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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.

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 Franz O. B. Wallin	1886 James T. Prouse
	1886 William P. Taylor
1872 John P. Otis	
	1887 James H. Wilson
1873 Robert Roe	1887 Harvey W. Ewing
1873 Frank C. MacSorley	
1873 William M. Greene	1888 George T. Alderson
	1888 John F. Anderson
1876 George W. Townsend	1888 Wesley W. Chaires
1876 Wilbur F. Corkran	1888 Joshua W. Gray
1876 John M. Collins	1888 George W. Stallings
1876 Thomas E. Terry	
1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker	1889 Vinal E. Hills
	1889 Truston C. Smoot
1878 Robert K. Stephenson	
	1890 George W. Bounds
1879 Olin S. Walton	1890 Melvin D. Nutter
1879 Alfred Smith	1890 Julius A. Brewington
1879 Joshua M. Lindale	
	1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan
1881 Louis P. Corkran	1891 George A. Cooke
1881 Sewall N. Pilchard	1891 George P. Jones
1882 Allison P. Prettyman	1892 Theodore F. Beauchamp
1882 Charles H. Williams	1892 Clarence W. Strickland
	1892 Francis B. Short
1883 William B. Guthrie	
1883 George L. Hardesty	1893 William L. White
1883 Vaughan S. Collins	1893 John P. Outten
	1893 James T. Richardson
1884 William A. Wise	
1884 Edmund H. Derrickson	1894 Henry G. Budd
1884 Thomas N. Given	1894 John H. Beauchamp
1884 William F. Dawson	
	1895 Edward H. Collins
1885 James W. Easley	1895 Daniel J. Givan
1885 Robert Watt	1895 Thomas R. Van Dyke
1885 James D. Reese	
1885 George W. Bowman	1896 Luther E. Poole
	1896 George P. Smith
	1896 Leolan Jackson

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 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

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  
 1912 Frank A. Lindhorst

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  
 1914 William E. Harrison, Jr.

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 Charles H. Atkins  
 1917 William T. McGuire  
 1917 William S. Grant  
 1917 William F. Godwin

1918 Wade H. Cummings  
 1918 Edmund W. Henvis

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 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  
 1923 James C. Steen

1924 Harry N. Bailey  
 1924 Oler A. Bartley  
 1924 Oliver J. Collins  
 1924 Frank L. Hicks  
 1924 John E. Parker  
 1924 Alfred N. Strickland

1925 Henry M. Parks  
 1925 John W. Grande

**(b) ALPHABETICAL ROLL AND DIRECTORY.**

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

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

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1888 Alderson, G. T.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1912 Allen, G. S.	E Kent Is., (P. O. Stevensville, Md.)	1
1888 Anderson, J. F.	R 2122 Gillis St., Wilmington, Del.	4
1921 Andrews, M. S.	E Lewes, Del.	2
1917 Atkins, C. H.	E Concord (P. O. Hobbs, Md.)	4
1924 Bailey, H. N.	P St. Paul's (P. O. Dover, Del.)	1
1923 Barlow, W. G.	E Bishopville, Md.	1
1924 Bartley, O. A.	P Hebron, Md.	1
1902 Baynard, O. T.	E Galena, Md.	1
1892 Beauchamp, T. F.	E Georgetown, Del.	1
1894 Beauchamp, J. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	5
1897 Bennett, W. O.	E Greensboro, Md.	3
1914 Benson, N. C.	E Rehoboth, Del.	2
1907 Bicking, J. R.	E Deal Island, Md.	2
1920 Bolton, J. C.	E At School	4
1890 Bounds, G. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	6
1885 Bowman, G. W.	R Laurel, Del.	20
1890 Brewington, J. A.	R Hebron, Md.	6
1907 Briggs, W. H.	E Easton, Md.	5
1915 Broadway, L. M.	E Wilmington, Del.	9
1904 Buckson, J. A.	E Millsboro, Del.	2
1894 Budd, H. G.	E Dover, Del.	15
1909 Bunting, J. J.	E Crisfield, Md.	1
1888 Chaires, W. W.	R Marydel, Md.	6
1913 Chappell, J. W.	D Mt. Regia Sanatorium, Salem, Va.	8
1915 Clark, C. W.	E Clayton, Del.	4
1876 Collins, J. M.	R 1607 W. 13th St., Wilm., Del.	21
1883 Collins, V. S.	E Cape Charles, Va.	3
1895 Collins, E. H.	E Harrington, Del.	2
1924 Collins, O. J.	P Charlestown, Md.	2
1902 Colona, J. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1912 Connelly, O. H.	E Townsend, Del.	3
1891 Cooke, G. A.	E Frankford, Del.	3
1876 Corkran, W. F.	E Crisfield, Md.	8
1881 Corkran, L. P.	R Church Hill, Md.	9
1918 Cummings, W. H.	E Parsonburg, Md.	1
1899 Dashiell, E. H.	E Salisbury, Md.	3
1900 Davis, Howard	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1921 Davis, C. E.	E Dover, Del.	1

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1884 Dawson, W. F.	E Hurlock, Md.	1
1899 Dawson, G. W.	E Cecilton, Md.	1
1884 Derrickson, E. H.	R Odessa, Del.	5
1886 Dulany, H. S.	E Sharptown, Md.	6
1885 Easley, J. W.	R Wilmington, Del.	7
1902 Eldridge, J. S.	E Milton, Del.	1
1887 Ewing, H. W.	R Newark, Del.	2
1900 Faulkner, F. N.	Sy. Delmar, Del.	4
1905 Ford, D. J.	E Wyoming, Del.	1
1910 Fox, H. P.	E Salisbury, Md.	3
1915 Frye, A. B.	E Ocean View, Del.	2
1921 Gallion, H. W.	E Nanticoke, Md.	1
1902 Gardner, J. H.	E Crumpton, Md.	2
1922 German, G. T.	D (Ebenezer), Newark, Del.	2
1891 Geoghegan, J. H.	E Red Lion, Del.	5
1921 Gilbert, B. W.	D At School	4
1895 Givan, D. J.	E North East, Md.	6
1884 Given, T. N.	R Cheswold, Del.	3
1917 Godwin, W. F.	E Newark, Md.	4
1903 Goodhand, A. W.	E Phoebus, Va.	1
1917 Grant, W. S.	E Church Hill, Md.	2
1925 Grande, J. W.	D At School	1
1888 Gray, J. W.	R Landover, Md.	3
1873 Greene, W. M.	R Milton, Del.	22
1900 Greenfield, W. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	8
1903 Gunby, W. E.	E Dover, Del.	3
1883 Guthrie, W. B.	R Kenton, Del.	5
1903 Habbart, W. E.	E Cambridge, Md.	1
1910 Hallman, E. C.	E Berlin, Md.	2
1921 Hamblin, S. T.	E Houston, Del.	3
1883 Hardesty, G. L.	R Seaford, Del.	12
1906 Harris, W. G.	E Elkton, Md.	3
1916 Harris, C. C.	E Preston, Md.	1
1914 Harrison, W. E., Jr.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1900 Hastings, G. W.	R Seaford, Del.	2
1917 Hearn, W. A.	E Middletown, Del.	1
1918 Henvis, E. W.	E Onancock, Va.	2
1909 Herson, Frank	E Newark, Del.	8
1920 Hess, W. L.	E Hopewell (P.O. Port Deposit, Md.)	1
1924 Hicks, F. L.	D At School	2
1889 Hills, V. E.	E Mt. Pleasant (P.O. Edgemoor, Del.)	1
1918 Hodgson, R. S.	E Sudlersville, Md.	1
1876 Hoffecker, E. L.	R Easton, Md.	8
1897 Holt, T. S.	R Federalsburg, Md.	14
1906 Hubbard, C. L.	E Wilmington, Del.	8
1900 Hudson, J. A.	E East New Market, Md.	1

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1922 Hudson, C. H. ....D	Hooper's Is. (Fishing Creek, Md.)	.4
1896 Jackson, Leolan .....E	Ridgely, Md.	1
1913 Jacobs, D. W. ....E	Milford, Del.	5
1907 James, O. E. ....R	Cambridge, Md.	2
1906 Johns, B. M. ....E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1899 Johnson, J. L. ....E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1891 Jones, G. P. ....E	Smyrna, Del.	1
1898 Jones, J. W. ....E	Delmar, Del.	5
1898 Jones, O. E. ....E	Middletown, Del.	3
1900 Jones, C. N. ....E	Princess Anne, Md.	1
1903 Jones, C. T. ....E	St. George's, Del.	2
1905 Jones, E. W. ....E	Snow Hill, Md.	4
1915 Jones, R. C. ....E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1898 Kelso, H. B. ....E	Claymont, Del.	1
1904 Kelso, J. M. ....E	Dover, Del.	3
1871 Layfield, L. W. ....R	Greenwood, Del.	2
1913 Leach, J. A. ....E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1879 Lindale, J. M. ....R	Chestertown, Md.	7
1912 Lindhorst, F. A. ....E	Dover, Del.	1
1920 McCabe, J. B. ....E	Port Deposit, Md.	4
1905 McCoy, J. C. ....E	Rising Sun, Md.	1
1905 McDade, H. R. ....E	St. Peter's (P. O. Oriole, Md.)	2
1906 McDowell, E. W. ....E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1917 McGuire, W. T. ....E	Odessa, Del.	1
1873 MacSorley, F. C. ....E	Federalsburg, Md.	11
1914 Marine, M. W. ....E	Selbyville, Del.	1
1902 Marshall, E. H. ....R	Salem, Va.	1
1900 Martin, O. L. ....R	Salisbury, Md.	2
1902 Matthews, W. E. ....R	Smyrna, Del.	4
1905 Moore, C. W. ....E	Marshallton, Del.	1
1898 Moore, F. X. ....R	Baltimore, Md.	5
1911 Moore, D. J. ....E	Felton, Del.	1
1918 Moore, W. V. ....E	Seaford, Del.	3
1905 Morgan, L. B. ....E	Richardson Park, Del.	2
1886 Mowbray, W. R. ....E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1912 Newton, G. F. ....E	Roxana, Del.	1
1907 Nichols, R. P. ....E	Pocomoke City, Md.	2
1890 Nutter, M. D. ....E	Hockessin, Del.	3
1872 Otis, J. P. ....R	Marshallton, Del.	7
1893 Outten, J. P. ....E	Camden, Del.	1
1924 Parker, J. E. ....P	Kenton, Del.	1
1925 Parks, H. M. ....P	Little Creek, Del.	1
1881 Pilchard, S. N. ....R	Hillsboro, Md.	5
1896 Poole, L. E. ....E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1900 Poole, W. C. ....E	St. John's (P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	3
1868 Prettyman, C. W. ....R	Orange City, Florida	10

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1882 Prettyman, A. P. ....R	Galena, Md.	9
1897 Prettyman, J. W. ....E	Zion Ct. (P. O. North East, Md.)	3
1909 Prettyman, E. C. ....E	Wilmington, Del.	11
1908 Price, J. T. ....E	Perryville, Md.	2
1886 Prouse, J. T. ....R	Edge Moor, Del.	13
1870 Reed, G. E. ....R	Harrisburg, Pa.	4
1910 Reed, H. E. ....E	Leave of Absence	1
1916 Reed, O. B. ....E	Hillcrest (P. O. Edgemoor, Del.)	3
1885 Reese, J. D. ....R	Houston, Del.	7
1907 Revelle, W. H. ....E	Rock Hall, Md.	4
1911 Rice, O. B. ....E	Chester-Bethel (P.O.Boothwyn,Pa.)	4
1893 Richardson, J. T. ....E	Chesapeake City, Md.	2
1873 Roe, Robert ....R	Trappe, Md.	14
1918 Rowleson, J. T. ....E	Chincoteague, Va.	1
1910 Sard, T. J. ....E	Chestertown, Md.	3
1886 Sharp, W. W. ....R	Wilmington, Del.	1
1919 Shockley, E. M. ....E	Still Pond, Md.	3
1892 Short, F. B. ....E	New York City	5
1922 Short, W. D. ....D	Trappe, Md.	1
1879 Smith, Alfred ....R	Camden, Del.	9
1896 Smith, G. P. ....R	Dover, Del.	4
1907 Smith, Tilghman ....E	St. Michaels, Md.	3
1889 Smoot, T. C. ....R	Denton, Md.	2
1906 Sparklin, J. L. ....E	Newport, Del.	3
1911 Spry, C. W. ....E	Magnolia, Del.	1
1888 Stallings, G. W. ....R	Lovettsville, Loudoun Co., Va.	4
1923 Steen, J. C. ....D	Colora, Md.	1
1870 Stengle, Adam ....R	Wilmington, Del.	11
1878 Stephenson, R. K. ....E	Smyrna, Del.	1
1912 Sterling, G. E. ....E	Bridgeville, Del.	1
1923 Stockely, D. A. ....D	Fruitland, Md.	2
1892 Strickland, C. W. ....E	Tangier, Va.	2
1924 Strickland, A. N. ....P	At School	2
1885 Sunfield, E. C. ....R	Barneget, N. J.	4
1908 Sutton, J. W. ....E	Crapo, Md.	1
1886 Taylor, W. P. ....E	Hillsboro, Md.	1
1904 Taylor, E. B. ....E	Claremont, Va.	1
1897 Taylor, Harry ....E	Cherry Hill (P. O. Elkton, Md.)	2
1876 Terry, T. E. ....R	Magnolia, Del.	11
1916 Thawley, R. T. ....D	Mt. Vernon (Princess Anne, Md.)	1
1903 Thomas, G. S. ....E	Pittsville, Md.	3
1914 Thomas, E. P. ....E	Laurel, Del.	3
1876 Townsend, G. W. ....R	Ridley Park, Pa.	11
1914 Truitt, P. P. ....E	Ocean City, Md.	2
1905 Van Blunk, J. M. S. ....E	Quantico, Md.	6
1895 Van Dyke, T. R. ....E	Wilmington, Del.	3



Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1871 Wallin, F. O. B.	R Sweden	25
1879 Walton, O. S.	R Red Lion, Del.	20
1885 Watt, Robert	R 212 Beaconsfield Rd., Worcester, Mass.	2
1913 Wells, Z. W.	E New Castle, Del.	3
1910 Wheatley, M. E.	E Denton, Md.	1
1919 Whedbee, J. H.	E Seaford, Del.	1
1893 White, W. L.	R Easton, Md.	1
1908 White, Leonard	E Dover, Del.	3
1914 White, Frank	E Centreville, Md.	4
1882 Williams, C. H.	R Snow Hill, Md.	12
1885 Willis, D. H.	R Cambridge, Md.	13
1912 Willis, Ivanhoe	E Somers (P. O. Chance, Md.)	1
1887 Wilson, J. H.	E Mt. Lebanon (P.O. Rockland, Del.)	3
1906 Wilson, Daniel	R Centreville, Md.	1
1916 Wilson, J. P.	E Salisbury, Md.	2
1923 Wimbrow, L. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1916 Windsor, L. E.	E Dagsboro, Del.	3
1884 Wise, W. A.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1886 Wood, G. E.	E Frederica, Del.	2
1905 Woodell, W. R.	E Upper Fairmount, Md.	1
1918 Wootten, J. W.	E Tilghman, Md.	4
1922 Wright, J. H.	D At School	4
1918 Zimmerman, A. F.	E Ewell, Md.	1

## SUPPLIES.

Name	Appointment	Year
Adams, R. H.	Brack-Ex (P.O. Marshallton, Del.)	6
Atkinson, W. F.	White Haven, Md.	2
Baker, F. A.	Bayside (P. O. Sherwood, Md.)	3
Barrett, T. S.	Piney Neck (P.O. Rock Hall, Md.)	3
Barrett, J. I.	Millington, Md.	1
Bradley, Sydney	Secretary, Md.	1
Branford, H. V.	Ayres Chapel (P.O. Onancock, Va.)	3
Branford, C. W.	Pocomoke City, Md.	3
Buckson, W. C.	Nassau, Del.	1
Campbell, R. W.	Marydel, Md.	1
Cawman, Samuel	Henderson, Md.	1
Carr, D. E.	Queenstown, Md.	1
Covington, Henry	Oxford, Md.	1
Diehl, J. R.	Cornersville, Md.	1
Derrickson, J. L.	Whitesville, Del.	2
Dixon, T. S.	Mardela Springs, Md.	3
Donohoe, W. I.	Georgetown, Del.	3
Foster, R. K.	Zoar (P. O. Frederica, Del.)	1
Freeman, W. A.	Lakesville (P. O. Andrews, Md.)	2

