. S. Collins led in prayer.

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

MINISTERIAL CONT. RELIEF FUND.—W. A. Wise, Trustee of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, presented and read his report and it was adopted, and, on motion of E. H. Dashiell, he was continued as trustee of this fund.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Conference requested the following special appointments:—G. P. Jones as Treasurer of the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund, J. H. Beauchamp as Superintendent of the Goodwill Industries, and G. T. Alderson as Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society.

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:—W. A. Wise, W. R. Mowbray, F. F. Carpenter, J. T. Price, J. T. Rowlenon. Reserves—W. L. White and V. S. Collins.

REPORTS.—Reports from the following Standing Committees were adopted:—Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, Bible, Hospitals, Education for Negroes, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Resolutions (Thanks). On motion of W. A. Wise, the report of the Deaconess Board was ordered printed in the minutes without being read.

MORGAN COLLEGE.—On motion of V. S. Collins, who presented and read the following resolutions, they were adopted:

WHEREAS, We have learned that the General Education Board of New York City has offered to contribute the sum of \$50,000 to Morgan College for the erection of a dormitory on condition that the College raise \$150,000 to complete the dormitory and pay all debts; and,

WHEREAS, This splendid gift is a challenge not only to the citizens of Baltimore but to the entire Conference; and

WHEREAS, Any failure to meet the conditions would be a serious setback to our educational interests, not only here but elsewhere; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Conference approve the placing of an apportionment for this special educational collection equivalent to the apportionment for the Board of Education for Negroes; and,

RESOLVED, Second, That we highly commend this to our pastors and churches in the hope that through their response our educational interests may be greatly advanced.

OCEAN GROVE SCHOOL.—The following resolution was adopted by the Lay Electoral Conference and then referred to our Conference for action, and, on motion of J. W. Colona, it was adopted:

WHEREAS, We believe that the Ocean Grove School for undergraduate ministers is meeting a long felt need; and,

WHEREAS, \$300. would take care of all the needs of this school as far as the Wilmington Conference is concerned; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we endorse the Ocean Grove Summer School and pledge our support in raising the \$75. that we think should be assessed upon each district.

REPORT OF BOARD OF STEWARDS.—F. C. MacSorley read the report of the Board of Stewards, and the recommendations and nominations made therein were approved.

THANKS TO MR. & MRS. DU PONT.—After being presented and read by C. L. Hubbard, the following was adopted by a rising vote:

The Bishop and members of the Wilmington Conference, desiring to give expression to their appreciation of the gracious and generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre S. duPont, for the very great pleasure afforded us in our delightful visit to Longwood, adopt the following:

The wizard wonder of tropical fruits and flowers luxuriant and beautiful, together with the cordial reception given us by our distinguished hosts, will remain an imperishable memory. We can never forget beautiful "Longwood."

We wish also to include in our expression of appreciation to Messrs. Henry P. Scott and Mayrice F. Alexander, whose untiring efforts did much to minister to our comfort and pleasure on the occasion of our visit to "Longwood."

AUDITOR—1925.—H. B. Kelso was elected auditor for the session of 1925.

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

WILM. CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—G. T. Alderson, Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, presented and read his report and it was adopted. On motion of J. W. Colona, \$5,000. was ordered as the apportionment for this Society.

DEATH OF P. A. BAKER.—The death of Dr. P. A. Baker was announced, and E. C. Prettyman, on motion of J. W. Colona, was directed to prepare an appropriate resolution and submit same to the Secretary for publication in the minutes. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, Rev. P. A. Baker, D. D., General Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, and for many years a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has been called from us; and,

WHEREAS, The statesmanship, determination, marked ability and high Christian character of this brother minister, has been largely the guiding hand in shaping the movement for prohibition throughout the Nation; and,

WHEREAS, It was largely under his direction that the Methodist Episcopal Church has occupied such an enviable position in this now world reform movement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Conference appreciates the high character of the work of Dr. Baker, and that it expresses to Mrs. Baker, to the working force of the Anti-Saloon League, and to its constituency throughout the world, our heartfelt and sincere sympathy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. P. A. Baker, at Westerville, Ohio, to the American Issue of Westerville, Ohio, and that a copy be spread on the minutes of 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, V. E. Hills was elected Treasurer.

CONF. CLAIMANT END. COMMISSION'S REPORT.—The report of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission was presented and read by G. P. Jones, and it was adopted.

STRAWBRIDGE HOME.—The following were nominated to the Baltimore Conference as members of the Board of Trustees of the Strawbridge Home:—C. L. Hubbard, T. J. Sard and B. M. Johns.

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.

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

JOURNAL APPROVED.—The journal of the morning's session was approved without reading.

COLLECTION.—The two collections amounted to \$134.01 and were distributed to cover incidental expenses as announced to the Conference by the Secretary, and the remainder, amounting to \$25.02, was sent to the Treasurer to supplement the fund he had on hand to be turned over to the Conference Claimant Fund.

APPOINTMENTS READ.—The appointments were read, 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.

Diston V. Jacobs

Secretary.

GENERAL CONFERENCE MEMORIALS.

To Amend Paragraph 208, Section 2.

We, the members of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled in regular annual session, respectfully memorialize the General Conference of said Methodist Episcopal Church at its quadrennial session in May, 1924 as follows:

To amend Paragraph 208 by adding after the word "annually" the following:—"To serve no longer than six years out of twelve," so that when amended it shall read: "He shall choose and appoint the District Superintendents annually to serve no longer than six years out of twelve."

Courses of Study.

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:—There shall be a Permanent Commission on Courses of Study, to be appointed as follows: Three Bishops, and three other Ministers, to be appointed by the Board of Bishops; three members from the faculties of the educational institutions of the Church, nominated by the Board of Education, to be appointed by the Board of Bishops, and the Book Editor, *ex officio*.

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.

Theological Schools.

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church has repeatedly indicated its interest in and concern for the theological schools of the Church; (see Book of Discipline, Paragraph 456, Section 1: "It is the object of the Board of Education to serve as the officially authorized agency of the Methodist Episcopal Church in behalf of ministerial and general education," etc. Paragraph 463, Section 5: "The theological schools of the Church shall exist for the benefit of the whole Church," etc.); and,

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church makes nowhere any provision in its financial plan for the support of said theological schools; and,

WHEREAS, The theological schools provide educational opportunity at inconsiderable cost to candidates for the Methodist Episcopal ministry, furnishing tuition and room rent free; and,

WHEREAS, Other philanthropic and educational interests have been allowed to take precedence in public thought over the interests of the theological schools, so that they have been excluded from any adequate share even in the Church's public collection for education; and,

WHEREAS, No one of the large Educational Foundations under existing regulations has apparently any provision for aiding denominational theological education; and,

WHEREAS, Not only the future of the Church but the hope of a Christian civilization for America and the world is dependent upon a trained spiritual leadership; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we hereby petition the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to provide some plan for an adequate financial support of its Theological Schools, made imperative by the ever increasing demands of the Church for such leadership.

Paragraph 280.

The Wilmington Annual Conference, in Annual Conference assembled, petitions the General Conference, which meets in Springfield, Mass., in May, 1924, to retain Paragraph 280 in our Book of Discipline.

We hereby advise and instruct our delegates to use their goodly judgment and influence in harmony with this petition.

X. REPORTS.

(a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

W. E. GUNBY, District Superintendent.

Mr. Chairman, Fathers and Brethren:—

On Monday morning of the closing session of the Conference one year ago, Bishop McDowell arose, and, after some brief remarks that had to do with the work just before him, proceeded to read the appointments. A solemn hush fell upon the assembly as the assignments for the ensuing year were about to be announced. It was understood that four District Superintendents were to be named, and such a moment, fraught with such tremendous potentialities, is indeed a rare and epoch making occasion. Proceeding alphabetically the presiding officer called, "Dover District," and appointed your humble servant to identify himself with its interests, to direct its activities and to supervise its destinies. Lifted on the flood-tide of emotion, and sobered with a deep sense of the almost staggering responsibilities that had been superimposed, the writer, driven afresh to God, through a deep sense of personal unworthiness to assume the duties of the new office, made a vow that, "with the held of God he would do his best." Now after a year of labor and toil with the faithful servants of God and of His Church, with whom it has been my privilege and my joy to work and to fellowship, in the name of "Him whose we are and Whom we serve," I come to make a partial report of the work accomplished, and of the progress achieved.

It is eminently proper that I record my personal indebtedness to the Rev. W. R. Mowbray, my predecessor, for many timely and valuable suggestions received, and that I speak a word of commendation for the businesslike manner with which the work was relinquished.

When the appointments were read the following Charges were left without pulpit supply:—Galestown, Lakesville, Leipsic, Little Creek, Vienna. The Rev. Paul Reynolds took charge of the Galestown work until September, when he left to enter Ohio Wesleyan, and the Rev. Lee C. West has supplied the pulpit the remainder of the year. The Rev. E. S. Tyler returned to Lakesville to fill out his fifth year. Leipsic, Little Creek and Vienna, have been supplied by the Rev. H. M. Parks, the Rev. J. H. Ainsworth, and the Rev. Alfred Scarborough, respectively. The Rev. Gilbert

Gehman left St. Paul's, Dover, to fill a vacancy at Ebenezer in September. Despite the fact that several appointees have supplied the St. Paul's work in succession, the year closes with no regular pastor. Undismayed, these loyal people hold together and await the new year with confidence and hope.

The only other change in pulpit supply was made necessary by death. On Saturday morning, December 1st, after a lingering illness, the Rev. George R. Ellis, one of our sweet-spirited and successful pastors, who for nearly twenty-five years has been among us, a brother beloved, went to his well-earned reward. He was serving Millsboro for the second time. The love and devotion of his people for him crystallized in many and varied concrete forms. Loyal unto death to their pastor, the devotion of the people has been hardly less apparent to the widow and the two children who mourn with them their common loss. Assisted by several of the brethren of the Conference, the writer conducted the funeral service at the Millsboro Church, in the presence of a vast concourse of people, and the remains were laid to rest at Barratt's Chapel Cemetery, after a brief service in the historic edifice, of which he was a former pastor. The Rev. W. F. Allbright, who rendered valuable assistance during the illness of Brother Ellis, has supplied the Charge the remainder of the year.

Death has also invaded our retired ranks during the year and removed from our fellowship the Rev. W. E. Tomkinson, D. D. The summons came to Dr. Tomkinson while on a visit last December to Harrisburg, Pa. Dr. Tomkinson was ripe in years, rich in wisdom, genial and kindly in spirit, and well versed in the legal aspects of church procedure. He resided at Rehoboth, Delaware, and was a valued member of the Quarterly Conference.

It is an increasingly hopeful sign that a few of the churches are beginning to see the necessity for a better support for the ministry. During the year nine churches made a total advance of \$1900. as follows:—Farmington, \$150; Federalsburg, \$100; Georgetown, \$200; Harrington, \$300; Hurlock, \$150; Laurel, \$100; Lincoln City, \$100; Milford, \$200; Vienna, \$300; Wesley, Dover, \$300. Advances for next year already amount to \$1100. as follows:—Ellendale, \$200; Georgetown Circuit, \$300; Hooper's Island, \$300; Mt. Pleasant, \$200; Wesley, Dover, \$100. At far too many places the salary remains pitifully inadequate, and calls for needless and painful sacrifice, and makes for unrest and inefficiency.

Almost without exception revival services have been held in every church during the year. It has been my pleasure and profit to assist many of the brethren in this field of special endeavor. In many churches the revival fires have burned with brightness, and the altars have been filled with those who came to inquire the way of life. In others, efforts equally sincere and honest have produced little visible result. Meetings of marked success have been conducted on the following Charges:—Crapo, East New Market, Milford, Lewes, Georgetwon Circuit, Blades, and Farmington. May God bring back to Methodism the burning heart, the tongue of fire, the evangelistic passion, that desires and expects to see souls converted, that

agonizes when the revival delays its coming, that the reproach of empty altars may disappear! Incomplete reports indicate that upwards of 500 have been received into Full Membership, and more than 700 into Preparatory Membership during the year.

The Rev. R. P. Nichols, Director of Religious Education, has visited East New Market, Lewes, Camden, Wyoming, St. Paul's (Dover), Seaford, Rehoboth and Reliance. His work in this new and important field has been of a foundational character, the essential value of which only time will reveal. At Seaford a Standard Training School was set up with an initial enrollment of 28, and of whom 21 earned credits on the Teacher Training Diploma. Wherever Brother Nichols has gone, teacher training classes have sprung up, family altars have been repaired, and a renewed interest in the cultural side of religious life has been made more manifest.

The Epworth League Institute, held within the bounds of this District, has passed the experimental stage, and is hailed as a permanent asset of our Conference work. Carried forward under the direction of our own leaders, finding splendid accommodations for its needs at our own School and Campus—the Wesley Collegiate Institute—the Epworth League Institute is filling a long felt need, for the training and development of our young people, and deserves the splendid support it is receiving.

Wesley Church on Lakesville Charge was struck by lightning and destroyed by fire during the Summer of 1921. After a heroic struggle, and with very limited resources, the Rev. E. S. Tyler and a faithful few of his people, presented a commodious, substantially built new church, and it was dedicated, without debt, by the writer on Sunday, December 9th.

Manship Church on the Vienna Charge was destroyed by fire at night during the Fall. Though not a valuable building the fire entailed a total loss. It is not known whether it will be rebuilt or not.

Our Church at Lebanon on Camden Charge, destroyed by fire some years ago, will probably be rebuilt in the Spring. The funds are in hand almost sufficient to replace the edifice.

In order the more adequately to take care of her growing Sunday School and to provide for the social needs of her people, Wesley, Dover, has built an addition to the Church, and made other minor improvements, at a total cost of \$8000.

Milford and Seaford have adopted the modern program of Church life, and have employed trained Directors of Religious Education to assist the Pastors in their many and varied activities.

Camden has sold the old parsonage and provided a splendid home for the Pastor. The necessary funds have been provided by these faithful people.

Frederica has installed a new organ and made other improvements costing \$2000, all of which is paid.

Laurel, with advances along many lines, has expended \$2500 for improvements, and paid \$5500 on the Church indebtedness.

Cambridge reduces her debt by \$4862 during the year.

Centenary and World Service. In the face of waning enthusiasm for the Centenary and an increasing annual deficit in meeting Centenary apportionments, together with the fact that last Conference year included two Easter seasons, and an "I Will Maintain" campaign that netted large returns for the Centenary, and that this year has had no Easter season and no special campaign, it would be rather surprising if the District totals of Centenary giving are not behind those of previous years. Then, too, the call for the Japanese Earthquake Rebuilding Fund, for which no Centenary credit is given, doubtless detracted from Centenary support. However, reports indicate that many churches have met last year's standard, others have actually advanced, and others have not only have met the quota for this year but for the five-year period. Such results bespeak splendid pastoral leadership and the devoted loyalty of the people to our adorable Master in His pacific conquest towards world redemption.

The World Service Campaign is now being waged. Meetings of all kinds have been held here and there over the District. Imported speakers, and members of the Area Staff have gone up and down among us, infusing knowledge, carrying conviction, imparting enthusiasm, through the spoken word, by crayon and through picture. From pulpit, from prayer meeting desk, and Epworth League platform, and in special classes, has the World Service been discussed, and the "Wonder Book" has been read, and more than a thousand copies placed within the homes of our people. Many of our pastors, pressed with other duties, incident to the closing of the year, have taken advantage of the suggestion of the Area Office, and postponed the Every Member Canvass until April, doubtless with the hope that the enthusiasm engendered for World Service at the Conference session, might bear splendid fruit in the canvass to follow.

Told repeatedly that the World Service quotas would be greatly reduced, it came as a disappointing shock to learn that while thirty-six of the charges had been somewhat reduced, the other twelve had actually been increased, and some of them very greatly. This was interpreted in some instances as a penalizing of previous loyalty, and the new quotas were not received with just the kind of enthusiasm that presages great victory. However, it is the prediction of the writer, that when the final test is made the District will have maintained her splendid record of the previous years, and will again have acquitted herself with dignity and honor.

It would be remiss in me not to speak a word of personal appreciation of the Pastors of this District with whom I have labored and by whose fellowships I have been enriched. Coming into close personal contact with these servants of the Master, seeing their unflinching devotion to the high ideals of lofty service, and witnessing their uncomplaining loyalty to the task to which God and the Church has called them—and often against the galling handicap of pitifully small support and almost inhuman lack of personal appreciation—my high estimate of them has been greatly enhanced. As the servant of the Church I have been received everywhere with uniform kindness and courteous consideration. I have met every possible engagement through the year, holding each Quarterly Conference.

preaching 230 times, and, besides other means of conveyance, have traveled in my own car more than 16,000 miles in the interest of the District.

This partial and imperfect report is submitted with expressions of the abounding goodness of God, who has given the strength with which to serve, and with gratitude for the kindly cooperation of the brethren, both ministerial and lay, which has helped to make my tasks easy and my burdens light.

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

O. E. JONES, District Superintendent.

In making this report I feel sure that I speak for my brother ministers of the District when I acknowledge the goodness of God that has been ours this year. We stand today happy in unbroken ranks. Indeed, we close the year in better order than we began it. At the beginning of the year one of our number was not able to take his place, but, though a disarrangement of the nerves is such a delicate and serious matter—as some of us know from experience—the sympathy and loving helpfulness and prayers of many have triumphed, and we are all rejoicing today in the new strength and health of Brother Briggs, and in the new hope for the fulfilment of a ministry that began with such splendid promise in our church at Easton. I have no words with which to express my admiration for this Church of my boyhood love for their generous and loyal and loving support of their pastor through all these trying months. They have shown themselves a people great in those very qualities that most distinguish the people of the Lord. Surely God will bless them and give pastor and people a great time together. There has been no other serious illness in any parsonage on the District this year. And something of the peace and harmony that prevail may be judged from the fact that, of the 42 charges of the District, 39 have either invited their preacher to return or otherwise expressed such a desire. Of the remaining three, two would have done so but are supplied by Retired preachers who are now going to stop preaching. I feel that this delightful situation is very largely due to the splendid judgment of my predecessor on the District, Brother Wise, in fitting together preachers and churches.

Ministerial Support.

As I look back over the year's work, perhaps the first problem that claimed attention was that of ministerial support. This was because the business of the Quarterly Conference made it so. I have long felt the anomalous position of the minister of the Gospel with reference to this matter of salary. No matter where he is sent, what work he has to do, what his preparation or fitness, what success he may have, his mouth is sealed, or should be, on this question of salary. That has been my position and in good conscience I have always kept silent. With just as good

conscience, and all the more gladly because of former silence, I have spoken this year on the salary of my brother ministers. I feel that I have had some liberty and the Lord has even enabled me to labor with some Quarterly Conferences. It is only fair to say that it was not needed in some instances—it was very much needed in others. I am happy to report the following advances:—Clayton and Marydel, \$400 each; Galena and Smyrna, \$300 each; Middletown, \$200; Centreville, \$100; Piney Neck, \$75. Burrsville, which had no pastor last year, the year before promised \$700 and paid \$350, this year set the salary at \$1080. and has paid it. The total increase for the District is \$2855. And the end is not yet. At least three charges, Kenton, Bozman, Neavitt, and Marydel, will advance \$200 each next year, and Smyrna sets the salary for next year at \$3000. Very frankly I want to say that we are raising the ideal of no church at less than \$1200. No member of the Conference on the District is now getting less than that, but our supplies are men of God and are worthy of support for their service. A great deal has been said about the deplorable condition of the church in that so many charges are filled by supplies. Some of these men on my District have done great work this year, work of which I am proud, and they are acceptable to the people. Inviting one of these men to return, a man who has a record of 31 years of continuous service in the ministry as a Supply, the people said: "If you can't preach, we are satisfied just to have you live here." For these men as for members of the Conference, I am hoping to see a support of not less than \$1200. How it is to be realized I am sure I do not know unless our strong churches come to the help of those that are weak.

Building and Improvements.

Various building, improvement, and debt-paying enterprises have been under way through the year. Kent Island is very modestly trying not to show too much pride in the new parsonage which they have erected this year—a beautiful modern home lighted by electricity, with cellar heat, and a spacious sun porch enclosed with glass, built at a cost of \$4700. This has been paid, and an additional \$100 put on the church and \$2700 raised on the old debt. Queenstown has purchased a fine home for their preacher for the sum of \$3000. The three churches have pledged themselves for the amount; \$395 in cash have been paid. Neavitt, on Bozman and Neavitt Charge, has a new church. They moved the old church, turned it about, and using it as a foundation, have practically built a new church—just a little gem of a church at a cost of \$4677. This has been raised in cash and subscription. Barclay, on Salem and Barclay Charge, has made a new church out of an old one. Some ten feet were added to the length, paint, new paper, a new carpet, new windows of stained glass, and it is a new church, and wonderfully pleasing to the eye. The cost is \$1000, all of which is paid. Piney Neck Church has had a like transformation at a cost of \$578. This has been raised in cash. Denton has put \$1500 on church and parsonage this year; both have been painted, the interior of the church gone over, a new carpet put down in the church; bills all paid.

Centreville has installed a new electric blower for the pipe organ and has made other improvements to the amount of \$1050, all of which has been paid. Greensboro has gone over the frescoing of their church, giving it a lighter, softer tint, wonderfully changing and lighting up the whole appearance of a beautiful room for worship. This, with other improvements, amounted to \$900—paid. Fairlee Church has installed a new lighting plant, painted the interior of the church, put down a new carpet, at a cost of \$1000—paid. Perhaps I might say without being tedious through many similar recitals that four other churches beside Fairlee felt the need in their darkened and benighted condition for more light and have installed new electric lighting systems:—Concord, Price, Sherwood, and Sudlersville. In all these instances the work has been paid for except in the case of Concord and only a part of that has been raised owing to the wiping out of an old debt this year of \$1100. Other churches have laid out for improvements as follows:—Still Pond and Crumpton, \$600 each; Tilghman, \$500; Middletown, \$345; Trappe, \$266; Burrsville, \$200; Ridgely, \$117; Preston and Royal Oak, \$100 each. Two charges are just beginning new enterprises. Ridgely is in the midst of building a community house, and Clayton is beginning extensive repairs and changes in the church. But these two projects will really belong to another year's work. Cecilton has paid \$2057 on the community house beside \$920 on other indebtedness. The following churches, in addition to those already named, have paid on old debts as follows:—Middletown, \$1520; Hillsboro, \$1089; Tilghman, \$585; Rock Hall, \$547; Centreville, \$350; Sudlersville, \$200; Queenstown, \$189; St. Michaels, \$170; Still Pond, \$150; Greensboro, \$125; Galena and Trappe, \$100 each. Two charges that were behind on the purchasing price of the District Parsonage have paid this year:—Ridgely, \$87 and Marydel, \$60. The note on the District Parsonage has been paid and this beautiful home of the District Superintendent is clear. While there has been no unusually large and outstanding work of building and improvement on the District this year, the number of churches engaged in this sort of work is unusually large and outstanding. The total for the District as reported to me is, \$36,683.

Sunday Schools and Young People's Work.

Perhaps it will not be inappropriate now for us to turn from this work of building and improving churches and parsonages to that which is so peculiarly the work of building and improving life. It has been good this year to go around and see how much good work is going on in our Sunday Schools and among the young people. A surprisingly large number of Sunday Schools have the modern Sunday School organization. There are some 33 organized classes on the District. Chestertown leads with the highest number of classes, 9; but Preston leads with the largest class, a great crowd of 100 men. There are 9 Teacher Training Classes. I think the District owes a rather large debt of gratitude to Brother Nichols, our Conference Director of Religious Education, for in almost every instance the Teacher Training Class is the result of his visit to the school. We

may look for vastly better work under skilled and trained leadership and we shall get it when more of our Sunday Schools can report as Cecilton does now—five teacher graduates of approved Teacher Training Course. At Galena we have in operation a work about which we are receiving so many exhortations these days—a Week Day School of Religious Education. There are five teachers, volunteer helpers of the pastor in this splendid work. Through four weeks of the Summer the school ran five days in the week from 9 to 12 with an average attendance of 35. During the rest of the year it is open for one hour two afternoons a week. There are 43 Epworth Leagues and 29 Junior Epworth Leagues on the District. Our District was represented by the largest number of delegates at the Institute held this Summer in the W. C. I. Of the nine preachers who faced me in the Institute gathering the evening I spoke, 7 were from my District. 30 out of 42 preachers on the District registered in attendance at the Epworth League Convention. That to me is a very significant sign. If the young people are the hope of the Church and of the Kingdom for the coming day, let us thank God that our preachers are with the young people and are leading them. I am very happy to report that 5 young men of the District are in our schools preparing for the ministry. Two of these are at the Wesley Collegiate Institute and three in college. I had the pleasure of sending to these three in college their Local Preacher's License renewed by their Quarterly Conference, and I did not forget to remind them that our Peninsula is the finest spot yet found for a man to live and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The President of Washington College the other night in my home told me of a young man who was converted in Brother Sard's revival and, who, in the Y. M. C. A. service just the Sunday before, had declared his intention of entering the ministry. He belongs to the Salisbury District but he is going to College in mine and we are claiming him.

Revivals.

In the midst of many things that have pressed upon us this year, evangelism has not been forgotten. After all, with the work of the church many-sided today such as our fathers never dreamed, still there is no work so delightful and none that so signally marks the standing or falling church as that of bringing men and women, the young people, and little children to Jesus Christ. Thank God! that has been going on this year. I am glad to have seen something of it and to have had some little share in it. I suppose there have always been doleful prophets, just as in the Psalmist's day when he cried out, "There be many that say, Who will show us any good? Lord, lift thou the light of thy countenance upon us." We have our share of these today and when they raise their lugubrious wailings even in the pulpit, some of us feel like praying, "Lord, have mercy! How long, O Lord, how long?" But while many are sighing out their mournful lamentations upon an evil generation, there are those who are crying to God, and God is showing His face to them. Smyrna Church has had that blessed experience. The leader in the gracious work there was Dr. George

W. Cooke, an evangelist, who preached the Gospel with power, did personal work with compelling persuasiveness, displayed a masterly ability in managing his audience, and, best of all, possessed a spirit that brought no sorrow to pastor or church because of his presence with them. The night I was privileged to be present with them, many were at the altar, the space about the altar was crowded with the people of the Lord, and voices were uplifted in testimony from all parts of the room. One hundred and seventy-one was the number of conversions and renewals. Townsend has had a great season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Nine weeks the pastor labored as his own evangelist and the report in numbers is 144 conversions. Cecilton has also had a remarkable work of Grace in both the town and country churches, and pastor and people are rejoicing together over 107 added to the Lord. I visited the country church while their revival was in full swing and preached for them one Sunday afternoon. It was my only opportunity and I gave World Service to a crowded house. While I was preaching a brother got happy and shouted. It made me think of Dr. John Timothy Stone's preaching to some colored folks in Baltimore, and one man got up and interrupted him with the word, "Mr. Preacher, that is true and I want to say that I am going to pay Brother Brown the \$25 I owe him." At that Brother Brown hit the floor shouting, "Hallelujah! this is a revival!" When this brother shouted over my Missionary sermon, I decided that there wasn't any doubt about it, it was a revival. Brother Taylor at Oxford, assisted by Brother W. Townsend Jefferson, of Smyrna, a brother of a fine spirit and a good singer, has had a great time. Ninety souls have been born into the kingdom. Marydel reports 42 conversions; St. Michaels, 38; Church Hill, 36; Still Pond and Pomona, 34 each; Henderson, 27; Crumpton, 23; Kent Island, Middletown and Clayton, 18 each; Salem and Barclay, 15; Denton, 13; Chestertown, 12; Fairlee and Ridgely, 11; Bozman and Neavitt, 10; Centreville, 8; Bay-side, 7; Queenstown and Kenton, 6 each; Greensboro, 5; Cordova, 4; Royal Oak, 2; a total of 836 for the District. God is still with us. Methodism is no the march. The Kingdom is coming. And there are those making no large report of outward gains who are sharing in its coming. I shall not soon forget how one minister in his report in the Quarterly Conference speaking of his desire for a revival and his seeming failure, suddenly found his voice breaking on him and had to stop for a moment to recover himself. That is our spirit. We still have the passion for souls. And God will honor our efforts. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

World Service.

Through the year the great World program of our church has had right of way. All but two of my preachers were present at our World Service District meeting in October. This was followed by six group meetings of very great interest and enthusiasm. At one of these group meetings, one of the churches of the group, located some 12 miles, too, from

the place of meeting, by actual count had 28 laymen present. I cannot express my appreciation of the hearty cooperation of my brother ministers that helped to make these meetings so valuable. Each of my group leaders attended at least three meetings speaking for me in them. And one of these leaders, Brother Bunting of Smyrna, went with me to all of them giving in them a presentation of the World Service Book that rivaled in its clear cut appeal the similar presentation made by our Area Secretary at the District meetings. In Quarterly Conference, in prayer meetings, in the pulpit this great matter has been presented. This is one part of the work that has given me much happiness. When in college the claims of the mission fields were pressed upon us. Personal interviews with Speer and Mott awakened the soul. Only the question of health prevented my volunteering as a missionary. Never any year of my ministry have I been satisfied with the little I have done for the world work of the Kingdom. This year I have had a good time as I have preached and pleaded for this work I would gladly have helped to do myself. I have preached the World Service message in every one of the 82 Churches of the District that have been open this year for divine worship. I do not know what will be the outcome, but I rejoice at the spirit I have witnessed all over the District. The World Service message has been received with as much interest and appreciation as warmly expressed as any sermons I have ever preached. No Quarterly Conference has protested against its apportionment, much less refused to accept it. One Charge, Marydel, and you brethren know something of the circumstances that have hindered there recently, but now the stewards have held a meeting since the last Quarterly Conference, every steward of the charge being present, and they voted unanimously to divide their quota among the three churches and raise it in full. Charge after charge has either put on the every member canvass or will do so. 1403 World Service books have been put out on the District, and in many charges systematic work is being done in the study of this text book of the Kingdom. More and more our people are getting the Kingdom spirit. Every charge on the District, for instance, reported a Japanese Christmas offering. With all our campaigning for the closing of the Centenary year and for the beginning of the World Service program, they turned aside, no, they simply gave beautiful expression to the growing Kingdom spirit in this Japanese Rebuilding offering of \$1864 for the whole District. I do not know just how this year's returns will compare with other years. Of course, I am not in a position to give the exact figures reported to the Conference Treasurer. I have only estimates sent to me before the year really has closed and sent as one brother put it on "faith." The Baptist recently had an editorial on their "New World Movement" that is nearing the closing with our Centenary. This editorial was entitled "Dawn" because, as the writer explained it, is always darkest before the dawn. I do not feel that it is dark at all with us as we close our Centenary period. Three of my charges this year pay their Centenary quota practically in full for the five year period:—Chestertown, Cecilton and Smyrna. We shall not come up to last year. For we have had no "I Will Maintain"

this year and no Easter offerings, and we have had the Japanese Rebuilding offering. But then we shall not, I trust, drop down quite as low as the year before last. And for the future I have all hope. I believe in the Kingdom. I know our people. I believe we can trust these people of the Kingdom to do the work of the Kingdom. This is the way I feel about it:

"We'll crown Him high and free
Christ who was and is to be
The Master of Eternity."

Personal Word.

In closing this my first report, I wish to express my deep gratitude to God for this year. It was a year entered upon with many misgivings and not a few fears. God has helped me. What I have done has been through Him. It really has proved to be no new work, but, just the work I have been trying to do for these 25 years in the ministry. For instance, I have spoken 27 times this year in prayer meetings over the District and have even been called upon to visit and pray with the sick. I have just shared in more of this work and so it has been in a way a larger work. I thank God for the part I have had in the great work of the Kingdom this year and for the sympathetic, loving fellowship of my brethren. I think the thing I treasure up the most in all the year is the remembrance of prayers offered for me in my presence by my brother ministers. They still ring like sweet bells in my heart. Association with my brother members of the cabinet has been a very great pleasure. Life has been very rich and wonderful this year and I can still say:

"So let the way wind up hill or down,
Though rough or smooth, the journey will be joy.
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy—
New friendship, high adventure, and a crown.
I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest,
Because the road's last turn will be the best."

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

E. D. DASHIELL, District Superintendent.

This Peninsula, as a section of our nation, is, in many respects, unique; and the Salisbury District, as a section of this Peninsula, is in not a few respects, unique also. It is a great District geographically, having also vast spiritual, intellectual, and material promise. Its development has only begun. In another twenty-five years, or less, with farming steadily increasing in intensiveness, with a perfect network of stone highways, and a highly perfected system of motor-truck carriers, such as will then exist—to say nothing of Railroads, Bay steamers, and airplanes—and with the

Cities of Baltimore, Wilmington, Philadelphia, New York, and Norfolk, at our doors, this entire section is destined to become a virtual garden, far richer than now and one of the most inviting spots in America. Its teeming thousands are steadily increasing and rapidly getting the forward look. The Methodist Episcopal Church, unto which God has practically committed this treasure field, must not fail in its ministry. If it does, it will precipitate a double tragedy: It will partly lose to Christ's Kingdom what ought to be one of its greatest assets; and, in doing that, will correspondingly lose its own life, prestige and crown.

Some of the needs and problems of this District, from the standpoint of the Church, follow:

1. Leadership.

We cannot commit this wholly, or chiefly, to political parties. Nor can we commit it to the Public School, however high a place that occupies. God designs that supreme leadership in human affairs shall be exercised by men of His own choosing. No voice must be more alluring, more convincing or more commanding, than that which calls attention to the claims of God. This does not mean union of Church and State, nor, at the present stage of the world's development, the ascendancy of the Church over the State; but it does mean, in the Church, leadership of such high order that every other aspect of organized society shall be savingly affected. All truly great leaders in State have been so largely because of the influence exerted over them by the Church and prophets of God. If, therefore, the Salisbury District is to attain that for which it is evidently designed, it must have leaders of sterling and inspiring quality. These leaders, under proper conditions, can be developed from the life of our own Peninsula. The native mentality of our people is splendid; and, under the touch of God, there can come forth from it effective and brilliant ministers. Today, perhaps as never before, the Church of this Peninsula is called to lay its men at the bleeding feet of Christ, that through their sacrificial ministry its people may be lifted to the high place which, by nature, they are fitted to occupy.

Give us men!
Men of birth and breeding;
Men of light and leading;
Give us men!

2. A Financial System.

The Church gradually awakens to the high significance of our Lord's word: "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Yet, even now, it is only half awake. It sees, but it sees men as trees walking. The inadequacy of its provision, in this and other fields, is due, not to lack of resources, nor always to lack of disposition, but chiefly to lack of method. Through many of the rural communities there exists little sense of financial responsibility until the end of the Conference year. This condition is crippling every-

thing, and our ministers cannot do better than give themselves to the establishment of a workable system of finance in every charge.

There can, however, be little system for the Church until the people themselves adopt God's system in their personal giving. The subject of tithing should be faithfully studied and frequently presented. In not a few churches it is an unpopular theme, but it can be so presented that criticism will be disarmed and the listener both convinced and captivated.

No plan is superior to that outlined in our Discipline; and the entire District, in slow recognition of this, is gradually working toward its adoption. Only when adopted, and faithfully operated, can we claim to have solved this problem.

3. Consolidation.

Some churches, although powerful a generation ago, have lost their ability to serve. Salisbury District is approaching a transition period. In it are numerous churches which can be useful only a few more years; some have already outlived their usefulness. The little red school-house, fifteen by twenty-five feet in size, is giving way to the splendid building, centrally located and efficiently manned, to which the children are transported at public expense. With the passing of old conditions, and the advent of the hard road and the automobile, some rural churches no longer have a real mission. They must be displaced by large and commodious structures, centrally located and efficiently manned, to which the people can drive and where they can receive inspiring ministrations. Consolidation and re-combination are ahead—of such sort as shall not weaken, but strengthen, the whole District, by meetings the needs of the day in which we live. The sites of sacred history have largely been lost. No man knows the place of Moses' burial, and even Calvary cannot with certainty be located. Hence, I take it that God is chiefly interested in His living Body, and not in the tottering shell it once occupied.

4. Spirituality.

Nothing will crush all hope of true progress quicker than the substitution of anything for God's life in the soul. Social activities are vitally Christian, are indispensable; but, if introduced as substitutes for renewal by the Holy Ghost, can but fail and disappoint. "Thou shalt have no gods before me" reverberates through the Church today as truly as through the valleys of the wilderness when spoken from the flame of Sinai. Salisbury District needs consecration and faith, in order that the supernatural may be brought into play. It is as true now as at Pentecost that, when it is noised abroad that the Holy Ghost has fallen, the multitude comes running together. When the bush burns and is not consumed, Moses turns aside to see the great sight. May God teach us His own glorious philosophy of reaching the human soul!

5. Education.

Not alone through the Public Schools, but distinctively Christian education. The situation demands that our Church throw itself into this great work, and ineradicably impress the rising generation with the great facts that form the basis of the Christian religion. The policy of the Superintendent is to call attention to this in the Quarterly Conferences, and everywhere encourage Vacation Bible Schools, Bible Study Periods in the Public Schools, Week-day Religious Education in the Churches, and any other plan that promotes the great end. Pastors and people are responding splendidly, and at a number of points this work is being done with telling effect.

A District policy, revolving around these and other high objectives, should ultimately give to this territory the quality of life, and the spirit to do for others, that will fulfill in it what is evidently its divine destiny.

The year now closing has added its quota to the general progress, and no doubt the Conference will be interested in a few details:

Early in the year Brother W. W. White, retired and residing at Salisbury, died. Later, Sisters J. R. Bicking of Pocomoke City, and Araminta Merrill of Fairmount, died, the latter leaving a legacy of five hundred dollars to the Aged Ministers' Endowment. H. V. Branford fell from a scaffold and sustained serious injuries, but has now practically regained his former vigor. Brother T. C. Smoot was stricken with what seemed to be paralysis, but was afterward diagnosed as neuritis. So serious was the attack that he was really incapacitated for work; but, bravely staying by his task, this, in accomplishment, has been one of the best years of his life. Feeling, however, that it is unwise to push his activity further, he is asking the Retired Relation at this Conference.

The District Conference last June was strong, spiritual and impressive.

Each regular department of our Church life has gone forward throughout the District with gratifying success.

Spiritual life has deepened, and revivals of real power have prevailed at Roxana, Newark, Smith's Island, Tangier, Immanuel (Crisfield), Delmar, Onancock, Parsonburg and Ocean City. Conversions on all charges exceed a thousand.

Ministerial support has advanced as follows:—Mardela, \$100.; Newark, \$100.; Somerset, \$100.; Annamessex, \$150.; Fruitland, \$150.; Deal's Island, \$200.; Gumboro, \$200.; Parsonburg, \$200.; Pittsville, \$200.; Snow Hill, \$250.; Cape Charles, \$250.; Whitesville, \$300.; Roxana, \$400.; Mount Vernon, \$400.; Tangier, \$500.; Asbury (Salisbury), \$500.; aggregating, \$4000.

Improvements to Church and parsonage property, affecting more than twenty charges, total \$17,878.00.

Roxana, Newark, Ocean View, Deal's Island, Smith's Island, Asbury (Crisfield), Snow Hill, Tangier, Immanuel (Crisfield), Fairmount, Delmar, phoebus, Onancock, Chincoteague, Parsonburg and Hebron have paid debts amounting to \$47,471.00.

Over thirteen hundred dollars of overdue subscriptions on District Parsonage have been collected, leaving an unpaid balance of \$660.60.

The two outstanding building enterprises completed this year have been the parsonage at Snow Hill, at a cost of \$16,000.00; and the Church at Asbury, Crisfield, at a cost of \$150,000. On the Church at Asbury, \$130,000. have been paid in cash, and the remainder is covered by good subscription, payable by Christmas, 1925. This Church is truly a miracle in stone. And now the Official Board have voted unanimously, as soon as the Church is paid for, to build a parsonage, in thorough keeping with the Church, and on the same lot, to cost not less than \$25,000.

Asbury, Salisbury, has published its plans for a hundred and fifty thousand dollar Sunday School building, in which are to be located a large Assembly Hall, a gymnasium and other features to meet modern needs.

Community Houses are hibernating in the hearts of several charges, and Newark is now actually engaged in building two.

A general tendency to correct membership records has developed. Phoebus finds a hundred names which the Church feels should be eliminated; Grace, Salisbury, sixty; Mount Vernon, still more; Sharptown has ninety non-residents; and Trinity on White Haven charge reports names one and one-half times greater than its actual present membership. There are others throughout the District. This tendency is healthful, provided it keeps within the law, and does not depart from the spiritual principles of the Kingdom of Heaven. This situation will necessarily be reflected in the Minutes; but that means only that the figures are being made to comport with the facts.

Brother Ransom P. Nichols, who is retiring from the secretaryship of the Conference Board of Sunday Schools, has visited Onancock, Mount Vernon, St. Peters, Fairmount, Tangier, Princess Anne, Westover, Immanuel and Asbury (Crisfield), Ocean City, Marion, Newark, and Selbyville, doing excellent work at each point. He is generally beloved, and returns to the pastorate with the full confidence of his brethren.

We have done our share toward upholding the law. Every man has stood four-square on the question. A few have come to such close grips with bootleggers that their lives have been imperiled. D. A. Stokely was waylaid on a lonely road at night by two men with a shot-gun and desperately attacked. After knocking both men down, one arose out of the darkness and delivered a swinging blow with the gun upon the back of his head that sent him to the earth face down. He was then robbed, and probably left for dead. J. C. Hanby has caused the arrest of no less than nineteen bootleggers, of whom several have been convicted and imprisoned. J. R. Bicking has had a most harrowing experience. His life has been threatened, his property destroyed and his house burned over his head, from which he barely escaped with a dying wife in his arms. Virtually everything he possessed was lost in the fire; and soon after it he buried his wife, whose end was undoubtedly hastened by shock. A call was sent throughout the Conference for financial aid for him, and I desire in this way to record my deep official and personal gratitude to both pastors and

churches for their quick and generous response. The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution is due primarily to the influence of Methodist preachers; and, when finally achieved, its enforcement also will be largely due to them. It is difficult to compute the debt of this Republic to the Methodist itinerant.

The Epworth League Convention, held in October at Pocomoke City, was finely attended and splendidly inspiring. One of our young men from Cape Charles knelt at the altar and consecrated his life to God for the ministry. He seeks admission to the Conference at this session. The District League is well officered and moves steadily forward. Its President, Mr. C. E. Wood, of Cape Charles, is now in Chicago, attending a national Conference of District Presidents, for the purpose of proposing legislation to the approaching General Conference.

The great matter of missions has received unstinted attention.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has contributed \$936., besides taking care of scholarships and special workers on the field.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society, in addition to \$358. for supplies, has contributed \$769. in cash.

The District gladly acknowledges its debt to Bishop W. F. McDowell, who has paid it three visits during the year. On April 27th he arrived at Selbyville, Delaware, and, in company with Mrs. McDowell and Doctors Wilson, Swartz, and their wives, proceeded to Berlin, Snow Hill, Chincoteague and Salisbury. At Chincoteague he preached the dedicatory sermon to the delight of those who heard him. This tour was a real blessing to the Churches reached. October 1st he came again to Salisbury, and delivered an inspiring address to the District Meeting for the projection of the World Service. December 2nd he dedicated Asbury Church, Crisfield, making, as usual, an impressive contribution to the spirituality and uplift of the occasion. We all delight to honor Bishop McDowell, and pray that God will add many years to his fruitful life.

The Centenary now becomes history, and great history it is. Never since our Lord passed into the heavens has the Church so signally responded to His Great Commission; and Methodism will never again be what it was. Jacob, with the memory of the wrestling angel in his soul, was never again the same Jacob. Last year a great "I Will Maintain" campaign saved this significant movement from a heart-breaking sag. Reports from headquarters show that Salisbury District on October 31st, this Conference year, with no "I Will Maintain" campaign, was only nine dollars in arrears of October 31st of the previous year, with such a campaign. With no disposition except to give the men of this District credit for their magnificent work, attention is called to the following facts:—In previous years, the Christmas and Easter offerings have been added to Centenary and credited to District totals. On large Districts these offerings have easily amounted to from fifteen hundred to three thousand dollars each. This year the Japanese Reconstruction appeal (to which Salisbury District contributed more than \$1,200.00), pre-empted the Christmas opportunity; and, whereas our last Conference year contained two Easters, the one now

closing has had no Easter. However, with no "I Will Maintain," with no Christmas and no Easter offerings, the preachers' reports indicate that the District will not fall greatly behind the figures of the previous year. I asked them to do it, and these men, who know nothing but to win victories for God, have DONE it.

On October 1st educational preparation for World Service began auspiciously. Only three ministers were absent from the District Meeting. Our quota of four hundred and eighty-three World Service volumes was quickly subscribed, and today there are at least fifteen hundred in circulation. Many churches are studying them at Prayer Meeting, Epworth League, Missionary Meetings, home circles, on Church-Training night, and in other ways. World Service is stirring the love and catching the spiritual imagination of the churches. May God lay it upon us in such fashion as shall reduce Methodism to utter subjection to its glorious ideal! Our every-member canvass will not be completed until the first of the next Conference year; hence full report must be reserved. The first completed return received was from Girdletree, a charge that had done practically nothing for Centenary, and it read: "I have just finished my personal canvass for World Service, and have received pledges, all one-hundred per cent. good, for the whole amount, \$967." The second finished report received was from Mount Vernon, another charge that had done practically nothing for Centenary, and it read: "Yesterday we completed our World Service canvass, and it is oversubscribed at one point, and in full at another." Other churches have matched these reports, and every pastor and church is confidently trusted to help swell this river that shall make glad the City of God.

This brief and imperfect review closes. The statistical tables will reveal items which have not been, and cannot be, specified. Every man on the District has achieved; many have achieved splendidly; a few, magnificently. It is not possible to speak of them too highly. As I have moved among them during the year, have noted their sacrifices, their devotion to duty, their faith that refused to be conquered, my mental comment has been: "These are heroes, all!" He who leaps into a dangerous current and rescues a drowning child, or, from patriotic motives, bares his bosom to flying shrapnel, is no greater hero than these men. They are God's own, who, some day, will no longer struggle on insufficient support, and see the objects of their love denied what others of less ability freely enjoy, but will sit down with Christ in His throne and be crowned for eternal co-regency with Him. Having been last for His sake, they shall then be first, and shall shine forth as the stars in the Kingdom of their Father forever and ever.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

J. W. COLONA, District Superintendent.

It is cause for real pleasure to have the privilege of welcoming our Annual Conference to Wilmington, the first City of the first State of the first Nation of the World, and to Harrison Street Church, easily one of the best equipped church plants on this Peninsula, for its Fifty-sixth Session.

The time limit placed upon this report by action of our last Conference necessarily compels the omission of much that deserves to be said about the work of the pastors and people in every charge. Only the story of the facts in a general way can be told herein.

Sickness and Deaths: We have been in much affliction on the District during this Conference year. Our ranks have been invaded and broken not a little by sickness and deaths. V. P. Northrup, our greatly beloved brother and efficient Registrar for more than a quarter of a century, was stricken with a complication of diseases on the morning our last Conference adjourned. All that medical treatment, surgical skill and sympathetic nursing could do proved in vain, and, after a brave fight for six months to regain his health and live, he slipped away from us the 20th of last September in Baltimore. His funeral services were held from the Richardson Park Parsonage, September 28th, in charge of the writer, assisted by several ministers. Nine of his brother pastors attended Mrs. Northrup to Snow Hill, Md., September 29th, where the remains were laid to rest in the presence of many sympathizing friends. The memoir will be read by Dr. Robert Watt.

On July 13th, Brother B. F. Jester was struck accidentally at 4th and French Streets by an automobile, and was fatally injured. He died about an hour after the accident. The funeral services were held in Harrison Street Church, Sunday, July 15th, and were in charge of W. E. Habbart, his Pastor, assisted by other ministers. Rev. V. E. Hills delivered the sermon; interment in Mt. Salem Cemetery. The memoir will be read by Rev. W. E. Habbart.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Sharp, wife of Brother W. W. Sharp, after a prolonged illness, went home August 1st. Funeral services were held from Mt. Pleasant Parsonage, August 3rd, in charge of the writer, assisted by other ministers. The eulogy was delivered by Rev. Adam Stengle at the request of the family. Interment in Riverview Cemetery. The memoir will be read by Rev. Alfred Smith.

Mrs. Jennie Creamer, widow of Rev. Thomas R. Creamer, passed away at the home of the Merciful Rest, Wilmington, November 27th last. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. K. Stephenson. Interment in Milton M. E. Cemetery, December 1st. The memoir will be read by F. F. Carpenter.

After a brief attack of pneumonia, Brother Warren Burr, Retired, went to his "long, long home" from Hampstead, L. I., February 12th. Funeral services were held from the Northeast M. E. Church, February

14th, in charge of the pastor, Rev. D. J. Givan. Rev. G. T. Alderson, a Conference classmate, delivered a very comforting message. Interment in the Northeast Cemetery. The memoir will be read by Dr. G. T. Alderson.

Brother Daniel Wilson, of Hopewell, who suffered a physical breakdown early in June, responded immediately to medical treatment and is now quite entirely recovered. Brother George Kopp, a Local Preacher, of Perryville, assisted very efficiently at Hopewell during Brother Wilson's illness. Brother O. L. Martin, of Bethel, was compelled to seek medical treatment early in December last. He has been under the care of Dr. J. McFadden Dick, of Salisbury. We are informed that Brother Martin is much improved and his physician says he will be able to continue in the active work. Rev. C. A. Kirk, a Local Preacher of Bethel Church, has been in charge of the work during Brother Martin's illness.

Both Grace Church and the Wilmington Conference have sustained a great loss this Conference year in the deaths of Mrs. Jennie R. Field, Mr. John S. Mullin and Mr. Aubrey Vandever. The benefactions of Mrs. Field by which, among other good works, the Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home was established and endowed; the fine brotherly spirit, broad-minded faith, and progressive attitude of Mr. Mullin toward his church's program for community and world betterment; the genial personality of Mr. Vandever, so radiant with sunshine and cheer, especially in his "chalk talks" to children and young folks at Brandywine Summit Camp and elsewhere for a generation, have built their lives as pillars in the temple of Wilmington Conference Methodism and, we believe, also, in that "temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" and they will go no more out.

Pastoral Changes: The following pastoral changes have been made. On July 30th, O. E. James resigned his work as pastor of Ebenezer Church for the remainder of the Conference year to gain rest so as to recover from a nervous breakdown. A. W. Davis, a Local Preacher of St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, was secured to fill the pulpit until September 18th, when G. T. Gehman of St. Paul's Church, Dover, was transferred to Ebenezer. J. P. Otis, retired, responded to the call to fill the pulpit of Richardson Park during the illness of Brother Northrup. He did so most efficiently and sympathetically for exceedingly nominal remuneration until the pulpit became vacant by the death of the pastor. Words cannot express fully the love of the congregation for their pastor nor their sympathy for Mrs. Northrup in her affliction. The Church paid the salary in full to Mrs. Northrup to October 1st, when, after very careful and prayerful consideration on the part of our Bishop and his Cabinet, L. B. Morgan was transferred from Chincoteague, Va., to Richardson Park. Hugh B. Kelso was transferred to Phoebus, Va., December 1st, leaving the Perryville pulpit vacant. Milton S. Andrews had already accepted an invitation, through Bishop Anderson, to become pastor of a church in a college town in Ohio. Bishop McDowell, desiring to retain Brother Andrews in this Conference where he was reared, requested Bishop Anderson to release him from his promise to go West and ordered his appointment to Perryville for the remainder of this Conference year. He took up the work, accordingly, the

first of December, and is finishing the year triumphantly. The church and community sincerely appreciate his ministry among them.

Ministerial Support: Ten charges have recognized the need and justice of a better support for their pastors and have accordingly increased their salary as follows:—McCabe advanced from \$3000 to \$3600; Harrison Street from \$2000 to \$2500; New Castle from \$2000 to \$2500; Epworth from \$1800 to \$2100; Claymont from \$1500 to \$2000; Madeley, Rising Sun, Mt. Lebanon, Charlestown, Marshallton, and Cedars each advancing \$100; and Hillcrest, \$150; the total increase for the district being, \$3050.

The apportionments for Conference Claimants, as fixed on the percentage basis and submitted by the Conference Board of Stewards, were sent to the charges. The pro-rating of ministerial support has been brought to the attention of pastors and Quarterly Conferences, and a decided increase for the District is probable.

District Agencies: To tabulate accurately and fully the accomplishments of all the local church agencies combined on the district would be impossible, if desirable. A brief general summary, however, may be given to the advantage of all concerned in the work.

The Ladies' Aid Societies have proven again that, as an organization, they are quite indispensable to the maintenance of the parsonages and, in many cases, the churches also. The 45 Aid Societies on the District report having raised, \$20,246. The 24 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies report having raised \$6,565. The 19 Woman's Home Missionary Societies have raised \$6,821. The full story of the good works these two Missionary Societies are doing in America and the rest of the world could not be told by tongue or pen.

The Epworth League has indeed become awakened to broader visions of privilege, duty and responsibility. A very helpful convention was held in Union Church, October 25th, and a live-wire Cabinet was elected for the ensuing year. The Cabinet has rallied the young people of the City churches especially and has held many social and religious meetings of importance. They have also directed their activities along the lines of mercy and help.

The Sunday Schols are exceedingly promising. The increase in attendnace and offerings has been almost the universal report by the Superintendents over the District. These fields are indeed white unto the harvest and should we not be exceedingly careful to reap now while the opportunity is ours. Brother Ransom P. Nichols, our Director of Religious Education, has visited many of the schools on the District during the year and has led in the organization of several into the Graded System. A standard Training School for Sunday School workers was held in Union Church, Wilmington, under the leadership of Brother Ransom P. Nichols and Dr. H. C. Wilson of the Board of Sunday Schools. The school consisted of six members of the faculty and 86 pupils in attendance. Forty-six earned credits on a Teacher Training Diploma. It is expected that this School will be held annually in Wilmington.

Building and Improvements: Quite a few of our churches have made

much needed improvements. Mention can be made here of only a few of these. Christiana repaired and beautified the interior of their auditorium at a cost of \$900. The amount was raised in full at the re-opening. Asbury Church on Hopewell charge re-painted and re-decorated the interior of their auditorium. The improvements cost \$700, which was raised at the re-opening services. Hillcrest completed the basement of their church at a cost of \$1011. Brandywine has been greatly improved by the addition to the edifice of a new front and the exchange of beautiful new stained glass windows in place of the old ones, adding in a very impressive way to the harmony, beauty, and dignity of both the exterior and interior of the entire church. Substantial improvements were also added to the parsonage, the total cost of all being \$2,837.

The new church at Rising Sun was dedicated November 25th, Bishop Joseph F. Berry had been secured for the occasion. The day was as if made to order. The Bishop preached at the morning service to a congregation that crowded the beautiful new auditorium. \$13,000 remained to be raised, if the entire cost of the \$45,000 edifice was to be provided for before dedication. Through the skillful management of the finances by the Bishop, the evident sense of pride and joy on the part of the congregation in the realization of their visions and dreams of a new church, and the rare willingness of everybody to give to the point of real sacrifice, the needed amount was over-subscribed by about \$1,000. The dedicatory services were conducted by Bishop Berry at the close of the evening service, assisted by Rev. W. G. Koons, a former Superintendent of the Easton District and now Retired and residing in Rising Sun, C. C. Harris, the Pastor, and the writer. Rising Sun has a perfectly beautiful and commodious church of colonial architecture, and the entire community is justly proud of it.

Very extensive improvements have been made on the exterior and interior of Grace Church. The outside walls have been re-painted and the surroundings beautified by new pavements and lawns. The inside walls and ceiling of the main auditorium have been re-decorated with rare taste, beauty and dignity by the best artists that could be secured. A new stained glass window, a wonder work of art, containing 18,000 pieces of glass, has been installed back of the pulpit. The artist's painting, claimed to be the largest in any church in America, shows Christ standing on a slight elevation with outstretched hands pleading beseechingly, with 21 different figures grouped in front of Him, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

The total cost of the improvements including the window, to the auditorium was about \$14,000, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Gambrill, whose many benefactions have enriched Methodist Institutions and Churches at large as well as Grace Church in particular. Mr. Gambrill's one thought in placing this painting in Grace Church was that it might present Christ to burdened men, women, and children through succeeding generations as their only refuge, and that sitting in its presence and coming under the constraint of its appeal, they may be persuaded to come unto Him and find rest unto their souls.

On February 17th, Bishop William F. McDowell was present and preached at the morning service to a congregation that crowded the auditorium, and at the close of the service dedicated the new window.

The total cost of the remainder of the improvements to both the exterior and interior is \$31,000. On March 16th, Bishop Joseph F. Berry was present with the pastor preaching morning and evening. \$31,600 was raised in cash and subscriptions. The total cost of all improvements is about \$45,000. Large credit for these remarkable improvements is justly due to the tactful and inspiring leadership of the pastor, Dr. B. M. Johns. Grace Church was certainly never greater than now.

A fine new Delco lighting system has just been installed in Zion Church, Zion Circuit, a gift of Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Gifford of Zion, as a memorial to their son, Walter.

Elkton has purchased a property strategically located in the town for Sunday School and social purposes. It will supply a long felt need and will certainly be the beginning of a new forward movement for Methodism in Elkton. The value of the property is \$12,000.

Few churches have made such rapid progress as McCabe Memorial. Less than sixteen years ago just a handful of members purchased a lot on the Boulevard and erected a small temporary building. In 1914 that building had to be torn away to give place for the new Sunday School room about to be built. The constant growth of the church intensified the embarrassment in the handicap of not having a real and adequate auditorium and other facilities for the expanding life and work of the church. The coming of Brother A. F. Poore was the sign for a forward movement. He immediately proved to be the leader needed. It was soon decided by officials and congregation to complete their church by the erection of the main building. Accordingly early in May, 1923, the ground was broken for the new structure. On September 9th, the corner stone was laid by Bishop W. F. McDowell. The work of erecting the structure has been under the skillful management and leadership of the pastor and Mr. Frank C. Sparks, President of the Board of Trustees. The church is nearing completion and it is expected will be ready for dedication on Easter Sunday. The cost will be \$83,000, of which \$36,000 have already been provided in cash and subscriptions. The church is a source of just pride to the congregation whose members have made rare sacrifices and shown indomitable faith and courage in their determination, in the face of many difficulties, to bring their dreams and visions of a new church into reality. McCabe Church is built of white stone and is architecturally an adornment to its community and the city of Wilmington. Pastor and congregation deserve the commendation of us all for the fine piece of constructive work which will minister to the moral and spiritual needs of the people in its community through future generations.

Evangelism:—The evangelistic note has neither been forgotten nor neglected in the ministry of our pastors this year. We "believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the

Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead." We "believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting." This gospel, which was a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks, we preach, historically and dynamically, as the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, ancient or modern, and with equal assurance we preach that there is salvation in none other. This gospel has proven its power anew to save men, women and children from sin this year on the Wilmington District. We have been helped by the presence with us at Grace and First-Central Presbyterian Church of Dr. C. L. Goodell; Dr. Charles F. Weigle at St. Paul's; Dr. George W. Cooke at Rising Sun and Union; Dr. Thomas W. McKinney at Claymont and Asbury, and others in other churches. These messengers of God have been real helpers. Observe the results in part:—Rising Sun reports having received into Preparatory membership, 73; Union, 63; Claymont, 11; Madeley, 11; Chesapeake City, 25; Christiana, 26; Chester-Bethel, 20; Asbury, 25; St. Paul's, 33. In other churches the pastor has been his own evangelist with like results. Epworth has received, 26; Eastlake, 18; McCabe, 22; Silverbrook, 42; Elkton, 41; Trinity, 17; St. John's, 28; Newark, 18; Wesley, 27; total received into Preparatory Membership, 691. Total received into Full Membership, 680.

Benevolences: At the Area Council meeting held last Spring in Baltimore, an appeal was made to the Churches and Districts of the area to make, as their minimum objective for the Centenary causes this Conference year, the figures reached the best of the four previous years. Accordingly, we have kept before us, as our minimum standard for this year, the amounts reached last year on this District, that being the best.

Two serious handicaps, however, have faced us all through the year. One is the fact that last year he had two Easter offerings and the "I will maintain."

Also, several of our largest churches have been engaged this year in extensive building projects which have taxed their resources to the limit. This is not offered as an apology but as an explanation that is justly due our pastors who have been faithful to their trusts. However, in spite of these real handicaps, from the reports that have come in it appears certain that, as a District, we are not only going to exceed our best previous year in the District's normal giving to these causes, but will fall very little short of reaching the figures of a year ago, which were made possible then by these three special drives. While we could have done better and should have done better and would have done much better if all of our people had conscientiously and justly brought their tenth into our Lord's Storehouse, as, for example, those twenty members of the Storehouse Tithers' Association of Claymont Church have done, who, in just a little more than a

year, have brought into the treasury of their Church \$1957.04, thus showing impressively through a just and practical recognition of the obligations of the Stewardship of Possessions, the latent possibilities within the Church of Jesus Christ for Service to the World; yet we believe we would not represent Him aright if we should withhold a just commendation of those ministers and people who, by their sacrifices and courageous leadership, have made it possible to bring these gifts into His treasury for His use.

On October 4th we held our District meeting for a study by the pastors of our World Service Program published in "The World Service of the Methodist Episcopal Church." Forty-eight of our fifty pastors were present. About half of them took part in the discussion of the book. Six group meetings for the officials of the churches to study the book in a similar fashion were subsequently held as follows:—Claymont Group at Claymont, in charge of W. A. Hearn; East Wilmington Group at Epworth, in charge of T. R. Van Dyke; West Wilmington Group at St. Paul's in charge of C. L. Hubbard; Marshallton Group at Marshallton, in charge of Ivanhoe Willis; Elkton Group, in charge of W. G. Harris, at Elkton; Port Deposit Group at Port Deposit, in charge of J. B. McCabe. Laymen took large part in these discussions. The program has also been brought to the attention of the Quarterly Conferences. The apportionments received for the charges, totalling \$81,054 for the District, have been forwarded to the pastors. Very few of the churches have completed their every member canvass. St. Paul's has subscribed her quota of \$6,347 in full, an increase of \$647. over her best year of the Centenary. The pastor reports for the Centenary causes this year \$5,760, a slight advance over last year, and \$1181 above the original Centenary quota. Moreover, the \$6,347 subscribed for the World Service Program is an advance over the original Centenary Quota of \$1768. This is progress, indeed, by leaps and bounds. Dr. Hubbard and his great church deserve our highest commendation for their continued remarkable successes to the glory of His Great Name. Grace Church has subscribed \$7,800, an increase of \$1000 over her Centenary pledges, and her canvass is unfinished; Asbury, \$900; Edgemoor, \$100; Trinity, \$600; Mt. Salem, \$904; Charlestown, \$175; Chesapeake City, \$500; Christiana, \$225; Richardson Park, \$1000. Many of these reports are incomplete. Others are in the process of making their canvass or will do so promptly after the Conference.

Our churches responded well on short notice to the call on behalf of our churches stricken by the earthquake in Japan. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society co-operated thoroughly with the agencies of the church to help awaken our people to the dire needs. The appeal was made to every pastor and congregation to take a special offering on Christmas Sunday to be presented as a Christmas Gift for the rebuilding of our institutions, churches and work in Japan. Reports received show, \$2,311. raised on the District.

The Goodwill Industries: The Goodwill Industries has had a remarkably successful year. The report of Rev. J. H. Beauchamp, its efficient

Superintendent, will show 21,600 hours employment given opportunity labor, 10,201 customers, and \$10,425 received from goods distributed to the poor. This institution holds bright promise of accomplishing great good. A home for aged women, we have reason to hope, will soon be a reality. As our people become informed of the peculiar service this institution seeks to render, they will come to its support in rapidly increasing numbers and ways. Detailed report will be presented by the Superintendent.