Name	Appointment	Year
Graham, J. T.	Stockton, Md.	1
Hamer, Conrad	Ellendale, Del.	1
Hanby, J. C.	Westover, Md.	2
Hanby, S. L.	Fairlee (P.O. Chestertown, Md.)	1
Horner, W. B.	Mt. Pleasant (P.O. Laurel, Del.)	2
Horseman, S. T.	Holland's Is. (P.O. Wenona, Md.)	6
Hoxter, E. S.	Viola, Del.	1
Jefferson, O. P.	Cheswold, Del.	1
Kelley, J. P.	Bozman, Md.	2
Kerwin, R. W.	Pittsville, Md.	1
Kirby, R. L., Jr.	Wye Mills, Md.	1
Larimore, C. S.	Gumboro (P.O. Frankford, Del.)	2
Layton, J. E.	Edgemoor, Del.	3
Louhoff, F. C.	Stanton, Del.	3
McClintock, W. L.	Pomona (P.O. Chestertown, Md.)	3
McLain, L. T.	Oak Grove, Del.	1
McRill, J. H.	Cordova, Md.	2
Mead, C. H.	Greenwood, Del.	1
Mills, R. W.	Seaford, Del.	8
Mullineaux, Howard	Elliott's Island, Md.	1
Pardee, Thomas	Christiana, Del.	5
Prettyman, D. B.	Girdletree, Md.	6
Ralph, H.	Annamessex (P.O. Crisfield, Md.)	1
Scarborough, A. S.	Royal Oak, Md.	1
Sharpless, C. D.	Bethel & Town Pt. (Elkton, Md.)	2
Smith, H. M.	Farmington, Del.	1
Thomas, A. G.	Vienna, Md.	2
Thompson, H.	Church Creek, Md.	1
Thornton, J. H.	Lincoln, Del.	2
Travers, Alonzo	Williamsburg, Md.	1
Truitt, H. E.	Bethel, Del.	1
Tyler, E. S.	Leipsic, Del.	1
Wilson, R. H.	Marion, Md.	2
Wolcott, P. C.	Hollyoak Road, Del.	2
Wright, E. N.	Burrsville (P. O. Denton, Md.)	3

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Cooper, R. W. . . . . Newark, Del.	Larrimore, C. S. . . . Frankford, Del.
Covey, A. H. . . . . Chestertown, Md.	McLain, L. T. . . . . Oak Grove, Del.
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Pardee, Thomas. . . . Christiana, Del.	Wiley, J. H. . . . . Laurel, Del.
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Bradshaw, J. A. . . . . Crisfield, Md.	Galloway, John. . . . Wilmington, Del.
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Cooper, L. T. . . . . Sharptown, Md.	Herron, S. W. . . . . Wilmington, Del.
Coulbourne, E. . . . . Crisfield, Md.	Horseman, S. . . . . Wenona, Md.
Colburn, N. . . . . Bethel, Del.	Hopkins, C. M. . . . . Bridgeville, Del.
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Langrall, J. F. . . . . Oxford, Md.	Talley, P. R. . . . . Wilmington, Del.
Law, W. A. . . . . Selbyville, Del.	Tawes, Roy . . . . . Crisfield, Md.
McNeal, James H. . . . . Dover, Del.	Todd, Edward . . . . . Elk Mills, Md.
Marsh, E. F. . . . . Crisfield, Md.	Todd, Brady . . . . . Toddville, Md.
Mohring, J. M. . . . . Wilmington, Del.	Todd, N. L. . . . . Toddville, Md.
Molitor, Ruth C. . . . . Wilmington, Del.	Truitt, W. C. . . . . Millsboro, Del.
Nelson, R. . . . . Crisfield, Md.	Van Keuren, E. A. . . . Newark, Del.
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Powell, Charles R. . . . . Laurel, Del.	Weldin, G. W. . . . . Wilmington, Del.
Ralph, Wm. . . . . Elkton, Md.	West, Lee C. . . . . Laurel, Del.
Ross, L. . . . . Wingate, Md.	White, E. W. . . . . Roselle, Del.
Rowelson, W. F. . . . . Sherwood, Md.	Whitely, S. F. . . . . Wilmington, Del.
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Shockley, O. M. . . . . Showell, Md.	Winder, E. J. . . . . Seaford, Del.
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Laymen: E. J. Winder, M. E. Newsome, J. T. Taylor, A. L. Johnson.

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### BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

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1926—R. K. Stephenson, W. O. Bennett, J. M. Kelso.  
1927—J. T. Richardson, Leolan Jackson, H. S. Dulaney.  
1928—W. F. Corkran, W. H. Briggs, T. R. Van Dyke.

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- 1926—Ministers: H. G. Budd, V. S. Collins, F. C. MacSorley.  
Lay: Victor C. Hitchens, L. M. Price, Mayrice F. Alexander.
- 1927—Ministers: C. W. Prettyman, M. E. Wheatley, D. W. Jacobs.  
Lay: W. O. Hoffecker, E. B. Dennis, A. C. Humphries.
- 1928—Ministers: R. P. Nichols, J. J. Bunting.  
Lay: A. B. Magee, E. J. Winder.

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- 1927—Ministerial:—G. T. Alderson, V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran, L. B. Morgan, T. F. Beauchamp.  
Lay:—Orlando Harrison, J. Paul Mullin, G. M. Jones, Frederick E. Warrington, D. O. Hastings.
- 1928—Ministerial: F. C. MacSorley, O. E. Jones, R. K. Stephenson, W. E. Gunby, R. P. Nichols, J. J. Bunting.  
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1927—T. F. Beauchamp, R. K. Stephenson, A. L. Johnson.  
1928—G. T. Alderson, R. P. Nichols, Harry Mayer.

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1927—G. P. Jones, J. J. Bunting, J. W. Jones, C. L. Hubbard.  
1928—Howard Davis, G. W. Dawson, E. W. McDowell, G. S. Thomas.

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

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Minister—E. W. Jones.

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**EDUCATION:**—F. C. MacSorley, W. H. Briggs, V. S. Collins, W. L. Hess, W. E. Habbart.

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**THANKS:**—T. R. Van Dyke, T. F. Beauchamp, T. J. Sard, W. E. Babbart, L. M. Broadway.

**VII.**  
**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.**

1. (a) Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?  
It is.
- (b) What Officers and Persons holding Moneys, Funds, etc., are Bonded, and in what amounts, According to the Requirement of the Discipline?
2. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?  
William E. Harrison, Baltimore; Frank A. Lindhorst, Nebraska;  
James C. Steen, Rock River.
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.  
Henry M. Parks.  
(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.  
John W. Grande.
6. Who have been Continued on Trial.  
(a) In Studies of First Year.  
Oliver J. Collins, Alfred N. Strickland.  
(b) In Studies of Second Year.  
Harry N. Bailey, O. Ammon Bartley, John E. Parker, John W. Chappell.  
(c) In Studies of Third Year.  
Frank L. Hicks.  
(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.  
None.
7. Who have been Discontinued?  
None.

8. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?  
(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.  
Gilbert T. Gehman, D. Arthur Stockely.  
(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.  
Lawrence E. Wimbrow.  
(c) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.  
None.  
(d) Ordained Deacon, having been previously elected by \_\_\_\_\_ Conference.  
None.
9. What Members are in Studies of This <sup>year</sup> Year?  
(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.  
Gilbert T. Gehman, D. Arthur Stockely.  
(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.  
None.
10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?  
Benjamin W. Gilbert, Charles H. Hudson, Wingate D. Short,  
Johnson H. Wright, Roy T. Thawley.
11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?  
(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.  
Harry W. Gallion, Sylvanus T. Hamblin, Lawrence E. Wimbrow.  
(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.  
John C. Bolton.  
(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.  
None.  
(d) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.  
None.  
(e) Ordained Elder, having been previously Elected by \_\_\_\_\_ Conference.  
None.  
(f) Ordained Elder elsewhere under our Election.  
None.
12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?  
(a) As Local Preachers.  
None.  
(b) Under Missionary Rule.  
None.

- (c) Under the Seminary Rule.  
John W. Grande, to be Ordained elsewhere.
- (d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.  
Frank L. Hicks, recommended to be Ordained at Newark Conference.
- 13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
- (a) As Local Deacons.  
R. High Adams, James L. Derrickson, John P. Kelley.
- (b) Under Missionary Rule.  
None.
- (c) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.  
None.
- 14. Who have been left without Appointment to Attend One of our Schools?**  
John C. Bolton, Benjamin W. Gilbert, Frank L. Hicks, Alfred N. Strickland, Johnson H. Wright, John W. Grande.
- 15. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**  
It was.
- 16. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**  
Chester L. Marsh, Oklahoma; Ralph L. Minker, New England; Blanchard P. Moore, Baltimore; Allan F. Poore, Baltimore; John W. R. Sumwalt, St. Louis; John H. Warren, Blue Ridge-Atlantic.
- 17. Who have Died?**  
Frank F. Carpenter, James Esgate, Thomas H. Harding, William G. Koons.
- 18. Who have been Located at their own Request?**  
None.
- 19. Who have been Located?**  
None.
- 20. Who have Withdrawn?**
- (a) From the Ministry.  
None.
- (b) From the Ministry and Membership of the Church.  
None.
- (c) By Surrender of the Ministerial Office.  
None.

- 21. Who have been Deprived of the Ministerial Office?**  
None.
- 22. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?**  
None.
- 23. Who have been Expelled?**  
None.
- 24. What other personal Notation should be made?**  
C. S. Larrimore's Local Elder's Orders recognized; James C. Steen from Rock River Conference received on trial, is already a Deacon and has completed the Conference Course of Study.
- 25. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?**  
Frank N. Faulkner (4).
- 26. 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, H. W. Ewing, T. N. Given, J. W. Gray, W. M. Green, W. B. Guthrie, G. L. Hardesty, G. W. Hastings, E. L. Hoeffcker, T. S. Holt, O. E. James, L. W. Layfield, J. M. Lindale, O. L. Martin, E. H. Marshall, 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, W. W. Sharp, 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, W. L. White, C. H. Williams, D. H. Willis, Daniel Wilson.
- 27. Who have been Granted Leave of Absence?**  
Harry E. Reed.
- 28. Who are the Triers of Appeals?**  
W. R. Mowbray, V. S. Collins, Leonard White, W. O. Bennett, J. T. Price. Reserves—W. L. White, E. W. Jones.
- 29. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?**  
See report.
- 30. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?**  
See report.
- 31. What is the Statistical Report?**  
See the Statistician's Report.



- 32. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?**  
See the Conference Treasurer's Report.
- 33. (a) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**  
\$133,369.
- (b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**  
\$25,968.
- 34. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**  
For Annuity distribution, 2471½ years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$26 per year, \$64,259; For Necessitous distribution, \$4,000; Total, \$68,259.
- 35. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?**  
From The Book Concern, \$4,150; From Annual Conf. Investments, \$6,764; From the Chartered Fund, \$35; From Pastoral Charges, \$39,200; Total, \$50,149.
- (b) How has it been Applied?**  
See report of Board of Stewards.
- 36. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?**
- 37. What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Pensions and Relief for Connectional Relief?**
- 38. Is there a Conference Sustentation Fund Society, and what is its Report?**  
There is a Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund. See report of Trustee.
- 39. Where are the Preachers Stationed?**  
See List of Appointments.
- 40. Where shall the Next Conference be held?**  
See action regarding Conference entertainment referring the matter to Bureau of Sessions.

## VIII. APPOINTMENTS.

### DOVER DISTRICT.

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

Beckwith & Spedden, (Sup.) J. R. Diehl P. O. Cornersville, Md.	Hooper's Island, P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.
Bethel, Del., (Sup.) H. E. Truitt	Houston, Del. S. T. Hamblin
Blades & Epworth (Sup.) R. W. Mills P. O. Seaford, Del.	Hurlock, Md., W. F. Dawson
Bridgeville, Del., G. E. Sterling	Lakesville, (Sup.) W. A. Freeman P. O. Andrews, Md.
Cambridge, Md., W. E. Habbart	Laurel, Del. E. P. Thomas
Camden, Del., J. P. Outten	Leipsic, Del., (Sup.) E. S. Tyler
Canterbury, (Sup.) E. S. Hoxter P. O. Viola, Del.	Lewes, Del. M. S. Andrews
Church Creek & Taylor's Island, (Sup.) H. Thompson	Lincoln, Del. (Sup.) J. H. Thornton
P. O. Church Creek, Md.	Little Creek, Del., H. M. Parks
Crapo, Md., J. W. Sutton	Magnolia & Barratt's Chapel, C. W. Spry
Dover, Del.:	P. O. Magnolia, Del.
St. Paul's, H. N. Bailey	Milford, Del. D. W. Jacobs
Wesley, Leonard White	Milford Neck, Supplied by Pastor of Frederica P. O. Frederica, Del.
East New Market, Md., J. A. Hudson	Millsboro, Del. J. A. Buckson
Ellendale, Del., (Sup.) Conrad Hamer	Milton, Del., J. S. Eldridge
Elliott's Island, Md., (Sup.) Howard Mullineaux	Mt. Pleasant, (Sup.) W. B. Horner P. O. Laurel, Del.
Farmington and Epworth, (Sup.) H. M. Smith	Nassau, Del., (Sup.) W. C. Buckson
P. O. Farmington, Del.	Rehoboth, Del., N. C. Benson
Federalburg, Md., F. C. MacSorley	Reliance, (Sup.) L. T. McLain P. O. Oak Grove, Del.
Felton, Del., D. J. Moore	Seaford, Del. W. V. Moore
Frederica, Del., G. E. Wood	Seaford Circuit, J. H. Whedbee P. O. Seaford, Del.
Galestown, To be supplied P. O. Seaford, Del.	Secretary & McKendree, (Sup.) Sydney Bradley P. O. Secretary, Md.
Georgetown, Del., T. F. Beauchamp	Vienna, Md. (Sup.) A. G. Thomas
Georgetown Circuit, (Sup.) W. I. Donohoe	Williamsburg, Md., (Sup.) Alonzo Travers
P. O. Georgetown, Del.	Wyoming, Del., D. J. Ford
Greenwood, Del., (Sup.) C. H. Mead	Zoar Circuit, (Sup.) R. K. Foster
Harrington, Del. E. H. Collins	P. O. Frederica, Del.

## MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

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

Bayside,	(Sup.) F. A. Baker	Millington & Dulaney,	(Sup.) J. I. Barrett
P. O. Sherwood, Md.		P. O. Millington, Md.	
Bozman & Neavitt (Sup.) J.P.Kelley		Odessa & Friendship, W. T. McGuire	
P. O. Bozman, Md.		P. O. Odessa, Del.	
Burrisville,	(Sup.) E. N. Wright	Oxford, Md., (Sup.) Henry Covington	
P. O. Denton, Md.		Piney Neck, (Sup.) T. S. Barrett	
Cecilton, Md.,	G. W. Dawson	P. O. Rock Hall, Md.	
Centreville, Md.,	Frank White	Pomona, (Sup.) W. L. McClintock	
Chestertown, Md.	T. J. Sard	P. O. Chestertown, Md.	
Cheswold, Del., (Sup.) O. P. Jefferson		Preston, Md.,	C. C. Harris
Church Hill, Md.	W. S. Grant	Queenstown, Md., (Sup.) D. E. Carr	
Clayton, Del.,	C. W. Clark	Ridgely, Md.,	Leolan Jackson
Concord,	C. H. Atkins	Rock Hall, Md.,	W. H. Revelle
P. O. Hobbs, Md.		Royal Oak, Md.,	(Sup.) A. S. Scarborough
Cordova, Md. (Sup.) J. H. McRill		St. Michaels, Md.	Tilghman Smith
Crumpton, Md.	J. H. Gardner	Salem Circuit,	(Sup.) L. P. Corkran
Denton, Md.,	M. E. Wheatley	P. O. Church Hill, Md.	
Easton, Md.	W. H. Briggs	Smyrna, Del.,	R. K. Stephenson
Fairlee,	(Sup.) S. L. Hanby	Still Pond & Betterton,	E. M. Shockley
P. O. Chestertown, Md.		P. O. Still Pond, Md.	
Galena, Md.,	O. T. Baynard	Sudlersville, Md.,	R. S. Hodgson
Greensboro, Md.	W. O. Bennett	Tilghman, Md.,	J. W. Wootten
Henderson, Md.,	(Sup.) Samuel Cawman	Townsend, Del.	O. H. Connelly
Hillsboro, Md.,	W. P. Taylor	Trappe, Md.,	W. D. Short
Kent Island,	G. S. Allen	Wye Mills & Starr,	(Sup.) R. L. Kirby
P. O. Stevensville, Md.		Middletown, Del.,	W. A. Hearn
Kenton, Del.,	J. E. Parker		
Marydel, Md., (Sup.) R. W. Campbell			

## SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

Annamessex,	(Sup.) H. Ralph	Crisfield, Md.:	
P. O. Crisfield, Md.		Asbury,	W. F. Corkran
Ayres Chapel, (Sup.) H. V. Branford		Immanuel,	J. J. Bunting
P. O. Onancock, Va.		Dagsboro & St. Georges,	L. E. Windsor
Berlin, Md.	E. C. Hallman	P. O. Dagsboro, Del.	
Bishopville, Md.,	W. G. Barlow	Deal's Island, Md.,	J. R. Bicking
Cape Charles, Va.	V. S. Collins	Delmar, Del.	J. W. Jones
Chincoteague, Va.,	J. T. Rowlenson		
Claremont, Va.,	E. B. Taylor		