The City Missionary Society: This has been easily one of the best years in the history of the City Missionary Society—perhaps the best. Rev. G. T. Alderson, its Secretary, and Pastor of Old Asbury Church, has had, in many respects, a very successful year. It is the unanimous judgment of all officials that the right man is in the right place. The Society is conducting four missions as follows:—Wesley, Asbury, Kingswood and Sixth Avenue. Under the leadership and ministry of Brother Alderson, \$2000 have been raised and spent in greatly needed improvements to the parsonage. The church has been blessed and encouraged by a gracious revival. The Superintendent will present the report in detail.

The Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home holds property valued at \$9000, with an endowment of \$5500. Religious, educational and industrial work is being done. A Kindergarten with 60 children from four to six years of age is conducted. Seven nationalities are represented in the work. 12,312 persons were given instruction and 2927 visits were made last year. Miss Rosa Santee is Superintendent, and with her are associated Miss Arabelle Crothers, Miss Leola Greene, and Miss Francis Mount. The work of this institution makes it eminently deserving of our support.

New Building Projects: Newark has made remarkable progress under the pastorate of Brother Frank Herson. The plan to enlarge their present church building, to provide more adequate facilities for their increasing needs, has been abandoned in view of the general demand for a new church instead. The congregation is engaged now in the raising of funds for the new edifice which is greatly needed. Newark, being a University town, ought to receive as much Centenary help toward a new church as can possibly be provided.

Richardson Park has responded to the leadership of Brother L. B. Morgan. All records of attendance in congregations and Sunday School have been broken several times. The present church and Sunday School facilities are decidedly inadequate for their rapidly growing needs, and pastor and people have visions of a new church more strategically located in the reasonably near future. This situation, too, justifies the general church in coming to their rescue, without delay, with all the help possible at this critical moment.

Brief District Summary: Other district totals from reports received to date show amount raised as follows:—For Building and Improvements, \$69,807; for New Buildings, \$38,005; raised and paid on old debts, \$23,995; Number of Tithers reported, 529; Number World Service Books

sold, 1041. The increases in Conference Claimants' and General Conference Expenses, together with the District totals for Bishop's Residence and the Japanese Rebuilding Fund, promise to exceed the amount of the shortage below the figures reported a year ago for Centenary and apportioned Benevolences. It is, therefore, certain that the District has gone ahead of last year in its total for all Benevolences, and the grand total, including the amount raised for all other purposes, will break all records in the history of the District and Church.

A closing word: I would fail in my duty and come far short of my sense of justice, if I did not express here my high appreciation of the assistance I have received during the year. I wish to record my deep felt sense of gratitude to my Heavenly Father for health and strength which have enabled me to prosecute my duties; to my predecessor, Dr. Robert Watt, who so kindly placed in my hands information which has been of invaluable help to me in getting acquainted with the churches and work of the District; to my brother ministers, their officials and congregations, for their cordial welcome and kindly co-operation everywhere, and to our good Bishop, W. F. McDowell, who, whether in written word or human touch, has always been just like a brother to me in my inexperience. And whatever has been accomplished on the Wilmington District this year that is worthy to glorify His name, in laying it, by this report, as our trophy at His feet, it is only justice to say that the credit belongs to my brethren of the ministry, to the members and friends of their churches and to Him without Whose help none of us could accomplish anything.

(b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

BIBLE.

The Bible is the Word of God. The Bible, to the Christian worker, is the "Sword of the Spirit." It should be highly prized. "How love I thy law."

The American Bible Society is officially connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is one of the beneficiaries of the World Service fund. It distributes the Scriptures in more than a hundred and fifty languages. This Society does not live on vast reserve funds, but is dependent day by day upon the current gifts of lovers of the Bible everywhere. The support of all Christian people is urgently needed to meet the ever-increasing demands for the Word of God, both at home and abroad.

The American Bible Society has done and is doing most excellent work. We recommend that we pledge the Bible Society our most hearty support in every way possible.

We further recommend that all of our people possess a Bible and study it in a very methodical and devoted way.

That they "read, mark and inwardly digest" that which is given by inspiration of God and is profitable "for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

EPWORTH LEAGUES.

The Board of Epworth Leagues has enjoyed a year of unusual prosperity. The four districts were never better manned than at present. Wilmington and Salisbury Districts have found leadership in two excellent laymen. Revs. Price and Wheatley have made unusual records on the Dover and Middletown Districts.

The district conventions report inspiring and well attended gatherings. The study of missions and world service program was ably presented at all conventions and the result has been the organization of mission study and life stewardship classes.

The Junior League under the careful supervision of Miss Carrie Dempsey and the Junior League Superintendents have brought new life to Junior Leagues and brought courage to discouraged chapters. We are stressing church history and mission study in the Junior Leagues.

All roads in leaguedom in the Wilmington Conference lead to the Institute at Dover. The Institute this year was the best ever. The young people in attendance could not be surpassed from the Eastern Shore. The faculty represented leaders in Methodism.

Epworth League and Sunday School methods were equally represented.

We wish to record our thanks to our Bishop and our District Superintendents for their loyal support and solicit their hearty co-operation in the future.

May we ask every Pastor to urge the attendance and early registration this year. The date for the institute July 5th to 12th. The faculty has been selected from the leadership available in the church. We depend on the pastors for the success of the Institute. We are your servants; use us as your needs require. "A League in every church during the year," is our goal.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

As there is no work to which men are called presenting greater possibilities for good for the world than the Christian Ministry in its several forms, those persons who are called into this fellowship with our Christ should bring to it the best intellectual equipment possible for them to acquire, as well as that Divine anointing by the Holy Ghost without which their ministry will be a spiritual failure.

One difficulty which your Board of Education is constantly meeting is the precipitate haste with which young men rush into the Christian ministry, disregarding the advice and urgent pleading of men of experience who counsel them to tarry in the schools for the mental equipment which their life-work will demand.

Another difficulty which confronts us is the hurry of students which leads them to forego a college course that they may get to Drew or Boston four years sooner. This slighting of the foundation does not tend to the enlargement of the superstructure. These young men of whom we are writing fail to realize that the Christian ministry is a challenge to us both to be and to do our best. And doing depends upon being. We are confident that our Lord would have these young men tarry at some Jerusalem of intellectual training until their preparation would make them the equals of the best trained minds of their communities.

But we pray to be saved from a ministry which knows nothing but books—one that exalts theories into the place of facts, and gives to the dreams of dreamers the authority of realities. When scholarship dims our faith in the Bible as the Word of God and in the Christ as his "only begotten son," and quenches in us the fire of the Holy Ghost, we have taken on weights, not wings.

During the present school year we are aiding 19 young men in their preparation for the Christian ministry within our Conference. Of this number 14 are at the Wesley Collegiate Institute, four at Drew and one at Dickinson College.

EDUCATION FOR NEGROES.

The work of the Board of Education for Negroes has been carried on for almost fifty-eight years.

As a result of the work of the Board, we have three hundred and sixty thousand members, 3,547 churches and 2,000 ministers. This condition has been made possible by the program and schools of the Board.

The program of World conquest must include one hundred and twelve million negroes in America and Africa. These must be uplifted at the cost of the outlay of the best strength of Methodism through the Board.

Toward helping in this work of the Board we call attention to the World Service volume; especially to the chapter on Negro Education.

We recommend that each Pastor observe Lincoln Sunday in some appropriate manner.

We further recommend that this subject be brought before our Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues and social gatherings for study and prayerful consideration.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL.

When Jesus walked on earth he healed the sick, restored sight to the blind and raised the dead. As his followers, we are preserving health, sight and life through our hospitals, foremost among which is our Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia. Its usefulness and service grows each day.

1923 was a record-breaking year at the Hospital as is shown by figures and actions.

Patients admitted, 5008; increase over the admissions of 1922, 800; days' treatment, 62,665, increase, 11,402; dispensary visits, 37,348, increase, 6369; receipts in collections and contributions from churches and individuals, \$43,250, an increase of nearly \$5000.

On January 1, 1923, at 3 P. M., in the presence of a large gathering, Bishop Berry dedicated the new building, the cost of which, including the furnishings, was \$420,000. This will increase the bed capacity of the Hospital when all floors are in use to 350.

The second outstanding fact in connection with the work of the Hospital was the contribution by the Trustees of the Lewis H. Eisenlohr Estate to the Hospital, to pay for the erection and furnishing of the Lewis H. Eisenlohr Memorial Home for Nurses, the sum of \$158,000, every dollar of which was provided by the representatives of the donor from his bequest. Accommodations will be provided therein for sixty nurses.

The third marked accomplishment of the year was the intensive campaign for \$350,000 to pay the indebtedness of the new building, for improvements on the old, and the installment of necessary equipment for larger and more efficient service in relieving the suffering. In this movement about \$250,000 was secured in cash and pledges and plans have been put into operation for securing the entire amount.

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Methodist Hospital is annually giving very sympathetic and free service to patients from our Conference territory, we earnestly recommend that our churches give hearty support to this worthy institution.

We recommend that the Conference pledge itself to secure \$10,000 for the \$350,000 campaign, payable by April, 1926; and we further recommend that the District Superintendents distribute this amount to the various Charges.

PERIODICALS.

No more important matter concerns the ministry and loyalty of our great Church than the wise selection of proper periodicals.

The Methodist Review in its present general plans and aims is a model periodical of its kind. It is probably the oldest theological review in the world with the largest constituency and should be found on the desk of every minister of the Methodist Church.

The Christian Advocate, organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church under the editorial direction of Dr. Jas. R. Joy, is adapting itself as never before to the needs of all Methodism by cultivating the personal religious life and loyally supporting all denominational enterprises and taking aggressive leadership in moral reform.

We very heartily approve the determination of the Holding Committee of the Washington Christian Advocate to pursue the following course; namely,

1. To secure as soon as feasible the services of a full time editor.
2. The adoption as a goal in subscriptions, "The Washington Advocate in every home in every church in the Area."
3. The launching of a four weeks' intensive campaign for subscriptions during the present year, exact time to be determined by the Holding Committee.
4. That we pledge our hearty support to the efforts of the Holding Committee in prosecuting the foregoing objectives.
5. We authorize the District Superintendents to apportion to the charges our proportion of the amount necessary to accomplish these objectives.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The problem of Sabbath observance has grown to be a problem of vast proportions. Its solution is not an easy one and time will be required to work it out. For a generation the drift of sentiment and practice has been in the wrong direction. Due to many causes, there are multitudes of Christian people whose consciences are more or less elastic in regard to

what is right to do on the Sabbath Day. The situation is quite serious, but not hopeless, if the churches can be led to understand what is right before it is too late.

The preservation of the Sabbath Day as a sacred institution, is closely related to the preservation of the Christian religion, and the civilization that is based upon it.

The people who have erred in this respect should resist the temptation to make Sunday a day of visiting and feasting, especially if it requires them to neglect the public worship of God. Places of business should be informed that all trafficking is forbidden by the law. Public sports and amusements should not be allowed. People should be advised not to patronize Sunday excursions. If the railroads are guilty of transgressing the law by these Sunday excursions, the law should be invoked to prevent the widespread demoralization that is so manifest in these times. Little by little we may and should labor to create a public sentiment that will turn the tide toward a better understanding and a better practice of Sabbath observance. We commend the W. C. T. U., the Lord's Day Alliance and all other agencies that are promoting this holy cause.

TEMPERANCE, PROHIBITION AND PUBLIC MORALS.

The passing months have brought to light many things concerning prohibition in the United States. But in spite of the many handicaps and obstacles put in its way, and the richly financed and highly organized propaganda against enforcement, prohibition is more firmly entrenched today than ever before. The people are more strongly convinced that prohibition at its very worst is infinitely better than license at its very best.

However, the manifold blessings of prohibition, its stimulation of industry, its vast contributions to a higher standard of living, its service in providing accumulations of capital in our savings banks, its protection against the saloons and the arrogant tyranny of the beer trade, should not blind us to the necessity for an increased efficiency in administration of the law. To accomplish this end the Prohibition Unit should be centered in a bureau responsible only to the President and the people, organized and officered for the sole purpose of suppressing the beverage traffic in alcoholic liquors. The Volstead law should be amended to provide for the deportation of ALIEN bootleggers; a prison sentence for every offense against the prohibition law; severe penalties for automobile speeding in connection with the violation of that law, for the use of smoke screens or noxious gasses in attempts to escape arrest, and for resistance to a federal officer, and the placing of Prohibition Enforcement Officers under Civil Service.

The law has been hurt by men in official life who have forgotten or ignored the obligations placed upon them by public duty. Any officer of the Army or Navy, or any legislative or executive servant of the Government, who, having taken an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of

the United States, enters into conspiracy to violate the prohibition law by patronizing illicit sellers of alcoholic beverages, has thereby perjured himself, evidenced disloyalty to the nation's social and political organization and become unworthy of further public trust.

The year has witnessed advances in the international extension of American prohibition, through the signing of treaties with Great Britain which permit this country to guard more efficiently and freely against rum smuggling, and by the employment of fast boats in chasing the rum runners.

Aside from the one matter of prohibition, the public morality of America should cause great concern. A tide of immorality and lawlessness is still sweeping inward upon us from the great world conflict.

The moving picture industry has degenerated from what promised to be a high class educational aid to a performance alarmingly low and sensual, and which coins curiosity and the desire of youth for pleasure into sordid gain through vice displays that cheapen all sacred things. Here is found ridicule of the simplicity and wholesomeness of American home life, and of our Christian religion; here is the holding up to scorn of Protestant ministers; here is misrepresentation of the efforts of the United States government in enforcing prohibition. The theatrical stage also has reached the lowest possible depths of filth and immorality.

The matter of prize fighting should be considered. The invasion of the fighting services of the United States government by this degrading, corrupting evil cannot be overlooked. The prize fight ring is one of the greatest gambling centers in the world. To it the sporting classes of every nation flock by common consent to fatten on the folly and baseness of society.

Other issues are too important to be overlooked. The menace of gambling in various forms, must be wiped out; the avalanche of filth dumped upon the American people through vile magazines, immoral books and obscene pictures, must be removed; the Christian Sabbath must be returned, and the Bible put back into the public schools as the foundation of our American morality and freedom and the guide of the oncoming generations; and there should be enactments in every State to protect minors from the insidious and deadly cigarette.

By these steps we will be able to see the enforcement and voluntary obedience that will lift public sentiment to higher and greater respect for the prohibition law, which proclaims the greatest moral reform that the 20th century has seen, and make America again a world leader for human betterment.

Certain things might be looked for from Congress: The establishment of a Department of Education with a Secretary in the President's Cabinet; an Amendment to the Constitution forbidding child labor; the passage of the Capper Amendment to the Constitution intended to make possible a just and uniform regulation of marriage and divorce; the barring from interstate commerce of all gambling devices and the shutting out of interstate commerce obscene and indecent articles that are barred from the

mails, and the suspension of all immigration until the country has assimilated its present foreign born elements.

The Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, located at Washington, D. C., dedicated its new headquarters on January 16, 1924. "The Methodist Building" now stands as a headquarters for Methodism and Protestantism; and the work carried on from there is a relentless warfare in behalf of public morality and the ushering in of that new day when there shall be seen "new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness."

We renew our commendation of the W. C. T. U. and the Anti-Saloon League, and urge the co-operation of all our people in the performance of their great task. "Eternal vigilance is the price of our liberty."

THANKS.

As we come to the closing hour of the Fifty-sixth Annual Session of our Conference, we desire to express our gratitude to Harrison Street Church for the way in which every material need has been cared for. In this commodious community church we have found a place admirably suited for feasts of the soul and of the body. The meals served at the church have been uniformly ample and appetizing and the service good. Every other reasonable provision has been made for our comfort.

Our host, the Rev. W. E. Habbart, has sustained and, if possible, enhanced his reputation for brotherliness and kindly service.

We want to express our appreciation to those who have rendered the excellent music at the various services of the church.

We thank the press of Wilmington for the space given in their papers, for the presence of the reporters in our sessions, and their faithful efforts to report our work promptly and fairly.

Bishop McDowell's presidency has, as usual, been characterized by marked fairness and sympathy. His addresses from day to day as well as his sermon on Sunday have stimulated our minds and quickened our faith. We thank God for a leader like this.

And now unto Him Who has spared our lives and given us a part in the responsibilities of His kingdom we give thanks for the privilege of service, and the hope that we may continue to be co-laborers with our Lord Jesus Christ.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

For millions of women and girls in the Orient, the hope of redemption and a better tomorrow, largely depend upon the activities of the Woman's Missionary Society. For as we well know, only woman can reach woman in the Orient. As has been well said, "The final citadel of heathenism is in the home, and that the fortress can be taken by women only."

A new womanhood is to be seen in the East today. The graduate of

one of China's Universities gave expression to the spirit of this new womanhood: "For ages women have been treated like animals and have been under man's foot; for ages we have been fettered by unbroken customs, now we propose to lay aside these fetters and be free." The women of the East are tearing the veils from their faces. We must lift the veil also from their hearts and minds. A christian literature must be created for them and more Bible women and trained workers are needed to expound the Truth which will make them free indeed.

The Society pleads for more young women to invest their lives in an investment which promises greatest possible returns. Trained, consecrated christian women to go as teachers, social workers, supervisors, doctors, nurses; these are the constant and imperative need. Seventy-five million women in five continents have been assigned to Methodist women as their responsibility. To meet this great responsibility the society pleads for more local Societies, more members, more tithers and more intercessors.

We commend this Society for its noble work during a period of more than fifty years, and recommend that each pastor in our Conference cooperate with the splendid organization in its Kingdom building activities.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society stands out prominently among the many splendid organizations in our great denomination. When this Society was formed in 1880 none of its members were sufficiently skilled in prophecy to foretell that it would grow to such magnificent proportions as it has in the less than fifty years of its existence. Not only were the early members unable to forecast what its effect would be, but neither can we, who have the opportunity of looking backward upon its achievements, measure with any degree of accuracy its influence upon the Church and the world. In the words of the Master it is as "leaven in the meal" and an inspiration to the whole Church. With its four hundred and fifty thousand members consecrated to such a noble purpose; with its educational institutions and orphanages, nothing but great good can result from its efforts. We heartily commend such an organization in every Church in the Conference.

DEACONESS HOME.

The work of the Home has consisted of a Sunday School, Junior League, and classes in Cooking, Kitchengarden, Sewing, Garment-making, Dressmaking, Basketry, a Good House-Keeping Club, also a Boys' and Girls' Club, and Mothers' Meetings. A Kindergarten has also been held each school day. A Vacation Bible School, having an enrollment of 111, and an aggregate attendance of 1941, was conducted for four weeks.

Between three and four hundred people are on the rolls of the different classes and clubs, and the total attendance was 12,680 during the past year. With each group religious instruction is given and every teacher has the spiritual development of the children upon her heart.

Visits in the homes are made where every phase of "Better Homes" is given careful consideration. Eight nationalities comprise the types with whom work is done. 2927 calls and visits have been made.

1271 sheets of literature have been given out and 44 Bibles and Testaments distributed.

353 garments were given to needy people and supplies amounting to \$208.00 used. \$128.00 in money was used.

There are at present two Deaconesses and two Missionaries in the Home.

The support of the Home by the Conference has been most kindly and generous. With increasing enlargement in every part of the work there is a growing need of staff and financial increase, which, please God, shall soon be ours.

(c) SPECIAL AND FINANCIAL.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Treasurer's Report.

March 30, 1924.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 30, 1923	\$ 899.43	
Interest on Savings Balance	18.83	
Account Rose Caruth Fund	106.95	
Earnings on Investments	403.67	
		\$1428.88

DISBURSEMENTS.

Milton, from the Carey Fund	\$ 100.00	
Parsonburg, from the Wimbrow Fund	30.00	
Beckwith, from the Thomas Fund	60.00	
Clayton, from the Clifton Fund	25.00	
Investment, Salaway Mortgage	1000.00	
Rent of Safe Deposit Box	4.00	
Postage and Stationery	5.00	
Balance March 30, 1924	204.88	
		\$1428.88

BARRETT'S CHAPEL FUND.

March 30, 1924.

Balance March 30, 1923	\$ 154.83	
Interest on Investment	34.00	
		\$ 188.83

R. K. STEPHENSON, Treasurer.

MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.

Receipts.

Amount in hand at last report	\$1770.98	
July 5, 1923, received from V. E. Hills, Treasurer	375.00	
December 31, 1923, interest on deposits	54.79	
Total		\$2200.77

Disbursements.

July 19, 1923, to J. W. Colona for O. E. James case..	\$ 25.00
September 1, 1923, to Rev. O. E. James	150.00
November 26, 1923, to J. W. Colona for Supply work at Richardson Park	90.00
March 1, 1924, postage during year .....	.18
Total	\$ 265.18
Balance on hand March 26, 1924	\$1935.59

W. A. WISE, Trustee.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.**Receipts.**

1923	
March 28, To Balance	\$ 764.33
April 10, To Check Rev. V. E. Hills, Conf. Treas.	2300.00
May 10, To Check Rev. V. E. Hills, Conf. Treas.	28.00
June 1, To Interest Savings Account	60.80
Dec. 1, To Interest Savings Account	62.00
Total	\$3215.13

Disbursements.

1923	
April 10, By Check Taxicab Co. (Bishop McDowell).....	\$ 15.00
April 16, By Check W. A. Powell (Dover Conference).....	2549.90
May 19, By Check Rev. G. T. Alderson	14.90
July 25, By Check Seborne Buckson	12.00
1924	
March 15, By Check Rev. G. T. Alderson	23.60
Total	\$2615.40
March 26, By Balance	599.73
	\$3215.13
Amount in Savings Dept., Fruit Growers Bank	\$3000.00
Balance	\$ 599.73
Total amount in Treasury	\$3599.73

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.**Receipts.**

1923	
May 10, To Check Rev. V. E. Hills, Conference Treas.....	\$1505.00

Disbursements.

1923	
May 10, By Check Rev. W. E. Gunby, Dover District.....	\$ 405.00
May 10, By Check Rev. Omar E. Jones, Middletown District....	270.00
May 10, By Check Rev. E. H. Dashiell, Salisbury District	256.00
May 10, By Check Rev. J. W. Colona, Wilmington District	574.00
Total	\$1505.00

W. O. HOFFECKER, Trustee.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.**Receipts.**

	General Fund	Riddle Fund
1924		
March 25, To Balance	\$ 575.95	\$ 759.12
1923		
April 17, To Check Security Trust		409.77
April 19, To Check Board of Education (March) ...	87.87	
May 21, To Check Board of Education (April)	87.87	
June 1, To Interest Savings Account		17.10
July 6, To Check Board of Education (May)	87.87	
July 6, To Check C. E. Burchenal, Int. Shackleton Mtg.	45.00	
July 13, To Check Board of Education (June)	87.83	
Aug. 28, To Check Board of Education (July)	87.87	
Aug. 28, To Check Bd. of Education, excess 4th year.	37.94	
Oct. 22, To Check Board of Education (August)	87.87	
Oct. 22, To Check Board of Education (Sept.)	87.87	
Dec. 1, To Interest Savings Account		23.63
Dec. 7, To Check Board of Education (Oct.)	87.87	
Dec. 18, To Check Board of Education (Nov.)	87.87	
Dec. 31, To Check W. W. Banks	75.00	
1924		
Feb. 6, To Check Board of Education (Dec.)	87.87	
Feb. 21, To Check C. E. Burchenal, 6 months Interest Shackleton	45.00	
March 19, To Check M. W. Harris, acct. of loan	25.00	
March 19, To Check Board of Education, N. Y. (Jan. payment 5th year)	87.87	
	\$1770.42	\$1209.62

Disbursements.

1923		
Nov. 9, By Check Rev. F. C. MacSorley	\$ 4.53	
1924		
March 25, By Loans to Students	1125.00	\$ 100.00
March 25, By Balance	\$ 640.89	\$1109.62

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.

Your Commission submits the following report:—

1. Total invested assets	\$123,367.20
Amount collected during year	1,558.50
Amount of Bank balance	153.88
Total	\$125,079.58

2. Plans are in process of construction for making final settlement or disposal of the list of unpaid pledges aggregating approximately \$40,000 and now overdue. This being accomplished during the year, your Commission will then be prepared to recommend an increased endowment, whereby the annuitants may receive their full and proportionate allowance without any increase in the apportionments to the pastoral charges.

3. Your Commission has carefully and favorably considered the proposition submitted by Dr. F. B. Short, and with glad acceptance will include in plans now under consideration his offer, with any other which may come to us in behalf of this most worthy cause.

4. It is hereby recommended that the Commission be continued.

GEORGE P. JONES, Treasurer.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

The delicate and important work committed to your Board of Stewards has received our most careful attention. Every request reaching us concerning a claimant has received a sympathetic hearing; and had the funds placed in our hands for distribution been as large as our sympathies every claim would have been paid in full.

Officially we could not say to these honored claimants: "Silver and gold have I none," but we have said to them, "Such as I have, give I unto thee." And we have placed in their hands the staff of substantial help.

and we pray that their pathways through the evening of life may be kept radiant with His presence Who is "the Light of the world."

We are happy that we can report for this year a fine increase in the amount of the collections for this fund from the pastoral charges.

The following figures will establish this fact.

In 1923 and in 1924 the Districts contributed as follows:

	1923	1924
Dover District	\$ 7,542.00	\$ 7,651.00
Middletown District	6,890.00	7,615.00
Salisbury District	9,574.00	11,353.00
Wilmington District	9,707.00	11,597.00
Total	\$33,713.00	\$38,216.00

Increase, \$4,503.00.

For distribution this year funds have been received as follows:

From the Chartered Fund	\$ 35.00
From the Board of Conference Claimants, Chicago	250.00
From the Book Concern, dividend	3,732.00
Interest from Investments	6,080.18
From Pastoral Charges	37,980.00
Total	\$48,077.18
Total received in 1923	\$43,401.00
Increase	\$ 4,676.18

Funds held by the Board of Stewards to date and safely invested, amount to \$125,079.58, an increase of \$3,493.57 since the last session of our Conference.

During this session of our Conference your Board has suffered much embarrassment by the enforced absence of our Chairman, Brother Thomas N. Rawlins, detained at his home because of illness. In our need two lay members of your Board, Brothers J. H. Dulaney of Fruitland, Md., and F. P. Gentien of Wilmington, have risen to the occasion, and done splendid work in the difficult task of distributing the funds.

Last year our distribution was made on the basis of \$16. per year of effective service.

For 1924 we have made our distribution on the basis of \$17. per year of effective service.

While this is an advance we are yet \$6. below the legal rate.

There is a small increase in the number of claimants upon this fund for 1924 over those of 1923. Last year we had 43 ministerial claimants, 52 widows, and 10 children. This year we have 45 ministerial, 55 widows and 10 children; an increase of 3 claimants.

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

- Rev. John J. Bunting for Mrs. Anna D. Chatham; and Mrs. Louisa A. Gardner;
- Mrs. Pauline N. Murray for Edwin Nelson Murray;
- Dr. Thomas D. Esgate for Rev. James Esgate;
- Mrs. Lulu V. G. Westerfield for Harry G. Westerfield;
- Mrs. Blanche E. Compton for J. Clifford Compton;
- Rev. W. O. Bennett for Mrs. Ella M. Brindle;
- Thos. N. Rawlins for James W. Fogle, and Katharine B. Fogle;
- Rev. Ellwood W. Jones for Mrs. Laura M. Williams and her five children;
- Rev. George W. Dawson for Mrs. Harriett E. Conaway.

The increase in pastoral support has raised the adjusted legal rate for distribution from \$23. per year of effective service to \$24. This of necessity increases the total sum to be raised for next year; and the law of our Church requires that your Board ask for the full amount needed.

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

Annuity claims	\$54,766.00
Necessitous cases	4,000.00
Board of Conference Claimants	608.00
Total	\$59,374.00

Deducting the total amounts received from the Chartered Fund, the Book Concern, interest on investments and the Board of Conference Claimants, amounting to \$10,874, the sum of \$48,500. is left to be apportioned to the pastoral charges to meet all claims in full.

We, therefore, recommend that the sum of \$48,500. be apportioned to the pastoral charges.