Fairmount,	W. R. Woodell	Pocomoke Circuit,	(Sup.) C. W. Branford
P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.		P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.	
Frankford, Del.	G. A. Cooke	Powellville,	(Sup.) R. Kerwin
Fruitland, Md.,	D. A. Stockely	P. O. Pittsville, Md.	
Girdletree, Md.,	(Sup.) D. B. Prettyman	Princess Anne, Md.,	C. N. Jones
Gumboro,	(Sup.) C. S. Larrimore	Quantico, Md.	J. M. S. Van Blunk
Hebron, Md.,	P. O. Frankford, Del.	Roxana, Del.,	G. F. Newton
Holland's Island, Md.,	O. A. Bartley	St. Peter's,	H. R. McDade
(Sup.) S. T. Horseman		P. O. Oriole, Md.	
P. O. Wenona, Md.		Salisbury, Md.:	
Mardela Springs, Md.	(Sup.) T. S. Dixon	Asbury,	H. P. Fox
Marion, Md., (Sup.) R. H. Wilson		Grace,	J. P. Wilson
Mt. Vernon,	R. T. Thawley	Selbyville, Del.,	M. W. Marime
P. O. Princess Anne, Md.		Sharptown, Md.,	H. S. Dulany
Nanticoke, Md.,	H. W. Gallion	Smith's Island,	A. F. Zimmerman
Newark, Md.,	W. F. Godwin	P. O. Ewell, Md.	
Ocean City, Md.,	P. P. Truitt	Snow Hill, Md.,	E. W. Jones
Ocean View and Millville, A. B. Frye		Somerset,	Ivanhoe Willis
P. O. Ocean View, Del.		P. O. Chance, Md.	
Onancock, Va.,	E. W. Henvis	Stockton, Md., (Sup.) J. T. Graham	
Parsonburg, Md.,	W. H. Cummings	Tangier, Va.,	C. W. Strickland
Phoebus, Va.,	A. W. Goodhand	Venton, Md.	Supplied by Pastor of Princess Anne
Pittsville, Md.	G. S. Thomas	Westover, Md., (Sup.) J. C. Hanby	
Pocomoke City, Md.,	R. P. Nichols	White Haven, Md.,	(Sup.) W. F. Atkinson
		Whitesville, Del.,	(Sup.) J. L. Derrickson

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

Bethel & Town Point,	(Sup.) C. D. Sharpless	Ebenezer,	G. T. Gehman
P. O. Elkton, Md.		P. O. Newark, Del.	
Charlestown, Md.,	O. J. Collins	Elkton, Md.	W. G. Harris
Cherry Hill,	Harry Taylor	Hockessin, Del.	M. D. Nutter
P. O. Elkton, Md.		Holly Oak, Del. (Sup.) P. C. Walcott	
Chesapeake City, Md.,	J. T. Richardson	Hopewell,	W. L. Hess
Chester-Bethel,	O. B. Rice	P. O. Port Deposit, Md.	
P. O. Roothwyn, Pa.		Marshallton & Cedars, C. W. Moore	
Christiana, Del.	(Sup.) Thomas Pardee	P. O. Marshallton, Del.	
Claymont, Del.,	H. B. Kelso	Mt. Lebanon,	J. H. Wilson
Colora, Md.,	J. C. Steen	P. O. Rockland, Del.	
Delaware City, Del.,	(Sup.) J. W. Easley	Mt. Pleasant,	V. E. Hills
		P. O. Edge Moor, Del.	
		Newark, Del.,	Frank Herson
		New Castle, Del.	Z. W. Wells

Newport, Del.,	J. L. Sparklin	Eastlake,	E. W. McDowell
North East, Md.,	D. J. Givan	Edgemoor, (Sup.)	J. E. Layton
Perryville, Md.,	J. T. Price	Epworth,	T. R. Van Dyke
Port Deposit, Md.,	J. B. McCabe	Grace,	B. M. Johns
Red Lion, Del.	J. H. Geoghegan		and L. E. Wimbrow
Rising Sun, Md.,	J. C. McCoy	Harrison Street,	J. L. Johnson
St. George's & Summit,	C. T. Jones	Hillcrest and Belle Font,	O. B. Reed
P. O. St. George's, Del.			
St. John's,	W. C. Poole	P. O. Edge Moor, Del.	
P. O. Lewisville, Pa.		Kingswood,	G. W. Bounds
Stanton, Del. (Sup.)	F. C. Louhoff	Madeley,	L. M. Broadway
Zion Circuit,	J. W. Prettyman	McCabe,	W. E. Harrison, Jr.
P. O. North East, Md.		Mt. Salem,	L. E. Poole
Wilmington:		Richardson Park,	L. B. Morgan
Asbury,	G. T. Alderson	Scott,	W. A. Wise
Brandywine,	W. E. Greenfield	Silverbrook,	R. C. Jones
Brack-Ex, (Sup.)	R. H. Adams	St. Paul's,	C. L. Hubbard
P. O. Marshallton, Del.		Trinity,	Howard Davis
Cookman,	W. R. Mowbray	Union,	J. A. Leach
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, Corresponding Secretary, Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, Asbury Quarterly Conference, Smyrna, Del.			
Francis B. Short, Lecturer for Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, Grace Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.			
J. W. Chappell, Soldier in Mt. Regia Sanatorium, Salem, Va.			
F. L. Hicks, B. W. Gilbert, A. N. Strickland, J. C. Bolton, J. W. Grande, J. Harry Wright, left without appointments to attend our schools.			
C. E. Davis, Professor, Wesley Collegiate Institute, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.			
H. E. Reed, Leave of Absence on account of ill health, Union Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.			
F. A. Lindhorst, Director of Religious Education, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.			
Miss Rosa Santee, Superintendent, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.			
Miss Arabella Crothers, Teacher, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.			
Miss Ruth C. Molitor, Parish Deaconess at Scott Church, Wilmington, Del.			

## IX. JOURNAL. DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

### FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—The Wilmington Annual Conference assembled for its Fifty-seventh Session in McCabe Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., on Wednesday morning, March 25, 1925, at nine o'clock, Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield of Chattanooga, Tenn., presiding.

The order of worship as printed in the Conference program was followed, which was:

#### 9.00 A. M.—Prelude:

Note: "Let the people kneel in silent prayer on entering the Sanctuary." Order of Worship (Dis. Par. 72).

Hymn No. 78, led by the Conference Choir.

Apostles' Creed: Prayer.

Responsive Reading.

The Gloria Patri.

Lesson from the New Testament. Hymn No. 207.

Meditation: Wesley's advices on "Department at Conference." (Dis. Par. 140-141.) Bishop Thirkield.

Conference Hymn of Consecration, No. 196, "Breathe on Me Breath of God."

The Holy Communion, Hymn No. 234.

Foreword: "The Annual Conference a Mount of Vision," Bishop Thirkield.

Calling the Roll of the Deceased Ministers.

Hymn No. 430, "For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest."

**MEMORIAL SERVICE.**—G. T. Alderson was requested to preside at the Memorial Service.

The memoir of William G. Koons, written by H. W. Ewing; that of James Esgate, written by T. N. Rawlins; and that of Frank F. Carpenter, written by C. L. Hubbard, were presented and read. That of Thomas H. Harding, written by J. W. Easley, was presented and read by Adam Stengle, and T. R. Van Dyke read the memoir of John White.

J. L. Sparklin presented and read the memoir of Mrs. George R. Ellis; L. B. Morgan, that of Mrs. Elwood W. Jones; G. T. Alderson, that of Mrs. Truston C. Smoot; and W. E. Greenfield, that of Mrs. Claude W. Clark.

The memoir of Mrs. Sallie V. Webster, written by C. N. Jones, as well as that of Mrs. Mary A. O'Neill, written by Miss Eunice M. O'Neill, were read by D. W. Jacobs.

All memoirs as read were then adopted and ordered published in the minutes, on motion of D. W. Jacobs.

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

**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, G. T. Gehman, G. E. Sterling, W. D. Short, W. I. Donohoe, L. E. Windsor, S. T. Hamblin, E. M. Shockley, D. A. Stockely, N. H. Bailey and R. W. Mills.

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

**Bar of Conference.**—The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the tenth 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.

**Rules.**—On motion of G. T. Alderson, the rules of the previous Conference as published in the minutes were adopted as governing this session.

**GREETINGS.**—To Dr. Robert Watt at his home in Worcester, Mass., and to Bishop William F. McDowell now presiding at the Washington Conference in session at Frederick, Md., greetings were instructed to be telegraphed by the Secretary.

Conference also ordered the Secretary to convey to Brother W. W. Chaires the greetings of his brethren.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—On motion of J. W. Colona, ten o'clock Friday morning was ordered as the time for the consideration of the report of the Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society.

Consideration and action on proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church were made, on motion of G. A. Cooke, the order of the day immediately following the reading of the journal on Friday morning.

**IN LIEU OF STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.**—The plan as recommended and explained by Bishop Thirfield covering the various reports of the standing committees was adopted, and suitable reports were ordered to be submitted on World Service, Evangelism, Education, State of the Church and Social Service.

**COMMITTEE ON COURTESY.**—On motion of O. E. Jones, a committee on Courtesy, consisting of R. K. Stephenson, Leonard White and T. J. Sard, was constituted.

**BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RELIEF.**—Dr. B. M. Powell, Field Representative of the Board of Pensions and Relief, was granted an opportunity to address the Conference for twenty minutes at tomorrow morning's session.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**—Conference ordered a session to convene at two o'clock this afternoon.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Dr. J. O. Spencer, President of Morgan College, and Dr. B. M. Powell, Field Secretary of the Board of Pensions and Relief, were introduced to the Conference.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made, and after singing a hymn Conference adjourned, Adam Stengle pronouncing the benediction.

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#### SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at two o'clock, Bishop Thirfield presiding and conducting the devotions.

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

**DRAFTS.**—The Bishop presented a draft from the Chartered Fund amounting to \$35., and one from the Methodist Book Concern for \$4,150, and they were ordered in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

**QUESTION 15.**—The Fifteenth 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; E. H. Dashiell, Superintendent of the Salisbury District; and J. W. Colona, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, were called, their characters passed and they read reports of the work on their respective districts.



**QUESTION 2.**—The Second Question, "Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of Frank A. Lindhorst from the Nebraska Conference.

**QUESTION 16.**—The Sixteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of Chester L. Marsh to the Oklahoma Conference, and that of John W. R. Sumwalt to the St. Louis Conference.

**MORGAN COLLEGE.**—Dr. J. O. Spencer, President of Morgan College, addressed the Conference in the interest of that institution.

The following was presented and read by V. S. Collins, and, on his motion, it was adopted:

The Conference has heard with pleasure of the success of the Morgan College Crusade Fund, some \$400,000 being pledged on a \$500,000 project. We commend the further presentation of this worthy work to all our people in the hope that the entire half million may be raised. The success of the enterprise will further help to wipe the storm of ignorance from our land.

**WEER BILL.**—Leonard White presented and read the following resolutions, and, on his motion, they were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, An exceedingly vigorous and bitter propaganda is being carried on by certain newspapers of the State and particularly of the City of Wilmington against the Weer Bill now pending in the Delaware State Senate; and,

WHEREAS, Said propaganda is characterized by unscrupulous misrepresentation, distortion of facts and suppression of the truth; and,

WHEREAS, One phase of this propaganda, as concerns at least two of these newspapers, the Wilmington Evening Journal and the Morning News, takes the form of refusing to print letters favoring the bill while granting unlimited space to those opposing it; and,

WHEREAS, In the case of at least one of these letters no objection could be had on the ground of not complying with the conditions governing such communications, as is evidenced by the fact the Wilmington Every Evening published the identical letter sent under exactly the same conditions; and,

WHEREAS, In the latest issue of one of these alleged newspapers, The Evening Journal, there is a veiled and vicious attack upon the Methodist Episcopal Church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Annual Conference in session assembled protests in the most vigorous terms against the utterly unfair, untruthful and misleading methods of the newspapers in question. If this policy of deliberate and wilful misrepresentation, of sow-

ing the seeds of ignorance and prejudice, of withholding the truth from their thousands of readers, is to be continued, and from present ownership and management we see no prospect of any improvement, it is our profound conviction that it constitutes a far graver menace to the morals and liberties of our people than has been charged against the Weer Bill by even its most rabid opponents. We call upon Methodists all over the State to vigorously protest directly to the newspapers involved against these unfair methods; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we place ourselves squarely on record as favoring the passage of the Weer Bill in its original form, and the passage of any and all other measures that may be required to make prohibition really effective. We are proud of the part which the Methodist Episcopal Church has taken in the prohibition movement, and we record our determination to see it through to the desired end. If we are not completely successful at this time we wish to serve notice upon all concerned that we purpose keeping right in the fight for the moral life of our people and particularly our youth.

We regret the aggressive opposition to the Weer Bill on the part of certain men whose influence in financial and educational circles is far reaching. Further, be it

RESOLVED, That without any reservation we endorse the administration of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland and Delaware under the sane and capable leadership of Hon. G. W. Crabbe, Superintendent, and his assistant, Rev. E. C. Prettyman. We deplore the personal attacks being made upon Mr. Crabbe and assure him of our utmost confidence and support.

The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the above resolution to the Chairman of the Committee on Temperance of the Delaware State Senate.

**MARYLAND PROHIBITION DIRECTOR.**—The following resolutions regarding the appointment of Prohibition Director for Maryland were, on motion of E. H. Dashiell, who presented and read same, unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, There is about to be appointed a new Prohibition Director for the State of Maryland; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Harry T. Phoebus, of Oriole, Maryland, is being urged for that important office; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Phoebus once served his State in the Legislature with conspicuous credit; and in the last election, on the Republican ticket, made a splendid run for Congress in his strongly Democratic District; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Phoebus has always stood for enforcement of law and high ideals in public life; and,

WHEREAS, Maryland is in crying need of a Prohibition Director of this type; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session in Wilmington, Delaware, March 25, 1925, and representing an approximate voting constituency of four hundred thousand, hereby petitions Honorable Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, to appoint Mr. Phoebus Prohibition Director for the State of Maryland.

RESOLVED, Also, that this action be taken for reasons of public morality and without reference to personal party affiliations.

RESOLVED, Further, that our Secretary be instructed to immediately forward copies of this action to Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Phoebus.

**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. They were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made and Conference informally adjourned to observe the Minister's Retreat hour at four o'clock, and hear the address delivered by Dr. J. M. M. Gray on "The Test of Truth."

### THIRD SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 8:30 A. M., Bishop W. P. Thirkield presiding and conducting the devotions. After the singing of inspirational hymns the Bishop spoke on, "The Ministry of the Hymnal."

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

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

O. Ammon Bartley was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and he was also Continued on Trial and advanced to the Studies of Second Year.

Oliver J. Collins was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and he was Continued on Trial in the Studies of First Year.

Frank L. Hicks was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and he was Continued on Trial, advanced to the Studies of Third Year and elected to Deacon's Orders Under Seminary Rule.

John E. Parker was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and he was Continued on Trial and advanced to the Studies of Second Year.

Alfred N. Strickland was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion of E. H. Dashiell, he was Continued on Trial in the Studies of First Year.

**QUESTION 9.**—The Ninth Question, "What Members are in Studies of Third Year?" was taken up. Benjamin W. Gilbert, Charles H. Hudson, Wingate D. Short, Johnson H. Wright and Roy T. Thawley were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and they were advanced to the Studies of Fourth Year.

**QUESTION 11.**—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Lawrence E. Wimbrow was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and he was graduated from the Conference Course of Study, admitted into Full Membership and elected to Elder's Orders.

John C. Bolton was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, he was graduated from the Conference Course of Study. He was already an Elder.

Harry W. Gallion and Sylvanus T. Hamblin 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 13.**—The Thirteenth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up. The recommendations were received in due form for the election to Elder's Orders under the Local Rule of James L. Derrickson, John P. Kelley and R. High Adams. Their characters were passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents recommended and they were elected to said orders.

**QUESTION 16.**—The Sixteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?" was resumed. The Bishop announced the transfer of Blanchard P. Moore to the Baltimore Conference, and that of Ralph L. Minker to the New England Conference.

**QUESTION 25.**—The Twenty-fifth Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?" was taken up. F. N. Faulkner was called, his character passed, the Committee recommended, and he was Continued in the Supernumerary Relation.

J. H. Warren was called, his character passed, the Committee recommended his relation be changed from Supernumerary to Effective and it was so ordered.

**QUESTION 26.**—The Twenty-sixth Question, "Who are the Retired Ministers?" was taken up. The Retired Ministers of the Conference were called, their characters passed and their relation continued.