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

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. MAC SORLEY, Vice-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 Gillis St.,	Wilmington, Del.	.....	\$782	\$578	\$172	\$750
1906	17	Bowman, G. W.,	Laurel, Del.		.....	391	289	11	300
1920	30	Brewington, J. A.,	Hebron, Md.		.....	690	510	305	815
1920	23	Chaires, W. W.,	Bozman, Md.		.....	529	391	334	725
1905	27	Collins, J. M.,	1607 W. 13th St.,	Wilmington, Del.	.....	621	459	160	619
1917	36	Corkran, L. P.,	Chestertown, Md.		.....	828	612		612
1921	37	Derrickson, E. H.,	Odessa, Del.		.....	851	629		629
1919	34	Easley, J. W.,	2102 Bayard Ave.,	Wilmington, Del.	.....	782	578		578
1871	35	Esgate, James, Dr.T.D.Esgate,	Trustee, Riverside, Cal.		.....	115	85	315	400
1924	37	Ewing, H. W.,	North East, Md.		.....	851	629		629
1923	34	Given, T. N.,	Cheswold, Del.		.....	782	578	122	700
1904	22	Greene, W. M.,	Milton, Del.		.....	506	374	180	554
1921	37	Guthrie, W. E.,	Kenton, Del.		.....	851	629	221	850
1914	31	Hardesty, G. L.,	Seaford, Del.		.....	713	527	55	582
1906	30	Harding, T. H.,	1011 W. 7th St.,	Wilmington, Del.	.....	690	510	315	825
1918	42	Hoffecker, E. L.,	Bellevue, Md.		.....	966	714		714
1911	10	Holt, T. S.,	Federalsburg, Md.		.....	230	*		*
1924	16	James, Oden E.,	W.A.Wise, Trustee,	Wilmington, Del.	.....	368	272		272
1916	30	Koons, W. G.,	Rising Sun, Md.		.....	690	510	55	565
1924	53	Layfield, J. W.,	Greenwood, Del.		.....	1219	901		901
1919	40	Lindale, J. M.,	Chestertown, Md., R. D.		.....	920	680		680
1922	20	Matthews, W. E.,	Smyrna, Del.		.....	460	340	435	775
1924	16	Martin, O. L.,	Salisbury, Md.		.....	368	272		272
1921	23	Moore, F. X.,	New Freedom, Pa.		.....	529	391		391
1919	47	Otis, J. P.,	Marshallton, Del., Cedars R. D.		.....	1081	799		799
1921	40	Pilchard, S. N.,	Hillsboro, Md.		.....	920	680		680
1917	35	Prettyman, A. P.,	Galena, Md.		.....	805	595		595
1916	48	Prettyman, C. W.,	Carlisle, Pa.		.....	1104	816		816
1913	26	Prouse, J. T.,	Edgemoor, Del.		.....	598	442	200	642
1922	52	Reed, G. E.,	2139 North 2nd St.,	Harrisburg, Pa.	.....	1196	**		450
1919	34	Reese, J. D.,	Bozman, Md.		.....	782	578		578
1912	38	Roe, Robert,	Trappe, Md.		.....	874	646		646
1917	38	Smith, Alfred,	Camden, Del.		.....	874	646		646
1922	31	Smith, G. P.,	Dover, Del.		.....	713	527		527
1924	35	Smoot, T. C.,	Denton, Md.		.....	805	595	15	610
1922	33	Stallings, G. W.,	Lovettsville, Va.		.....	759	561	239	800
1915	40	Stengle, Adam,	407 W. 21st St.,	Wilmington, Del.	.....	920	680		680
1922	37	Sunfield, E. C.,	221 Midland Ave.,	Wayne, Pa.	.....	851	629	21	650
1916	39	Terry, T. E.,	Bridgeville, Del.		.....	897	663		663
1915	38	Townsend, G. W.,	Ridley Park, Pa.		.....	874	646		646
1901	24	Wallin, F. O. B.,	Venersborg, Sweden		.....	552	408		408
1906	21	Walton, O. S.,	Red Lion, Del.		.....	483	357		357
1924	39	Watt, Robert,	18 Kingsbury St.,	Worcester, Mass.	.....	897	663		663
1914	31	Williams, C. H.,	Snow Hill, Md.		.....	713	527		527
1913	28	Willis, D. H.,	Cambridge, Md.		.....	644	476		476
*Relinquished. **Part relinquished.									
CHILDREN.									
1922	20	Compton, J. Clifford,	Blanche E. Compton, Trustee....		.....	115	85		85
1922	29	Fogle, Catherine B.,	Seaford, Del., T.N.Rawlins, Trustee		.....	167	123		123
1916	44	Murray, Edwin N.,	Pauline N. Murray, Trustee		.....	253	187		187
1913	23	Westerfield, Harry G.,	Lulu G. Westerfield, Trustee....		.....	132	98	252	350
1923	10	Williams, Bristol W.			.....	58	43		43
1923	10	Williams, Grace W.			.....	58	43		43
1923	10	Williams, Melita W.			.....	58	43		43
1923	10	Williams, Sherman	E. W. Jones, Trustee,		.....	58	43		43
1923	10	Williams, Hugh	Snow Hill, Md.		.....	58	43		43
1924	26	Ellis, Elizabeth N.,	Susan E. Ellis, Trustee		.....	120	111		111

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.		Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Fund	Amount Paid
CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.							
WIDOWS.							
1915	43	Adams, Mary R., Rehoboth Beach, Del.	\$742	\$548	\$ 52	\$600	
1903	21	Avery, Lydia M., 502 N. Alexandria, Los Angeles, Cal.	362	268		268	
1881	8	Bain, Sarah B., 709 6th Ave., Juniata, Pa.	138	102	248	350	
1909	40	Bolton, Mary J., 460 Humphrey St., New Haven, Conn.	690	510		510	
1903	9	Bovie, Selma C., 37 Red Road, Chatham, N. J.	155	115	135	250	
1895	4	Brindle, Ellen M., Greensboro, Md., W.O.Bennett, Trus.	69	51	194	245	
1915	30	Burke, Laura F., 818 Jefferson St., Wilmington, Del.	518	383		383	
1918	31	Burke, Margaret, Newport, Del.	535	395		395	
1924	30	Burr, Ella E., Nassau Pl., Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.	518	383	112	495	
1909	31	Chandler, Mary E., Crumpton, Md.	535	395	90	485	
1890	8	Chatham, Anna D., Smyrna, Del., J.J.Bunting, Trustee	138	102	298	400	
1922	5	Cochran, Nora B., 509 Bellevue Ave., Hammonton, N. J.	86	64		64	
1922	6	Compton, Blanche E., 6016 Master St., Philadelphia, Pa.	104	77	623	700	
1922	38	Conoway, Harriet E., Geo. White Dawson, Trustee, Georgetown, Del.	656	485		485	
1924	25	Ellis, Susan E., Millsboro, Del.	431	319	313	632	
1922	23	Fogle, Nellie M., Seaford, Del.	397	293	102	395	
1891	17	Foreman, Mary E., 614 W. 20th St., Wilmington, Del.	293	217	83	300	
1914	39	Fosnacht, Bessie B., 67 Putnam Ave., Whitneyville, New Haven, Conn.	673	497		497	
1891	20	Gardner, Louisa A., J.J.Bunting, Trustee, Smyrna, Del.	345	255	235	490	
1906	16	Graham, Anna A., Clayton, Del.	276	204	96	300	
1893	25	Gregg, G. Anna, Kenton, Del.	431	319		319	
1908	27	Grise, Mary E., Pocomoke City, Md.	466	344		344	
1921	25	Hurst, Frances P., 1329 Washington St., Wilm., Del.	431	319		319	
1919	33	Jaggard, Annie M., Millsboro, Del.	569	421		421	
1924	12	Jester, Georgie, 1617 West 4th St., Wilmington, Del.	207	153	147	300	
1919	17	Kenney, Mary J., Selbyville, Del.	293	217	78	295	
1917	9	Lewis, H. Bertrude, Laurel, Del.	155	115	185	300	
1917	23	Martindale, Sallie W., Salisbury, Md.	397	293		293	
1920	31	Mitchell, Jennie S., Ridgely, Md.	535	395		395	
1917	24	Morgan, Minnie S., 1312 Washington St., Wilm., Del.	414	306		306	
1916	10	Murray, Pauline N., 1103 Jefferson St., Wilm., Del.	173	128		128	
1921	38	Neese, Elizabeth F., 221 Geddes St., Wilmington, Del.	656	485		485	
1909	35	Nelson, Evelyn, 1103 Jefferson St., Wilmington, Del.	604	446		446	
1924	27	Northrup, Lelia M., 2802 Washington St., Wilm., Del.	466	344		344	
1917	33	O'Brien, M. Cornelia, Dover, Del.	569	421		421	
1887	21	O'Neill, Mary A., 234 N. Carey St., Baltimore, Md.	362	268		268	
1918	7	Poole, Maria O., 1540 N. 60th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	121	89	111	200	
1882	6	Prettyman, Emma, Salisbury, Md.	104	77	218	295	
1921	24	Quigg, Carrie V., 28 Wyoming Ave., Haverford, Pa.	414	306		306	
1919	29	Roberts, Mary B., 143 W. Cedar Ave., Merchantville, N. J.	500	370		370	
1893	14	Robinson, Martha R., Perryman, Md.	242	179	131	310	
1884	15	Shilling, Emma F., The Marion, Wilmington, Del.	259	191	69	260	
1905	12	Sidell, Sarah D., 5434 Ella St., Olney, Phila., Pa.	207	153	137	290	
1901	12	Swain, Martha H., Dover, Del.	207	153	127	280	
1914	9	Talley, Elva, Edgemoor, Del.	155	115	190	305	
1906	30	Todd, Alice C., Elkton, Md.	518	383		383	
1924	24	Tomkinson, Julia E., 503 West 19th St., Wilm., Del.	414	306		306	
1922	17	Webster, Sallie V., Denton, Md.	293	217		217	
1918	21	Westerfield, Lulu V. G., Port Deposit, Md.	362	268	157	425	
1878	12	Weston, Laura E., 2315 Ridgway Road, Wilm., Del.	207	153	87	240	
1924	18	White, Belle V., Salisbury, Md.	311	230	139	369	
1913	43	White, Elnora, Millington, Md.	742	548	12	560	
1923	10	Williams, Laura M., Hatteras, North Carolina	173	128	437	565	
1923	19	Williams, Katie, Georgetown, Del.	328	242		242	
1920	31	Wyatt, Elmira P., Laurel, Del.	585	395		395	

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

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Board of Sunday Schools presents the following report:

Another year of foundation work in the very important field which this Board represents is closing. Not all that could have been desired has been accomplished but the way has been blazed for work which must count in large terms for the Kingdom of God in the years ahead.

Though we must change leaders, this work must go on. In this particular our purpose is not weaker but stronger. The demand for religious education, broadcast from a multitude of souls eager for the coming of our Lord's reign in righteousness, pulses in the religious thought of the day. Better Sunday Schools is the demand of the hour. And better Sunday Schools will come when we have better teaching therein; and better teaching will be had as the fruit of correspondence courses, teacher training

classes and teacher training schools. But successful Sunday School work depends quite as much upon the trained leadership of the Superintendent as upon the ability of the teacher. And the importance of the work to the cause we all love demands the most careful and thorough preparation and the most complete consecration on the part of all persons who engage in it.

The report of your Director of Religious Education will indicate what has been done within our Conference territory during the past year to reach these objectives. Through cooperation with the General Board of Sunday Schools as represented by Dr. M. J. Trennery, Superintendent of the Department of Extension, your Board is planning for advance work during the coming year.

It is important that we remember the impossibility of any Director of Religious Education who may be assigned to this task among us to be in more than one place at the same time, or to cover our Conference territory effectively in a few months. Brother Nichols has prosecuted his task with commendable diligence but has been unable to reach many schools eagerly desiring his presence. Here we find ourselves up against a condition requiring patience on the part of those who must wait. The Director will be at work all the time somewhere within our territory. Support him for the constructive work he is doing whether within your charge or another. Tomorrow he will be with you. But let us not forget that continued success in our Sunday School work, following the visit of the Director of Religious Education, depends upon the fidelity and skill of the local Sunday School Board. Theirs is the task of conserving and increasing the enthusiasm gained and of prosecuting the work on the new lines and higher levels.

The Board asks for the appointment of a Director of Religious Education and the apportionment of \$2500.00 for the work on the same basis as last year.

F. C. MAC SORLEY, President.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

A complete report of the activities of the Director of Religious Education would take more time than can be allowed by this Conference, crowded to the full in every passing hour. There will be need to read much between the lines of this statement,—stories of fascinating and inspiring victories, experiences of discouragement and hopes deferred.

Most people think that it takes a year or more for a pastor and his church to know each other. How long it may require for a Conference to become familiar with a new life and movement, loosely called Religious Education, and how long a Director with an area embracing an entire conference may, in adequate fashion, become possessed of a first hand and a fairly comprehensive knowledge of his field, who is there that can say? I do not hesitate to report to you that a fair beginning has been made in a

year and a half. I can sincerely say, that every moment has been occupied by me in learning the conditions, needs and possibilities of the Sunday Schools of our Conference.

The activities of the year may be classified into three general forms of promotion: namely, first, the endeavors to improve the local Sunday Schools of the Conference into more efficient and better qualified schools; second, to prepare the leadership for the needs of today and tomorrow; third, to win life to Jesus Christ.

1. Promotion of Local Sunday Schools.

To list the names of the seventy-five Sunday Schools which have been visited during the Conference year would require more space than can be given to the report. Out of that number there have been brought modernized methods in twenty-eight schools; 17 new departments have been organized; 141 classes of graded lessons been started; and twenty-six young people's and adult classes organized. Besides the activities which center in the Church Schools on the Sabbath day, Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Week Day Schools of Religious Education have been promoted.

2. Training for Leadership.

Especially gratifying has been the response to the appeal made to the workers and young people of our Conference for a better preparation for the high privilege of teaching. Thrilling stories are behind many of the following figures:—Local teacher training classes formed, 19, with a membership of 211; 8 students in the Dickinson Summer School of Religious Education; 2 Standard Training Schools with an enrollment of 116, with 72 receiving certificates of credits toward a Teacher Training diploma.

The subject of Standard Training Schools deserves special mention. The director of Religious Education of the Conference promoted schools in Wilmington and Seaford, the former held the last week in February; the latter, the first week in March. The Standard Training Schools were organized with the expectation of becoming permanent institutions, offering not less than four courses at each annual session. The Board of Sunday Schools supported these schools with fullest cooperation; in the case of the Wilmington School supplying the entire faculty, and in the Seaford School giving official approval of the faculty selected. Wilmington had an enrollment of 88; Seaford, of 28. It is the hope of this Director that the Conference territory be dotted with a large number of such schools.

3. Evangelism.

There are those who deplore the loss of the class meeting. Any aid to the religious life which may have gone with it is greatly to be deplored. But beside this should be set the wonderful gains that have been made in other ways. Imagine the astonishment of the good men and women of fifty years ago were they to come into a typical church today, with its better Sunday School, Departments for all ages, Mission and Bible Study

classes, Epworth and Junior Leagues, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, organized classes,—with its Centenary encircling the world. In a word, a church ministering to the whole life with its recreational, educational, social and spiritual activities. Almost none of these existed at all in their day. Our Lord is entering into life more fully now than into any preceding age.

The truest evangelism cannot be tabulated in figures. If it is in its more perfect form the bringing of all life obedient to the purposes of Jesus Christ for that life, figures cannot tell the story of the year's evangelism at all. But, happily, there are some facts upon which we can fasten and for which we can rejoice. There have been 15 decisions for Christ made during the year, 91 family altars have been erected, 12 full time and 44 part time life-service pledges given.

The Future.

Youth is looking toward the Church of Christ with expectant faces,—many more of them than we often realize. Those that are not so looking, it is a tragedy to consider. These young people are asking of us wisdom, culture, power, ideals, faith. They may be expressing their desires vaguely, not always in precise words. None of us but have been made to feel their appeal even though it is often voiceless.

What discovery are they making? Do they find that we have nothing, sometimes less than nothing, to give? Is our answer to that call just a helpless gesture, a haphazard, sketchy condescending attention for an ephemeral, weekly half hour? Do the boys and girls from a growingly, efficient and equipped public school system see our casual and nerveless motions in religious teaching and conclude that there is nothing for them in the Sunday Schools? Even if God's mercy will sometime doubtless forgive us, we, at least, ought never to cease reproach of self until, by every effort and at every cost, we shall have done what we could for adequate religious education which the Board of Sunday Schools of our Church has so splendidly builded and is promoting.

And what discovery is youth looking toward the Wilmington Conference, making? Do our boys and girls find that we do have that to give them which is better than silver and gold. I think that it thrills us when we stop to realize that the Wilmington Conference, headed by its Bishop, down through to every last member of us, has that to give which fully answers all this need. We do have knowledge and loyalty and faith and love to give.

RANSOM P. NICHOLS.

WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

We are perhaps stating an age-old fact when we declare the problem of the city is the problem of the nation. Not only do gather here the vast multitudes from distant lands, who have come to us with but slight concep-

tion of the spirit and genius of our government, but these settle among a type of people who poorly represent our civilization, socially, economically or morally. And in neither case is one a help to the other, but both alike need a helping, guiding hand to lead them into the more excellent way.

For just such a mission the City Missionary and Church Extension Society was born and to its task it is diligently applying itself. Your Secretary has sought to make the most of altogether inadequate means and facilities. If we should gaze only on the yet untouched multitude, our hearts would grow sick. But a bit of attention to some of the things to which we have laid our hands should encourage us to go forward in a task that is almost appalling in its proportions.

The year began with several serious handicaps. The Home Board had already made a cut of nearly 50 per cent., imposing a loss of the entire amount for the Goodwill Industries and \$750 to our Society.

A glance at the minutes for 1923 discloses the fact of a decrease in the collection for City Missions of \$1115. To give the exact loss, to this should be added \$425, which went to the Episcopal Residence, making a real loss to our Society from the Conference collections of \$1540. If we add to this the cut from the Home Board of \$750, it is seen that we faced a deficit in our treasury, as compared with last year, of \$2290.

Since Conference, the sale of the Italian Church has been consummated; likewise the home at 215 West 29th Street, formerly used by the Secretary, has been sold. \$6,000 of the receipts have been invested in U. S. Treasury notes bearing 4½ per cent. interest.

The strictest economy has been practiced. We knew no obligation dare be incurred without funds to discharge it. An effort has been made to avoid asking churches for apportioned amounts in advance. The treasurer reports a balance of \$187. But this could not have been done but for the sale of a lot taken in exchange when the Italian Church was sold and the use of small balances from the sales of other properties after the investment of \$6,000.

These financial losses imposed an immediate retrenchment and more concentration on specifically mission work in the city. The directors of the Society are of the same mind as your Secretary, that Asbury Church should become a great city missionary center, radiating to such mission churches as Kingswood, Wesley and Browntown. This is all the more apparent and essential because of the close proximity of the Goodwill Industries and the fact of our common interest.

Miss Emma Campbell, our mission worker at Kingswood, has been ill during part of the year and the usual amount of work has not been accomplished here. The Daily Vacation Bible School was not undertaken at all. But Miss Campbell's health has returned, and her kindergarten and mission work are meeting a hearty response.

The Society gave assistance to a Daily Vacation Bible School at Marshallton where splendid work was done with an enrollment of 45. Brother Willis, the Pastor, was the inspiration of this school.

Early in the year it was deemed wise to study more carefully the As-

bury field. By direction of the Society, the Secretary had a survey made. The impression prevailed that the encroachment of Roman Catholics and foreigners limited the field here and threatened the early death of the Mother of Methodism in Wilmington. That part of the city south of Sixth Street and east of Market Street was surveyed. Over 1,000 calls were made. The marvelous disclosure to us was that instead of finding practically all Roman Catholics and foreigners, we found that nearly 50 per cent. of the total was Protestant and American. Church goers? No! Sympathetic with the church? Hardly! Hostile? For the most part, no! But alas, indifferent not only to the church but to almost every higher aspiration that ought to characterize a free people in a Christian civilization. And if this condition is ever changed it must be done by the Church of Christ and those of kindred spirit.

At Asbury is gathered every morning a group of children out of these homes for kindergarten work under the missionary here, Miss L. Pearl Lynam. This school has an enrollment of 40. Then, on Sunday afternoons at the regular hour of Sunday school, this same devoted worker teaches a class of foreign children, ranging in age from 4 to 13 years. This class has an enrollment of 44 composed of Italians, Jews, Greeks and Polish. During July a most successful Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted with an enrollment of 55, composed of Americans, Greeks, Jews, Italians and Polish people.

Under the auspices of your society there has been opened at Asbury Church a free clinic with an osteopath physician, Dr. Roger M. Gregory, in charge. This immediately met with success and will supply a deep need of this people. The clinic is open every Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Since we opened last October there have been given 156 treatments.

For a number of years we have had an interesting work at Sixth Avenue known as Sixth Avenue Mission. Miss Lillian B. Carter, a member of Wesley Church, has been in charge. One year ago last September this work was abandoned and an effort made to transfer the activities to Wesley Church. Upon taking up this work in April your Secretary asked the directors of the Society for a committee to investigate the facts and report on the advisability of reopening the work. After carefully looking into the matter the committee found the work was not being done at Wesley Church and that the fruit of many years of hard toil was being lost, and advised the immediate opening of the Mission. This was done in July with the opening of a Daily Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 49, and one quarter of these were foreigners. The people hailed with delight the opening of the Sunday school and have responded with an enrollment of 65. The kindergarten work was resumed in the Fall and a most successful class organized, meeting every morning with an enrollment of 45. This group of workers, led by their optimistic missionary, Miss Carter, scenting the future, viz., some kind of an adequate building for their work, have begun to assemble a building fund, and out of their modest means have in bank \$80 as the beginning of God only knows what, for where faith and service combine, who can forecast the result? And in addition

to all this, and chiefest of all, is this: 15 children in this Mission have been led to Christ and have been received by the pastor of Wesley Church into preparatory membership, and, most appropriately, assigned to their mission teacher for religious instruction.

One of the happy features of our work was manifested at Christmas. An appeal was made to the various Epworth Leagues of the city for filled stockings to be given to the less fortunate children of our mission fields. The response was wonderful. Stockings came in by auto loads and every one spoke a message of good cheer to some young heart as our workers gave them out in the name of the Christ.

Wesley Church is located in a mission field. The agitation about selling it has grown out of the conviction that it no longer had a field for service. The situation gave the local brethren much concern and their concern was shared fully by the City Missionary Society. After much patient consideration, the Society felt it would be exceedingly unwise to abandon the field until we had accurate information concerning it. Therefore, your Secretary was advised to have a survey made. This was done. 2200 calls were made with this disclosure: Approximately 1500 families of the 2200 are Catholics or Jews. This leaves about 700 families who are Protestants. Of these about 300 families are identified with or prefer some other Protestant church than Methodist. This leaves 400 families who naturally would constitute our task there. Of these about 100 families claim interest in 12 Methodist churches other than Wesley. This leaves approximately 300 families after every possible deduction is made that would seem the perfectly clear obligation of Wesley Church. All this without a word as to our responsibility to foreigners in that community. Brethren, certainly it is no time to quit such a field. We can afford to adjust our program to the changing community but we cannot afford to forsake a task so clearly belonging to us. I know the Broome Street elevation is inviting, and I believe Methodism ought to immediately acquire a site in that community. But even a new church on Broome Street would not remove or solve the problem in the Wesley region. I am persuaded that the imperative next step is to furnish your Society with adequate means and authority to get behind the essential program for that needy field.

Now, my brethren of the Conference, this Society is your child, and I am your servant. Out of your sympathy, your prayers and your generous support must issue our very life. It seems to me to send our soldiers to meet a strong foe and achieve a great end, poorly equipped, and without sufficient backing from the country which bade them go, is not less cruel than to send your messengers with glad tidings to those who need it much, and send them without ample backing to accomplish the task. Those who live down the street a way, I think, are just as dear to God as those who live down the streets of Cairo or Peking. Others will appeal for still other fields, but I plead for the stranger in our midst. Give our people a knowledge of the need, and as ever they do, when they see it, they will relieve that need.

G. T. ALDERSON.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES.

In the work of the Goodwill Industries, we are glad to report a gain over last year in all departments. More folks are awake to the idea of our motive for such a branch in our Home Mission work. We have gone into more than six thousand homes and transferred twenty thousand articles from these homes, not in need, to ten thousand and ninety persons who were in need. In doing this we have furnished three thousand and seven hundred days labor at an average of two dollars per day to opportunity labor; always trying to make this a point of contact for a better life. Filled bags from all over the Conference territory are coming to us to help in this work, even as far away as Smith's Island.

Our auditor's report for 1923 shows store sales	\$10,425.22
Membership fees and donations	2,265.15
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Total receipts	\$12,690.37
Disbursements	\$12,394.57
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Balance	\$ 295.80

We expect to put our Goodwill Woman's Home in operation at a very early date.

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 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.

**CONFERENCE STUDIES.
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., July 28-Aug. 5, 1924.

Schedule for the Ocean Grove Summer School.

First Year —New Testament History	J. L. Johnson
The Making of the Sermon	V. E. Hills
Human Behaviour	Frank Herson
Second Year —Dictionary of the Bible	W. O. Bennett
The Bible in the Making	W. O. Bennett
History of the Christian Church	J. A. Leach
The Christian Pastor	E. W. Jones
Third Year —Beacon Lights of Prophecy	Tilghman Smith
Foundations of Christian Belief	W. H. Briggs
Neely's Parliamentary Practice	J. J. Bunting
Fourth Year —Paul and His Epistles	J. L. Johnson
System of Christian Doctrine	J. L. Sparklin
The Book of Isaiah (Vol. I-II)	E. W. Jones

All written work on the above books must be in the hands of the appropriate examiner, on or before July 15th. No man will be given credit for any work done at Ocean Grove unless this rule be fully complied with. Examinations to be held at the seat of the Conference, 1925.

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 Perfection M. 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 Sermon V. 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.

(Persons desiring to be admitted on Trial at the next session of the Conference, may attend the Ocean Grove Summer School and take the following books,—“Doctrines and Discipline,” and “The Life of John Wesley,” provided however that they shall attend the Summer School at no expense to the Conference.)

First Year —Evangelism	Leonard White
The Art of Writing English	T. F. Beauchamp
Second Year —The Pupil and the Teacher	R. P. Nichols
The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice....	R. P. Nichols
Third Year —The Religions of Mankind	J. L. Sparklin
Introduction to the Study of Sociology	E. C. Hallman
Fourth Year —Five Great Philosophies of Life.....	J. W. Prettyman

The required written work (See Directions and Helps) on above studies must be handed in on or before March 5, 1925.

Schedule of Collateral Reading.

All written work on the books in the Course of Collateral Reading must be in the hands of the appropriate Examiner not later than the dates indicated below.

October 1, 1924.

First Year —The Main Points	E. C. Hallman
The Pastor Preacher	E. W. Jones
Second Year —Christian View of the Old Testament	Frank Herson
The Church in the City, or The Country Church Serving the Community	T. F. Beauchamp
Third Year —Modern Premillennialism and the Christian Hope.	J. J. Bunting
Fourth Year —Outline of Christian Theology	J. A. Leach

January 1, 1925.

First Year —Citizenship and Moral Reform	W. H. Briggs
Second Year —Wesley's Sermons (Vol. II)	M. D. Nutter
History of Methodism (Vol. I)	Tilghman Smith
Third Year —The Church and Industrial Reconstruction.....	E. W. Jones
The Life of Phillips Brooks	Leonard White
Fourth Year —Missionary Morale	W. O. Bennett

February 15, 1925.

- First Year—Wesley Sermons (Vol. I) M. D. Nutter
 Life of Asbury Frank Herson
 Homiletical Works (See Directions and Helps) J. W. Prettyman
- Second Year—How to Teach Religion J. A. Leach
 Life of Luther J. J. Bunting
 Homiletical Works (See Directions and Helps) Tilghman Smith
- Third Year—Studies in Christianity E. C. Hallman
 History of Methodism (Vol. II) Tilghman Smith
 Methodist Review J. L. Sparklin
 Homiletical Works (See Directions and Helps) V. E. Hills
- Fourth Year—History of Methodism (Vol. III) Tilghman Smith
 Good Ministers of Jesus Christ R. P. Nichols
 Methodist Review J. L. Sparklin
 Homiletical Works (See Directions and Helps) J. J. Bunting

Candidates for Local Deacon's Orders.

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. C. Hallman
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

Candidates for Local Elder's Orders.

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

LOCAL PREACHERS.

"Local Preachers who are supplies and who are giving their full time to Pastoral work under the District Superintendent shall be required to take the Local Preachers' Course of Study year by year, to all men under forty years of age and likewise to all Local Preachers who shall be newly appointed beginning with the fall of 1920." Discipline (1920), paragraph 625, section 7.

First Year.

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

Second Year.

1. Life of Christ, (Stalker) R. P. Nichols
2. History of American Methodism, (Stevens) E. C. Hallman
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, (Moncrief) J. A. Leach
3. The Church and Industrial Reconstruction, (Committee on the War and the Religious Outlook) E. W. Jones

Fourth Year.

1. The Religions of Mankind, (Soper) J. L. Sparklin
2. The Way to Win, (Fisher) J. A. Leach
3. The Prophets in the Light of Today, (Hill) Leonard White

In accordance with the action taken by the Board of Examiners in their Annual meeting, March 26, 1924, at Wilmington, Del., the Registrar will arrange to give to all Local Preachers desiring to take examinations, on October 7, 1924, on the books below, provided, that those who desire to take such examinations, will so notify the Registrar on or before Sept. 15, 1924. Examinations will not be arranged for on other dates nor on other books.

For Local Deacon's Orders.

1. Christianity in Doctrine and Experience E. C. Hallman
2. The Bible and Life J. J. Bunting

For Local Elder's Orders.

1. Paul and His Epistles J. L. Johnson
2. Francis Asbury Frank Herson

Local Preachers.

- First Year—Discipline W. H. Briggs
 Second Year—Life of Christ R. P. Nichols
 Third Year—Life of St. Paul J. L. Johnson
 Fourth Year—The Religions of Mankind J. L. Sparklin

E. W. McDOWELL, Registrar,
 Middletown, Del.

T. F. BEAUCHAMP, Chairman,
 Selbyville, Del.

XII.

MEMOIRS.

WARREN BURR.

Rev. Warren Burr was born in New York State at Lloyd's Neck on Long Island, July 15, 1851, and died at Hempstead, Long Island, February 12, 1924. While yet only a lad he went to Brooklyn and learned the stair building trade. This knowledge was to serve him in good stead in his real life work—that of the ministry.

On May 2, 1872, Brother Burr was happily married to Miss Ella E. Callahan of Brooklyn, New York. Three children were born to them, two of whom and his wife survive him.

He entered the ministry in 1888 and faithfully served the following charges: Klej Grange, Girdletree, St. Peters, Kingswood, Cape Charles, Rock Hall, North East, Greensboro, Townsend, Harrington, Port Deposit. From 1903 to 1907 Brother Burr held the supernumerary relation because of ill health. At Port Deposit his health broke and he was unable to attend the session of the Annual Conference in 1922, but requested, through his District Superintendent, the Retired relation. For a man who loved work, as he did, this was a sore trial. After retirement he moved to Hempstead, Long Island, and sought to recover his health by treatment in the Brooklyn Hospital. But the Chief Shepherd had another plan. Sometimes hope seemed to loom bright and he longed to be back in the work. But the hope soon vanished and the toiler knew his work was done. For the last two weeks the workman was laid low by pneumonia. He was weary with his suffering and not only was he ready but willing to go that he might have "rest." On the morning of February 12th God's grim messenger came and notified him he was wanted in another world where they never say, "I am sick." So, while it was yet dark, day broke—eternal day, and the servant was with his Lord.

There were many things in which Brother Burr excelled. It is not trite to say of him he was a devoted husband and father. He was no ordinary architect and his art is manifest in numerous church and parsonage buildings. He possessed a consuming zeal for the Master's kingdom and counted not his life dear unto him when trying to establish his Lord's reign. He had a passion for souls and at times seemed to possess something of the Christ Spirit when he went all the way to Calvary that he might achieve the purpose of his coming. He knew how to be patient in tribulation and be a Christian gentleman when sore disappointments became his heritage. Brother Burr was a faithful dispenser of the word and a workman needing not to be ashamed. God gave him souls for his hire for he would not consent to anything else.

When he laid down to rest for the last time they brought his body to North East, Maryland, for burial. Brother D. J. Given, the pastor, was in charge of the services, assisted by the District Superintendent, Dr. J. W. Colona; the writer, his friend and classmate, making the address. As we laid him to rest, we, who knew him best, with inaudible voice were saying: "Servant of God, well done," while the Bishop and Shepherd of his soul was saying: "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

G. T. ALDERSON.

GEORGE R. ELLIS.

When one year ago the Conference Roll was called, and the name of George R. Ellis was announced, Brother Ellis, in a clear strong voice, answered, "Here." Today we sit in the shadows, and when the name of this good man is heard there is no response. He has answered the higher summons and passed into "The General Assembly and Church of the first-born whose names are written in Heaven."

Rev. George R. Ellis, the subject of this memoir, was born near Seaford, Del., June 30, 1862. His parents were Elijah J. and Lily Newton Ellis. They were devoted Methodists of the humbler, planer type, which characteristics found fertile soil for growth and development in the religious habits and convictions of their son.

Brother Ellis received his early education in the public schools of his native county and later became a teacher in the same. As a teacher he was declared to be a success and no doubt gave to many of the youth who came under his instruction their first impulse for higher and better things.

In the Fall of his nineteenth year, at Woodland Church, near his birthplace, he was converted and surrendered his heart and life to Jesus Christ. A few years later he heard the mysterious but unmistakable call to the Christian ministry and again, "He was not disobedient to the Heavenly vision," but yielded himself to devote the remainder of his life to this holy calling. That he might better fit himself for the work of the ministry, he gave up a successful career as a public school teacher and entered what was then known as the Wilmington Conference Academy at Dover, Del. After completing his course at the Academy he entered Drew Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in due time. The Spring of 1898 found him knocking for admission at the doors of the Wilmington Conference, which were gladly opened to receive him. Thus began the holy ministry of this good man of God, which was to scatter its beneficent influence over many fields and serve the Church and her Lord through a busy life.

His pastorates were as follows:—Whorton, 1898; Kenton, 1899-1902; Ridgely, 1903-1905; Hurlock, 1906-1907; Nassau, 1908; Rehoboth, 1909-1910; Kingswood, Wilmington, 1911; Millsboro, 1912-1916; Magnolia, 1917-1921; Millsboro, to which he was assigned for the second time in 1922, was his final charge. Here in the bosom of a loyal and devoted people, he laid down his working tools and yielded up his well kept commission to the Great Architect of the Universe.

Brother Ellis was married on May 4, 1899, to Miss Susan Elizabeth Matthews, of Kent County, Maryland. No minister ever had more devoted or truer companionship than she gave to him. She walked beside him in beautiful helpfulness through the years of sunshine and shadow, of joy and sorrow. Three children were given to them—Robert, Ira and Elizabeth. The older son, Robert, slipped out into the great unknown a year previous to the father's going, as it would seem, to make ready for the crowning of the father. The other two children together with the mother linger behind, consoled by the treasure of hallowed memories.

Rev. George R. Ellis will be remembered as a true, quiet, modest, optimistic man. The people to whom he ministered could count him as one of them. He had the "Art of being kind," and moved among his congregations with glad helpfulness and they learned to love him and welcomed him into their homes. He enjoyed life and loved his work. He was a "Good Minister of Jesus Christ."

His piety was that born of a genuine christian experience. To him the witness of the Spirit and justifying faith were real verities. He knew whom he believed and had persuasions from which he could not be moved. To him the Bible was the Word of God; Jesus Christ, the Son of God; and there was "None other name given under Heaven and among men whereby we might be saved." Thank God for men like Brother Ellis. This old world is hungry for such as he was.

His preaching had the quality of his life. It was strong, joyful, optimistic, confident. He loved to preach the "Unsearchable riches" of a saving Gospel. There was no uncertain note in his messages. He was not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and thoroughly believed it to be the power of God unto salvation. His ministry was blessed with frequent revivals and he was never happier than when he could point men to "The Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

While serving Magnolia charge there came the first indication of a real break in the hitherto robust and vigorous health of this good man. A brief period of treatment and rest at the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, brought relief for a while. But in the Summer of the second year of his second pastorate at Millsboro his body, once strong and robust, again succumbed to disease. He lingered through the Summer and Fall, suffering at times much physical pain and discomfort. But through it all his faith never wavered. His greatest ambition was to get well that he might continue to preach Christ and Him crucified. Although life to him was sweet and the work of the ministry glorious, yet he bravely faced the mystery beyond the Great Divide and neither murmured nor complained. In the early morning of December 1, 1923, his body tired and worn with disease, but his spirit still buoyant, he fell to rest and sailed away on,

"Such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home."

Impressive funeral services were held in the church at Millsboro the following Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Walter E. Gunby, his District Superintendent, assisted by several of his brother ministers. From Millsboro the body was borne to Barrett's Chapel, where a brief service was held, and then laid to rest by gentle hands in the adjoining burial ground, there to wait the promised time, "When the day shall break and the shadows flee away."

"Jesus while our hearts are bleeding,
O'er the spoils that death has won,
We would at this solemn meeting
Calmly say 'Thy will be done.'

By thy hands the boon was given,
Thou hast taken but thine own;
Lord of earth and God of heaven,
Evermore, thy will be done."

J. L. SPARKLIN.

BENJAMIN F. JESTER.

The subject of this memoir, Rev. Benjamin Franklin Jester, was born in Milford Neck, Kent County, Delaware, July 13th, 1857. His parents, Joseph and Ann Jester, were plain unassuming Methodist folk, and under those environments he grew to manhood. While quite young he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and immediately became interested in the work of his Master, and his gifts and graces developed rapidly. He was educated in the County schools and applied himself diligently to the study of God's Word.

On April 29, 1876, he married Miss Georgie Anna Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Young of Milford Neck, and of this union six children were born, three of whom are still living.

Soon after brother and sister Jester were married he felt the call of the Lord into His ministry. He attended Western Maryland College for a time, making what preparation he could, and in the Spring of 1886, he began his active ministry in the Methodist Protestant Church at Lynchburg, Va., continuing in that ministry till he came to our Conference in 1902, being stationed at Bozman, Md. Since that time he has served the following appointments:—1903-04, Crapo, Md.; 1905, Philadelphia Conference; 1906-07, Armory, Dover; 1908, Trinity, Wilmington; 1909, Wyoming Conference; 1910-13, he took a Supernumerary relation; 1914, Charlestown; 1915, Burrsville; 1916, Assistant at Union Church, Wilmington. Because of a serious accident which occurred while he was Pastor of Armory Church, Dover, which grew worse as he advanced in years, he was unable to carry the burdens of a pastorate longer, and was obliged to take Retired relations. But a man with such energy as he possessed could not re-

main idle. He immediately sought employment in the insurance business, and on Sundays did very effective and acceptable work. He held his Quarterly Conference relations in this church, and his presence and prayers were a benediction to our people.

On the afternoon of July 13, 1923, while his family were preparing a surprise for him, that being his sixty-sixth anniversary of his birth, he was struck by an automobile at Fourth and French Streets, this city, and was taken to the Delaware Hospital, but lived only a couple of hours.

His funeral service was held in this church on the afternoon of July 16th, in charge of the writer, assisted by Brothers G. T. Alderson, V. E. Hills, and L. B. Smith, and his body was laid to rest in Mt. Salem Cemetery.

Brother Jester was a tireless worker, an earnest preacher and a faithful pastor, whose supreme aim was to win souls for Christ.

"He sees when their footsteps falter,
When their hearts grow weak and faint,
He marks when their strength is failing
And listens to each complaint.

He bids them rest for a season,
For the pathway has grown too steep,
And folded in fair green pastures,
He giveth His loved ones sleep.

Like weary and wornout children,
That sigh for the daylight's close;
He knows that they oft are longing
For home and its sweet repose.

So He calls them in from their labors
Ere the shadows around them creep;
And silently watching o'er them,
He giveth His loved ones sleep."

W. E. HABBART.

VAN P. NORTHRUP.

I seem today like one in a dream. It is difficult to persuade myself that the stalwart, rugged friend of a score of years is missing. Van Pierce Northrup dead! A form that radiated vitality, so abounding in strength that he feared to test it! But it is not a dream! We look in vain for the familiar face of our brother beloved!

Brother Northrup was born in Michigan, December 25th, 1868, and closed his earthly career in a hospital in Baltimore, whither he had gone cherishing the hope of restoration to health.

His parents, Clarence L. and Katie Northrup, moved to Hurlock, Mary-

land, in 1885. His father was a useful, honored Local Minister and his mother was a devout and consecrated servant of Jesus Christ. It was not strange then, that at the age of 18, at a camp meeting conducted by the Rev. George F. Hopkins, the son of godly parents surrendered his life to the Master and early after his conversion gave himself to the Christian Ministry.

The estimate he placed upon the ministry will be seen in the thorough preparation he made for that exalted calling. He graduated from the Wilmington Conference Academy and later from Dickinson College and in each case with high honors. In 1912 he received the honorary title of Doctor of Divinity from St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland.

Like hosts of others who yielded their life to the ministry, Brother Northrup met the major portion of his school expenses by diligent, faithful toil. This enriched and broadened his sympathies and was a vital factor in what was destined to be a helpful and blessedly successful ministry.

He was received on trial in the Wilmington Conference at its session held in Grace Church, Wilmington, 1892. He took premier rank in his class and was ordained Deacon by Bishop Edward G. Andrews, and Elder in 1896 by Bishop Henry White Warren.

A glance at the Conference Pastoral Record will show that our brother served the following charges:—Quindocqua, Bishopville, St. Johns, Madeley, Delaware City, Clayton, Cookman, Rock Hall, St. Michaels, Harrington, Brandywine, Middletown and Richardson Park, where he heard the final call.

His ministry was characterized by diligent, faithful, discriminating labor, for as a "Good Minister of Jesus Christ" he did nothing for show. Both the spiritual and material interests of the churches he served were cared for with conscientious devotion. In all the charges he served churches and parsonages were built and improved and a multitude of souls brought into the kingdom. At Madeley 200 souls were added to the church. His ministry was distinctly evangelistic.

He was honored by his brethren with positions of trust. Twice President of the Wilmington Preachers' Association; for four years President of the District Epworth League; and for nearly a quarter of a century Registrar of the Board of Examiners. More than one Bishop publicly commended the care and ability displayed by our brother in this responsible position.

As a man, he stood "four square to every wind that blew." Above the petty vice of egotism and littleness, with a high ethical sense, tolerant of weakness but inflexible where principle was at stake. Was the thing right? That to him was the controversy. Without regard to personal inconvenience or loss he went straight ahead. As intimate friend it was my privilege to be associated with him officially, when he was subjected to the severest tests that can come to a minister of the good pleasure of God. Right nobly did he stand the test. There was neither complaint or bitterness, and not for one moment did he permit himself to impugn the motives involved. What a man he was!

Yet intermingled with rugged strength was the tender heart of a real brother. Not alone in the charges he served could a multitude testify to this, but what a host of young ministers whom he touched as Registrar could tell of the helpful, sympathy shown toward them in the nerve strain attendant upon Conference examinations. Where he might have played the martinet, he choose rather to play the big brother's part. He embodied the purpose and spirit of our Course of Study without for a moment forgetting the trust committed to his hands.

As a Preacher he evidenced thoroughness in preparation, effectiveness in delivery, always recognizing the real objective of a sermon, not an opportunity to employ the tricks of oratory, or a display of learning, but in a direct and manly fashion straight to the heart of the truth so that the listening souls might see the face of Jesus Christ. He loved his Master and longed to make Him known.

As a pastor he excelled. That combination of tenderness and strength to which reference has already been made, associated with genuine common sense and manliness, gave to his pastoral qualities a sense of solidity and balance which imparted to his flock a confidence in the Gospel of comfort and cheer that steadied the doubting and discouraged, making them feel that the going was safe and the outcome sure. And this gracious virtue of his pastorate was as manifest toward child life as toward those of riper years. He was the childrens' friend, and this will account in large degree for his signal success in Junior League work to which he was genuinely devoted.

Of his great hearted brotherliness toward his associates in the Conference; of his work and worth as a member of the Wilmington Conference; of his sunny, optimistic spirit fringing many a dark cloud with crimson and gold; of his discriminating, well grounded faith in the things that make for the building of the Kingdom; of his unshaken confidence when the going was rough; of his sun clear character; of his unselfish, unfaltering friendship; of his readiness to give a lift when the load was a bit heavy for weaker shoulders, we may not speak at length for they are their own sure witnesses to his worth.

Personally, the Wilmington Conference will not seem quite the same, knowing that whenever present his dear face will be missing. Delicacy forbids the multiplying of words to describe the bonds that bound us together into a friendship that death cannot sever. There are those present who know what might be said, if words were adequate to image the truth.

Brother Northrup found in the sweetheart of his early ministry, Miss Lelia M. Townsend of Snow Hill, Maryland, a helpmate in his ministry, which gave charm and inspiration amidst its burdens and cares. Her rare devotion in the trying months when the strength of the strong man ebbed with a receding tide was as an angel of God to the patient sufferer. Our hearts go out to her in this crowning grief of her life.

Thank God for the inspiration of the life of this hero crowned. Blessed be God for the fellowship which is ours as ministers in the Kingdom and Patience of Jesus Christ. Personal ambition merged in brotherliness,

the welfare of the Kingdom FIRST, an undivided loyalty to Him, "Whose we are and Whom we serve," this is the message bequeathed to us by him whose face we shall see again, when the mists have lifted forever and the glow of a day eternal shall greet our glorified vision.

After appropriate services in Richardson Park and Snow Hill, participated in by members of the Wilmington Methodist Preachers' Association, a committee from the Association accompanying the body to its last resting place, all that was mortal of a brother beloved was laid in the bosom of mother earth, in the beautiful city of the dead, Snow Hill, Maryland. Our brother and co-worker "fought a good fight, he kept the faith," his crown is sure.

ROBERT WATT.

WILLIAM E. TOMKINSON.

A baby boy, born in the home of Joseph and Sarah Tomkinson, Sept. 21, 1837, at Canandaigua, N. Y., was given the name of William Eldridge. They must have had strong religious convictions, those Tonkinsons, and must have lived their religion in a very practical way in the home, for two of their sons became ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church of more than usual devotion, and two of their daughters became deaconesses.

Evidently, also, did they believe in "train up a child in the way he should go," for at the early age of twelve Brother Tomkinson was converted and joined the Church, and started to train for his great life work. He was educated in the public schools of Lyons, New York, and at the famous Concord Theological Institute, afterward merged with Boston University. Evidently the schools did much for him, for his keen analytical mind was trained to a degree that a logical fallacy was scarcely stated before it was discovered and exposed; and his devotion to God became the absorbing passion of his soul.

He graduated from Concord in 1865, and in 1871 was received into the New York East Conference and began the busy life of an itinerant minister.

On Dec. 23, 1874, he was married to Miss Julia Elizabeth Redford, the gifted daughter of Rev. Benjamin Redford of the New York East Conference. From this union there were born five children, two of whom are still living, viz.: Mrs. Julia A. Hill of East Orange, N. J., and Mrs. James W. Lattamus, wife of James W. Lattamus, Esq., of this city.

In 1883 Brother Tomkinson was transferred to the Wilmington Conference and stationed at Chesapeake City. The Pastoral Record of the Minutes, prepared by his own hand, gives the following items:

He was appointed to Princess Anne, Md., 1884; Charlestown, Md., 1885-6; in 1887-8 he occupied a supernumerary relation; he served at Claymont in 1890; Mt. Pleasant in 1891-3; East New Market, Md., 1894; Houston, 1895-6; 1897-8, supernumerary, and in 1899 was retired.

Though retired, he did not cease work for the Master, nor did his

faith fail nor love for God and the church wane. With an ardor for preaching that never cooled, he asked to be sent to work as a "Supply." He was ready to go anywhere, as witness his being sent to Ocvacoke, North Carolina, and serving without a murmur. Witness his being willing to go to Claremont when well past four score years and he filled out the year most helpfully and successfully. Claremont will not soon forget the ministrations of this aged saint, who literally prayed and loved his way into the hearts and homes of the people.

About twelve years ago Mrs. Tomkinson purchased a home at Rehoboth Beach next door to the writer, and a friendship of years ripened rapidly into an intimacy that has proven a most blessed experience. To us our "neighbors over the way" were not only devoted, loyal friends, but intelligent, devoted Christians. Brother Tomkinson was an excellent gardener, and I am a devotee of the rod and reel; and he delighted in sharing with us the fruit of the soil, while we shared with them the fruit of the sea. Last summer we were talking of how nice it would be when we should retire and go to live next door all the year round. Little did I think as I watched him swimming and diving out beyond the breakers and disporting himself more like a boy than a man of eighty-six years—little did I think he would leave me so soon. I shall greatly miss him. Many a night the last thing I saw before closing my eyes in slumber was brother Tomkinson's study lamp where he was poring over his Greek New Testament, or intently studying the latest Discipline, that he might be able to steer the Bishop straight at the next session of the Conference. How he did enjoy those experiences!

During his years at Rehoboth Brother Tomkinson and his good wife have greatly endeared themselves to the people of Rehoboth. They entered with zest into every activity of the church and were faithful in service and attendance upon all the means of grace. They have both taught regular classes in the Sunday School, and Brother Tomkinson was ever ready to help the Pastor by supplying for him on the shortest possible notice. The little church at Rehoboth will greatly miss him.

These years at Rehoboth did great things for Brother Tomkinson. Always diligent, industrious, and devoted to God himself, in earlier years Brother Tomkinson found it a bit difficult to keep sweet with Christians who instead of running the Christian race were just sauntering along. Having in himself much of spirit that sent martyrs to the stake, he found it difficult to believe that any man should claim to be a Christian and yet live the life of a worldling. But, oh! how he ripened and sweetened during these later years! Knowing him as I did, I can truthfully say I have never known a man who more truly and clearly magnified the love of God than he. While the wrath of God he still believed an awful fact, how he reveled in the other fact that, "God so loved the world." And how truly did he love everybody! How it grieved him if he found Christians who did not love one another! Like the Apostle John, divine grace had changed a "Son of thunder" to a "Son of love." He was ever ready to testify to the saving power of Jesus to "save to the uttermost."

His naturally keen intellect showed ever the training of the schools. His mind was well stored with a fund of useful knowledge, and so well classified that he could give accurate information on most biblical, theological, and kindred subjects. He scorned all shams, and placed among the "lowest of the low" those who attempted to parade as "new thought" old fallacies that were exposed and exploded a thousand years ago. He believed the Bible to be the "Holy Word of God"; and was so in love with the Greek New Testament that he taught his wife to read it after their marriage that they might enjoy it together. As a preacher he was forceful, and generally preached exegetical sermons, delighting in "expounding the Word."

He was not outranked by any man among us in his knowledge of the Discipline and of parliamentary law.

Last autumn he had two fainting spells. From these he rallied, but left him weakened. December fifth they closed their cottage at Rehoboth and came to Wilmington to visit their daughter, Mrs. James W. Lattamus. After a visit of some ten days, leaving his wife here, he went to Harrisburg to visit his two sisters and to spend the Christmas holidays. He seemed quite happy to be with his sisters again and went shopping with them. In a few days he was taken ill with a painful affection of the bladder and kidneys. There was no hope of recovery from the very first. Sister Tomkinson went to him on receipt of the news of his illness, reaching Harrisburg December eighteenth; and she and the two aged sisters did all humanly possible to make him comfortable, but could not stay the progress of the disease. His mind was perfectly clear until the very last. During those last days he asked her several times to read to him the Greek text of the New Testament. "Where shall I read?" she asked. "The eighth chapter of Saint Matthew," he replied. She read aloud, slowly, and as she finished the chapter he said, "Wonderful Jesus! Wonderful Jesus!" He read Hebrew also, but the Greek New Testament was his best loved book, and he would read it hours at a time, without glasses, with only a very occasional reference to a vocabulary.

The end was peaceful. His wife was at his bedside, and knowing the end could not be far away asked, "You feel that Jesus is with you?" He replied, "He has promised never to leave me nor forsake me." Arising from her chair beside him she stepped to the foot of the bed for a moment and he said, "Don't go away." Immediately she resumed her seat at his bedside and taking his hand in hers replied, "I will not leave you." And thus with hands clasped together as in the days long ago at the marriage altar he spoke one word, her name, and without a struggle or a sigh he slipped out into that other life,

"Where the wicked cease from troubling,
And the weary be at rest."

Dr. Robert Bagnell, the popular pastor of Grace Church, Harrisburg, who had been very attentive to our brother during those trying days of illness, was in charge of the funeral services. Following a prayer by Rev. H.

W. Hartsock and a song by Mrs. D. N. Miller, Dr. George Edward Reed, having been intimately acquainted with Brother Tomkinson for many years, delivered a beautiful and touching address. Four young ministers of the Central Pennsylvania Conference acted as pallbearers; and our brother was laid to rest in the family plot in the Harrisburg Cemetery near the spot where sleeps his sainted brother, Rev. T. L. Tomkinson.

Brother Tomkinson loved this Conference and during these later years looked forward to its sessions as his one vacation and his one intellectual and spiritual feast. Never again shall we hear his clear voice answer, "Here," at our roll call, or hear his shout of "Glory" at our Conference lovefeast. We shall miss him, for a season; but we expect to meet him again, in the land "fairer than day" hard by the throne of the Master.

V. S. COLLINS.

WALTER W. WHITE.

The first Sunday I preached at Asbury Church my attention was drawn to a quiet, but devout, worshipper, to whom I was introduced at the conclusion of the service and who informed me that he was a Retired member of the Wilmington Conference. From that moment there began a friendship which deepened and sweetened until it was interrupted by death; for in mid summer, he fell asleep, to be awakened only by the clarions of immortality.

Reading between the lines of an autobiographical sketch which he prepared some months before his death, and recalling something of the numerous conversations we had during our brief, but happy, fellowship, we gleaned some of the pertinent facts of the life and service of W. W. White.

Born September 10, 1850, in Perquimans County, North Carolina, one of the seven children of a farmer of very straightened circumstances; growing through adolescent boyhood during the suffering and privation of the Civil War, he early learned the lessons of economy and self-denial which stood him in good stead when, as a Minister, he served appointments which paid all too little either in gratitude or money. But there was never a word or a thought of complaint, so far as I know, because of the privation which, beginning in babyhood, lasted until at the age of 73, he fell fainting under the heat of the summer sun, was carried in his humble home where he breathed out his mortal life; his soul meanwhile inhaling the ozone of heaven.

During his early childhood Thomas White, the father of our deceased brother, moved to Washington County and located near a Methodist Protestant Church, which he and his family attended. The eldest son came under the influence of a Sunday School Superintendent whose white life and kindly counsel inclined him to the Christian Ministry. The father of our deceased brother, by heroic sacrifices, helped him to attend a few terms

of school at one of the Academys which at that time were scattered throughout our country. These Academys usually revolved about one Professor who taught everything from kindergarten to College Preparatory work. Noble Sunday School Superintendent, sturdy father! But the tale is not told. Elizabeth White, the mother of our friend, rejoiced when her boy told her that he had decided to enter the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church. Though herself a member of another communion, she rejoiced as is ever the wont of mothers whose sons make noble choices. "I shall never forget," he said, "the nightly scene in the home, when we children knelt at mother's knee and recited the simple prayers of childhood." There is no altar so near the heart of God as that which is found at a mother's knee.

With such a background, Brother White entered the Western Maryland College, where, thru the wise beneficence of St. John's Society, he was helped through school. Graduating from College in 1874, he entered the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church the following March, which Conference he served in various pastorates until 1902, when he was received into the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the fourth year of his ministerial service, he was married to Belle V. Wiells, whose father was a Lutheran minister. This good woman and one son survive the husband and father.

In 1919 Brother White Retired and located in Salisbury, Md., where he lived until his death on June 21, 1923, and where his mortal dust now rests in peace.

H. P. FOX.

ELSIE McDOWELL BICKING.

The high places in the range of the life of Elsie McDowell Bicking were her natural birth, her new birth, her marriage, the coming of her children, her transforming and glorifying afflictions and her translation.

About the base of these heights lay the rich fruitful plains of a devout rugged, active, Christian life, an affectionate, faithful, helpful wife, the rich wealth of love and toil of a mother and the unselfish angelic ministrations of a faithful servant of the church.

She lived in the sunshine and amid the flowers and hers was the shining life.

No eulogies can add to the luster of her life. It was first pure then peaceable then radiant.

Mrs. Bicking was born Jan. 20, 1886 into wholesome and fortunate surroundings, physically, socially, mentally and spiritually, and under the blessings of a benign providence she always lived in that kind of an atmosphere.

In early childhood she evinced those elements of character that grew with the years and stood out in distinguishing clearness upon the broad plain of her mature life. One of these was her high sense of honor which

was manifest in her everyday life. One illustration will suffice. When she was about ten years of age she joined the Band of Hope and took a vow not to touch, taste nor handle intoxicating drinks of any kind. This vow, like every other solemnly taken, became a part of her life and under no circumstance did she consent to a deviation from either the letter or spirit of that vow, though in seasons of long, severe illness she was sorely pressed. Just imagine her anguish if you may, when the villainous bootlegger tried to break down the barriers of her home and take from her mother heart the noble boys for which she had given herself. No wonder that, though wounded unto death, like an enraged eagle when its nest is being robbed of its little ones, she flew into the face of the devil's legions with a flaming hatred born in childhood and come to maturity for such an hour as that.

Brother Bicking did not fight the demons of drink alone while she lived. From the bed of death, enveloped by the flames of the assassin, she fought and cheered him on.

At the age of twelve she came into conscious fellowship with Christ, and from that time He filled all her horizon. Life had a new meaning and a new motive. All that pertained to God became sacred. The Bible became to her the book of God to be devoutly studied and obeyed. About that time she became a member of my wife's Sunday School Class and attracted the marked attention of her teacher by her eagerness to know the teachings of the Bible. She always came to the class well prepared on the lesson of the day and was all attention from start to finish. She was a model Sunday School scholar, and in after years became a thorough teacher of God's Word to her own and other people's children.

She was married in her twenty-first year to our Brother J. Richard Bicking, both of whom were then members of the Union Methodist Episcopal Church of this city, and Brother Bicking was its Sunday School Superintendent. This marriage was consummated in heaven and was in every way fitting and happy. They entered the itinerancy together in the spring of 1907. To this new life she joyfully adapted herself and went in and out among the people as an angel of light. She was a helpmeet indeed, both in the home where she presided with dignity and grace and in the work of the various charges to which they were assigned. She was the mother of two boys to whom she gave herself with such untiring devotion as only a real mother can. These were her jewels and she gave herself to the task of polishing them so that they might reflect the likeness of her Lord here and adorn His crown yonder. Perhaps her greatest regret in going hence was that of leaving these boys as they were merging into manhood, when nothing can take the place of the tender hand and the loving heart of a Mother as a guide through the most critical period of life.

Sister Bicking's fatal illness was long and painful. It was brought on by an auto wreck of several years ago, in which she was pretty much bruised, though not apparently dangerously hurt, yet it was a case where dreadful consequences followed trivial causes. Everything was done that could be done by love and prayer and skill to stay the ravages of the dread

disease without avail. For months and even years she must have suffered beyond all conception, yet, never a whisper of complaint. Her endurance was nothing less than a miracle of grace.

In the most painful seasons her faith in the goodness of God never wavered for a moment. The storms never ruffled the face of the deep peace of her soul.

On the evening of Sept. 10th, last, she was patiently waiting the arrival of a loved one and when they arrived she looked up and said, "I am glad you are here; I am tired," and then fell asleep. "Death, the sweet messenger of rest," unlocked her prison house of clay and the angel swung back the gates of pearl and she passed into her crowning. Thus lived and wrought and triumphed a beautiful soul. Earth is poorer but heaven is richer. Our song is in the minor; theirs, in the major.

On the evening of the 12th of September a sorrowing throng gathered in the church in Pocomoke City to say farewell and the next day funeral services were held in her home church in this city. All that was mortal was borne by loving hands and laid to rest in River View Cemetery to await the fulfillment of the promise: "This corruption shall put on incorruption."

W. F. CORKRAN.

SARAH V. CREAMER.

Sarah Virginia Andrews, the daughter of William and Elizabeth Andrews, was born in Cambridge, Maryland, April 7, 1851. She became a Christian in her early youth and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

December 3, 1874, Miss Andrews, then a young woman 23 years of age, was married to Rev. Thomas Robinson Creamer, who was stationed in Fruitland, Maryland. The marriage was performed by Rev. William H. Hutchins. For eighteen years she shared with Brother Creamer the lights and shades of the Methodist Itinerancy, until he passed to his reward while stationed in Milton, Delaware, January 10, 1892, leaving her with a large family for which to provide.

After Brother Creamer's death the path of his widow was beset with difficulties and strewn with sorrows, though she accepted the situation and endeavored to discharge the responsibilities with that same confidence in the goodness of God by which her faith had been characterized since her childhood.

The last fifteen years of Sister Creamer's life were passed in almost complete helplessness and suffering; nevertheless, she never lost confidence in her Saviour, and endeavored not to complain. In the Home of Merciful Rest, in this city, where she lived at the time of her death, her patience and Christian fortitude was an inspiration to those about her, who were sufferers like herself. Often she expressed her appreciation of the kindness shown her by her friends and the Church of her choice, and it

was a matter of great regret that, during the last years of her life, she was unable to make personal acknowledgement of the same.

She died in Wilmington, November 27, 1923, and was buried beside her husband in Milton, Delaware. The funeral services were in charge of Rev. R. K. Stephenson.

This is the mere outline of Sister Creamer's life; but what of the principles by which it was inspired, and the spiritual vision which fixed the goal she endeavored to reach, and the personal consciousness of the presence of God by which she was sustained. Herein is the secret of her life to the Christian reality of which her family bears loving testimony. This was the source of the influence she exerted in the appointments held by her husband and which causes here to life though dead.

Mrs. Creamer has bequeathed to her children a heritage more precious than material wealth. She has left to them the influence, the memory, the inspiration of a life that was guided by her faith in and her devotion to Jesus Christ. Other possessions may vanish, other gifts grow old and decay, but this gift will mellow and become more valuable with the passing of the years, until freed from the imperfections of human limitations, it becomes the most precious, the most spiritual possession of their lives.

F. F. CARPENTER.

ANNIE M. HARDESTY.

Mrs. Annie M. Hardesty, wife of George L. Hardesty, was born in Caroline County, Md., Aug. 26, 1859, and passed to the life beyond May 15, 1923. She lived here 63 years, 8 months and 18 days.

She was the daughter of William and Mary Towers, who were devout and consistent Christians and loyal members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Raised in a home where a family altar sent daily incense to heaven and where the fragrant atmosphere of prayer ever lingered, she was constrained in early life to turn her steps to the Cross and to yield herself to the gracious influences of the Spirit of God.

The Psalmist said truly, "The Secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him," and he took this child very early into His confidence and walked with her all the days of her earthly sojourn and now she is walking with Him in white.

On the 15th of March in the year 1877, she was married to the Rev. George L. Hardesty, and for forty-six years she shared with him the toils the trials and the triumphs of the itinerant life. She accepted all their appointments as of the Lord and if they were poor she addressed herself to the task of making them rich, and if their appointments were good it was her ambition and effort to make them better. In every way she cheered and co-operated with her companion to make the Lord's work prosper.

She was the mother of a large family of children to whom she gave the wealth of a mother's heart and the untiring toil of a mother's hands;

yet, she found time for many Church activities, and lived with open hands towards the poor and a heart full of sympathy for the sick and distressed.

It can truly be said of her that like her Master, "She went about doing good."

Her gentle, even temperament, her shining face and helping hand won her many abiding friends in all their charges.

To these the magnitude and wealth of her soul was a constant revelation. But it was in the bosom of her own family that her native qualities and Christian graces shone with the most luster. Here she lived at her best and here will her work be the most lasting. She enveloped her children in an atmosphere born of prayer and holy living and her clear cut, uncompromising example and words of counsel and admonition must ever stand as a guide post at every crossing on the road of their lives.

It was significant of the deep impression she had made when the nine children weeping around her bed on that May morning that she went to her crowning, that the elder sons said to the younger, "Boys you have lost your best friend."

She was not permitted to give a verbal testimony or a last farewell to her husband and children for disease had thrown a dense shadow over her mind for days before her spirit took its flight, but they knew whose hand she held and the ray of light which played over her countenance was sufficient evidence that she was passing up the shining way into the perfect day.

Brother Hardesty, though sadly bereaved, is not sorrowing as those who have no hope, but leaning on Him who was the hope and stay of his translated companion, and will face the home stretch of the last mile of the way with a faith voicing the language of the poet:

"The hands of loved ones beckon me,
And sweetest voices call,
To yon bright home beyond the sea,
Where I shall find them all."

W. F. CORKRAN.

ARAMINTA MERRILL.

Mrs. Araminta Merrill was born in the Spring of 1832. The exact date and place of her birth are not known. Her father was John White of Easton, Md. Her mother was the daughter of Rev. Benjamin Yoe, a Local Preacher of our Church. Mrs. Merrill's father died when she was very young and her mother moved in with relatives near Milford, Del. She was married in the Spring of 1853, to Rev. William Merrill of the Philadelphia Conference, and they came in with the Wilmington Conference when it was first organized.

Sister Merrill was reared under good christian influence and in early childhood gave her heart to Christ and ever walked by His side. She was

a woman of rare intellectual talents, and used these talents for her Master wherever she lived. In the towns of Milton, Georgetown and Laurel, where her husband was pastor of the Methodist Church, she taught in the public schools and thus got in close touch with the young life and ever stamped a holy influence upon them.

One who knew her well says this: "I never was in her presence but what I felt I was a better man." Lawyers, judges, doctors, and ministers were her scholars in their school days, and all these could rise up and call her blessed.

She was a linguist far above the average and a fluent reader of the Greek classics. The winter before her death at the ripe age of 91 she took up the study of French. One of her scholars of the Fairmount Academy, where she taught for many years, says: "Her ripe scholarship, her devotion to her Master and His Kingdom, her broad vision and her pure life, leads me to say, she was a woman of unusual influence."

Fairmount, already noted in our Conference for the number of preachers she has given to Methodism, was wonderously helped in this, by the life and christian character of this godly woman. She taught in the Academy, in a private school and in our Sunday School here. Many of the leaders of our church at Fairmount, came under the influence of this good woman and her mantel of christian influence thrown over their shoulders has helped them to continue in the work of the Lord.

For 34 years she lived a widow and though entitled to her share of the Conference Claimant funds, she graciously released her claim to that fund that others might share a larger amount. In her will she bequeaths \$500.00 to this fund.

Early in October last she was taken ill and in the early morning hours of November 2d, she heard her Master calling her from labor to reward. Her funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 4th, by the writer. On Monday her remains were carried to Philadelphia and laid to rest in Mt. Moriah Cemetery by the side of her husband where together they wait the resurrection call of the just.

"The stars shall shine for a thousand years,
A thousand years and a day.
But God and I will love and live,
When the stars are passed away."

O. T. BAYNARD.

WILHELMINA W. SHARP.

Wilhelmina Welch Sharp was born on a farm near Bridgeville, Delaware, April 15, 1853. She was the oldest daughter of James W. and Eliza Welch. Her parents were plain, godly people and the home in which she spent her childhood and young womanhood was a home made fragrant and beautiful by devotion to God and His Church.