**SYMPATHY.**—On motion of H. P. Fox, the Secretary was requested to convey by letter to the widow of Rev. W. N. Conaway, just recently de-



ceased, the love and sympathy of the brethren of our Conference in this time of her deep grief. To E. L. Hoffecker, whose good wife is ill at this time, he was also instructed to send words of greeting and express the hope for the recovery of her normal health and strength.

**BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RELIEF.**—After an address by Dr. B. M. Powell, Field Representative of the Board of Pensions and Relief, the following resolutions were presented and read, and, on motion of E. W. Jones, they were adopted:

We, the members of the Wilmington Conference, do hereby express our approval of the plan now being perfected by the Board of Pensions and Relief for the participating Reserve Fund Pension plan, and assure the Board that they can depend upon our hearty support in carrying forward their plans.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Dr. R. J. Wade, Executive Secretary of the World Service Commission, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Allan MacRossie, Education Director of the Commission on Conference Course of Study; Harry P. Bennett, Circulation Manager of The Christian Advocate; Dr. James H. Hyatt, Agency Secretary of the American Bible Society; Dr. W. E. J. Gratz, Editor of the Epworth Herald; Dr. S. B. Goff, Evangelist of the Philadelphia Conference; Leonard B. Smith, Pastor of the Peninsula Methodist Protestant Church, Wilmington, Del.; and T. H. Woodly, Superintendent of the Wilmington District of the Delaware Conference, were introduced, and, with the exception of the last two named, addressed the Conference.

**INSPIRATIONAL HOUR.**—At eleven o'clock Conference observed the Inspirational Hour. After several of the great hymns of the Church had been sung, led by the Conference Choir, Dr. J. M. M. Gray delivered an inspiring address on, "The Constancy of Christ."

**STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS.**—Dr. Thomas S. Long, Executive Secretary of the Strawbridge Home for Boys, Baltimore, Md., was introduced and addressed the Conference.

On motion of T. J. Sard, Conference decided,

1. To elect three members to serve on the Board of Trustees of said institution.
2. To request each pastor to name two women of his Church to help organize a chapter of the Strawbridge Circle.
3. To request each pastor to seek the homeless and orphaned boy of his Church and community and turn him over to this institution.

**CORPORATE SESSION.**—The Conference went into Corporate Session for the purpose of electing ministerial trustees of the Wesley Collegiate Institute, and R. K. Stephenson, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees of said institution, presided. The following were elected trustees for a term of three years, the Secretary, on motion of W. F. Corkran, casting the bal-

lot of the Conference: F. C. MacSorley, O. E. Jones, R. K. Stephenson, W. E. Gunby, R. P. Nichols and J. J. Bunting.

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

#### FOURTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 8:30 A. M., Bishop W. P. Thirkield presiding and conducting the devotions. After the singing of inspirational hymns the Bishop spoke on, "The Ministry of Divine Fellowship, or the Practice of the Presence of God."

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

**SUSPENSION OF RULES.**—A motion by E. H. Dashiell that the rules be suspended in order that the vote be taken on the proposed Plan of Unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, without debate, was, on motion of Z. W. Wells, laid on the table by a vote of 47 for and 45 against.

**UNIFICATION.**—On motion of H. P. Fox, Conference voted to immediately consider the Plan of Unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

After said plan had been presented to the Conference by the Secretary (see Paragraph 613, Discipline of 1924), and brief addresses for and against had been made by G. A. Cooke, G. T. Alderson, V. S. Collins, G. P. Jones and E. H. Dashiell, it was adopted by a vote of one hundred and three (103) for and fifteen (15) against.

**LAYMEN IN ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**—The Secretary presented and read Paragraph 614, Discipline of 1924, Laymen in Annual Conference, and after discussion this proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Church was defeated, the vote being twenty-four (24) for and eighty-four (84) against.

**ORDER OF DAY.**—The order of the day having been suspended in order to vote upon the proposed amendment to admit laymen into the Annual Conference, it was now called for and taken up. G. T. Alderson, Secretary, Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, presented and read his report. Hon. Caleb E. Burchenal was then granted the privilege of the floor and he submitted the report of the Committee of Ten that was appointed by the Wilmington Preachers' Association to study the work and needs of said Missionary Society. The report of the Society's Secretary together with the report of the Committee of Ten were, on motion of J. W. Colona, adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

**TRUSTEE OF MINISTERIAL CONT. RELIEF FUND.**—On motion of W. A. Wise, R. K. Stephenson was elected Trustee of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.

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

**SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.**—On motion of E. W. Jones, W. F. Corkran was requested to preach his semi-centennial sermon during the Conference session of 1926.

**REPORT—COM. ON CONF. RELATIONS.**—The Committee on Conference Relations made their report and, at their own request, W. L. White, W. W. Sharp, G. W. Hastings, J. W. Gray, Daniel Wilson and E. H. Marshall were granted the Retired Relation.

The recommendation of the Committee that C. S. Larrimore be continued as a supply with the prerogatives as granted by a Local Preacher's license, and that he comply with the discipline in order to secure ordination as a Local Elder was not adopted. On motion of G. W. Dawson his credentials as Local Elder in another communion were recognized and accepted.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Mr. Andrew H. Phelps, representing the Washington Christian Advocate; Dr. Luther E. Lovejoy, Stewardship Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church; W. W. Davis, General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance; Dr. J. H. Morgan, President of Dickinson College; S. E. Nicholson, Associate Secretary, World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches; E. M. Conover, Director of Bureau of Architecture of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. Clarence True Wilson, Corresponding Secretary, Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals; J. E. Galligher of the Philadelphia Conference, and W. C. Thompson, Pastor of Ezion Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., were introduced.

**WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.**—W. E. Gunby presented and read the following resolution, and, on his motion, it was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in annual session in the City of Wilmington, State of Delaware, hereby approves the transfer of The Washington Christian Advocate from the Holding Committee of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the Area World Service Commission, and further approves the appointment of a full time editor, as of April 1, 1925, and an area wide campaign to largely increase the number of subscribers to the said Advocate.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—Conference convened in Executive Session at twelve twenty o'clock.

**SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.**—Having been recommended by the Cabinet, Conference requested the following special appointments: C. E. Davis, Professor, Wesley Collegiate Institute, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.; J. H. Warren, Director of Religious Education, Y. M. C. A., Norfolk, Va.

Conference also requested that the following be left without appointment to attend school: F. L. Hicks, B. W. Gilbert, A. N. Strickland, J. C. Bolton, J. Harry Wright and J. W. Grande.

The above recommendations of the Cabinet were adopted.

**FREE WILL OFFERING.**—Conference also adopted the following recommendation of the Cabinet; namely, that the second Sunday of May be set apart as the day when in all charges of this Conference a free will offering will be taken for the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, the Secretary of the Conference being requested to notify all pastors of this action.

**EPISCOPAL FUND.**—O. E. Jones announced the apportionments for the Episcopal Fund to be raised by the respective districts. Dover District, \$1,110; Middletown District, \$1,143; Salisbury District, \$1,575; and Wilmington District, \$1,809; total, \$5,637. Said apportionments were adopted.

**DIRECTOR OF PROHIBITION FOR MARYLAND.**—On motion of E. H. Dashiell, Conference elected Ransom P. Nichols as its official representative to confer with His Excellency, Hon. Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, in behalf of the appointment of Mr. Harry T. Phoebus, Oriole, Md., as Prohibition Director of the State of Maryland, all necessary expenses incurred thereby to be paid by the Bureau of Sessions.

**QUESTION 16.**—The Sixteenth Question was resumed. The character of the Effective Elders of the respective districts not having been passed as yet, Conference passed the character of Allan F. Poore and the Bishop announced his transfer to the Baltimore Conference.

**REPORT OF 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: W. F. Corkran, W. H. Briggs and T. R. Van Dyke.

**ORDER OF THE DAY.**—On motion of F. C. MacSorley, the report of the Board of Sunday Schools as well as that of the Director of Religious Education were made the order of the day tomorrow morning immediately following the consideration of the distribution of Claimants' Funds.

**RECOMMENDED TO BE ORDAINED DEACON.**—On motion of J. A. Leach, Conference requested Bishop Luther B. Wilson, who is now presiding at the Newark Conference, to ordain Frank L. Hicks, a Probationer in

this Conference, who, on Thursday morning last was Continued on Trial, advanced to the Studies of Third Year and elected to Deacon's Orders under Seminary Rule.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made, a hymn was sung and Conference adjourned, Adam Stengle pronouncing the benediction.

#### FIFTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock with Bishop Thirkield presiding and conducting the devotions. "The Ministry of Silence" was the theme upon which the Bishop spoke.

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

**MINIST. CONT. RELIEF FUND.**—The Secretary was requested to reprint in the next issue of the minutes the provisions of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, on motion of W. A. Wise. (See Page 53, 1919 Minutes; this issue, following report of Committee on Thanks.)

**DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANTS' FUNDS.**—A motion by Alfred Smith calling for the rescinding of Conference action of last year regarding the distribution of Claimants' Fund by the Board of Stewards was not adopted. (See Pages 59 and 62 of minutes of 1924.) The Board of Stewards, on motion of V. S. Collins, was permitted to remit the full amount to those brethren who were being granted the Retired Relation.

**WEER BILL.**—Leonard White presented and read the following and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Weer-Allen Bill as amended in the Senate, has been returned to the House and will soon be up for consideration; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Annual Conference, in session assembled, expresses its confidence in the House, and respectfully requests that it pass, in the amended form, the Bill which received such a large majority as originally presented.

**QUESTION 2.**—The Second question was resumed. The Bishop announced the transfer of James C. Steen from the Rock River Conference.

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS.**—The Bishop appointed the Board of Examiners as follows: T. F. Beauchamp, E. W. McDowell, J. L. Sparklin, V. E. Hills, Leonard White, W. O. Bennett, E. W. Jones, R. P. Nichols, J. J. Bunting, J. L. Johnson, M. D. Nutter, Frank Herson, J. A. Leach, E. C.

Hallman, Tilghman Smith, J. W. Prettyman, E. M. Shockley and E. W. Hervis.

**QUESTION 5.**—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. The recommendation was received in due form for Admission on Trial of John W. Grande. The Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendent represented and he was Received on Trial, placed in the Studies of Third Year and elected to Deacon's Orders under the Seminary Rule. He was not present at the seat of Conference.

The recommendation was received in due form for Admission on Trial of Henry M. Parks, who was then presented to the Conference and requested to retire. The Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendent represented and he was Received on Trial and placed in the Studies of First Year.

**QUESTION 8.**—The Eighth Question, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Disston A. Stockely and Gilbert T. Gehman were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendents represented, and they were admitted into Full Membership, advanced to Studies of Third Year and elected to Deacon's Orders.

John W. Chappell was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

**QUESTION 15.**—The Fifteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was taken up. The Effective Elders of the respective districts were called and their characters passed.

**SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.**—Conference passed their characters and requested the following special appointments: H. G. Budd, President of the Wesley Collegiate Institute; E. C. Pretytman, Assistant Superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League; G. T. Alderson, Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society; J. H. Beauchamp, Superintendent of the Goodwill Industries; J. M. Kelso, Professor at the Wesley Collegiate Institute; G. P. Jones, Corresponding Secretary Conference Claimant Endowment Commission; F. B. Short, Lecturer of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals.

Conference concurred in the following recommendations of the Conference Deaconess Board: Miss Rosa Santee, Superintendent of The Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home at Wilmington, Delaware; Miss Arabella Crothers, Teacher at The Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home at Wilmington, Delaware; Miss Ruth C. Molitor, Parish Deaconess at Scott Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

**QUESTION 27.**—The Twenty-seventh Question, "Who have been granted Leave of Absence?" was taken up. On motion of J. W. Colona, Harry E. Reed was granted a Leave of Absence.



**QUESTION 28.**—The Twenty-eighth Question, "Who are the Triers of Appeals?" was taken up. The following, being nominated by the Bishop, were confirmed as Triers of Appeals: W. R. Mowbray, V. S. Collins, Leonard White, W. O. Bennett, J. T. Price. Reserves—W. L. White and E. W. Jones.

**CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT.**—G. T. Alderson presented and read the following recommendations from the Bureau of Sessions, and after careful consideration they were adopted:

RESOLVED, That we request our President to convey these recommendations to the Annual Conference.

That the Conference place itself at once absolutely on a paid basis of entertainment.

That all invitations be referred to the Bureau of Sessions for investigation and approval.

That all those entitled to entertainment be allowed \$3.00 per diem for days in attendance at the Conference.

That all persons make their own arrangement for entertainment, and that the local committee shall have a list of available places and rates for the convenience of those who may ask information.

**ENTERTAINMENT FUND.**—On motion of G. T. Alderson, Conference voted that all members of the Conference who are receiving salaries from whatever source shall share in the percentage apportionment of this fund.

**BUREAU OF SESSIONS.**—The following were nominated by R. K. Stephenson as members of the Bureau of Sessions to serve for a term of three years, and they were elected: G. T. Alderson, R. P. Nichols and Harry Mayer.

**SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.**—On motion of T. F. Beauchamp, Conference confirmed its action of two years ago requiring all undergraduates in the Conference Course of Study to attend a Summer School of Theology conducted by the Commission on the Courses of Study unless they were otherwise excused by the Conference Board of Examiners, as well as its action of last year apportioning \$75 to each district for this purpose.

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

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Miss Rosa Santee, representing the Conference Deaconess Board; Dr. F. Watson Hannan, Professor, Drew Theological Seminary; Dr. Charles M. Boswell, Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., were introduced and addressed the Conference.

**INSPIRATIONAL HOUR.**—Conference then observed the Inspirational Hour. After the singing of a hymn the Bishop addressed the class to be

admitted into Full Membership on "The Preacher of Vision; his Mission and his Message," put the usual disciplinary questions asked for said admission and welcomed, on behalf of the Conference Disston A. Stockely, Gilbert T. Gehman and Lawrence E. Wimbrow as full members of this Annual Conference.

**ILLNESS OF BROTHER BREWINGTON.**—W. E. Gunby read a telegram received by E. H. Dashiell from Mrs. J. A. Brewington stating that Brother Brewington had suffered a stroke of paralysis and was very low. The Secretary was requested to send to Mrs. Brewington the love and sympathy of the brethren of the Conference in this time of her great anxiety.

**GREETINGS.**—The Secretary announced the receipt of greetings from the Philadelphia Annual Conference now in session at Norristown, Penna., and he was instructed to return said greetings.

**REPORT OF BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**—F. C. MacSorley presented and read the report of the Board of Sunday Schools, and it, together with the proposed program, which he also presented, was adopted.

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.**—F. A. Lindhorst presented and read his report as Director of Religious Education and then addressed the Conference. The report as presented was adopted, with the understanding that the Boys' Conference was to be held only on condition that satisfactory arrangements could be made to finance the entertainment of same.

**SPECIAL APPOINTMENT.**—The character of F. A. Lindhorst was then passed, and Conference recommended his appointment as Director of Religious Education, on motion of G. W. Bounds.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**—An afternoon session to convene at two o'clock was ordered on motion of V. S. Collins.

**TRUSTEES OF STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS.**—C. L. Hubbard, B. M. Johns and T. J. Sard were, on motion of O. E. Jones, nominated and elected trustees of Strawbridge Home for Boys.

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

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#### SIXTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 2:15 P. M., W. F. Corkran, at the request of the Bishop, presiding and conducting the devotions.

**REPORT OF EDUCATION SOCIETY.**—The report of the Conference Education Society was presented and read by F. C. MacSorley, and it was adopted. R. P. Nichols and J. J. Bunting were nominated and elected as members of the Board of Managers of this Society for a term of three years, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

**STATISTICAL REPORT.**—The report of the Statistician was read and adopted. He was nominated and elected Statistician for the ensuing year (see Par. 88, Discipline of 1924), and by a rising vote Conference expressed its grateful appreciation to N. C. Benson and his assistants for their efficient service.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—On motion of H. G. Budd, Conference adjourned, Tilghman Smith pronouncing the benediction.

#### SEVENTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at three o'clock, Bishop Thirkield presiding.

#### ORDINATION SERVICE—

**Deacons.**—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders, and Gilbert T. Gehman and Disston A. Stockely were ordained as Deacons.

**Elders.**—Those elected to Elder's Orders were called and presented, and the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, ordained Harry W. Gallion, Sylvanus T. Hamblin, Lawrence E. Wimbrow, R. High Adams, James L. Derrickson and John P. Kelley as Elders, the last three named having been elected to said orders under the Local Rule.

**CONSECRATION SERVICE.**—The Bishop then introduced Dr. John R. Edwards, Corresponding Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions. His address on, "The Call For Life Service," was followed by an urgent appeal for consecrations to life service. Conference adjourned at the conclusion of this inspiring service, J. W. Colona pronouncing the benediction.

#### CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

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

Gilbert T. Gehman  
Disston A. Stockely

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

Harry W. Gallion	R. High Adams
Sylvanus T. Hamblin	James L. Derrickson
Lawrence E. Wimbrow	John P. Kelley

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

WILBUR P. THIRKIELD,

Bishop.

Wilmington, Del.

#### EIGHTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop Thirkield presiding and conducting the devotions.

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

**INTRODUCTION.**—Dr. John R. Edwards, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**—The following were nominated and elected members of the Conference Board of Sunday Schools: District Superintendents, ex-officio; Dover District, F. C. MacSorley and M. Haswell Pierce; Middletown District, E. M. Shockley and H. H. Nuttle; Salisbury District, E. C. Hallman and O. M. Shockley; Wilmington District, C. L. Hubbard and J. Elmer Perry; At Large, J. L. Johnson, H. G. Budd, Prof. W. W. Ward, Esau Loomis and Mrs. Lillian Robb.

**REPORTS.**—The report of the Committee on World Service was presented and read by Leonard White; that of Evangelism, by C. L. Hubbard; and that of Education, by H. G. Budd, and they were adopted.

**CARNIVALS.**—The action of the Lay Electoral Conference as embodied in the following resolution was endorsed by the Conference, on motion of J. R. Bicking:

WHEREAS, The Cecil County, Md., Grand Jury has instructed the States Attorney to suppress carnivals; and,

WHEREAS, The States Attorney has expressed his sympathy with the action and his determination to vigorously enforce the anti-gambling laws so flagrantly violated in the conduct of these carnivals; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Lay Electoral Conference indorse the action of the Grand Jury and the States Attorney and offer them its moral support, and also as a Conference condemn the holding of carnivals as commonly conducted.

**HOLY WEEK.**—The following resolution was presented and read by R. T. Thawley, and, on his motion, it was adopted:

WHEREAS, Holy Week is coming into wider recognition in Protestant Churches as a time for very definite religious programs; and,

WHEREAS, Many of our own pastors are giving more serious thought to the preparation and execution of such definite plans, more especially as leading up to the Easter message; and,

WHEREAS, It is apparent that some other Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church are arranging their Conference sessions so as to avoid any conflict with Holy Week services; be it, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, do hereby request the Board of Bishops that they have this thought in mind when assigning the date for said Wilmington Conference to convene; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Secretary be and he hereby is instructed to convey to the Secretary of the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church this our earnest request.

**IN APPRECIATION OF BISHOP THIRKIELD.**—J. W. Colona presented and read the following resolutions and they were adopted by a rising vote, after which the Bishop addressed the Conference:

WHEREAS, Our Board of Bishops, at their recent annual meeting held in Atlantic City, assigned Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield to preside over this, the fifty-seventh session of the Wilmington Conference; and,

WHEREAS, By careful planning of a greatly enriched program, by leading our Conference to a mount of vision at the beginning of the session, by maintaining a high spiritual tone throughout by great and inspiring messages, by his careful, considerate and discriminating ad-

ministration and by his rare spirit of brotherliness, he has helped to make this Conference session one long to be remembered for joy in fellowship and spiritual uplift and power; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we wish to record our high appreciation of him as a man and an eloquent preacher of God's Word, and our confidence in him as an administrator of the Church.

RESOLVED, That we assure him of our appreciation of the services he has rendered to our Conference, and that our love, prayers and good wishes will go with him as he returns to his work in his own area.

**COLLECTION.**—A collection was taken to cover incidental expenses as announced to the Conference by the Secretary.

**DEBT OF FOREIGN BOARD.**—On motion of V. S. Collins, who presented and read same, the following was adopted:

RESOLVED, That we have heard with pleasure Dr. John R. Edwards, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, who brought us such an illuminating and inspiring address on the work and condition of this great Board of world-wide influence and work. We exceedingly regret the great debt of the Board of Foreign Missions, and that diminishing receipts have compelled the closing of schools and the withdrawal of missionaries from fields where both are so greatly needed. But we, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference hereby pledge Dr. Edwards and the Board of Foreign Missions our most loyal support and most cordial cooperation in this crucial hour; and assure them we will never relax our efforts until the last dollar of indebtedness is paid, and the kingdoms of this world shall have become "the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ."

**CONF. CLAIMANT END. CAMPAIGN.**—Hon. Caleb E. Burchenal was granted the privilege of the floor for the purpose of presenting the following recommendations of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission:

1. That the Commission be continued for a period of four more years.
2. That the Conference authorize the Commission to inaugurate a plan to raise \$150,000; the term of the payments to be extended over a period of four years.
3. That the raising of this money be undertaken looking forward to the adoption of a permanent plan for taking care of our Retired ministers through the Board of Pensions and Relief, as has already been approved by this Annual Conference.
4. That a field secretary be employed for the purpose of conducting this campaign, said field secretary to receive as compensation \$3,500, with the understanding that he is to pay his own house rent and his own travelling expenses out of his salary.



5. That the Bishop, if this seems to be the best interest of the work, appoint Rev. George P. Jones as field secretary.

6. That this Conference accept the proposition made by Dr. Francis B. Short of this Conference, that he will contribute \$7,500 to this cause provided this Conference raises \$150,000.

7. That Dr. Short be added to the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission.

8. That the following persons be added to this Commission: J. J. Bunting, John McAdams, Clarence Fraim, E. C. Hardesty and Charles A. Beck.

9. That the Wilmington Annual Conference give to the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission the right to add to its membership, during the interim of Conference, such persons as it thinks might add to the efficiency of the work of raising the above fund of \$150,000.

On motion of G. W. Cooke the fourth section was amended, ordering the salary to be taken out of the receipts of the campaign. The report was then adopted as amended with the exception of section five. On motion of V. S. Collins, Conference then requested the Bishop to appoint G. P. Jones to the office of Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission.

**EXPENSES OF SPECIAL SPEAKERS.**—Conference ordered, on motion of J. W. Colona, that the expenses of the speakers for the Inspirational Hour and the Ministers' Retreat, amounting to \$100, be paid by the Bureau of Sessions.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**—The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted, and, on motion of D. W. Jacobs, V. E. Hills was re-elected Treasurer.

**AUDITOR—1926.**—H. B. Kelso submitted his report as auditor of Conference accounts, and he was re-elected.

**REPORT OF BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—T. N. Rawlins read the report of the Board of Stewards, and the recommendations and nominations made therein were approved.

**GIFT.**—E. H. Dashiell announced that Mr. and Mrs. Melville Gambrill offer to contribute to the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund the sum of \$7,500 provided \$150,000 be raised. Mr. Gambrill was then introduced to the Conference and, by a rising vote, Conference expressed its appreciation of said offer.

**BOARDS AND SOCIETIES.**—The Cabinet, on motion of W. E. Gunby, nominated the members of the various Boards and Societies and they were confirmed.

**CASE OF J. W. CHAPPELL.**—The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that John W. Chappell be Continued on Trial in the Studies of Second Year, and it was so ordered.

**CONFERENCE RELATIONS.**—On motion of G. P. Jones, J. J. Bunting was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy on Board of Conference Relations caused by the death of F. F. Carpenter. Howard Davis, G. W. Dawson, E. W. McDowell and G. S. Thomas were, on motion of G. P. Jones, elected members of said Committee for a term of three years, the Secretary casting the ballot.

**CONF. EDUCATION SOCIETY.**—A. B. Magee and E. J. Winder were nominated by F. C. MacSorley as lay members of the Conference Education Society, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

**SALARY SUPPLEMENTED.**—On motion of J. W. Colona, the District Superintendents were instructed to advise the Secretary the names of charges whose salaries were supplemented by missionary monies, and the Secretary was then requested to place a star opposite said charges in the statistical columns.

**BOARD OF EPWORTH LEAGUE.**—J. T. Price presented and read the report of the Board of Epworth League and it was adopted. The officers of said Board were then nominated and elected.

**SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**—The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was presented by Ivanhoe Willis, and it was adopted without reading.

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

**ILLNESS OF O. E. JONES.**—Conference requested the Secretary to convey to O. E. Jones, Superintendent of Middletown District, who, because of illness, is confined to his room in the Hotel duPont, its love, and assure him of the earnest prayers of his brethren for a rapid recovery.

**STATE OF THE CHURCH.**—The report of the Committee on the State of the Church and Social Service was presented and read by J. L. Johnson, and it was adopted.

**REGULAR ORDER OF CONF.**—On motion of E. H. Dashiell the plan used at this session of the Conference covering the work of the Standing Committees was adopted as the regular order of the Conference, and the Secretary of the Cabinet was requested to submit to the Conference Secretary in time for publication in the minutes the names of said committees in accordance with our rule covering the Standing Committees.

**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.

**APPOINTMENTS READ.**—The appointments were read, during the reading of which the Bishop announced the transfer of John H. Warren to the Blue-Ridge-Atlantic Conference; and of William E. Harrison from Baltimore Conference as Pastor of McCabe Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del. The benediction was pronounced 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.

WILBUR P. THIRKIELD,

President.

DISSTON W. JACOBS,

Secretary.

## X.

### REPORTS.

#### (a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

##### DOVER DISTRICT.

W. E. GUNBY, District Superintendent.

Swift-winged, the Conference year has passed, and again we are assembled in this the "First City of the First State," to make report of the sacred trusts committed to our fostering care. We are but a small part of that militant host of righteousness, marching under our banner, and engaged in the pacific conquest of our Redeemer's Kingdom, upon whose far-flung battle lines the sun never sets, yet we rejoice that, though like the early Church, beset on every hand, oppressed by every foe, we are triumphant still. The work of the District, of which I am the unworthy leader, merits more than casual notice, yet the pressure of business admonishes to be brief. It has been my joy, during the year to labor among those, who have "subdued kingdoms of evil, wrought righteousness," and helped to usher in the new and better day of our Lord.

It was our prayer that the working force of the District should not be broken, but it was not to be so. The grim reaper, "with his sickle keen" once invaded our ranks, and Frank F. Carpenter, brother beloved, was gathered into the heavenly garner. From out the very midst of an active pastorate, and leaving behind the lamentations of the sorrowing, this splendid prophet of the living God, was called to "walk in white, the hills of light, where God and men hold fellowship." The end came in Cambridge, Maryland. Funeral services were held in Zion Church, of which for nearly two years he had been the honored pastor, and also at Mt. Salem Church, Wilmington, Delaware. Dr. Carlisle L. Hubbard has prepared suitable memoir. Thus was terminated an eventful and faithful ministry of some thirty-six years within this Conference territory. The Rev. L. W. Layfield, recently Retired, has supplied the work at Cambridge, since the death of Brother Carpenter, and in a highly satisfactory manner has conserved all the interests committed to his leadership and care.

**Changes in Pastoral Relations.** The Rev. E. H. Marshall, having served three years in the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and now closing his nineteenth year of active service with us, will ask for the Retired Relation. The Rev. W. L. White, now closing his forty-ninth year of active ministry among us, will also ask for the Re-

tired Relation. Brother White has been a tower of strength in our midst, an inspiration to our younger men, a "workman of God, who needeth not to be ashamed." As these servants of God march through the gates that outward swing, may the God of all peace and of all consolation, be their abiding comfort still, and may the Indian Summer of life, like the close of a summer's day, be filled with radiance and color, fragrant with the breath of flowers, and vibrant with the songs of birds!

**Restoration of Zoar Circuit.** Early the previous year, Millsboro gave notice of the desire to become a Station Charge, thus leaving Unity and Central unattached. After a canvass of the field, Zoar Church, left without pastoral relations for several years, and St. Thomas', having had no service for an even longer period, were reopened, and with Unity and Central, compose a new work with four churches. A student pastor was assigned to the field, and forty-seven conversions, with many other evidences of growth and development, have appeared to justify the wisdom of the venture.

**Building Operations.** A new Church at Lebanon, on the Camden Charge, replaces the one destroyed by fire a few years ago. The structure is about completed and will be ready for dedication early in April. At Hurlock, Maryland, upon a valuable lot, the gift of Mrs. Sallie Andrews, a splendid new parsonage has been erected, costing above \$7000, and mostly paid for in cash, and the remainder covered. At Millsboro, Delaware, another parsonage has been built at a cost of \$7000 and paid for during the year. Both these homes are splendidly located, light, airy, convenient and modern, with garage attached. Two new Community Houses have been erected at Mt. Pleasant and St. Georges' on Mt. Pleasant Charge, and paid for.

Extensive improvements have been made on Church properties at Man-ship's on Felton Charge; at Epworth on Blades; at Lincoln City and Har-rington; and minor improvements have been accomplished in many places, and with all obligations met. Total paid for building and improvements is \$28,558.

Cambridge has paid her debt in full; Laurel has reduced her indebtedness by \$6000, and Wesley, Dover, by \$2500.

**Religious Education.** The new interest in this field, is one of the hopeful signs of the times. With increasing emphasis on Christian Service has come the conscious need of preparation for service. Trained leadership is the paramount need in every church and in every field of church activity. The Dickinson College Summer School of Religious Education, established four years ago, and holding its session in July, has accomplished wonders as a training agency for this area. Continually embarrassed by its success, attendance is limited for lack of room. Several from this District have availed themselves of the opportunities offered. A normal course will be included this year, and these normal graduates may become

instructors in our Standard Training Schools. Two such schools have been held this year, at Seaford and at Dover, with an enrollment of 125; also Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been successfully held at Milford, Seaford, and Federalsburg.

The presence of the Rev. F. A. Lindhorst, our new Conference Director, is proving an inspiration. Finely trained, well equipped and highly recommended, he speaks from large experience and with authority in his field. The churches of the District eagerly seek his counsel and guidance. Efficiency and progressiveness follow his visitations. His plans for the coming year promise much that is hopeful for the training of leaders, for the spiritual development of our youth, and for higher efficiency in the service activities of our churches.

The Epworth League Institute held each July in the Wesley Collegiate Institute has passed the experimental stage, and is doing real work. The lasting good accomplished through this week of devotion, instruction, inspiration, and social intercourse, can hardly be overestimated. Young people come down from this mount of vision, and with deepened consecration and renewed zeal, take up the work of the local church. The four District Superintendents gave inspirational messages at four of the twilight services last summer. At the closing consecration service, with one hundred per cent. attendance, every person present volunteered for some definite form of Christian service. The District Convention held at Milford, in November was an enthusiastic gathering of rare helpfulness and profit.

**District Organizations.** Only words of highest commendation could fitly express proper appreciation for the splendid women of the District, through whose devoted and untiring efforts the two Missionary Societies and their kindred organizations have come to the close of a year of great prosperity and usefulness. The Ladies' Aid Societies have contributed to the spiritual and social life of the Churches, and have made and expended more than \$10,000 toward the work of the Kingdom.

**Evangelism.** Throughout the District there has been an earnest and devoted interest in the saving of souls. While there are far too many churches not reporting a single conversion, there have been revivals of note, and a few of outstanding proportions. The number of accessions, with incomplete reports, is 1142, comparing favorably with any recent year. The follow-up work among the converts of the previous year has been so well done, that in many instances every convert has been received into Full Membership. Advanced methods of evangelism in the Sunday School are in contemplation for the coming year.

**World Service.** The program of the General Church as set forth in the World Service has been presented with faithfulness. The reaction following the Centenary was logical and inevitable. In some instances unreasonable apportionments have discouraged an honest attempt to meet the quota. In others, unreasonable churches have shown unwillingness to accept



any apportionment. A lack of information in some quarters has left the churches in an attitude of supine indifference toward all of our Benevolent and Missionary Enterprises. In a few instances the work has seemed to falter through lack of enthusiastic and capable leadership. It has been the laudable ambition of the District to prevent lowering the standards of the previous year. There have been no "I Will Maintain" campaigns, or spasmodic attempts to secure "Special Gifts" as in previous years, but a hard and steady pull to keep each church up to its previous standard, with an advance wherever possible. From present indications the report will vary but slightly from the previous year. If there be a falling off, it will for the most part be in the larger churches, in which the special gifts of the previous year cannot be duplicated. Coming from the regular sources, the support of our Benevolent and Missionary Enterprises will probably be the best of recent years. The proposed "Goal of Advance" will doubtless work a healing ministry, and through the allaying of friction and the arriving at a better understanding between the Boards and the local church, a finer cooperative spirit will ensue under which the World Service support will be more readily forthcoming.

**Ministerial Support.** The willingness on the part of many churches to respond favorably to the plea for better support of their pastors, is a prophetic sign of the new and better day. Mt. Pleasant and Zoar have advanced \$350 each; Georgetown Circuit, Hooper's Island, Laurel, Lakesville, and Millsboro, each \$300; Ellendale, Lewes, Milford, Wyoming, \$200 each; Blades, \$150; Wesley (Dover), Vienna, Galestown, Elliott's, Federalsburg, Nassau, Rehoboth, Felton, Camden, \$100 each; Williamsburg \$90, and St. Paul's (Dover) \$50; a total increase in Pastoral Support of \$4190.