At a very early age, under the ministry of Rev. P. H. Rawlins, Sister Sharp gave her heart to Christ and united with the Church at Chaplain's Chapel on Bridgeville Circuit. In January, 1873, when Sister Sharp was twenty years of age, the family moved to Wilmington, Delaware, and cast in their lot with the people of old Asbury. December 29, 1874, she was united in marriage with W. W. Sharp, then a business man of Wilmington and a member of the same church. In fact, they had both been converted in the same church near Bridgeville, Brother Sharp also having later moved to Wilmington and united with the same church.

In 1886 Brother Sharp decided to give up business, and responded to the call to the ministry. Sister Sharp entered into the plan enthusiastically, and was, to the day of her death, an unflinching source of helpfulness and inspiration to her husband in all his work. She was a devoted wife and a loving and affectionate mother. Her life at home and abroad was as fragrant and beautiful as a garden of roses. The secret of this is not far to seek. Her "life was hid with Christ in God." Without reserve she had consecrated her life to Christ and could not be satisfied with anything less than the very highest attainments in the Christian life. To her conversion, which was clear and unmistakable and in which she always rejoiced, there was added the "fullness of the blessing of the gospel of peace." This, which she called her Pentecost, was given to her in an upper room in Wesley parsonage, City of Wilmington. Ever afterwards, on all proper occasions, she bore humble testimony to this wondrous Grace.

Sister Sharp was not only a woman of deep spirituality, but also of refinement and culture. Prior to her marriage she had been engaged in teaching and all through her life continued to be a reader and student of good books and wholesome literature. At times, under the inspiration of some unusual occasion, she wrote poetry that would have done credit to one more distinguished than herself. I submit a few stanzas written by her on the occasion of one of her third heaven raptures:

"Waves of glory o'er me roll,
Floods my being, thrills my soul,
As by faith I view the land
Where the saints and angels stand."

Again, when contemplating death, she wrote:

"When I quit this house of clay,
Sing some sweet and cheering lay.
Ask me not with you to stay,
As I soar from earth away.

Let no blinding tears be shed
When you surround my dying bed;
But sound some note of praise so high
While I through heavenly portals fly."

The last three years of Sister Sharp's life were shadowed by sickness. But no sickness "nor any other creature could separate her from the love of God in Christ Jesus." And when at last disease had wasted her body and strength was almost gone, she was often heard in prayer and praise. Just ten days before her death she wrote:

"I want to be still before Jesus,
I want to hear only His sweet voice,
I want to be still before Jesus
And make Him always first choice."

Sister Sharp passed to her heavenly home from the Mt. Pleasant parsonage August 1, 1923, in the 71st year of her age. Her husband and four children survive her—one daughter and three sons. Funeral services were conducted in the parsonage by Dr. J. W. Colona, the District Superintendent. Rev. Adam Stengle, a long time friend, preached the sermon from the text, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Interment was made in Riverview Cemetery, Wilmington, Delaware. Thus a contribution of three score and ten beautiful years have been made to the sum total of high and holy living and the world is better for her having lived in it. Nor is that all. Another Saint has been added "to the general assembly and Church of the first-born in heaven and to the spirits of just men made perfect."

"O may I triumph so
When all my warfare's past,
And dying find my latest foe
Under my feet at last."

ALFRED SMITH.

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 EP- FECTIVE
1859	John E. Elliott	Nov. 8, 1868	Snow Hill, Md.	30	10
1836	Thos. J. Quigley	Oct. 19, 1870	Laurel, Del.	65	44
1850	Daniel Titlow	Feb. 7, 1871	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	4
1867	Amos A. Ewing	Jan. 19, 1872	Cecil County, Md.	30	4
1848	Alfred Cookman	Nov. 13, 1872	Newark, N. J.	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey	July 9, 1871	Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct. 3, 1872	Frankford, Del.	34	13
1825	T. J. 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	ov. 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. Coper	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 Fairmt., Md.	75	28
1873	Isaac N. Foreman	June 12, 1890	Lincoln, Del.	47	17
1841	John Allen	Dec. 13, 1890	Brooklyn, N. Y.	72	33
1855	Samuel T. Gardner	Jan. 3, 1891	Pivot Bridge, Md.	60	33
1889	Samuel J. Baker	Sept. 22, 1891	Laurel, Del.	33	2
1870	Thos. O. Ayres	Oct. 4, 1891	Delaware City, Del.	53	21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer	Jan. 10, 1892	Milton, Del.	45	19
1840	Vaughan Smith	Nov. 21, 1891	Wilmington, Del.	79	43
1845	Charles Hill	June 22, 1892	Salisbury, Md.	70	47
1833	James L. Houston	Sept. 18, 1892	Trappe, Md.	82	32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin	Oct. 17, 1892	Bel Air, Md.	52	24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher	Dec. 12, 1893	Bridgeville, Del.	62	17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg	Jan. 24, 1893	Wyoming, Del.	68	36
1847	Joseph Robinson	Feb. 18, 1893	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 2, 1887	St. Michaels, Md.	57	21
1896	William G. Chance	Sept. 13, 1897	Quantico, Md.	33	2
1848	Wm. B. Walton	June 21, 1898	Salisbury, Md.	77	43
1850	John B. Quigg	July 30, 1898	Wilmington, Del.	72	46
1845	John H. Caldwell	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. Hayson	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
1836	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 P. Roberts	Aug. 6, 1918	Middletown, Del.	64	34
1884	Wilmer Jaggard	Nov. 21, 1918	Millsboro, Md.	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	Phillip H. Rawlins	Dec. 10, 1921	Seaford, Del.	87	39
1887	Zach H. Webster	Feb. 24, 1922	Denton, Md.	63	33
1862	George S. Conaway	Feb. 25, 1922	Smyrna, Del.	86	44
1889	James W. Fogle	Feb. 26, 1922	Seaford, Del.	61	29
1888	William P. Compton	Mar. 11, 1922	Lansdowne, Pa.	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
1903	Walter W. White	June 21, 1923	Salisbury, Md.	72	16
1902	Benjamin F. Jester	July 13, 1923	Wilmington, Del.	66	11
1892	Van P. Northrup	Sept. 27, 1923	Baltimore, Md.	54	31
1898	George R. Ellis	Dec. 1, 1923	Millsboro, Del.	61	25
1871	William E. Tomkinson	Dec. 26, 1923	Harrisburg, Pa.	86	13
1888	Warren Burr	Feb. 12, 1924	Hempstead, L. I.	72	30

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
56	March 26, '24	Wilm'n—Harrison St.	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 Hulburt, L. E. Barrett, Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran. Reserves—W. E. Avery, V. S. Collins.
 1900. Robert Watt, T. E. Martindale, W. F. Corkran, C. S. Baker. Reserves—A. S. Mowbray, J. D. C. Hanna.
 1904. A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, Adam Stengle, C. S. Baker. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, W. G. Koons.
 1908. A. S. Mowbray, Adam Stengle, W. G. Koons, S. M. Morgan. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, Robert Watt.
 1912. C. A. Hill, R. K. Stephenson, Robert Watt, G. P. Jones. Reserves—E. L. Hoffecker, C. W. Prettyman, G. T. Alderson.
 1916. Robert Watt, E. L. Hoffecker, R. K. Stephenson, T. A. H. O'Brien. Reserves—G. T. Alderson, C. T. Wyatt.
 1920. W. A. Wise, Robert Watt, H. G. Budd, W. R. Mowbray. Reserves—G. T. Alderson, V. S. Collins, J. W. R. Sumwalt.
 1924. G. T. Alderson, E. H. Dashiell, T. F. Beauchamp, F. C. MacSorley. Reserves—J. W. Colona, E. W. Jones, W. E. Gunby.

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

MINUTES—Of Lay Electoral Conference held in Harrison Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., March 28, 1924.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.—**Dover District.**—Bethel, J. S. Gordy; Blades and Epworth, J. E. Lloyd; Bridgeville, H. P. Cannon; Cambridge, Miss Bertha Robinson; Camden, J. G. Brown; Canterbury, J. M. Lynch; Crapo, W. F. Jones; Dove, Wesley, Prof. John Shilling; East New Market, H. L. Dukes; Ellendale, J. A. Ellegood; Elliott's Island, Rev. W. F. Atkinson; Farmington and Epworth, L. W. Richards; Federalsburg, Frank L. Williams; Felton, Robert Friedel; Frederica, Lawrence E. Cain; Galestown, John W. Hastings; Georgetown, Frank M. Jones; Georgetown Ct., G. W. Dodd; Greenwood, W. B. Conoway; Harrington, G. S. Harrington; Hooper's Island, Howard Simmons; Houston, Zachariah Johnson; Hurlock, A.

O. German; Lakesville, Rufus Robbins; Laurel, E. E. Wooten; Leipsic, Mrs. Jennie Jerman; Lewes, Edson C. Lodge; Lincoln, R. H. Derrickson; Little Creek, G. L. Turner; Magnolia and Barrett's, James K. Sapp; McKendree, D. C. Corkran; Milford, W. G. Abbott; Milford Neck, H. A. Thompson; Millsboro, Geo. S. Williams; Milton, George H. Waples; Mt. Pleasant, E. J. Hastings; Nassau, Simon D. Walls; Rehoboth, J. Arthur Downing; Reliance, Chas. F. Lambert; Seaford, Mrs. Ella C. Emery; Seaford Ct., C. L. Friedel; Vienna, Julian Brinsfield; Williamsburg, C. W. Edgell; Wyoming, W. H. Jakes.

Middletown District.—Bozman & Neavitt, Mrs. James O. Larrimore; Burrsville, G. L. Blades; Cecilton, Charles Griffith; Centreville, J. M. Aringdale; Chestertown, John N. Bennett; Cheswold, W. S. Cantwell; Church Hill, James T. Scott; Clayton, C. W. Hall; Concord, Md., H. H. Nuttle; Cordova, W. E. Roe; Crumpton, Miss Emma Bidding; Denton, Wm. I. Norris; Easton, C. Norman Jefferson; Fairlee, B. F. Rash; Galena, W. T. Hadley; Greensboro, James W. Thawley; Henderson, W. H. Goodwin; Hillsboro, Rev. A. G. Hummer; Kent Isl., Lemuel Kirwan; Kenton, H. B. Clark; Marydel, Gurney Knotts; Middletown, Geo. F. Wilson; Millington and Dulaney, J. E. Higman; Odessa and Friendship, Joseph G. Brown; Oxford, David Pritchard; Piney Neck, Leonard Ward; Pomona, Elmer Starr; Preston, W. H. Alderson; Queenstown, Charles E. South; Ridgely, I. E. Mason; Rock Hall, Edwin N. Cully; Royal Oak, Mrs. Clara Benson Boley; St. Michaels, W. J. Keithley; Salem and Barclay, Lynwood Wallace; Smyrna, L. M. Price; Still Pond and Betterton, Mrs. M. V. Turner; Sudlersville, Spencer Walls; Townsend, D. B. Maloney; Trappe, H. L. Slaughter; Wye Mills and Starr, Oscar W. Starr.

Salisbury District.—Annessex, H. J. Powell; Berlin, R. F. Powell; Bishopville, O. M. Shockley; Cape Charles, H. J. Easham; Crisfield—Asbury, Chas. W. Goldsborough; Immanuel, I. S. Lawson; Dagsboro, Charles M. Gray; Deals Island, Fred T. Webster; Delmar, W. B. Stephens; Frankford, W. H. Melson; Fruitland, R. O. Dulaney; Girdletree, A. T. P. Hudson; Gumboro, Walter W. Gray; Hebron, F. W. Howard; Mardela, B. F. English; Marion, S. F. Whittington; Mt. Vernon, Wm. Holland; Nanticoke, W. F. Turner; Ocean City, E. E. Collins; Ocean View, T. H. Hudson; Onancock, C. F. Watson; Phoebus, Wm. C. Shackelford; Parsonburg, Mrs. Clara Powell; Pittsville, E. W. Tingle; Pocomoke City, Jos. Stevenson; Pocomoke Ct., W. V. Taylor; Princess Anne, Vernice Jones; Quantico, C. R. Hayman; St. Peters, Roy Bozman; Salisbury—Asbury, E. E. Twilley; Circuit, J. W. Smith; Selbyville, J. B. McCabe; Sharptown, Chas. L. Windsor; Smith's Island, John R. Corbin; Snow Hill, Prof. A. C. Humphries; Tangier, Joshua Pruitt; Westover, Rev. J. P. Kelley; White Haven, Henry W. Roberts.

Wilmington District.—Bethel and Town Point, C. A. Kirk; Charlestown, J. H. McDowell; Cherry Hill, Alford Kay; Chesapeake City, Wm. J. Morris; Chester-Bethel, J. Wilson Talley; Christiana, Rev. A. G. Brooks;

Delaware City, J. E. Griffenberg; Ebenezer, C. Edwin Guthrie; Elkton, H. E. Vinsinger; Hockessin, Edwin Golding; Holly Oak, Geo. J. Green; Hope-well, H. H. Kirk; Marshallton, Wm. H. Wingate; Mt. Pleasant, Geo. W. Weldin; Newark, Clarence A. Short; New Castle, George T. Tobin; Newport, A. M. Craig; North East, J. Edward Davis; Perryville, A. C. Jackson; Port Deposit, L. A. Kirk; Red Lion and Glasgow, W. F. Silver; Rising Sun, E. L. Haines; St. Georges and Summit, Harry L. Gray; St. Johns, Harry Johnson; Stanton, John M. Lacey; Zion, Joseph T. Holt; Wilmington—Asbury, A. J. Hyland; Brack Ex, John W. Owens; Cookman, Stephen E. Pardee; Eastlake, Wm. J. Baldwin; Edgemoor, T. H. Dorman; Epworth, Willis L. Overdeer; Grace, G. M. D. Cann; Harrison St., I. Elmer Perry; Hillcrest and Bellefont, T. J. Meredith; Kingswood, Mrs. Sarah E. Hoffecker; Madeley, Robt. T. Davis; McCabe, John P. Larosch; Mt. Salem, J. Elmer Betty; Richardson Park, Ford E. McKinsey; Scott, Geo. N. Bailey; Silverbrook, Fred E. Warrington; St. Pauls, E. C. Hardesty; Trinity, C. W. Cook, Jr.; Union, T. J. Biscoe; Wesley, Howard E. Sheppard.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Lay Electoral Conference of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in session in Harrison Street Church, Wilmington, Delaware, March 28, 1924. The Conference was opened by a song service led by Brother W. O. Hoffecker; prayer was offered by Brother I. Elmer Perry. The business session was opened by Enrolling Secretary, Clarence A. Short, at 9:40 A. M.

Upon nomination of Brother Wm. H. Alderson, I. Elmer Perry was made Temporary Chairman, and Clarence A. Short was elected Temporary Secretary upon nomination of Sister Ella C. Emery. Roll was called and one hundred and fifty-one delegates responded. The Committee on Credentials, consisting of Brothers J. A. Ellegood, Alfred Kay, Chas. L. Windsor and W. H. Alderson, recommended that the roll as checked by the Enrolling Secretary be accepted as the roster for this Lay Electoral Conference, and that the roll of absentees be called at the opening of the afternoon session and those responding be added to the roster. On motion, the recommendation was adopted.

The temporary officers were elected as permanent Chairman and Secretary, and Prof. John Shilling was elected Assistant Secretary.

Dr. Allen Mac Rossie, Education Director of Conference Course of Study, was introduced and urged that every educational advantage be given the young ministers. He spoke especially in favor of the School of Theology at Ocean Grove, N. J. He was followed by Dr. Thos. S. Brock, Secretary of the Ocean Grove School, who spoke as Bishop Berry's representative. He said the school embraces five Conferences of which one is the Wilmington Conference. He stated that this Conference is the only one of the five making no provision to defray the expenses of the school and urged that the Conference provide at least \$250.00 to pay the expenses of the ten undergraduates to attend this school from this Conference. Resolution offered in behalf of this appropriation was referred to the Com-

mittee on Resolutions, composed of H. H. Nuttle, Chairman; Geo. H. Waples, Mrs. Ella C. Emery, Spencer Walls, Mrs. Clara B. Boley, A. C. Humphries, C. F. Watson, Geo. T. Tobin and Willis L. Overdeer.

Dr. Harry P. Bennett of the New York Christian Advocate and Methodist Book Concern, gave statistics concerning the earnings of the Book Concern and urged the laymen to support The Christian Advocate and other publications of the Book Concern.

Hon. Harry L. Price was introduced and asked for a better support of the Area official publication, the Washington Christian Advocate.

Dr. Robert Bagnell, Harrisburg, Pa., spoke on behalf of the Near East Relief Fund. He asked for the support and commendation on part of the Lay Electoral Conference. A resolution concerning the same was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Dr. Bagnell reported that Dr. George Edward Reed, a former pastor of Grace Church, is recovering from a severe illness. It was voted to send greetings to Dr. Reed on this his 78th birthday anniversary.

The Chair appointed Brothers E. C. Hardesty, H. P. Cannon, Joseph Stevenson and L. M. Price a Committee on Relations with the Annual Conference.

A resolution offered by Brother John P. Larosch commending the Washington Christian Advocate was referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Brother W. Harry Jones, President of Laymen's Association, and Secretary of Area Laymen's Association, spoke on behalf of those organizations. He stated that lack of replies to communications sent out showed apathy on the part of the laity towards those organizations. He requested that the literature sent out from the Area office to the several charges be presented at least to the Quarterly Conferences.

On motion of the Secretary, the following resolution was adopted:—

WHEREAS, It has been the custom in this Conference to choose one delegate to the General Conference from each District and by a majority of all votes cast;

RESOLVED, That this time-honored precedent shall be followed at this Lay Electoral Conference in the election of delegates; also that the reserves be elected from the defeated candidates at one time but not more than one shall be chosen from the same District.

Brother J. E. Griffenberg presented the following resolution:—

RESOLVED, That the laymen of the Wilmington Conference at its present session present a memorial to both House of Congress now in session at Washington, D. C., asking that no action be taken by their bodies amending the Volstead Act, whereby light wines and beer may be legally manufactured and sold in these United States, and that a committee be appointed to draft such memorial.

On motion, this was adopted, and Brothers J. E. Griffenberg, Frank M. Jones, W. I. Norris, and R. O. Dulaney appointed for the committee.

Brother E. C. Hardesty moved that at adjournment at Noon it be until 2:00 P. M. Carried.

Brother J. Edward Davis moved that persons making nominations for delegates to General Conference should state the candidates position regarding the amusement clause in the Discipline. On motion, the question was tabled by a vote of 115 to 9.

The following were appointed tellers:

1st set—Brothers I. S. Lawson, A. J. Hyland, J. E. Higman and L. E. Cain.

2nd set—Brothers E. L. Haines, J. N. Bennett, T. H. Hudson and Sister Bertha Robinson.

The Secretary read the following resolutions and memorials:

1. Prohibition and law enforcement—Resolution II.
2. Organization of World Service Commission—Resolution IX.

Brother John Shilling moved that this Conference recommend that the laymen should have equal representation with the Bishop and Ministers on the commission. Carried.

3. Memorial on Board for Conference Courses of Study—Resolution X.

4. Italy Amendment Admitting laymen to Annual Conferences—Resolution VIII.

5. The Gulf Proposition—Resolution VII.

On motion of Brother Fred E. McKinsey, a committee was appointed to draft a memorial regarding a time limit for ministers, District Superintendents and Bishops.

Committee—Brothers F. E. McKinsey, G. S. Williams, Chas. Griffith, J. B. McCabe and H. L. Gray.

Dr. Robert Watt, on behalf of the Annual Conference, extended an invitation to the Lay Electoral Conference to meet them in joint session at 10:00 A. M. Saturday, March 29th. Invitation was unanimously accepted.

On motion of Brother John Shilling, a committee of five was appointed to prepare a memorial or resolution on the Amusement question. A rising vote was taken—ayes, 76; nays, 11. Committee—Prof. John Shilling, Mrs. Sarah E. Hoeffcker, J. Edward Davis, W. G. Abbott, W. B. Stephens.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference re-convened at 2:15 P. M. Roll of absentees was called and 19 responded.

The special committee appointed to draft a memorial on the Amusement Paragraph reported the following:

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this Lay Electoral Conference that no change be made in the provisions of the discipline on the subject of amusements; and,

RESOLVED, Further, that it is the sense of this Lay Electoral Conference that the penalties of said provision be enforced.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

Moved and carried that no printed ballots should be received, also that nominating speeches be limited to 5 minutes each and speeches of seconds to 2 minutes each.

Election of Delegates.

Dover District:—Brother A. O. German nominated Chas. M. Phillips; Brother Geo. H. Waples nominated W. G. Abbott; Brother Frank M. Jones nominated Henry C. Conrad; and Brother Thos. N. Rawlins was nominated by Mrs. Ella C. Emery. Brother Thos. N. Rawlins was elected.

Middletown District:—Brother L. M. Price nominated W. O. Hoeffcker; and Brother H. H. Nuttle nominated W. Harry Jones. Brother W. Harry Jones was elected.

Salisbury District:—Brother I. S. Lawson nominated E. P. Wyatt; Brother A. C. Humphries nominated Orlando Harrison; and Brother E. E. Twilley nominated W. T. Dashiels. Brother Orlando Harrison was elected.

Wilmington District:—Brother E. C. Hardesty nominated I. Elmer Perry. No other nominations Brother I. Elmer Perry was elected.

Reserve delegates elected are Brothers W. O. Hoeffcker, E. P. Wyatt and Henry C. Conrad.

Bishop McDowell, the Presiding Bishop, visited the Lay Conference informally and spoke briefly. He wished the Conference success and said he knew of nowhere where the Kingdom of God might come first than in the Delmarvia Peninsula. He expects to see that time, he said.

Mr. Brooks of the Methodist Book Concern spoke of the Daily Christian Advocate, the official organ of the General Conference.

Dr. Francis Burgette Short spoke on the Conference Claimants Endowment. After outlining conditions in the Conference, he stated that if the Conference will increase the endowment from \$100,000 to \$200,000 he would be responsible for \$5000.00 of it; if to \$250,000 he would accept responsibility for \$7500.00. This offer is to hold good for three years.

Brothers Perry and Jones expressed appreciation of the honor conferred upon them by their election to General Conference.

It was decided to meet for Love Feast tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock, Brother Geo. W. Weldin, the oldest delegate, to be the leader.

Adjournment.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Love Feast was held at 9:00 A. M., Brother G. W. Weldin, Leader. It was a period of great enthusiasm and most of the delegates testified to the saving and sustaining power of Christ.

The business session was convened at 9:45 A. M. The Committee on Resolutions, consisting of Brothers George H. Waples, Spencer Walls, A. C. Humphries, C. F. Watson, G. T. Tobin, W. L. Overdeer, and Sisters Ella

C. Emery and Clara Benson Boley, through the Chairman, H. H. Nuttle, presented their report and the resolutions taken up in order and acted upon.

- I. Near East Relief—reported favorably and passed.
- II. Liquor Question—reported favorably and passed.
- III. Support of Theological Schools—reported favorably and passed.
- IV. Methodist Book Concern—reported favorably and passed.
- V. Christian Advocate—reported favorably and passed.

VI. Washington Area Christian Advocate—reported favorably. After discussion by Brothers Willis L. Overdeer, John Shilling, W. O. Hoffecker, E. E. Twilley, I. S. Lawson, L. M. Price and J. E. Griffenberg, the proposition was laid on the table.

VII. Gulf Proposition—adverse report. Vote: Aye, 6; nay, 53.

VIII. Italy Conference Proposition—reported unfavorably—passed.

Dr. Robert Watt, Chairman of the Committee from the Annual Conference, spoke encouragingly and complimentary to the laymen. He said, "There is a rising tide in the laity, not grasping for power, but going further to help the Church, spiritually and materially."

Rev. W. L. White spoke on pastoral relations with laymen and of his 48 years' fight against liquor. He was followed by Rev. T. E. Terry, who gave incidents in his pastoral work.

The Lay Electoral delegates went into joint session with the Annual Conference. Dr. Watt presented Brother I. Elmer Perry, Chairman of the Lay Electoral Conference, to the Presiding Bishop and by the Bishop he was presented to the Annual Conference. Brother Perry expressed his appreciation for honors bestowed upon him, promised his best efforts to serve his Master and the Church and briefly outlined the origin and development of Harrison Street Church.

Chairman Perry introduced delegate-elect Brother W. Harry Jones, as President of the Laymen's Association, who, in a brief and inspiring talk, offered his life and possessions to the Master's service. Secretary C. A. Short was introduced and spoke briefly.

Bishop McDowell responded to the greetings of the laymen in an eloquent appeal for greater efforts on part of both ministers and laymen in cooperation for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in this special territory, assuring all that the reward is sure. Dr. R. K. Stephenson offered prayer, after which the Bishop introduced the delegates elected by the Annual Conference to the General Conference, Drs. G. T. Alderson, E. H. Dashiell, T. F. Beauchamp and F. C. MacSorley.

Dr. H. G. Budd spoke on the changes at Wesley Collegiate Institute and explained the scope of work in a junior college.

The laymen retired and assumed the separate session.

The report of Committee on Resolutions was again taken up, the report, however, being in charge of Sister Ella C. Emery, Brother H. H. Nuttle having been excused.

IX. World Service Commission—reported favorably and passed.

X. Commission on Conference Courses of Study—reported favorably and passed.

XI. Increase of Ministerial Endowment—reported favorably. After remarks by Brothers Willis L. Overdeer, I. Elmer Perry, C. A. Short and J. E. Griffenberg, it was passed and referred to Commission on Ministerial Endowment and the Laymen's Association.

XII. Ocean Grove Summer School—reported favorably, passed and referred to Annual Conference.

XIII. Limit on Term of District Superintendent—reported favorably and passed.

XIV. Resolution of Thanks—adopted unanimously by a rising vote. Dr. Charles Ely of Dickinson College was introduced and spoke of methods for helping local churches.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the chairman and the secretaries for their services.

The minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

After prayer, the Conference adjourned sine die.

I. ELMER PERRY, Chairman.

CLARENCE A. SHORT,
JOHN SHILLING,
Secretaries.

RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS.

I.—The Near East Relief.

I. We record our appreciation of the Christ-like work that the Near East Relief is doing under very difficult and dangerous conditions.

II. We recognize the fact that this work is not only charitable and philanthropic, but also Christian and Missionary in the highest degree, and therefore its political effect in the whole country of the Balkans and the Near East, which has been the tinder box of the centuries, must make for permanent peace.

III. We are sure that the training of these many thousands of children for efficient business and professional lives, and the inculcation of the principles of Jesus Christ in their lives must tremendously effect the civilization of the whole Near East, as these young men and women go out into positions of trust all through those countries.

IV. We further believe that the support of this great movement by the solid Christian forces of America, without any sectarian or denominational emphasis, will make greatly for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

V. We commend the work of the Near East Relief Committee to our people, and gladly endorse the opening of our churches to the presentation of this great cause.

II.—Liquor Question and Law Enforcement.

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church has in times past declared that "liquor cannot be licensed without sin"; and,

WHEREAS, The United States Government has, by the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Law, adopted prohibition of the liquor traffic as their policy of government and many people are disregarding the law and openly violating the same; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we call upon all parties or associations, whether political or otherwise, who seek the suffrage of the American people, to declare in their declaration of principles in any convention held during the year 1924, for rigid enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment, the Volstead Law and all state laws calculated to strengthen the same, and that we pledge our support to such parties, associations or candidates who will openly declare themselves for such enforcement and none others.

III.—Support of Theological Schools.

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church has repeatedly indicated its interest in, and concern for, the theological schools of the Church, see Book of Discipline, paragraph 456, Section 1, "It is the object of the Board of Education to serve as the officially authorized agency of the Methodist Episcopal Church in behalf of ministerial and general education," etc. Paragraph 463, Section 5, "The theological schools of the Church shall exist for the benefit of the whole Church," etc.; and

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church makes nowhere any provision in its financial plan for the support of said theological schools; and

WHEREAS, The theological schools provide educational opportunity at inconsiderable cost to candidates for the Methodist Episcopal ministry, furnishing tuition and room rent free; and

WHEREAS, Other philanthropic and educational interests have been allowed to take precedence in public thought over the interests of the theological schools, so that they have been excluded from any adequate share even in the Church's public collection for education; and

WHEREAS, No one of the large Educational Foundations under existing regulations has apparently any provision for aiding denominational theological education, and

WHEREAS, Not only the future of the Church but the hope of a Christian civilization for America and the world is dependent upon a trained spiritual leadership; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we hereby petition the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to provide some plan for an adequate financial support of its Theological Schools, made imperative by the ever increasing demands for the Church for such leadership.

IV.—Methodist Book Concern.

WHEREAS, The Methodist Book Concern, our great publishing house, has just closed one of the most successful years of its long and useful career; and,

WHEREAS, The annual report of our publishing agents, submitted at the recent meeting of the Book Committee, showed total sales for the year amounting to \$5,394,668, an increase over the previous year of \$359,412, while the total sales for the quadrennium were \$20,489,489.46, an increase of nearly \$7,000,000 over the quadrennium of 1916-19; and,

WHEREAS, By reason of this splendid showing, it was possible to declare this year a dividend of \$350,000 for distribution to the Annual Conferences solely for the relief of Retired ministers, their widows and dependent children; and,

WHEREAS, The report further shows that during the quadrennium now closing \$1,075,000 has been contributed to this worthy purpose from the profits of the Methodist Book Concern; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we heartily commend our publishing agents for the wise and efficient administration of our publishing interests; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That in recognition of what The Methodist Book Concern means to Methodism, we call upon all Methodists to trade with their own publishing house in the purchase of periodicals and denominational supplies.

V.—Christian Advocate.

WHEREAS, The Christian Advocate, organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church, under the editorial direction of Dr. James R. Joy, is adapting itself as never before to the needs of all Methodists by cultivating the personal religious life, loyally supporting all denominational enterprises and taking aggressive leadership in moral reforms; and

WHEREAS, We recognize that in this day the usefulness of The Christian Advocate is so fundamental to the success of the world program of Methodism, it becomes vital to provide a way for our great church paper to carry its message to every Methodist home; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we urge our pastors to definitely present, from time to time, at public service the growing need of a wider reading of The Christian Advocate; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we pledge our hearty co-operation in every purposeful endeavor to extend the circulation of the Advocate.

VI.—Washington Christian Advocate.

WHEREAS, The Washington Christian Advocate is the official religious organ of the Washington Area; and,

WHEREAS, The Methodist constituency is entitled to the best in religious journalism which the Area can command; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, 1. That suitable action be taken by the Annual Conferences within the Area, at their next Conference Sessions, authorizing and directing the appointment of a full time and well paid editor, and that the salary of said editor and the expenses incident to the publication of said paper, in excess of the income therefrom, if any excess there be, be proportionately paid by the said several Conferences, from an apportionment made by the respective Conferences adjustable to the needs of the paper.

2. That each Church within the Area undertake to put the Washington Christian Advocate in every family represented in the Church, and the following plan is suggested for so doing:

a. That a live and active organization of the Church make a thorough personal solicitation of every member of every church, the solicitation beginning with the Minister and Official Board, and working down through the entire membership.

b. That every new member coming into the Church be advised by the Minister to subscribe to the official Area paper, and that said new member be promptly asked for the subscription.

c. That the District Superintendents, in their visitations, ask and continue to ask, "What of the Washington Christian Advocate?", and that they urge the official boards to see to it that every family represented within their respective Churches receives the Washington Christian Advocate.

d. That the laymen of the Wilmington Conference hereby approve an extensive Area Campaign in the interest of the Washington Christian Advocate and promise to co-operate in such campaign.

VII.—Gulf Proposition.

(Filed and not printed.)

VIII.—Italy Conference Proposition.

RESOLVED, That the constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church be amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 36.

Amend paragraph 36 by adding the following: "There shall also be lay members, elected in such manner and number, and with such privileges and powers as the General Conference may determine. The lay members of the Annual Conference shall also exercise the functions and powers of the Lay Electoral Conference, hereinafter provided, if the General Conference shall so determine."