**Personal Word.** A becoming sense of personal obligation prompts me to record my gratitude, first to Almighty God for His manifold and great mercies, and not the least among which has been the gift of an abounding good health that has permitted me to meet every engagement of the year, and to prosecute my tasks in the fullest degree of physical fitness and comfort, and second, to the occupants of the parsonages whose cordial ministrations have portrayed an abounding welcome; and to the laymen, whose hands have lightened my labors, and whose words of commendation have cheered my heart. As the servant of the Church, I have been received into every situation with uniform courtesy, and have been met with kindnesses unmerited. I have tried to do an honest man's work, in an honest man's way. I have travelled over the District nearly 20,000 miles, preaching three times on Sunday, almost without exception, 225 times, during the year, and have spared nothing that seemed to count for efficiency or progress. "Onward" is our motto. In the march of progress we dare not camp even where heroes fell, if tomorrow is to be better than today. "In an age, one ages telling, To be living is sublime."

### MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

O. E. JONES, District Superintendent.

Once more I come to report for my brethren of the Middletown District. It is a joy and an honor to do so. And I wish to express not only my gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His abounding goodness through the year but my appreciation as well for the kindly, loving spirit of my brethren. Whatever has been done has been done by them. It is their work and not mine of which I speak.

I may not say as I did last year that we stand in unbroken ranks. During the year the message of the King came to the home of Brother Clark of Clayton, and his wife has gone out of our midst, but only to make the heavenly land a bit fairer to us by the grace and beauty of her youth which is now eternal. At the last Conference Brother Smoot asked for the Retired relation, and with his wife went to make their home in Denton. It was not to be for long. She too has heard the heavenly summons and now she is in the home on high. Our hearts are very tender as we think of these, our brethren, to-day. Sister Webster, the widow of the Rev. Zach H. Webster, of blessed memory in our Conference territory, has slipped away this year to meet her Lord.

Brother Marsh, who was appointed to the Fairlee Charge, has been transferred during the year to the Oklahoma Conference. Brother Hanby, a supply from Henderson, took his place, Henderson being filled by Brother Samuel Cawman, a supply coming to us from the New Jersey Conference.

### Ministerial Support.

Few changes are to be noted in ministerial support this year. Only one charge has decreased the amount of pastoral support. You will forgive me if I do not name that one; we want to make it as easy as possible to repent and do the first works over again. Smyrna leads the number of those advancing, going from \$2500 to \$3000. Chestertown goes from \$2000 to \$2250; Kenton increased \$200; Marydel, \$200; Kent Island, \$100; Wye Mills and Starr, \$100; Pomona, \$50. May I say that though the advance with some of these smaller charges is small in amount, it indicates a very large advance in spirit, and I feel that they are to be congratulated because of their larger, greater spirit.

### Building and Improvement.

There has been considerable activity in the line of building and improvement. Work on a new community house at Ridgely had already been begun at the time of our last Conference session. This beautiful little building was dedicated by Bishop McDowell in the Fall, and the total cost of \$5470.95 has all been raised except \$1795.

Witman Church on Bayside Charge, was blown down by a cyclone Sunday afternoon, June 8th. Very providentially the people had all left the



sanctuary when this occurred. One brother, who was in the congregation that afternoon, remarked to me that, if the sermon had been a long one, they all would have been caught, and I think he will always be using this catastrophe as a warning to his preacher against long sermons. The people of this church had been considering remodelling their church and plans were already being prepared but they did not see how they could carry them out. They have built a new church, a beautiful little structure, splendidly adapted to the needs of the community, at a cost of \$7500, all of which has been provided for except \$1000. This has been as heroic a piece of work as you will find anywhere. The church was dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 21st, by Brother Harris, assisted by neighboring pastors. Since then the new church has had a better dedication still for a three weeks revival has been held in it with some 20 conversions.

The Church at Kenton is being remodelled to such an extent that it will be practically a new church. A large and fully equipped basement has been put beneath the church—put there by the daring faith of the good women of the church and paid for, by the way, entirely by them. Four rooms, in addition to the audience room, have been made for Sunday School work. Too much cannot be said in praise of those, who, in the face of great discouragements, have led in this enterprise. It will soon be completed and will be a building that will be a credit to our Methodism in that rich and prosperous countryside.

Smyrna Church has been beautified with new frescoing, new stained glass memorial windows, a new carpet, and other improvements at a cost of \$4775, all of which has been raised and an old debt, carried along for a number of years, of \$550 also wiped out. Middletown Church and parsonage have been painted, the Sunday School room refurnished, and other work done to the amount of \$2012, all of which has been paid. Both churches on Cecilton Charge have been renovated at a cost of \$1575. This has been paid in full—almost a phenomenal achievement when you think of the season the farmers have had and remember that they have paid \$2000 this year no their Community House debt. A new roof has been put on the Chestertown Church, costing \$1350, and on the Centreville Church at a cost of \$1100. A steam heating plant has been installed in our fine old church at St. Michael's at a cost of \$3,300, of which \$1700 has been raised in cash and an additional \$600 pledged. Still Pond has put \$1250 on the church and parsonage. The parsonage has been converted into another building entirely, a very attractive and comfortable modern home. Other churches have made improvements as follows: Tilghman Island to the amount of \$750; Hillsboro, \$675; Marydel, \$600; Kent Island, \$600; Denton and Preston, \$500 each; Concord and Wye Mills, \$360 each; Crumpton, \$350; Pomona, \$335; Odessa, \$250; Burrsville, \$225; Sudlersville, \$200; Piney Neck, \$182; Townsend, \$175; Cordova, \$140; Oxford, \$95; Royal Oak, \$75; Bozman and Neavitt, \$68; Fairlee, \$29.

In the matter of old debts, beside the two churches already mentioned, Easton has cleared away a long standing debt of \$2100, Neavitt has paid \$1035 on the balance of her new church debt; Concord, \$933; Rock Hall,

\$745; Queenstown, \$687; Kent Island, \$675; Centreville, \$327; Tilghman Island, \$400; Preston and Salem and Barclay, \$100 each; and Greensboro, \$50. The total for new work and old indebtedness for the District is, \$45,869.

#### Evangelism.

The wind of the Spirit has been blowing and here and there have been very gracious seasons of refreshing, but there has been no outstanding work of revival on the District this year. This has been a matter of deep concern to us as ministers of a church whose glory has ever been in her conquering evangelistic passion. At our Area meeting in the summer, Bishop McDowell spoke to us of the fact that membership in the different Conferences of the Area has seemed to reach a certain point and hang there even dropping back a bit last year. I have thought that there must be some mistake in the reported loss in our Conference last year of 3031. But I do know, that, according to the minutes, my District in the last 6 years has not quite held its own. A loss of 70 you will find it, if you check it up. Now this static condition, to put it mildly, is not characteristic of our Methodism. We do not like it for the Area. We do believe in it for our Conference. We will not have it for our District. We do not have to have it. I believe in the work of training the young, the keeping of the little ones of the Kingdom in the Kingdom. I believe in the splendid social and recreational work our Church is doing in so many places. I want to see more of that done. But I want to record that I believe in the revival meeting. The Gospel still is the power of God to bow strong men at the altar—men of stubborn will and hard heart, sinners, if you please—and change them and transform them and convert them into saints of God. In those churches that have the hunger for the lost and the sorrow and passion and travail of the Christ over the lost, the day of the revival, thank God, is not over. That I believe with all my heart and that I have preached this year as never before. It has seemed to me that we must have a great outpouring of the Divine Spirit; seemingly we have not had it. Souls have been saved. In almost all of my churches revivals have been held, and very consistently almost every charge reports conversions. The record as I have it is as follows: Queenstown, 38; Bozman and Neavitt, 32; Kenton, 30; Kent Island, 27; Chestertown, 23; Bayside and Tilghman, 20 each; Cheswold, Henderson, and Pomona, 18 each; Clayton, 17; St. Michael's, 16; Marydel and Townsend, 15 each; Church Hill, 12; Concord and Oxford, 9 each; Centreville, Cordova, Galena, and Salem and Barclay, 8 each; other charges smaller numbers, making a total of 406 for the District. Thank God for these! But we are not satisfied. Please God, we are going to set the tide of membership on Middletown District moving towards the flood.

#### World Service.

I do not know just what my District will do on World Service. Not quite all my charges reported to me, and some have reported on faith.

Two will meet their apportionments in full, Chestertown and Smyrna. But even at that just these two churches are giving nearly a thousand dollars less than they did last year. Will the brethren please take note of this. Here are two charges that paid in full their last year's quota for the Centenary and their apportionment this year was \$759 less than it was last year. There are 23 charges reporting the same or an advance over last year. This is over against 8 that did that last year. If you will grant me the time I wish to read the names of these charges. I am proud of them. Of course Smyrna and Chestertown head the list. Then come Bozman and Neavitt, Church Hill, Clayton, Cheswold, Denton, Fairlee, Galena, Kent Island, Marydel, Millington, Oxford, Piney Neck, Pomona, Preston, Queens-town, Ridgely, Rock Hall, Salem and Barclay, Still Pond and Betterton, Sudlersville, Townsend, Trappe, and Wye Mills and Starr. Next year we shall not read this honor roll. You will simply take the minutes and read the charges of the District—we shall all be on it. But, notwithstanding this goodly number of charges that are doing the same or better than last year, there are some very heavy shortages with some of the larger churches, and I am afraid that the District giving will be less than last year.

It is with a keen sense of the tragedy of it that I make such a report. In Quarterly Conference, in prayer meeting, from the pulpit, at our Epworth League Convention, in season and out, this work of the Kingdom has been presented. At the great North American Interdenominational Protestant Foreign Missionary Convention held a short time ago in Washington, when we held our denominational meetings, a young woman came before the Methodist meeting. I shall never forget it. She was the representative of the Methodist students of that great convention. They held their student meeting that morning and she came as their delegate to report to us that they had voted to ask the Foreign Missionary Board of our Church, which is not sending out any new missionaries this year, if they might be allowed to go out in our country and get their support and then go. I have carried that scene, so glorious because of our heroic youth, so tragic because of an unheroic church, in my heart ever since. I have tried to take it wherever I have gone to my churches. We have given another year to this work of the Kingdom. The result is with God. But whatever the outcome this year, I have no feeling of discouragement. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged" is the promise. I have no slightest desire to lessen effort. I take heart very greatly because more and more I see my preachers have this on their heart, and are preaching, and praying, and working for the Kingdom. 23 of my charges report the every-member canvass. Faithful preaching from a heart burdened with the world passion and by a mind informed on world conditions, diligent training in stewardship, a determined and complete every-member and every-friend canvass, patient and persistent following up of pledges, honest book-keeping—some of our churches that are working on the budget system have just one treasurer and benevolence money is borrowed through the year for local expenses and not always paid back in full at the end of the year, and that is not honest business with the Lord or with the church—all this and more, and everlastingly

keeping at it month by month through the whole year, that will do it. We must get down to business. This is not a year's work. It is our life. And we would not have it otherwise.

"I ask no heaven 'till earth be Thine,  
No glory crown while work of mine  
Remaineth here. When earth shall shine  
Among the stars, her sins cast out, her captives free,  
Her voice a music unto Thee—  
For crown more work give Thou to me,  
Lord, here I am."

#### Young People.

Just a word with reference to the Young Peoples' work. Our Sunday Schools were never doing better work than right now. More and more they are becoming organized after the modern method and even out in the country you will find them taking up departmental work and using the graded lessons. A Sunday School in a country village graded and organized with an average attendance of 140 for the year is one that any District might be proud of and that is what we have at Cheswold. We can do a great deal more work and a great deal better work, and we are going to welcome to our District Brother Lindhorst, our Conference Director of Religious Education, to visit our schools and put on Institutes for Teacher Training and for Evangelism in the Sunday School, and we shall look for great results in the future. There are 50 organized classes on the District. Ten of my charges report Teacher Training Classes. Kent Island leads the District with three of these classes and 30 have taken the first examination. Cecil-ton, Kent Island and Cheswold have organized a Junior Church. Still Pond had a splendid Week Day Bible School with 36 enrolled and an average attendance for three weeks of 25.

I have diligently inquired as to our young people in our Church Schools with the gratifying result that I have found that 7 young men of our District are away at school preparing for the ministry. I am sorry that I have no one applying for Admission to Conference this year. But we soon shall have. I know of nothing that I would be gladder to report to you than that. One dear old Retired preacher used to say to me when I was a younger minister than I am now: "I do not know what the Church is coming to." Then he would name over the great old preachers of his day, and there were giants in his day and every man he named was a giant. "Adams is dead," he would say, "and Murray is gone and Martindale, and Barrett is Retired and Stengle and Terry, and the young men coming on can't preach any." I haven't begun to say that—yet, but the thing that has bothered me is that the young men were not coming on. Whether they could preach or not, they were not coming on. They are coming on. I spoke at the W. C. I. in the prayer meeting the other week and the President, Dr. Budd, asked the students preparing for the ministry to wait and speak to me. A dozen or more lined up and greeted me. And I did not wonder at it. Stu-

dent after student Dr. Budd called on to pray and they prayed, the girls as well as the boys, beautiful prayers they made, simple, direct, tender, young peoples' prayers, and they all prayed for me, that I might have something to say to them, until my heart was a-burning and my soul all a-tremble with the awe of the Divine Presence when I rose to speak to them. Thank God for a school with a spirit like that. Of course, God will call preachers from it, and always, if we give God the right spiritual atmosphere in our homes and in our churches, He will grow His prophets. I am telling my people all over the District of this and exhorting them in the words of our Master, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

#### Closing Word.

The year's work is done. Of this report I can say with heartfelt emotion as so many of you have said in reporting to me, "I wish it were a better one." And of yours and mine this much is true, it would have been a better report if we had had better work to report. God knows about that—whether we have done our best work this year. And now I am thinking not so much of the year that is gone as of the year that is to come; not of the work that has been done but of the work to be done. Please God, let us do better work this year, our best work. I say let us go out after a new record on our District. Let us set a new goal in World Service and reach it. Let us win souls and definitely pass and leave behind us for good that mark in membership of some 8000 around which we have been hanging for these six years. Let us make a more serious and careful business of training and caring for the young life that God has committed to us as a Church. Oh, brothers, let us in every way set the Kingdom forward.

"As aforetime, here we stand,  
Heart with heart, and hand in hand,  
Pledging for the future strife  
All the energy of our life—  
For a stronger dash, and bolder,  
Stronger now because we're older."

#### SALISBURY DISTRICT.

E. H. DASHIELL, District Superintendent.

Last year policies were briefly outlined by which the future of this great District is to be realized. Those policies, being fundamental, are unchange.

Nothing is more securely imbedded in the Bible than that men who labor for God must be supported. We are, therefore, deliberately **planning**

to take care of our leaders. For years our Conference, and especially Salisbury District, has been backward in this matter. But now churches are responding, and the first movement of the great advance has set in. Israel crossing the sea from Egypt to Canaan was no more real. Some of the churches already have their feet on the Canaan side. This year advances are as follows: Smith's Island, \$100; Newark, \$100; Delmar, \$200; Somerset, \$300; Princess Anne, \$400; Ocean City, \$425; Deal's Island, \$500; St. Peter's, \$900. (For next year the following announcements are already made: Newark, \$200; Frankford, \$200; Delmar, \$300; Fruitland, \$250; Grace, Salisbury, \$300; Phoebus, \$1000). The aggregate this year is \$2925, making the advance for last year and this practically \$7,000. These are not small advances, wrung from unwilling people by sheer ingenuity, but they represent true vision. There are now on Salisbury District eight churches paying their pastors from \$2500 to \$4500 a year, and others preparing to follow. We recognize the dawn of a better Day, and are preparing to reap the spiritual harvest of that Day. We still cry: Give us MEN—men of vision, faith, command; men upon whose brows God has set the golden crown of achievement.

After salaries have been set, one of the slogans of this District is: "Ministerial support, including Conference Claimants, in full." The days were when our churches did not blush to send their pastors to Conference unpaid; and, be it said with shame, a few persist in this disgraceful practice. Their number, however, steadily decreases. The Word declares: "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn." Here is a divinely-sounded tocsin, the clear note of a silver bugle from the skies. Obedience will bring success to any church, while disobedience embarrasses and defeats. No church can disregard the claims of His ministers and enjoy God's full favor. By such a policy the Holy Ghost is grieved and spirituality paralyzed.

Failure at this, and other financial points, is due, however, more to lack of method than interest. Our grandfathers and fathers, in these matters, wrought without adequate method, and their sons are too largely following in their steps. For two years we have urged method, have advocated the disciplinary plan in and out of Quarterly Conferences, and these efforts begin to bear fruit. This year a number of rural churches, that have heretofore known nothing but deficiencies, are rejoicing in full treasuries and paid claims. It is truly refreshing to note how churches that adopt sensible methods flourish. Our people are called Methodists, but in many instances have strayed far from the things that should characterize people bearing such a name.