Paragraph 36 as amended shall read as follows:

"The traveling Preachers shall be organized by the General Conference into Annual Conferences, the sessions of which they are required to attend. There shall also be lay members, elected in such number and manner and with such privileges and powers as the General Conference may determine. The lay members of the Annual Conference shall also exercise the functions and powers of the Lay Electoral Conference, hereinafter provided, if the General Conference shall so determine."

2. Paragraph 38, section 1.

Amend paragraph 38, section 1, by inserting in the fourth line thereof the word "ministerial" before the word "members" so that the section as amended shall read:

"Each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least one Ministerial Delegate. The General Conference shall not allow more than one Ministerial Delegate for every fourteen Ministerial Members of an Annual Conference, nor less than one for every forty-five; but for a fraction of two-thirds or more of the number fixed by the General Conference as the ratio of representation an Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional Delegate."

3. Paragraph 38, section 2.

Amend paragraph 38, section 2, by inserting in the second line thereof the word "ministerial" before the word "members" so that the section as amended shall read:

"The Ministerial Delegates shall be elected by ballot by the Ministerial Members of the Annual Conference at its session immediately preceding the General Conference. Such Delegates shall be Elders, at least twenty-five years of age, and shall have been Members of an Annual Conference four successive years, and at the time of their election and at the time of the session of the General Conference shall be members of the Annual Conference which elected them. An Annual Conference may elect Reserve Delegates, not exceeding three in number, and not exceeding the number of its Delegates."

4. Paragraph 46, section 2.

Amend paragraph 46, section 2, by inserting in the last line thereof the word "Ministerial" before the word "members" so that the section as amended shall read:

"The General Conference shall not organize nor authorize the organization of an Annual Conference with less than twenty-five Ministerial members."

5. Paragraph 47.

Amend paragraph 47 by inserting in the second line thereof the word "ministerial" before the word "members"; also by inserting in the twelfth line thereof the word "ministerial" before the word "members," so that the paragraph as amended shall read:

"The concurrent recommendation of two-thirds of all the Ministerial members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting, and of two-thirds of the members of the Lay Electoral Conferences present and voting, shall suffice to authorize the next ensuing General Conference by a two-thirds vote to alter or amend any of the provisions of this Constitution excepting Article X, paragraph 1; and also, whenever such alteration or amendment shall have been first recommended by a General Conference by a two-thirds vote, then so soon as two-thirds of all the Ministerial members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting, and two-thirds of all the members of the Lay Electoral Conference present and voting, shall have concurred therein, such alteration or amendment shall take effect; and the result of the vote shall be announced by the General Superintendents.

IX.—World Service Commission.

We respectfully memorialize the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to substitute the following World Service Commission for administering the general educational and benevolent activities of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the following organizations which are now administering these activities:

Council of Boards of Benevolence.
Board of Foreign Missions.
Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.
Board of Education.
Board of Negro Education.
Board of Sunday Schools.
Board of Epworth Leagues.
Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals.
Board of Hospitals and Homes.
General Deaconess Board.

I. World Service Commission.

A World Service Commission shall be appointed by General Conference, consisting of all the Bishops in active service, number of ministers equal to one-half the number of bishops and as many laymen as there are bishops and ministers on the Commission.

1. The World Service Commission shall meet annually to hear reports of the work for the year and to adopt plans and budgets for the coming year.
2. An Administrative Committee shall be chosen by the World Service Commission, from its own membership, which Committee shall meet quarterly.
3. The World Service Commission shall elect a staff of nine executives to serve throughout the quadrennium.

II. Executive Staff.

The nine persons appointed by the World Service Commission shall serve as the Executive Staff in the administration of the general educational and benevolent work of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

They shall perfect their own organization, selecting from their own number a chairman and such other officers as will facilitate the performance of their duties.

1. The Executive Staff shall have authority to carry out the plans and operate within the budgets approved by the World Service Commission.
2. The Executive Staff shall make an intensive study of each Area or Methodist geographical unit in regard to opportunities, resources, needs, comparative standing of each unit as related to every other unit in Methodism, in order that the most pressing needs may receive first attention and in order to secure all the facts available so that the Executive Staff may be in a position to administer intelligently the general benevolent funds of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

III. One Central Headquarters.

There shall be one central headquarters, where the Executive Staff shall assemble such field and office force as may be necessary to carry out the program adopted by the World Service Commission.

X.—Conference Courses of Study.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—During the past two quadrenniums, the strength and solidity of faith in our church have been imperiled by the presence in our Courses of Study of books written from the current rationalistic and negative point of view. More than thirty Annual Conferences, seeing the peril of this situation, memorialized the General Conference of 1920 in the interest of a standard Course of Study with this result: A law was passed definitely providing that no volume should be se-

lected for a place among the text books of our Courses of Study for ministers except such as are in "full and hearty accord with those doctrines, and that outline of faith established in the constitution of the church." Notwithstanding the fact that the law of the church is very definite concerning the character of the books that shall be included in the Courses of Study, there are books in the present courses which are not in accord with constitutional standards; books that reject, set aside or seek to undermine, the very chief doctrines of Christianity; for example, the Fall of Man and Depravity, the Virgin Birth of Jesus, His Propitiatory Work, His Bodily Resurrection, Ascension and Second Coming, Justification by Faith Alone, and the Bible as the only and sufficient Rule of Faith and Practice.

Therefore, We, the New Jersey Conference, in annual session assembled, do hereby memorialize the General Conference of our church to modify the present law as follows:

First, the bishops shall appoint the Commission on Courses of Study.

Second, the Commission shall consist of nine persons of whom three shall be members of the Board of Bishops.

Third, the appointment of the Commission shall be announced prior to the adjournment of the General Conference of 1924.

Fourth, the Commission shall be instructed to present to the Board of Bishops, within the two years immediately following the adjournment of the General Conference, the entire list of books which they recommend for the Courses of Study.

Fifth, the Commission shall be instructed to publish this list of books in the Advocates at the time of its submission to the Board of Bishops.

Sixth, the bishops shall be instructed to review the books nominated by the Commission, during the third and fourth years of the quadrennium, dividing them equitably among the several members of the Board.

Seventh, when the several bishops have reviewed the books assigned to them, they shall report to the Board as a whole their recommendations; which report shall also be published in the Advocates with the names of the reviewing bishop.

Eighth, in case any book nominated by the Commission is not satisfactory to the Board of Bishops they shall have authority to substitute another book approved by the majority of them.

Ninth, the Bishops shall complete their work on the Courses of Study and report the same to the next succeeding General Conference which shall have the final authority.

Tenth, the Commission on Courses of Study shall from time to time send to the Advocates the titles of books which represent modern theological thought, in addition to those that are in the approved Courses of Study, and which it would be profitable for ministers to read. If books not in harmony with Methodist doctrine and teaching should appear in these lists, it shall be so stated, and as far as practicable the points of divergence noted.

XI.—Increase in Ministerial Endowment.

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Lay Electoral Conference of the Wilmington Conference, feel that it is a reflection upon the whole territory which this Conference represents, that we take no better care of the ministers who have worn themselves out in serving us and are now no longer able to continue in the active pastorate; and,

WHEREAS, We believe that by increasing the Endowment for Conference Claimants from \$100,000 to \$200,000 we could give them an income on which they could live respectably; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we recommend that within the next three years the laymen raise \$100,000 to be added to this Endowment and that it be referred to the Committee on Ministerial Endowment and to the Laymen's Association.

XII.—Ocean Grove Summer School.

WHEREAS, We believe that the Ocean Grove School for undergraduate ministers is meeting a long felt need; and,

WHEREAS, \$300.00 would take care of all the needs of this School, as far as the Wilmington Conference is concerned; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we endorse the Ocean Grove Summer School and pledge our support in raising the \$75.00 which we think should be assessed upon each District.

XIII.—Time Limit for District Superintendents.

We, the members of the Lay Electoral Conference, do hereby endorse the fixing of a limit upon the term of District Superintendent, the said limit to be five years.

XIV.—Thanks.

BE IT RESOLVED, That, we, the members of the Wilmington Lay Electoral Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, do hereby voice our heartfelt appreciation of the royal welcome and entertainment we have received from Harrison Street Church and the other Churches of Wilmington and vicinity, and that we hereby extend our grateful thanks to the ladies who so generously provided the entertainment, to the public press and to everyone who has contributed in any way to making our stay in Wilmington so pleasant and profitable.

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; Secretaries, C. A. Short, V. C. Hitchens.
- 1921—Pres., H. C. Conrad; Secy., C. A. Short.
- 1924—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secretaries, C. A. Short, John Shilling.

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.
- 1924—Delegates, I. Elmer Perry, W. Harry Jones, Orlando Harrison, T. N. Rawlins.
Reserves, W. O. Hoffecker, E. P. Wyatt, H. C. Conrad.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

OF

WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(Fifty-Sixth Session)

1924.

N. C. BENSON, Statistician,
Rehoboth Beach, Del.

V. E. HILLS, Treasurer,
Wilmington, Del.

STATISTICAL
DOVER DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Local Preachers		Church Membership			Epw'th League		Church Property							Current Expenses. \$112 1/2.	
	Received During Year	Now on Roll	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			
			Full Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members										Deaths During Year		
	Prep'y Mem.	Prep'y Mem.	Prep'y Mem.	Prep'y Mem.	Prep'y Mem.	Prep'y Mem.	Prep'y Mem.	Prep'y Mem.	Prep'y Mem.	Prep'y Mem.	Prep'y Mem.	Prep'y Mem.	Prep'y Mem.			
1 Beckwith and Spedden.....	1	1	325	1	70	2	\$12000	1	\$2500	\$312	\$235	\$1100	\$ 350			
2 Bethel.....	1	16	10	223	12	1	11500	1	2500	708	400	400	78			
3 Blades and Epworth.....	1	55	46	214	10	3	12000	1	2000	300	250	400	400			
4 Bridgeville.....	1	4	66	410	1	1	6000	1	2500	140	396	396	396			
5 Cambridge.....	1	4	69	620	69	8	85000	1	6500	900	4862	5550	2118			
6 Camden.....	37	57	221	3	30	2	12000	1	4000	962	1500	278	278			
7 Canterbury.....	8	8	105	8	15	20	5000	1	25	25	115	115	115			
8 Church Creek and Taylor's Island.....	2	23	23	130	11	2	8600	1	1500	183	183	183	183			
9 Crapo.....	2	50	25	475	19	4	12000	1	2000	400	400	400	400			
10 St. Paul's.....	2	9	16	102	3	50	4500	1	2000	100	100	100	100			
11 Wesley.....	2	2	7	485	3	42	55000	1	8000	3750	150	4200	1578			
12 East New Market.....	24	24	260	10	1	100	9000	1	2500	450	450	450	450			
13 Ellendale.....	1	5	5	175	7	1	3000	4	15000	600	115	250	250			
14 Elliott's Island.....	1	1	51	13	2	39	3500	1	600	25	25	100	100			
15 Farmington and Epworth.....	1	70	75	220	8	10	140	4	12300	1	1600	272	118	425		
16 Federalsburg.....	1	9	9	326	9	4	36	27	12000	1	5000	1200	200	604		
17 Felton.....	1	329	75	5	35	26	15000	1	3000	425	300	300	300			
18 Frederica.....	1	220	5	1	10000	1	3000	2000	200	200	200	200	200			
19 Galestown.....	1	112	25	1	2000	1	1500	74	100	100	100	100	100			
20 Georgetown.....	1	15	27	404	24	5	25000	1	12000	2340	1750	650	650			
21 Georgetown Circuit.....	1	83	13	305	7	1	7500	1	2000	458	275	275	275			
22 Greenwood.....	2	100	375	7	3	1	10000	1	1600	100	200	80	300			
23 Harrington.....	1	4	4	258	6	2	5000	1	3800	152	156	156	156			
24 Hooper's Island.....	24	24	188	6	2	2	6500	1	3200	205	28	28	28			
25 Houston.....	22	22	225	11	50	82	8000	1	2500	250	400	400	400			
26 Hurlock.....	1	6	3	80	1	3	6000	1	200	300	300	300	300			
27 Lakesville.....	1	20	15	675	14	120	55000	1	5000	2500	5000	10000	1200			
28 Laurel.....	1	6	3	60	3	2	7000	1	1800	121	121	121	121			
29 Leipsic.....	1	65	4	452	8	48	52	1	25000	1	3500	125	285	2620	1050	
30 Lewes.....	1	3	20	370	2	3	12500	1	3000	514	388	388	388			
31 Lincoln.....	1	3	12	69	22	3	4800	1	1500	115	115	115	115			
32 Little Creek.....	1	1	14	1	1	1	1000	1	1000	50	50	50	50			
33 McKendree.....	1	2	30	217	7	40	8500	1	2800	325	395	395	395			
34 Magnolia & Bar'ts Ch.....	60	60	580	7	6	90	50	1	40000	1	7500	1300	2500			
35 Milford.....	1	1	70	2	2	2	2000	1	2000	25	25	25	25			
36 Milford Neck.....	2	2	2	187	16	5	7008	1	1500	288	307	307	307			
37 Millsboro.....	1	7	14	198	3	2	14000	1	3000	250	400	400	400			
38 Mt. Pleasant.....	1	7	7	242	2	4	5500	1	2500	100	100	100	100			
39 Nassau.....	1	35	25	341	2	3	15000	1	1000	150	500	125	125			
40 Rehoboth.....	1	16	10	236	1	2	12500	1	2500	203	100	400	600			
41 Reliance.....	1	8	8	202	25	3	5000	1	3000	100	100	100	100			
42 Seaford.....	1	18	400	30	3	30	25	1	12000	1	2500	1700	1700			
43 Seaford Circuit.....	1	6	13	121	7	2	6600	1	2500	500	250	250	250			
44 Vienna.....	1	1	116	1	3	3	5000	1	1000	47	135	135	135			
45 Williamsburg.....	1	1	116	1	1	1	5000	1	1500	300	120	120	120			
46 Wyoming.....	1	1	160	25	3	3	8000	1	1060	200	200	200	200			
Total.....	25	727	884	12143	405	147	1321	399	102	631800	43	127500	20641	13360	27874	20380

STATISTICAL
DOVER DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Sunday Schools											
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars not includ'g Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enroll't in all Depts. Incl. Cradle Roll, Home Dept., Off's, Teach's, Schls	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Scholars incl. Home Dept. who are Church Members or Probationers	Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.	Paid by Sunday School to Centenary and Appor-tioned Benevolences	Sunday School Expenses; Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
1 Beckwith and Spedden.....	2	45	800	125	345	125	40	296	205	142	160	
2 Bethel.....	2	30	251	15	330	172	34	341	102	206	78	
3 Blades and Epworth.....	3	34	262	34	330	172	34	341	102	206	175	
4 Bridgeville.....	1	20	200	75	341	102	19	341	102	160	212	
5 Cambridge.....	2	39	632	28	780	296	38	780	296	1100	473	
6 Camden.....	1	24	208	25	268	160	24	268	160	74	143	
7 Canterbury.....	2	26	105	19	150	100	26	150	100	75	50	
8 Church Creek and Taylor's Island.....	2	25	140	8	173	85	25	173	85	86	30	
9 Crapo Circuit.....	4	75	450	25	600	325	70	600	325	400	250	
10 Dover—St. Paul's.....	2	30	148	20	208	49	30	208	49	71	58	
11 Wesley.....	1	35	244	33	352	175	34	352	175	296	352	
12 East New Market.....	3	44	373	40	468	175	43	468	175	120	145	
13 Ellendale.....	4	47	303	10	350	155	47	350	155	160	160	
14 Elliott's Island.....	1	8	60	10	78	40	8	78	40	65	50	
15 Farmington and Epworth.....	4	59	240	20	348	160	54	348	160	105	302	
16 Federalsburg.....	1	29	289	50	358	178	23	358	178	15	299	
17 Felton.....	3	40	250	30	365	190	40	365	190	140	150	
18 Frederica.....	1	30	130	10	180	75	28	180	75	205	120	
19 Galestown.....	1	18	68	10	96	45	18	96	45	59	50	
20 Georgetown.....	1	31	239	20	319	130	20	319	130	155	15	
21 Georgetown Circuit.....	4	48	404	14	504	275	48	504	275	200	275	
22 Greenwood.....	4	65	400	35	500	250	65	500	250	50	400	
23 Harrington.....	1	22	200	20	272	125	22	272	125	150	4	
24 Hooper's Island.....	2	20	188	20	208	156	20	208	156	40	10	
25 Houston.....	3	45	237	45	327	145	45	327	145	119	4	
26 Hurlock.....	1	32	200	19	251	150	32	251	150	160	258	
27 Lakesville.....	3	6	80	6	86	30	6	86	30	6	10	
28 Laurel.....	1	45	606	15	711	250	45	711	250	400	180	
29 Leipsic.....	1	10	80	10	100	50	9	100	50	16	10	
30 Lewes.....	1	39	323	78	492	226	39	492	226	382	42	
31 Lincoln.....	3	46	323	14	395	163	46	395	163	275	2	
32 Little Creek.....	2	10	45	10	65	40	10	65	40	15	40	
33 McKendree.....	1	10	50	60	60	30	10	60	30	10	25	
34 Magnolia and Barrett's Chapel.....	3	32	283	19	334	160	34	334	160	135	125	
35 Milford.....	1	36	400	70	550	210	36	550	210	345	700	
36 Milford Neck.....	1	10	90	100	100	45	10	100	45	50	10	
37 Millsboro.....	3	23	198	23	244	106	23	244	106	143	125	
38 Milton.....	1	20	180	16	216	98	20	216	98	217	180	
39 Mt. Pleasant.....	3	40	335	375	375	180	40	375	180	6	75	
40 Nassau.....	3	40	300	340	340	185	40	340	185	8	125	
41 Rehoboth.....	2	30	169	4	217	100	30	217	100	4	200	
42 Reliance.....	3	27	185	15	227	125	27	227	125	115	60	
43 Seaford.....	1	30	295	43	302	165	29	302	165	232	315	
44 Seaford Circuit.....	3	56	380	20	456	232	56	456	232	300	240	
45 Vienna.....	3	20	240	5	30	295	25	295	126	128	6	
46 Williamsburg.....	3	37	126	15	278	126	37	278	126	105	65	
47 Wyoming.....	1	18	170	20	208	110	18	208	110	105	100	
Total.....	99	1506	11879	599	1052	14636	6800	1461	5947	300	7179	8085

STATISTICAL

DOVER DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS.	Ministerial Support										Baptisms			
		Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.		Support Bishop		Support Conf. Cl'mnts			Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized under instruction for Mem'ship
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid					
1 Beckwith & Sped'n	G. W. Kliver	\$1100	\$1000	\$100	\$77	\$77	\$22	\$22	\$165	\$165	\$1364	\$130	4	9	
2 Bethel	J. H. Thornton	1100	1080	100	77	66	24	20	165	70	1236	130	4	16	
3 Blades & Epworth	R. W. Mills	1350	1350	100	94	94	27	27	202	202	1673	1	35		
4 Bridgeville	W. L. White	1900	1900	200	133	133	42	42	285	285	2360	1	10		
5 Cambridge	F. F. Carpenter	2900	2900	400	203	203	58	58	435	435	3596	1	19		
6 Camden	C. W. Moore	1650	1650	150	115	115	33	33	247	247	2045	1	14		
7 Canterbury	R. W. Campbell	550	550	.....	38	38	12	12	82	52	652	1	10	
8 Church Creek and Taylor's Island	H. M. Smith	1100	1043	100	77	77	22	22	165	65	1207	1	13		
9 Crapo Circuit	J. H. Gardner	1600	1600	140	105	105	33	33	225	200	1938	25	12		
10 Dover—St. Paul's	E. W. White	1000	281	200	70	19	20	5	150	42	347	.....	.....
11 Wesley	Leonard White	2700	2700	300	189	189	54	54	405	405	3448	.....	.....
12 E. N. Market	J. H. Whedbee	1600	1600	200	112	112	32	32	240	240	1984	2	14		
13 Ellendale	Alonzo Travers	740	740	40	52	52	15	10	111	50	852	66	5		
14 Elliott's Island	W. F. Atkinson	640	640	40	45	45	14	14	96	96	795	.....	.....
15 Farmington and Epworth	H. N. Bailey	1160	1160	150	80	80	22	22	180	180	1442	3	30		
16 Federalsburg	F. C. Macsorley	1900	1900	200	133	133	38	38	270	270	2341	.....	.....
17 Felton	W. F. Dawson	1450	1450	150	101	101	26	26	217	217	1794	.....	.....
18 Frederica	Harry Taylor	1250	1250	150	87	87	28	28	188	188	1553	.....	.....
19 Galestown	Lee West	.....	484	100	26	26	5	5	.....	5	520	.....	.....
20 Georgetown	G. W. Dawson	2500	2500	300	175	175	50	50	375	375	3100	.....	.....
21 Circuit	W. I. Donohoe	1100	1100	100	77	77	22	22	165	165	1364	3	.....	
22 Greenwood	C. W. Spry	1200	1230	100	84	84	24	24	180	180	1518	.....	.....
23 Harrington	J. T. Richardson	1700	1700	200	119	119	34	34	255	174	2027	81	.....	
24 Hooper's Isl.	Chas. H. Hudson	1200	1200	100	84	84	24	24	180	50	1358	130	29		
25 Houston	S. T. Hamblin	1300	1300	100	91	91	26	26	195	100	1517	95	1		
26 Hurlock	J. T. Price	2000	2000	200	136	136	36	36	270	140	2312	130	4		
27 Lakesville	E. S. Tyler	500	500	.....	35	35	12	12	90	40	587	50	18	
28 Laurel	E. P. Thomas	2350	2350	250	164	164	47	47	337	337	2898	1	20		
29 Leipsic	H. M. Parks	600	600	100	42	42	12	12	90	.....	654	90	1	
30 Lewes	Howard Davis	2000	2000	200	140	140	45	45	220	220	2405	.....	.....
31 Lincoln	G. E. Wood	1200	1200	100	84	84	24	24	165	116	1424	49	16		
32 Little Creek	J. H. Ainsworth	975	900	100	62	49	18	14	.....	.....	963	92	1
33 McKendree	J. T. Price	175	175	.....	12	12	3	3	15	15	295	.....	.....
34 Magnolia & Bar. C.	D. J. Ford	1400	1400	200	98	98	27	27	210	200	1725	10	3		
35 Milford	D. W. Jacobs	2900	2900	300	203	203	58	58	405	405	3566	1	10		
36 Milford Neck	Harry Taylor	300	300	.....	21	21	7	7	45	40	368	5	2	
37 Millsboro	W. F. Allbright	1800	1800	200	126	126	40	40	123	123	2089	.....	.....
38 Milton	J. C. McCoy	1700	1700	200	119	119	38	38	255	255	2112	2	10		
39 Mt. Pleasant	E. H. Marshall	1100	1100	100	77	77	22	22	165	165	1362	2	8		
40 Nassau	W. T. McLain	1000	1000	100	70	70	15	15	120	120	1205	.....	.....
41 Rehoboth	W. S. Grant	1250	1250	150	87	87	25	25	187	187	1549	.....	.....
42 Reliance	W. C. Buckson	1100	1100	100	77	77	22	22	165	130	1329	35	9		
43 Seaford	W. V. Moore	2200	2200	200	154	154	44	44	330	330	2728	.....	.....
44 Seaford Circuit	N. C. Benson	1400	1400	200	98	98	28	28	210	210	1736	.....	.....
45 Vienna	A. S. Scarborough	1100	975	100	77	77	22	22	165	.....	1074	290	10	
46 Williamsburg	H. E. Truitt	860	860	100	60	60	16	16	10	10	946	.....	.....
47 Wyoming	J. A. Hudson	1100	1300	100	77	77	20	20	150	150	1547	.....	.....
Total		63700	63418	6680	4553	4478	1288	1262	8905	7651	76815	1467	22	479	

TREASURER'S

DOVER DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference						Benevolences as ordered by the Annual Conference										Other Cash Items			
	Centenary and Appointed Benevolences	Children's Day Fund (Board of Education)	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Hospitals and Homes	City Missionary or Church Extension Society	Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund	Domestic Missions	1/4 Salary Conference Entertainment	Director of Religious Education	Other Items	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	Grand Total, incl. Disciplinary and Annual Conf. Benevolences and Other Cash Items	
1 Beckwith and Spedden	142	37	.....	70	249	.....	.....	2	5	7	12	89	115	77	22	165	.....	4	632
2 Bethel	62	1	.....	.....	63	.....	.....	1	6	.....	.....	29	36	72	20	75	.....	.....	266
3 Blades & Epworth	260	5	.....	.....	265	5	5	5	12	10	32	69	94	27	202	30	16	.....	703
4 Bridgeville	1185	10	108	202	1505	20	15	.....	16	17	321	389	133	42	285	22	4	.....	2380
5 Cambridge	2277	10	.....	281	2568	.....	25	10	20	25	40	247	367	203	58	435	.....	24	3655
6 Camden	335	29	103	.....	467	.....	.....	.....	15	15	87	132	115	33	247	.....	10	.....	1004
7 Canterbury	100	.....	.....	.....	105	.....	5	.....	5	.....	16	31	38	12	52	.....	3	.....	241
8 Church Creek and Taylor's Isl.	95	5	.....	.....	100	.....	5	.....	10	.....	.....	15	77	22	65	.....	.....	.....	279
9 Crapo	800	5	13	.....	818	5	.....	5	15	.....	148	173	105	35	200	.....	.....	.....	1329
10 St. Paul's	59	.....	.....	.....	59	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	10	19	5	42	.....	.....	.....	135
11 Wesley	1800	10	270	219	2299	45	25	24	30	416	540	189	54	405	42	16	3545
12 E. N. Market	.....	5	.....	.....	5	57	30	2	15	14	12	77	207	112	32	240	.....	.....	598
13 Ellendale	150	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	10	7	10	48	75	52	10	50	.....	1	.....	338
14 Elliott's Island	65	3	.....	.....	68	1	4	6	8	6	4	31	60	14	96	.....	9	.....	292
15 Farmington and Epworth	200	5	2	2	209	2	2	4	3	10	10	6	37	80	22	180	.....	19	547
16 Federalsburg	1340	10	331	.....	1681	12	35	.....	20	19	20	355	461	133	38	270	.....	16	2599
17 Felton	346	8	.....	144	498	17	.....	.....	15	13	15	144	204	101	26	217	.....	.....	2048
18 Frederica	515	10	40	61	626	5	5	.....	5	.....	12	81	108	87	28	188	.....	4	1041
19 Galestown	67	30	.....	.....	97	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	6	26	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	139
20 Georgetown	1466	10	10	34	1570	20	45	25	22	22	25	154	313	175	50	375	26	2	2511	
21 Georgetown Ct	165	5	.....	.....	170	2	10	2	12	10	12	268	316	77	22	165	.....	17	767
22 Greenwood	151	7	9	.....	167	10	20	10	12	11	12	95	170	84	24	184	.....	.....	625
23 Harrington	462	7	33	.....	502	10	12	.....	10	15	10	43	100	119	34	174	.....	7	936
24 Hooper's Isl'd	145	3	.....	.....	148	3	10	5	6	11	8	24	67	84	24	50	.....	6	379
25 Houston	220	5	12	.....	237	.....	.....	.....	12	10	6	28	91	26	100	.....	10	.....	492
26 Hurlock	809	5	13	.....	875	15	5	.....	10	18	10	59	111	136	36	140	.....	.....	1298
27 Lakesville	64	2	5	5	76	.....	.....	.....	10	6	4	15	35	12	40	.....	2	.....	260
28 Laurel	785	5	73	178	1041	20	5	15	21	10	23	94	164	47	337	14	1697	
29 Leipsic	48	48	42	12	102	
30 Lewes	893	15	115	1023	5	25	25	20	199	274	140						

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NAMES OF CHARGES	Local Preachers	Church Membership				Epw'th League		Church Property								
		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	
		Received During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members											Deaths	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
1 Bayside.....	1	4	.....	104	.....	1	60	81	2	\$ 7000	1	\$ 1500	.....	\$ 525	.....	\$200
2 Bozman and Neavitt...	1	9	12	133	.....	2	110	55	2	10900	1	2000	4600	.....	\$1700	300
3 Burrsville.....	2	2	.....	95	10	3	50	.....	2	6500	1	2000	220	.....	.....	.....
4 Cecilton.....	75	70	.....	265	.....	5	26	.....	2	35000	1	3000	225	\$955	.....	3583
5 Centerville.....	9	.....	.....	278	4	5	40	40	1	10000	1	7000	1050	320	730	850
6 Chestertown.....	14	3	.....	362	12	6	105	.....	6	20000	1	8000	500	.....	.....	1200
7 Cheswold.....	1	6	14	217	4	1	35	32	2	7500	1	2300	.....	.....	.....	120
8 Church Hill.....	1	22	14	195	26	1	46	101	3	15000	1	3000	900	.....	.....	376
9 Clayton.....	14	14	.....	212	12	2	21	37	1	7000	1	3500	167	.....	.....	312
10 Concord.....	1	9	.....	239	65	10	60	.....	3	11000	1	2000	1097	1293	1097	215
11 Cordova.....	4	9	.....	140	23	2	60	.....	3	10000	1	2000	160	.....	.....	50
12 Crumpton.....	6	6	.....	175	.....	2	.....	25	3	8000	1	3000	600	.....	.....	200
13 Denton.....	9	13	.....	285	40	1	73	60	1	10000	2	10000	1500	.....	.....	700
14 Easton.....	.....	.....	.....	872	.....	2	.....	.....	1	20000	1	5700	.....	.....	2000	1767
15 Fairlee.....	1	13	.....	75	.....	4	50	.....	2	5000	1	4000	1000	.....	.....	300
16 Galena.....	10	30	.....	135	20	.....	60	35	3	12000	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	400
17 Greensboro.....	6	8	.....	283	26	3	44	72	1	12000	1	4000	900	50	350	395
18 Henderson.....	1	10	10	156	2	3	36	15	3	6000	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	88
19 Hillsboro.....	.....	.....	.....	178	30	2	.....	12	3	8700	1	4000	90	1004	.....	140
20 Kent Island.....	7	10	.....	400	.....	2	85	.....	3	20000	1	5000	5000	1845	1300	.....
21 Kenton.....	6	.....	.....	130	5	3	.....	.....	2	5600	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	242
22 Marydel.....	38	4	.....	148	5	2	45	14	3	7000	1	2500	85	.....	.....	283
23 Middletown.....	14	14	.....	385	30	3	65	30	1	18000	1	6000	945	1520	.....	1325
24 Millington & Dulaney	.....	10	.....	265	31	3	40	20	3	10000	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	325
25 Odessa and Friendship	.....	24	.....	142	65	7	24	.....	2	14500	1	2500	.....	.....	.....	300
26 Oxford.....	52	59	.....	71	13	5	35	60	1	3000	1	2500	101	.....	.....	186
27 Piney Neck.....	.....	19	17	19	17	1	.....	46	1	3500	1	1200	516	13	.....	144
28 Pomona.....	1	28	28	78	8	.....	50	16	2	6000	1	1500	30	.....	.....	115
29 Preston.....	1	5	8	200	25	2	50	25	3	15000	1	3000	200	100	.....	350
30 Queenstown.....	1	22	.....	231	.....	5	30	.....	3	12000	1	3000	165	584	2769	592
31 Ridgely.....	1	7	5	190	26	2	39	17	1	10000	1	2000	318	.....	.....	200
32 Rock Hall.....	1	30	.....	200	20	5	40	30	1	12000	1	6000	.....	548	3500	350
33 Royal Oak.....	1	2	3	102	.....	1	.....	.....	3	8000	1	3000	50	.....	.....	.....
34 St. Michaels.....	.....	.....	.....	283	16	.....	125	50	1	35000	1	3000	.....	155	170	879
35 Salem and Barclay.....	5	9	.....	80	.....	2	.....	.....	2	6000	.....	1000	.....	.....	.....	25
36 Smyrna.....	60	60	.....	582	76	9	42	20	1	25000	1	3500	364	.....	1600	1413
37 Still Pond & Betterton	23	25	.....	212	7	1	178	72	2	22000	1	2200	600	150	.....	595
38 Sudersville.....	.....	4	.....	235	29	2	75	.....	1	10000	1	5000	628	.....	.....	247
39 Tilghman Island.....	3	40	.....	162	6	3	30	.....	2	10000	1	2000	500	500	1500	500
40 Townsend.....	123	125	.....	218	.....	2	113	.....	2	19500	1	4000	360	.....	.....	429
41 Trappe.....	1	10	.....	196	9	1	.....	.....	2	4000	1	2500	318	.....	.....	120
42 Wye Mills and Starr.....	4	4	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4000	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	50
Total.....	13	608	688	8453	663	116	1942	965	84	500800	42	137400	24174	8947	16716	19846