Our men this year have stood before the burning bush, and have heard the thrilling Voice that speaks from its flame. At Bishopville, Chincoteague, Claremont, Dagsboro, Delmar, Frankford, Girdletree, Gumboro, Marion, Nanticoke, Ocean View, Pocomoke City, Roxana, Grace (Salisbury), Selbyville, Smith's Island, Somerset, Stockton, Tangier, Westover, White Haven, Whitesville, Mardela, Onancock, there have been genuine revivals. Not a few were characterized by unusual power. The work of the



Spirit was deep. In some instances such great power was displayed that persons were reminded of the fire and glory of Pentecost. As nearly as can be estimated from incomplete reports, there have been in the neighborhood of eighteen hundred conversions.

Zeal in the revision of records continued. Because of this it is difficult to show an increase in membership; although, actually, there is a most decided increase, as the many revivals indicate. Sunday School membership is being dealt with in the same manner.

Pocomoke City has built a modern and beautiful parsonage, costing about \$10,000. Tangier has built a parsonage commodious and splendid, costing also little less than \$10,000. Many of the parsonages have been strikingly improved. The usual number of churches have been renovated, repaired, repainted, and otherwise improved. Deal's Island has expended nearly \$12,000 in this sort of work, \$10,000 of which was left the church by the will of Mr. Thomas B. Webster, until the entire church and parsonage property is remade and exquisitely finished. Gumboro is building a new church which, when completed, will cost seven or eight thousand dollars, and Phoebus is now finishing a forty-one thousand dollar structure. Thus material progress keeps pace with the spiritual, approximately \$50,000 in cash having been expended.

The preachers—and, for the most part, the laymen—have been splendidly loyal to our benevolences. This has been a difficult year for the regular farmer, a difficult year for the potato grower, and almost a blank year for the oysterman. Some, of course, have grumbled and been unable to see any way out except to cut their giving to God. This attitude, assumed in spite of all faithful pastors could do to off-set it, will be reflected in the figures, and felt with chilling effect on distant fields. Not a few of our churches, however, have met the situation grandly by equaling and exceeding the giving of last year. Among the former are: Grace, Salisbury; Princess Anne, Pittsville, Nanticoke, Selbyville, Claremont, Chincoteague, Parsonburg, Frankford, Ocean View, Cape Charles, Stockton. Among the latter are: St. Peter's, White Haven, Mt. Vernon, Fairmount, Delmar, Quantico, Hebron, Berlin, Fruitland, Onancock, Girdletree. The record is on high, and to each God will give "according as his work shall be."

An official card from Miss Mark K. Mearns, Treasurer Wilmington Conference, Baltimore Branch, says: "For the year just closing Salisbury District has done fine work in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. There has been an advance in organizations and money. The receipts for the year are \$1,145.62."

The Woman's Home Missionary Society reports \$1,911.71.

The District Epworth League organization, also local Leagues, have done splendid work. The District Convention this year was, without exception, the best in which we have ever participated.

Our District Conference was finely attended and strongly inspiring. Bishops McDowell and Badley were present and stirred both preachers and laymen with timely messages.

The work of the Sunday School, and of young people generally, has

received decided impetus from the leadership of Rev. F. A. Lindhorst, our new Director of Religious Education. He proves himself a man with spiritual mind, a vision and a program. In this field nothing is anticipated but progress.

The District has not escaped the shadow of death. Devoted and efficient wives of two of our ministers—Mrs. T. C. Smoot and Mrs. E. W. Jones—have departed this life.

Again it becomes a high privilege to record our appreciation of the men with whom we have labored. They have "preached the Word; they have been instant in season, out of season, reproving, rebuking, exhorting, with all longsuffering and doctrine." They have accepted, and privately and publicly advocated, the program of the church. They have "kept that which was committed to their trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so-called." "For the work of Christ, some have been nigh unto death, not regarding their lives, to supply lack of service toward" the heavenly Kingdom. They are "good stewards of the mysteries of God," preaching "not themselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and themselves the servants of men for Jesus' sake." We wish it were possible to make them, and this Conference, understand just how much and how genuinely we do appreciate them. They are God's men, marked for eternal honors in His Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, they have "right to the tree of life, and shall enter in through the gates into the City"—the City that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

The future of Salisbury District shines in the firmament of tomorrow like a beckoning star; and the star blinks and blazes above the cradle of a King. Our eyes are fixed upon the star; our motive is to discover, worship, and reveal the King. Thus, keeping pace with the years, the District strides toward what we stedfastly believe is a divinely-intended destiny.

#### WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

J. W. COLONA, District Superintendent.

On behalf of the congregation of McCabe Church and likewise all the friends of the city of Wilmington, we rejoice in the privilege of extending a most sincere welcome to the Wilmington Conference to hold its fifty-seventh annual session in this city and church.

The increasing demand for brevity in the District Reports make it imperative to avoid details and state in very general terms only the results of the year's activities on the District.

#### Sickness and Deaths:

Brother Deniel Wilson was unable to take up his work at Hopewell after the last Conference Session on account of illness. His physician



advised him to give up his work, and so relieve himself entirely from responsibility. He continued to reside in the parsonage, however, until some time in August when at the further request of his physician he relinquished the work entirely and moved near Centreville, Maryland, so as to get away from all responsibility. Brother Harry Reed was compelled to give us his pastorate at Colora early in June because of failing health. Rest and medical treatment through the summer months failed to restore him to normal health as he had hoped. Accordingly, he went to the Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn early in October for observation. After the diagnosis his physician ordered him to New Mexico for at least six months. By help received from our Conference Contingent Fund he was enabled to go to Albuquerque the last of November. The latest word received indicates improvement. Brother A. F. Poore, Pastor of McCabe Church, having shown signs of a nervous breakdown for several months, was taken to Rhein's Rest Rooms, Philadelphia, on January 22nd, for the purpose of rehabilitation. He has been slowly but gradually improving and his physician assures us that he will be able to resume work in the near future.

Brother W. G. Koons, a former District Superintendent of the Easton District, known and loved by multitudes on this Peninsula for his fine Christian spirit and good works, after a brave fight through many years, departed this life May 15th. The funeral services were held in Rising Sun Church and were in charge of his pastor, Rev. C. C. Haris. Dr. H. W. Ewing delivered the eulogy. Interment in Rising Sun Cemetery. Brother John White, Local Preacher of Epworth Church, who had served as pastor faithfully and efficiently in many charges in and near Wilmington and was loved by all who knew him, passed away suddenly after a brief illness early in September last. The funeral services were held in Epworth Church and were in charge of his pastor, Rev. T. R. Van Dyke. Interment in Riverview Cemetery. Mrs. George R. Ellis, widow of our brother, the late George R. Ellis, died suddenly in Newark, Delaware, last May. Brother T. H. Harding, octogenarian and Retired for many years, passed away Sunday morning, February 8th. Funeral services were held in St. Paul's Church, February 11th, in charge of his pastor, Rev. C. L. Hubbard.

#### Pastoral Changes:

The exigencies due to sickness and other conditions have necessitated many pastoral changes. Local supplies were secured to relieve Brother Wilson until June when Brother Harry Wright, one of our ministerial students at Boston University, was secured to take charge of the work until September. Dr. J. W. Easley accepted the invitation of the Third Quarterly Conference to accept the pastorate the first of October and has served the church most acceptably for the remainder of the Conference year. Dr. Easley served Colora from June 1st until October when he resigned for adequate reason. Brother J. C. Steen, one of our young men, having recently graduated from Garrett Biblical Institute, accepted the invitation to serve Colora for the remainder of the Conference year. During the ab-

sence of Brother Poore from McCabe, Rev. Adam Stengle consented to serve McCabe until the Conference Session. He is listed on the Church calendar as pastor "Emeritus." It has been suggested that his official title ought to be changed to pastor "Emergency" for this is the eighteenth time this octogenarian has responded to the call of an emergency and has helped pastors and churches through trying times. And this does not tell the half of his usefulness to the churches. Every church on the district has had continuous pastoral oversight throughout the year.

#### Ministerial Support:

The need and justice of a larger support for the pastors has been recognized by several charges, and increases granted. Would that many other charges would catch the vision, for there are several pastors, even on the Wilmington District, who are not receiving as much support as God's mercies to the churches would justify and as they need to maintain with comfort their self-respect and ministerial dignity, which the churches rightly require, in the presence of the increasing high cost of living. The advances on the District during the year are as follows: Richardson Park, \$600; Grace, \$500; Hillcrest, \$350; Elkton and Trinity, \$300 each; Perryville, \$200; Port Deposit, Mt. Lebanon, Rising Sun, and Newark, \$100 each; total increase in Pastoral Support, \$2650.

The apportionments for Conference Claimants sent out by the Conference Board of Stewards were forwarded to the pastors accordingly. The pro-rating of ministerial support has been brought to the attention of pastors and Quarterly Conferences and an increase above last year's offerings is probable. No more imperative need is before the church today, we believe, than the providing for a more comfortable support for these, our soldiers of the cross, who, because of the increasing years and consequent disabilities, have had to lay their armor down and accept a deserved rest from the battle. This is not a salary to be earned by them, but a debt their church owes to them.

#### District Agencies:

Only the briefest summary of the activities of the many agencies in the local churches can be given here, though much deserves to be said of the great good accomplished. The 41 Ladies' Aid Societies on the District report having raised and disbursed for the maintenance of parsonages and in many instances churches, \$18,201. One does not need to travel among the churches very long to become convinced that these societies are indispensable to the maintenance and progress of the Lord's work.

The 18 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies report having raised and disbursed for their Missionary activities in other countries, \$7,294. The 17 Woman's Home Missionary Societies have raised and disbursed for their Missionary activities in our own country, \$5,916. Increasing hosts of people in dire need in this and other lands are being touched and helped

in manifold ways by the sacrifices and activities of these two great Missionary organizations.

Certainly the Epworth League of the Wilmington District, under the leadership of the present President, Morton E. Baxter, and his ever aggressive Cabinet, was never better organized, nor more fruitful in good works than at the present time. There are 32 active chapters on the District. The Annual Convention held at Mt. Salem last May was probably the best in the history of the local League in attendance, instruction, and inspiration. Wilmington District registered over 50% of the total registration at the summer Institute at Dover in July. A mid-winter Institute was held at Union Church in February. Seventy-three young people attended every session and were under the instruction of a very strong faculty. Besides many gifts of benevolences to the needy, the Cabinet holds religious services in nine institutions in and near the city, and has established a permanent fund to aid young ministerial students from the Wilmington District.

The Sunday Schools are in a healthy condition in attendance, interest and offerings. Progress is evident in practically all the reports, especially in several of the well organized schools in the city. The coming of Brother F. A. Lindhorst, our new Director of Religious Education, is proving helpful to the Sunday School work. The schools that he has visited have already given evidence of awakening to a new vision of better facilities, more careful grading of the schools, and more faithful and efficient teaching. Under his leadership a Standard Teacher Training School was held in Harrison Street Church, January 19th-23rd. One hundred and fifty young people were in attendance and under the instruction of a carefully selected faculty. Certainly no phase of our church work holds more promise of good than that of better trained teachers of our children in the Sunday Schools. None is more imperative and the cause of religious education demands the attention, whole-hearted and sympathetic co-operation of the entire church. With such co-operation, we believe our new Director can carry on a program of religious education in our Sunday School work throughout the Conference that will bear rich fruitage in the lives of our growing hosts of young people, and will mean more for the future church than the most farseeing prophet can foretell.

#### Buildings and Improvements:

Several of the churches have made much needed improvements to their property. The auditorium and Sunday School room of Ebenezer Church have been repaired and beautified with excellent taste at a cost of \$5000. About \$4000 have been spent on our church at Stanton in an effort to make it more adequate for the needs and attractive for services. The officials and members together with their pastor deserve commendation for their sacrifices and good judgment shown in the improvements made. The congregation of Scott Church under the leadership of their pastor, W. A. Wise, have so improved and beautified with fine taste their auditorium as to add greatly to their comfort and joy in worship, the total cost being

\$4000. Rising Sun has installed a new pipe organ at a cost of \$3500. Perryville will dedicate, in the near future, a new pipe organ recently installed at a cost of \$4000. A new addition for Sunday School purposes has been made to the church at Belle Font on Hillcrest charge at a cost of \$1000.

St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, will install in the near future a new pipe organ to cost \$25,000. This organ will have the latest improvements in organ building and will be easily one of the best instruments in this section of the country. This great church continues to advance along all lines of its activities under the remarkable leadership of the pastor, Dr. C. L. Hubbard. 2175 cases were treated without charge in their clinic this year by the three physicians who give their services. This is certainly applied Christianity.

The damage caused to the auditorium and organ of Grace Church by the storm that swept the city last June has been repaired at a cost of \$5,200. The annual reports of this great church show decided advance along all lines of its activities. Dr. B. M. Johns, the highly esteemed pastor, reports an increase of about \$1000 for World Service above last year's record, and a much larger advance in prospect from the every member canvass for 1926. Also \$27,000 have been paid on improvements this year.

The largest single achievement of the year on the District is the completion and dedication of McCabe Church. A description of the building and its erection was given in last year's report and hence its repetition is not needed here. On Sunday, May 18th last, Bishop W. F. McDowell came from the seat of the General Conference to dedicate the church. A beautiful day and a record congregation made the occasion a favorable one. The Bishop's sermon consisted of a very illuminating exposition of the characteristic traits of Bishop McCabe in whose memory the church is named. The pastor, the Rev. A. F. Poore, under whose ministry and leadership the church was erected, was in charge of the finances. No recognized expert at money raising could have handled the collection of funds more successfully. Bishop McDowell said he never saw it on that wise. \$32,000 in cash and subscriptions were raised that day, and that too, just after raising \$18,000 for the same purpose in a special canvass. And \$40,000 have been paid into the treasury on the new church project this conference year. The congregation is justly proud of their new church long dreamed of, hoped for, prayed for, and worked for with indefatigable effort and unflinching faith.

Brandywine has kept up their annual habit of adding improvements to their property by spending \$1543 on church and parsonage.

The congregation of Trinity, under the inspiring leadership of their pastor, Howard Davis, is looking forward to the erection of a more commodious edifice to meet the needs of that rapidly developing community. The Official Board and Quarterly Conference have approved the project and the pastor reports that a campaign for funds will be launched by the church at an early date.

Asbury has been made more attractive again by the spending of \$1650 on improvements on the church.

Elkton has purchased a fine property located in the center of the town costing above \$16,000; \$10,000 of which have been paid this year. The property will supply much needed facilities for Sunday School purposes, social and recreational life.

Kingswood has installed a new heating plant at a cost of \$2338, and has liquidated old debts to the amount of \$1500 so that the property, encumbered for thirty-one years, is now free of debt. The pastor and people are rejoicing in their achievements of the past year and are looking forward with faith and hope for a prosperous future.

Mrs. Joseph I. France has presented Nesbit Hall as a gift to Tome Memorial Church, Port Deposit, for social purposes and has improved the same at a cost of \$500. The church has already raised \$1000 to be used in the near future in redecorating the interior of the auditorium.

\$2500 have been spent in the improvement of the auditorium of Epworth Church and the total amount was raised on the day of the reopening, the pastor, Rev. T. R. VanDyke, being in charge. Epworth is prospering along all lines of her activities.

The District Stewards at their annual meeting held at Grace Church House last June appointed a committee and instructed the same to make such improvements as in their judgment were needed in the District Parsonage, and authorized an apportionment of 2% on the cash salary of the pastors to the charges of the District to meet the expenses of the improvements and to liquidate the remaining indebtedness of \$541 against the property. The committee carried out the order promptly and put the parsonage in splendid condition at a cost of about \$1500. A goodly number of the charges have paid their apportionments. Some have not yet. Brother I. Elmer Perry, chairman of the committee and Treasurer, will make a detailed report to the District Stewards.

#### Old Debts Paid:

Four churches have liquidated old indebtedness and burned the mortgages held against their property as follows: Claymont, \$3000; Red Lion, \$800; Kingswood, \$1500; New Castle, \$1400; Harrison Street has paid \$3000 on their debt; Marshallton, \$1700; St. Paul's, \$788; Newport, \$900; North East, \$1025; Silverbrook, \$1400; others in smaller amounts have been paid. Total paid on old debts, \$17,063. Total spent for building and improvements, \$77,189. Total spent for new buildings, \$54,617. Grand total spent for building purposes, \$148,869.

#### Evangelism:

The dominant note of the pulpit must be spiritual, if the church is to fulfill her supreme mission of saving the souls of men through Jesus Christ. That is our only panacea for the ills of men and nations here, and hope for the life beyond. It is imperative, therefore, in the presence of the alarmingly increasing number of insidious and seductive influences which are enslaving human souls like Prometheus, that intensive emphasis upon the urgency of repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ

as the unalterable conditions of salvation be renewed boldly, persistently, impassionately by every prophet of God as did John the Baptist, for only through these two doors can one really become a communicant of a Christian Church, and he who tries to enter by some other way is a thief and a robber, says the Good Shepherd who knows His own sheep by name. Our pastors have not proven recreant to their sacred trust in this our supreme duty, but have preached the Gospel of repentance and faith through Jesus Christ with unction and convicting power, and many have been added to the churches such as, we trust, are being saved. Reports show total received into Preparatory Membership, 700; total received into Full Membership, 950.