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NAMES OF CHARGES	Sunday Schools											
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars not including Home Department and Cradle Roll.	Members in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enroll't in all Depts. Inc. Cradle Roll, Home Dept., Off's, Teach's, Schls. Grades	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Scholars incl. Home Dept. who are Church Mem- bers or Probationers	Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.	Paid by Sunday School to Centenary and Appor- tioned Benevolences	Sunday School Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
1 Bayside.....	2	30	155	.....	30	215	90	28	100	.....	155	60
2 Bozman and Neavitt.....	2	30	285	.....	.....	315	95	27	70	13	150	50
3 Burrsville.....	3	30	120	.....	.....	150	90	29	.....	.....	.....	70
4 Cecilton.....	2	45	355	.....	24	424	180	45	180	8	250	343
5 Centerville.....	1	20	190	10	10	230	110	20	140	8	210	90
6 Chestertown.....	1	23	321	70	68	482	159	23	197	4	764	309
7 Cheswold.....	1	25	198	19	26	268	133	25	182	6	202	119
8 Church Hill.....	3	41	238	.....	26	305	130	41	.....	34	240	105
9 Clayton.....	1	17	150	.....	27	194	77	17	.....	11	143	312
10 Concord.....	3	43	301	.....	22	366	69	43	277	9	150	135
11 Cordova.....	3	38	120	.....	30	188	60	35	60	.....	.....	36
12 Crumpton.....	3	44	221	.....	20	285	200	44	140	6	150	100
13 Denton.....	1	35	237	30	20	322	135	35	160	.....	90	238
14 Easton.....	1	28	286	.....	25	339	150	28	300	.....	300	175
15 Fairlee.....	2	20	175	.....	25	220	100	20	50	13	60	50
16 Galena.....	2	20	176	5	24	225	125	20	150	10	80	100
17 Greensboro.....	1	30	250	60	63	403	175	30	210	5	600	350
18 Henderson.....	3	30	189	.....	8	227	125	29	.....	.....	119	80
19 Hillsboro.....	2	23	115	.....	6	144	90	23	115	.....	156	138
20 Kent Island.....	3	35	350	.....	.....	385	250	35	200	.....	.....	200
21 Kenton.....	2	22	135	20	25	202	75	22	.....	6	87	111
22 Marydel.....	3	34	183	.....	.....	217	122	34	.....	15	.....	83
23 Middletown.....	1	18	194	.....	39	251	98	18	130	14	300	128
24 Millington and Dulaney	3	30	165	.....	50	245	85	30	125	.....	237	160
25 Odessa and Friendship	2	30	150	.....	20	200	40	30	76	8	160	110
26 Oxford.....	1	12	103	6	29	150	60	12	50	34	86	108
27 Piney Neck.....	1	12	120	.....	25	157	62	12	19	.....	30	32
28 Pomona.....	2	20	90	.....	32	142	70	20	55	23	65	45
29 Preston.....	2	36	325	.....	20	381	200	36	100	5	120	125
30 Queenstown.....	3	38	273	.....	12	323	170	38	100	10	50	151
31 Ridgely.....	1	18	163	.....	9	191	100	17	195	7	102	90
32 Rock Hall.....	1	30	250	.....	20	300	165	.....	130	30	292	125
33 Royal Oak.....	3	19	181	.....	.....	200	100	19	.....	.....	54	54
34 St. Michaels.....	1	37	270	17	20	344	140	37	220	.....	300	252
35 Salem and Barclay.....	2	16	64	.....	16	80	50	16	50	5	25	25
36 Smyrna.....	3	39	333	35	16	423	199	39	325	40	420	235
37 Still Pond & Betterton	2	27	173	.....	10	210	130	27	78	30	352	175
38 Sudersville.....	1	17	172	.....	18	207	110	17	150	.....	100	120
39 Tilghman's Island.....	2	39	285	.....	75	399	229	36	148	3	250	200
40 Townsend.....	2	28	213	10	60	311	114	25	128	78	180	147
41 Trappe.....	1	20	90	.....	12	122	50	20	65	.....	135	60
42 Wye Mills and Starr.....	2	16	54	70	16
Total.....	82	1165	8418	283	946	10812	4912	1118	4585	435	7144	5566

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NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Baptisms				
		Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.		Support Bishops		Support Conf. C'mnts			Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children under instruction for Membership
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid						
1 Bayside.....	F. A. Baker.....	\$1100	\$1100	\$100	70	70	22	22	165	100	1292	65	12	.....	.....	.....
2 Bozman & Neavitt	J. D. Reese.....	1150	1150	150	70	70	24	24	126	126	1370	.....	7	.....	.....	.....
3 Burrsville.....	E. N. Wright.....	1200	1200	120	75	75	24	24	120	120	1419	.....	1	6	.....	.....
4 Cecilton.....	J. T. Rowleson ..	1950	1950	150	126	126	39	39	292	292	2407	.....	18	.....	.....	.....
5 Centerville.....	Frank White.....	2200	2200	400	126	126	44	44	315	255	2625	60	10	40	.....	.....
6 Chestertown.....	T. J. Sard.....	2500	2500	500	140	140	50	50	375	375	3065	.....	13	.....	.....	.....
7 Cheswold.....	C. E. Davis.....	1050	1050	150	63	63	21	21	157	157	1291	.....	1	10	.....	.....
8 Church Hill.....	A. B. Frye.....	1650	1650	150	105	105	33	33	247	247	2035	.....	13	.....	.....	.....
9 Clayton.....	C. W. Clark.....	1900	1900	300	112	112	20	20	15	115	2147	.....	7	.....	.....	.....
10 Concord.....	C. H. Atkins.....	1800	1800	100	84	84	27	26	195	55	1495	140	2	.....	.....	.....
11 Cordova.....	J. W. Sutton.....	1350	1250	150	84	77	27	10	202	100	1437	226	7	.....	.....	.....
12 Crumpton.....	J. A. Buckson.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	34	34	255	255	2094	.....	16	.....	.....	.....
13 Denton.....	C. N. Jones.....	2180	2100	300	126	126	42	42	315	315	2533	.....	13	.....	.....	.....
14 Easton.....	W. H. Briggs.....	2800	2800	400	168	168	56	56	420	420	3444	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
15 Fairlee.....	W. B. Horner.....	1400	1400	200	84	84	27	20	210	150	1654	67	4	20	10	.....
16 Galena.....	G. E. Sterling.....	2000	2000	200	126	126	45	45	255	255	2426	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
17 Greensboro.....	W. O. Bennett.....	1950	1950	150	126	126	39	39	292	200	2315	92	11	20	.....	.....
18 Henderson.....	S. L. Hanby.....	1050	1050	100	67	67	21	21	55	55	1193	.....	1	17	.....	.....
19 Hillsboro.....	W. T. McGuire.....	1550	1550	250	91	91	31	31	262	118	1790	144	3	.....	.....	.....
20 Kent Island.....	R. C. Jones.....	1600	1600	200	98	98	36	36	240	120	1854	120	10	.....	.....	.....
21 Kenton.....	J. W. Easley.....	1200	1200	200	70	70	17	17	125	125	1412	.....	3	4	.....	.....
22 Maryland.....	J. E. Parker.....	1075	1075	75	70	70	21	21	101	101	1247	.....	3	2	10	.....
23 Middletown.....	E. W. McDowell.....	2500	2500	300	154	154	50	50	345	345	3049	.....	1	14	30	.....
24 Millington & Dly	G. F. Newton.....	1450	1250	150	91	91	29	22	217	189	1552	289	10	.....	.....	.....
25 Odessa & Friend's	R. S. Hodgson.....	1350	1350	150	84	84	27	27	202	202	1663	.....	1	8	.....	.....
26 Oxford.....	W. P. Taylor.....	1250	1250	200	73	73	25	25	187	80	1428	107	12	.....	.....	.....
27 Piney Neck.....	T. S. Barrett.....	775	775	75	49	49	16	14	101	41	879	62	4	.....	.....	.....
28 Pomona.....	W. L. McClintock..	900	900	100	56	56	18	18	135	85	1059	50	8	12	.....	.....
29 Preston.....	J. P. Outten.....	2000	2000	200	126	126	40	40	300	300	2466	.....	6	30	.....	.....
30 Queenstown.....	H. Covington.....	1300	1300	300	70	70	22	22	164	155	1547	9	3	19	.....	.....
31 Ridgely.....	M. E. Wheatley.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	34	34	255	255	2094	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
32 Rock Hall.....	W. H. Revelle.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	30	30	.....	100	1935	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
33 Royal Oak.....	R. L. Kirby, Jr.....	900	900	150	53	53	18	15	91	48	1016	46	8	.....	.....	.....
34 St. Michaels.....	Tilghman Smith.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	34	34	255	230	2069	25	7	35	.....	.....
35 Salem & Barclay	L. P. Corkran.....	550	550	.....	39	39	11	11	60	60	660	.....	6	2	.....	.....
36 Smyrna.....	J. J. Bunting.....	2750	2750	250	175	175	55	55	367	367	3347	.....	6	28	40	.....
37 Still Pond & Be'n	E. M. Shockley.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	34	34	255	200	2039	55	1	5	24	.....
38 Sudlersville.....	Leolan Jackson.....	1800	1800	200	112	112	36	36	270	270	2218	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
39 Tilghman's Is.....	J. W. Wooten.....	1700	1700	100	112	112	39	39	225	225	2070	.....	14	.....	.....	.....
40 Townsend.....	O. H. Connelly.....	1600	1600	200	98	98	32	32	240	240	1970	.....	9	36	.....	.....
41 Trappe.....	D. J. Moore.....	1350	1350	150	84	84	27	27	202	147	1608	55	4	.....	.....	.....
42 Wye Mills & Starr	W. A. Freeman.....	850	850	100	52	52	14	10	71	20	932	55	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		65600	65300	7970	4034	4027	1291	1250	8781	7615	78193	1667	31	398	266	.....

TREASURER'S
MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGE	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference					Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference							Other Cash Items				Grand Total Incl. Disciplinary and Annual Conf. Benevolences and Other Cash Items			
	Centenary and Appor-tioned Benevolences	Children's Day Fund (Board of Education)	Woman's Foreign Mis-sionary Society	Woman's Home Mis-sionary Society	Total Disciplinary Be-nevolences	Hospitals and Homes	City Missionary or Chu'h Extension Society	Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund	Domestic Missions	1/4 Salary Conference En-tertainment	Director of Religious Ed-ucation	Other Items	Total Benevolences Ord'd by Annual Conference	Support of District Super-intendent	Support of Bishops (Epi-scopal Fund)	Support of Conference Claimants		Annual Conf. Investments for Conf. Claimants	General Conference Ex-penses	
1 Bayside.....	418	5	.....	.....	423	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	10	111	136	70	22	100	.....	4	755
2 Bozman.....	209	5	.....	.....	214	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	5	30	50	70	24	126	.....	6	490
3 Burrsville.....	64	10	.....	.....	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	6	12	29	75	24	120	.....	2	324
4 Cecilton.....	1252	.....	.....	.....	1252	15	25	.....	12	18	160	242	126	39	292	.....	6	1957	
5 Centerville.....	602	5	72	107	786	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	18	281	337	126	44	255	.....	6	1554
6 Chestertown.....	2612	.....	329	142	3083	.....	45	.....	20	20	724	829	140	50	375	55	7	4539	
7 Cheswold.....	312	10	.....	.....	322	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	10	138	188	63	21	157	15	8	774
8 Church Hill.....	204	8	.....	.....	220	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	12	123	192	105	33	247	.....	4	801
9 Clayton.....	305	.....	.....	.....	305	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	3	24	112	20	115	12	.....	588
10 Concord.....	412	5	.....	.....	417	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	15	245	277	84	26	55	.....	4	863
11 Cordova.....	60	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	58	70	77	10	100	.....	5	322
12 Crumpton.....	330	5	.....	.....	335	130	30	.....	10	15	15	76	276	105	34	255	.....	5	1010
13 Denton.....	1023	5	65	.....	1093	.....	10	5	.....	20	18	199	271	126	42	315	5	5	1857
14 Easton.....	1775	10	408	320	2513	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	24	320	379	168	56	420	25	7	3568
15 Fairlee.....	215	1	216	5	12	6	60	83	84	20	169	4	576
16 Galena.....	209	15	215	5	18	12	45	80	126	44	255	3	723
17 Greensboro.....	863	5	109	.....	977	.....	15	.....	10	18	15	113	171	126	39	200	.....	4	1517
18 Henderson.....	173	31	204	2	5	10	7	70	96	67	21	55	6	449
19 Hillsboro.....	136	.....	.....	.....	136	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	13	13	101	139	91	31	118	19	534
20 Kent Is.....	500	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	15	29	52	98	36	120	10	10	826
21 Kenton.....	197	.....	.....	.....	197	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	13	18	70	17	125	.....	.....	427
22 Maryland.....	157	.....	.....	.....	157	10	12	.....	10	10	6	15	63	70	21	101	.....	4	416
23 Middletown.....	1725	10	213	442	2390	27	25	.....	20	22	20	351	465	154	50	345	.....	12	3416
24 Millington.....	217	5	43	94	359	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	13	124	180	91	22	188	.....	4	844
25 Odessa.....	646	11	15	58	728	6	12	13	93	140	84	27	202	4	1187
26 Oxford.....	253	3	256	3	3	10	56	75	73	25	80	8	517
27 Piney N'k.....	37	3	.....	.....	40	2	5	.....	5	7	7	11	37	49	14	41	.....	2	183
28 Pomona.....	115	6	.....	.....	121	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	30	50	58	18	85	.....	.....	4	334
29 Preston.....	500	30	48	.....	578	.....	25	.....	10	18	18	44	115	126	40	300	.....	4	1163
30 Queensto'n.....	50	5	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	10	70	22	155	.....	.....	.....	315
31 Ridgely.....	220	.....	.....	.....	220	26	5	.....	5	15	13	77	141	105	34	255	.....	12	905
32 Rock Hall.....	292	5	.....	.....	297	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	10	29	51	105	30	100	.....	10	596
33 Royal Oak.....	102	5	2	109	5	7	7	18	42	53	15	48	2	267
34 St. Michael's.....	800	5	.....	.....	805	35	20	.....	10	15	13	225	318	105	34	200	.....	4	1541
35 Salem Ct.....	110	6	116	5	4	35	50	39	11	60	3	279
36 Smyrna.....	3399	211	332	3942	50	20	25	22	408	525	175	55	367	5	8	5077	
37 Still Pond.....	946	5	182	1133	16	20	10	15	15	218	294	105	34	200	24	1790</	

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SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership				Epw'th League	Church Property										
	Local Preachers Received During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members			Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses 1912, '22			
			Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members										Deaths During Year	Senior Members	Junior Members
			Prep'ry Mem.	Full Members												
1 Annessex	30	24	200	10	25	2	\$ 8500	1	\$ 2000	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 250				
2 Ayres Chapel	2	2	140	2	25	3	5200	1	12000	350	100	175				
3 Berlin	3	3	266	15	40	1	25000	1	3500	1500		646				
4 Bishopville	1	31	519	11	5	4	8000	1	1500	164		150				
5 Cape Charles	2	2	249	12	2	1	12000	1	10000	2787	300	1002				
6 Chincoteague	5	10	200	1	27	1	30000	1	3000	3000	7000	500				
7 Claremont	1	7	99	5	16	1	2000	1	1500	205		130				
8 Crisfield-Asbury	2	6	648	5	140	60	150000	1	5000	38000	600	20000				
9 Immanuel	2	35	1191	62	11	325	5000	1	7000	7500		1800				
10 Dagsboro & St. Georges	5	14	465	5	26	2	9000	1	4000	175		350				
11 Deal's Island	1	29	178	3	60	2	23000	1	2500	1000	1500	900				
12 Delmar	1	47	444	19	4	120	15000	1	10000	1186	592	1152				
13 Fairmount	1	5	258	35	20	15	3000	1	2300	575	475	436				
14 Frankford	1	13	287	3	3	3	10000	1	2000	425		225				
15 Fruitland	1	22	204	3	26	3	11300	1	2700	600		320				
16 Girdletree	1	2	291	3	50	3	9500	1	3000	50		225				
17 Gumboro	1	25	207	2	2	4	6000	1	2500	175	44	155				
18 Hebron	1	2	100	1	45	33	15000	1	2500	171	500	200				
19 Holland's Island	1	1	25	1	1	1	1000	1				20				
20 Maryland Springs	2	1	90	2	1	3	7000	1	2500	180		115				
21 Marion	2	14	116	3	1	3	12000	1	3000	861		210				
22 Mt. Vernon	1	1	190	14	5	3	12000	1	4500	1250		340				
23 Nanticoke	1	1	190	14	5	3	9500	1	1500	328		170				
24 Newark	1	58	20	17	1	70	9000	1	2500	700	68	700				
25 Ocean City	1	46	157	45	1	15	22000	1			640	4918				
26 Ocean View & Millville	1	1	369	3	1	40	12800	1	2500	450	100	300				
27 Onancock	1	37	3	212	11	4	8000	1	5000	400	314	325				
28 Parsonsburg	1	52	228	6	1	50	5000	1	1000	400		250				
29 Phoebus	1	185	1	20	10	1	12500	1	4500	275		400				
30 Pittsville	1	17	28	290	8	1	9000	1	3500	50		200				
31 Pocomoke	2	3	10	405	15	4	30000	1	3500	500		575				
32 Pocomoke Circuit	2	4	150	10	3	50	5000	1	1500	725	175	125				
33 Powellville	1	6	2	305	10	2	6000	1	2500	40		40				
34 Princess Anne	1	12	253	97	2	70	30000	1	6000	350		610				
35 Quantico	1	5	5	226	4	1	9500	1	2000	600		140				
36 Roxana	1	34	15	280	30	12	7000	1	1500	300	55	250				
37 St. Peter's	1	12	55	298	20	6	8000	1	2000	190		300				
38 Salisbury-Asbury	1	4	25	210	20	3	100000	1	12000	2500	700	3000				
39 " Circuit	1	4	25	210	20	3	16000	1	3300	310		700				
40 Selbyville	1	9	16	426	12	5	30000	1	3000		200	475				
41 Sharptown	1	32	15	261	84	50	8000	1	4000			290				
42 Smith's Island	1	35	512	1	180	95	26000	1	1500	400	300	2000				
43 Snow Hill	1	15	20	350	87	7	30000	1	16500	400	1360	6000				
44 Somerset	1	13	13	273	3	3	16000	1	1500	1000		500				
45 Stockton	1	3	3	300	42	3	22500	1	2500	481		400				
46 Tangier	1	60	7	443	3	2	16000	1	1500	850	320	900				
47 Venton	1	25	1	100	1	1	1000	1				50				
48 Westover	1	88	2	1	1	2	6000	1	2000	50		101				
49 White Haven	1	87	10	1	2	2	6000	1	1500	165		850				
50 Whitesville	1	18	18	200	9	35	15000	1	1500	250		45				
Total	26	726	760	14141	763	162	2123	1199	105	858300	46	174300	70482			
										13037		44780	21870			

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'r, Sch'l's	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Scholars incl. Home Dept. who are Church Members or Probationers	Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.	Paid by Sunday School to Centenary and Appor-tioned Benevolences	Sunday School Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.												
													1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924
1 Annessex	2	12	150	162	75	12	12	20	20															
2 Ayres Chapel	3	36	275	19	330	155	39	39	42	55														
3 Berlin	1	23	142	40	38	243	102	23	125	352	250													
4 Bishopville	4	61	398	51	57	547	274	61	113	14	146													
5 Cape Charles	1	34	308	8	33	383	229	34	209	4	551													
6 Chincoteague	1	15	184		199	151	15	36			220													
7 Claremont	1	20	88	11	22	141	78	18	46	4	67													
8 Crisfield-Asbury	1	29	530	45	604	295	29	355	20	776	350													
9 Immanuel	1	40	1209	115	1364	422	40	1000	68	2000	2000													
10 Dagsboro and St. Georges	2	44	405	65	514	224	44	321	34	270	475													
11 Deal's Island	2	40	300		310	200	40	200	12	232	160													
12 Delmar	1	35	413	25	17	490	243	55	392	20	648													
13 Fairmount	3	40	230		297	150	40	165	5	415	93													
14 Frankford	2	30	375		4	178	30																	
15 Fruitland	2	32	306	8	34	880	184	31	116	19	234													
16 Girdletree	2	24	166	13	203	100	24	102	2	50	85													
17 Gumboro	4	60	359	20	439	225	60	165	25	150	100													
18 Hebron	1	22	78	7	107	51	21	47		127	126													
19 Holland's Island	1	10	30		40	25	10																	
20 Maryland Springs	3	28	149		177	110	28		1	60	60													
21 Marion	2	21	97	18	5	141	55	2	18	72	78													
22 Mt. Vernon	2	88	247	25	310	170	35	148	5	132	316													
23 Nanticoke	3	40	260		300	130	40	188	1	86	100													
24 Newark	3	28	258	10	17	313	167	28	227	26	100													
25 Ocean City	2	28	166	10	36	230	139	27	100	29	62													
26 Ocean View and Millville	2	30	250	27	23	390	130	30	200	31	153													
27 Onancock	2	35	275	5	3	318	150	35	140	31	201													
28 Parsonsburg	2	24	231		255	159	24			52	253													
29 Phoebus	1	33	181	70	281	178	33			23	304													
30 Pittsville	3	45	415		460	260	45	250	12	200	100													
31 Pocomoke City	1	29	301	25	22	377	170	29	225	3	300													
32 Pocomoke Circuit	4	30	206		230	140	28	175		75	100													
33 Powellville	4	37	420	28	485	315	37	43		75	75													
34 Princess Anne	1	23	222	7	22	274	153	23	126		300													
35 Quantico	3	40	260		300	150	40	200	5	150	100													
36 Roxana	2	22	515	18	555	200	22	250	34	212	250													
37 St. Peter's	2	41	285	40	366	200	41	301	12	200	75													
38 Salisbury-Asbury	1	45	700	120	60	925	375	43	525		800													
39 " Circuit	3	41	422	35	48	546	250	35	150	10	116													
40 Selbyville	2	32	255	28	40	355	195	32	216	4	250													
41 Sharptown	1	31	260	30	321	147	31	186	32	290	200													
42 Smith's Island	3	50	776		826	320	50				97													
43 Snow Hill	1	18	300	20	338	125	18	230	11	400	150													
44 Somerset	2	40	210		250	150	40		4	200	175													
45 Stockton	2	40	310	67	427	195	43			368	147													
46 Tangier	2	47	600		647	490	47	300	40	561	170													
47 Venton	1	7	40		47	30	7	20			30													
48 Westover	2	22	110	15	147	70	22	67	1	6														

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 Conf. Cmnts), Baptisms (Adults Baptized, Children Baptized, Baptized Children under instruction for Membership), Total Paid for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency.

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 & Ch'ch Extension Society, Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, Domestic Missions, 1/2 Salary Conference Entertainment, Director of Religious Education, Other Items), Other Cash Items (Support of District Superintendent, Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund), Support of Conference Claimants, Annual Conf. Investments for Conf. Claimants, General Conference Expenses, Grand Total Incl. Disciplinary and Annual Conf. Benevolences and Other Cash Items).

**STATISTICAL
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.**

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership				Epw'th League	Church Property							Current Expenses. 1112, '24				
	Local Preachers	Probationers		Full Members		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	Deaths					
		Received During Year	Now on Roll											Members on Roll	Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches
1 Bethel and Town Point.....		60	10	2	\$ 11000	1	\$ 2500						\$ 300				
2 Charlestown.....		95	2	2	7000	1	2000	\$190					225				
3 Cherry Hill.....	1	200	4	20	10500	1	2000	150	125				340				
4 Chesapeake City.....	3	130	13	120	12000	1	3000		1400				270				
5 Chester-Bethel.....	10	109	3	3	5000	1	1800	800					265				
6 Christiana.....	26	130	2	58	10000	1	1500	900					225				
7 Claymont.....	16	152	23	60	15000	1	3000	268	1190	3000			1137				
8 Colora.....	8	56	30	1	2500	1	1650	45	210	500			130				
9 Delaware City.....	1	75	7	1	15000	1	8000	100					250				
10 Ebenezer.....	17	104	1	50	5000	1	2000	509					148				
11 Elkton.....	37	471	70	32	14000	1	5000			12000			1200				
12 Hockessin.....	5	80			2500	1	2500	125					200				
13 Holly Oak.....	2	38	4	12	430			100		3500			509				
14 Hopewell.....	5	200	10	30	2000	1	2000	1500	200	300			380				
15 Marshallton and Cedars.....	4	200	4	60	25000	1	3500	250	2000	4000			600				
16 Mt. Lebanon.....		55	1	1	4000	1	3500	441					90				
17 Newark.....	22	420	19	3	22000	1	5000	100					1500				
18 New Castle.....	12	434	1	62	40000	1	5000	800	825	900			1000				
19 Newport.....	2	119		1	1500	1	6800	609	460	1700			400				
20 North East.....	1	348		89	30000	1	4500	150	1800	1000			800				
21 Perryville.....	9	31	203	8	20000	1	5000						2992				
22 Port Deposit.....	1	17	212	6	60000	1	3000	550					1000				
23 Red Lion.....	2	75	5	2	15000	1	5100	75	200	650			150				
24 Rising Sun.....	54	22	307	60	4700	1	3000						835				
25 St. Georges & Summit.....	3	163	1	61	12000	1	2500		50				449				
26 St. John's.....	28	31	100	3	10000	1	2000						200				
27 Stanton.....	12	9	44	1	7000			42					200				
28 Zion Circuit.....	15	20	300	15	2000	2	4	20000	1	3000	2500		500				
Wilmington																	
30 Asbury.....	28	39	271	5	50000	1	3000	1600		400			1150				
31 Brandywine.....	10	20	45	25	40000	1	7000	2837					1344				
32 Brack Ex.....	1	1	127	8	12000	1	7500	175	1050	5700			400				
33 Cookman.....	1	1	153	24	8000	1	5000	1215		3500			1268				
34 Eastlake.....	9	14	289	3	23000	1	5000	363					1056				
35 Edge Moor.....	1	18	1	1	5000			50					200				
36 Epworth.....	46	46	320	50	40000	1	5000	690	760				1844				
37 Grace.....	7	1015	45	19	215000	1	15000	16000		21000			3756				
38 Harrison Street.....	24	30	605	24	100000	1	12000	5456	4000	30000			3756				
39 Hillcrest & Belle Fo'te.....	9	102	30	82	15000	1	7000	1011	325	7550			2422				
40 Kingswood.....	9	135	25	3	15000	1	3500	650	915	1400			755				
41 Madeley.....	7	82	389	9	14000	1	3000	200	1900	3000			3000				
42 McCabe.....	22	22	450	20	150000	1	8000	1500	16000	69000			4500				
43 Mt. Salem.....	1	2	359	4	55000	1	6000			1628			775				
44 Richardson Park.....	5	1	171	39	7000			250	700	4800			775				
45 Scott.....	140	140	410	6	25000	1	6500	565					2267				
46 Silverbrook.....	49	61	1058	109	110000	1	5000	162	600	10000			3854				
47 St. Paul's.....	59	45	1058	109	90000	1	6500		3500				11108				
48 Trinity.....	17	14	280	50	22000	1	9000	602	2100	1509			666				
49 Union.....	63	89	568	157	50000	1	15000	1000		1200			5732				
50 Wesley.....	48	45	75	20	25000	1	5000			1750			500				
Total.....	48	699	810	12610	1015	150	1864	1413	67	1489200	47	239850	44911	37310	167650	85985	

**STATISTICAL
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.**

NAMES OF CHARGES	Sunday Schools	Sunday Schools																			
		Officers and Teachers	Scholars not including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enroll't in all Depts. incl. Cradle Roll, Home Dept., Off's, Teach's, Sch's.	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Scholars incl. Home Dept. who are Church Mem- bers or Probationers	Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.	Paid by Sunday School to Centenary and Appor- tioned Benevolences	Sunday School Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.									
													Scholars in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enroll't in all Depts. incl. Cradle Roll, Home Dept., Off's, Teach's, Sch's.	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Scholars incl. Home Dept. who are Church Mem- bers or Probationers	Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.	Paid by Sunday School to Centenary and Appor- tioned Benevolences	Sunday School Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
1 Bethel and Town Point.....	2	21	59	35	25	140	60	21					75								
2 Charlestown.....	3	30	163	18	211	89	30						94								
3 Cherry Hill.....	3	40	185	23	262	84	40	94					235								
4 Chesapeake City.....	1	12	120	12	144	62	12	61					77								
5 Chester-Bethel.....	1	18	208	12	238	91	18						150								
6 Christiana.....	2	19	180	24	223	120	19						88								
7 Claymont.....	1	26	180	135	341	131	24	44					180								
8 Colora.....	1	15	165	26	146	60	15	30					60								
9 Delaware City.....	1	9	75	12	106	75	9	30					100								
10 Ebenezer.....	2	32	211	20	275	120	32	123					223								
11 Elkton.....	4	40	325	65	492	225	25						300								
12 Hockessin.....	1	12	90	30	132	50	11						85								
13 Holly Oak.....	1	15	70	25	110	50	15	20					78								
14 Hopewell.....	3	20	175	15	220	90	20	85					125								
15 Marshallton and Cedars.....	2	35	280	35	385	160	35	20					135								
16 Mt. Lebanon.....	1	14	90	14	118	60	12						50								
17 Newark.....	2	33	313	20	400	200	28	40					130								
18 New Castle.....	1	35	441	18	494	325	35	275					345								
19 Newport.....	1	20	200	20	240	110	15	30					300								
20 North East.....	1	40	290	70	500	150	40	200					225								
21 Perryville.....	1	15	155	170	170	85	13	50					200								
22 Port Deposit.....	1	19	158	19	223	79	19	50					283								
23 Red Lion.....	2	18	90	16	130	50	18	40					40								
24 Rising Sun.....	2	35	380	48	506	187	34						200								
25 St. Georges and Summit.....	2	21	185	20	245	88	20	51					200								
26 St. John's.....	1	12	118		130	65	12	70					400								
27 Stanton.....	1	14	113	7	139	84	9						35								
28 Zion Circuit.....	4	45	500	30	610	225	45	250					300								
29 Wilmington—Asbury.....	1	26	198	20	238	98	20	50					150								
30 Brandywine.....	1	46	450	33	529	353	46	180					170								
31 Brack Ex.....	1	23	200	20	243	130	23	62					395								
32 Cookman.....	1	18	137	12	167	90	18	90					100								
33 East Lake.....	1	36	431	37	504	278	36	226					254								
34 Edge Moor.....	1	12	84	28	124	54	12						92								
35 Epworth.....	1	37	388	6	492	218	30	165					686								
36 Grace.....	1	55	683	40	778	405	55	400					71								
37 Harrison St.....	1	75	488	40	651	288	75	500					20								
38 Hillcrest and Belle Fonte.....	2	20	191	12	249	101	20						433								
39 Kingswood.....	1	26	231	11	320	99	26	100					230								
40 Madeley.....	1	33	380	40	453	192	33	200					9								
41 McCabe.....	1	47	410	60	539	275	47	323					800								
42 Mt. Salem.....	2	53	290	39	418	218	53	183					7								
43 Richardson Park.....	1	27	375	45	488	208	27						400								
44 Scott.....	1	41	47																		

STATISTICAL
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

*Salary supplemented by missionary money.

TREASURER'S
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences, Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference (Hospitals and Homes, City Missionary, etc.), Other Cash Items (Support of District Superintendent, Support of Bishops, etc.), Grand Total.

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