#### Benevolences:

The Missionary Spirit is necessary to the life and growth of any church, local or national. When a church becomes self-centered and gives its entire thought and resources to its own interests and comforts solely, and becomes oblivious to its obligation toward others in dire need, it has reached a danger point. On the other hand, the more we do and give for the good of others the more we help ourselves at home. The greatest church in the world is the church that renders the most service to humanity at large. Dr. Henry VanDyke says, "Nothing could do more to make Christianity potent at home, than to see it anxious and eager and devoted to help and bless and care for all men everywhere. Do you suppose that one more Christian in China will make one less Christian in America? Do you imagine that one less effort to preach the gospel in Africa will mean one more effort to preach the gospel in America? Do you suppose that one dollar that is given for Foreign Missions will be taken from Home Missions? I tell you, no! It will be taken from self-indulgence, from avarice, from worldly luxury. Peter is not robbed when Paul is supported. Demas the worldling, Simon Magus the astrologer, and Demetrius the idol-maker, are the only ones that suffer. Peter and Paul grow strong together, and the farther the one goes abroad the better the other works at home." It is a truth written in bold type in the history of the church that the effort to send the gospel to the heathen has not in one solitary instance hindered the evangelization of our own land. But the church has become more earnest, more devoted, more generous, more aggressive, in so far as she has begun to try to do something for the whole race of man.

This view of World Service has been laid before our congregations and official boards this Conference year. We have heard not a few complaints against what are thought to be excessive apportionments, and requests for reductions. While we were without authority to reduce quotas, yet, whenever the question has been raised, we have urged pastors, officials, and churches to make the amount of last year's offerings for Centenary purposes their minimum contribution for World Service this year, and reach their quota in full if possible. This appeal was everywhere received as reasonable, and while for local reasons several churches will report less for Missionary purposes than last year, others will make quite decided ad-



vances. The reasonable hope at this writing is that from the reports received the increases will about equal the decreases, so that the District is likely to lay at the Master's feet about the same amount of offerings for World Service as it contributed a year ago, namely \$44,705.

#### City Missions:

The City Missionary Society, under the leadership of Dr. G. T. Alderson, Secretary, has been conducting mission work at Asbury, Kingswood, and Sixth Avenue. Much good has been done but much more could have been accomplished if the funds of the Society had been sufficiently adequate to permit of a more extensive program and of the employment of more helpers. Having in view the solution of this together with other problems connected therewith, at the suggestion of Bishop W. F. McDowell, the pastors and lay representatives from the city churches met in Grace Church House Monday, January 12th, to consider the Wilmington City Missionary work. Bishop McDowell was present and delivered an illuminating address on the subject. Following a discussion of the problems involved, on motion, a committee of ten, five ministers and five laymen, was appointed to study the situation at Asbury, Kingswood, Wesley, Brown-town Mission, and whether a paid secretary is necessary, and report their findings back to a subsequent meeting of the same body.

The committee of ten met and elected Mr. Caleb E. Burchenal chairman. Under his leadership the requested study was carefully made and the findings with recommendations were adopted by the committee. On Monday, February 16th, the pastors and lay representatives were called as planned, to Grace Church House to hear the report and recommendations of the committee of ten. Mr. Burchenal, at the request of the committee, presented the findings and recommendations. On motion of E. C. Hardesty the report was adopted, and on further motion was ordered presented to our approaching Annual Conference session by the chairman, Mr. Burchenal, as the recommendations of Wilmington Methodism on the questions involved for consideration by the Conference.

#### Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home:

Our Deaconess Home at 307 West Street, Wilmington, a property valued at \$10,060, with an endowment of \$5500, owned, managed, and supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, has had a prosperous year. Five hundred children, representing eight nationalities and aggregating 13,680 in attendance, received training last year in classes and clubs. Sunday School, Junior Yeague, Kindergarten, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, classes in Domestic Science and Domestic Art, had "capacity attendance." The work is being conducted by three deaconesses and two missionaries. A gymnasium for recreational and assembly purposes is an imperative need and it is hoped may be realized in the near future. This work merits all possible support. Miss Rosa Santee is the Superintendent.

#### The Goodwill Industries:

The Goodwill Industries have had a successful year under the administration of Rev. J. H. Beauchamp, Superintendent. \$12,162.44 have been received during the year. 21,412 hours have been furnished to opportunity labor at the rate of 25c per hour. A new warehouse, 32x60 feet, has been built at a cost of \$3700, of which \$1000 have been paid. No support has been received from the Home Board. The balance sheet December 31, 1924 shows: Assets, \$21,447.02; Liabilities, \$10,899.63; Capital account, \$10,547.39.

#### Facing the Future:

Did time permit I would seek to indicate some places where we, as the prophets of God, and the church should put all the emphasis possible during the ensuing year. In just a word permit me to say:

(1) Our supreme emphasis should be on evangelism. The saving of souls and building them up in righteous ways of living is our highest duty. This ought to be the supreme and consuming passion of ministers and churches.

(2) Religious education ought to receive our most careful attention. The character, influence and efficiency in service of the church of tomorrow are being determined by how well we train the young people of today in the vital elements of christian integrity, help them to get a vision of the privilege, obligation and scope of christian service, and teach them how to develop their faculties for usefulness to the highest possible efficiency.

(3) World Service. In the presence of the growing tendency of many of our people to decrease their support of the benevolent causes of our church, we should seek to help the church visualize anew the needs of the millions lost in ignorance and sin, feel the sense of our obligations to others consequent upon His boundless mercies to us. "As much for others as for ourselves," should be the watchword of our beloved world church.

(4) We should here resolve anew to stand four-square for the enforcement of all laws, especially the 18th amendment, as that is a subject of attack by disloyal Americans. Our constitution is the enactment of the convictions of the American people into law by the will of majority rule, and no part of it can be held in contempt or disobeyed with impunity either for the law-breaker or the country. Respect for and obedience to law must be maintained if our country is to live and the church, of all institutions in the country, should exert her full possible influence in support of our Constitution and laws.

#### A Closing Word:

In closing this report, necessarily general because brief, I wish to record my deep felt sense of gratitude to my Heavenly Father for the strength He has been pleased to give me for the duties of the office I have sought to perform. I wish also to thank my brethren for their good-will and sympathetic co-operation in the work of the churches without which these fruits of our year's labors together in His name would have been an impossibility.



## (b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

### EDUCATION.

A letter from District Superintendent Dr. Omar E. Jones under date of March 17th informed the writer that Bishop Thirkield requested a report on Education for presentation at the Wilmington Conference. This report was to include Wesley Collegiate Institute, Drew, Princess Anne Academy, Morgan College, Book Concern, Periodicals, and Sunday Schools.

In order that every cause mentioned might have such representation as they desired, the committee appointed by the District Superintendents wrote to all and requested them to contribute what they desired.

The Washington Christian Advocate and one or two others declined to be so represented on the ground that their own representatives would address the Conference. The others speak for themselves herein, with a few commendations by the Committee.

#### The Book Concern.

The Methodist Book Concern is the ever-present servant of the whole church. The pastors command it to supply a thousand needs. In our Sunday Schools, the officers and teachers (415,875 present number) depend upon it for supplies to serve the 4,929,460 members. The Editors have had their thoughts and interpretations of the church and world news spread before the eyes of hundreds of thousands of people who desire a press free and trustworthy.

The Educators are using and producing textbooks for class rooms, for Organized Bible Classes, for Weekday Religious Instruction and for Daily Vacation Bible Studies.

The Missionaries at home and abroad rely upon the Methodist Book Concern to furnish their supplies, periodicals and books.

Our Benevolent Boards, Hospitals, Homes and Schools gather much of their support through the Advocates and other promotion agencies.

The Methodist Book Concern endeavors to maintain Christian standards in all its business and industrial relationships. The sales of the Methodist Book Concern for 1923 total \$5,394,668.43, an increase of \$359,412.42 over the year before. The net produce for 1923 is \$537,708.92, an increase over 1922 of \$89,728.07. The distribution to the Annual Conferences for the Retired preachers is also increased by fifty thousand dollars, the amount this year being \$350,000, next to the largest sum ever distributed in a single year to the men who have given their lives for the Church.

#### Princess Anne Academy.

Princess Anne Academy, located at Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland, is a preparatory school for the education of the Negro youth. This school's interesting history is very uniquely related to the history of the Wilmington Conference.

In 1886, the late Dr. J. A. B. Wilson, then Presiding Elder of the Salisbury District, Wilmington Conference, sold his property, the famous old "Olney Mansion," on the outskirts of Princess Anne, to the Morgan College Corporation as a site for this institution. The school from its beginning has been a branch of Morgan College, Baltimore, and was originally supported by the Delaware Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The State of Maryland, however, noting the splendid accomplishments of the school in training its citizens of color, incorporated it as the Eastern Branch of the Agricultural College (now the University of Maryland). State funds have annually increased, until they now constitute the main financial resources of the institution, although the interest and influence of the church have in no way been lessened on this account.

The present principal of the school is Thomas H. Kiah, A. M., Ped. D., a member of the Methodist Episcopal Book Committee, who has been at its head for fifteen years, and under whose consecrated and unselfish leadership the school has made notable developments. The faculty number 17 and the student body 180. The student membership is very much limited because of the lack of dormitory space. The State has come to the rescue in this direction by appropriating \$40,000.00 for the erection of a dormitory for boys, to replace the building destroyed by fire a year ago.

The property consists of 200 acres, mostly under cultivation. Courses are both literary and industrial. The literary course is of high school grade, and the industrial courses include Home Economics, Carpentry, Printing, Blacksmithing, Poultry Husbandry, Horticulture and Scientific Agriculture.

The school has graduated, during the forty years of its history, about six hundred men and women who have gone into various sections of the country and become leaders in nearly all the trades and professions, their influence being felt throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Visitors at the school are always cordially received, and it would be well for those who can do so to avail themselves of an opportunity to visit the school, for here one is sure to see an interesting and historic plant in splendid operation.

#### Drew Theological Seminary.

The Trustees and Faculty of Drew Theological Seminary send greetings in the name of our common Lord.

Drew has entered its fifty-eighth year of service to the Church. Born of that great wave of evangelistic and missionary enthusiasm which swept

Methodism during the middle of the last century, it continues to stand for the same evangelical emphasis, missionary zeal, and sound biblical and theological learning which has characterized its history.

Drew was chartered as a university, and the logic of events indicates that its university privileges will be increasingly utilized. The development of the College of Missions in distinction from the College of Theology has already more than justified itself. The need of a third college that will offer a degree of Religious and Social Science is already apparent, and steps are being taken in this direction. No theological school in our Church has a finer equipment than Drew, or greater natural advantages as a center of study. According to recent official reports, we have the largest theological faculty in Methodism. We never had so large an enrollment as we have this year. To increase our helpfulness we have introduced graduate extension courses, and during the summer, in cooperation with the Church Boards, we have offered short-term courses designed especially for country, town, and city pastors.

We are encouraged by the evidence that the Church is taking to heart as never before the problem of adequately training its ministry. The only just ground on which the Church can DEMAND such training is that it be prepared to PROVIDE it. The obvious practical way of doing this is by the adequate financial support of the theological schools. Drew charges nothing for tuition or furnished rooms, and the cost for board and incidental fees for the year is only \$250.00, yet practically all of our students need financial assistance. Endowment to produce income to meet our expanding obligations, contributions toward current expenses, scholarships for needy students, dormitories for women and for married students,—these are among our needs.

Hampered as we have been by lack of resources, we have done much. Drew is represented in every Conference of Methodism and on very mission field. With greater resources, we can render yet greater service. We confidently rely upon you, workers with us in a common cause, to help us as we seek to enlist the active sympathy of the Church in providing for its own leadership. The needs of Drew are not the needs of Drew only; they are the needs of the Church.

#### Wesley Collegiate Institute.

Wesley Collegiate Institute, peculiarly our own, continues its career of spiritual and intellectual usefulness. Its scholastic standards were never higher. Graduates from our Preparatory Department continue to acquit themselves with high distinction at most of our Northern and Eastern Colleges. During the past year one College of high repute stated that one of our graduates presented the best schedule of preparation in a Freshman Class of 130. Heretofore we could only speak of our Junior College grade of work in the form of prophecy, but last June we graduated our first Junior College Class and our first graduate was admitted to the Junior Class of one of our greatest Methodist Universities and her semester report indicated honor standing.

In these days when reports of unregulated and misguided life, reflecting all the modern sins, come from so many educational institutions the spiritual life at the Institute is highly gratifying. All teachers are sincere Christians; the students themselves stand for the things which are good, and another evangelistic campaign was enjoyed by the school this year resulting in several conversions, and the opening up of new religious activities and life to many others.

#### The Sunday School.

The Sunday School and Religious Educational work of the Conference reports as follows:

We are realizing more and more that the paramount issue of America and of the Church is the Moral and Religious Education of her children and youth. The only sure means of establishing the rule of the Spirit, is thru the education of not only the mind, but the attitude and desires of the heart and the expression of those truths and attitude in daily living. The Home, School, and Church must emphasize anew, with no uncertainty of purpose, the training of the young.

The Methodist Episcopal Church on this peninsula, by means of a thorough and comprehensive program of Religious Education, is bearing steadfastly in this direction. Today's boys and girls, tomorrow's men and women, will, each succeeding year, have more careful consideration of our Church leaders and workers. The great company of Christian people everywhere will rejoice with us in this determination to do our share in the building of a more Christian State and Nation.

The Committee reports that the Religious Educational Director, Rev. F. A. Lindhorst, has proven himself a tireless worker, a wise counselor, an expert in his line, and a most brotherly colaborer in the Conference. We commend his work to the brethren everywhere.

#### THE WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

The Fifty-second year of Wesley Collegiate Institute has been a very successful one.

The attendance has been considerably increased over last year. Ninety-one students have enrolled in regular courses and forty-three in part time work. They have come from all parts of the peninsula and from Pennsylvania. Some of them from points as distant as Johnstown and Pittsburgh. The student life has been harmonious and the co-operation between students and faculty very gratifying.

The enthusiasm in student life has manifested itself in various ways; the boys' basketball team has been an 85% winner and the girls' team has taken 66% of victories. This is especially conspicuous when we consider that our competitors had larger student bodies from which to select their teams. The prospect is also good for track and baseball.

The Senior preparatory class also distinguished itself by presenting three high-class Antrim Lyceum Bureau entertainments during the winter.

Our school property has been in better condition than ever. The young ladie's building, thoroughly repaired last Spring, compares favorably with similar buildings in other schools. The great increase in the cost of renting public auditoriums in Dover has compelled us to equip our gymnasium for auditorium uses. A thoroughly modern stage with attractive draperies and curtains and a plentiful supply of folding chairs enables us in a half hour to transform the gymnasium into a very pretty opera house capable of seating five hundred.

The scholastic work of the school is up to the usual high standard. We continue to enter our students on certification privilege in Delaware, Swarthmore, Dickinson, Wesleyan, Ohio Wesleyan, Syracuse, Boston, Penn State, University of Penn, Goucher, Johns Hopkins, and others; and we have the gratification of hearing of their successes in these higher institutions. One well known college informed us that one of our students presented the best schedule of entrance to the class of 132.

Our Junior College work continues with gratifying success. Heretofore we could only speak of it by way of prophesy, but last June we graduated our first Junior College Class and our first graduate entered the Junior class in one of our greatest Methodist Universities where she is this year attaining Honor Standing.

The advisability of continuing this grade of work grows on the President of the School. The Colleges are all crowded and their problems are the elimination of all but the best prepared.

The University of Chicago has for eighteen or twenty years encouraged students to secure their freshman and sophomore years elsewhere.

Columbia, two years ago, sent out circulars announcing that after 1925 they would abandon all freshman and sophomore college work.

Recently the President of Johns Hopkins announced the same policy for that institution.

The rapid development of Junior College all through the Middle West shows the educational trend. This movement proceeds smoothly in the state system of education because that system has sufficient authority to pass Junior College graduates into higher institutions. The way is not so easy in a church school system where denominational ties are often held lightly and where individual judgement is exercised by each neighboring college, but in our judgment the Junior College is going to come into full recognition, and happy is that secondary school which prepares in time.

Our Week of Prayer was a blessing to all and we have again confirmed our life long conviction that a student community is a most prolific field for evangelistic effort. Students will respond to the gospel and when they have done so they become better students, better athletes and better men and women.

We call attention to Dr. Jones' testimony to the religious life of our students. We are always glad to have these District Superintendents visit the school.

### EVANGELISM.

The ancient ardor and passion for souls must be reborn in the Methodist Episcopal Church if she is to continue the flaming evangel of God, spreading Scriptural Holiness throughout the world. That our ardor has been dampened and passion cooled in these latter days is an evident fact.

Undoubtedly the spirit of the times has had a deadening effect upon our evangelistic spirit as that spirit has ever been interpreted by us. "Knowing the terror of the law" has become a dead sentence among us. These are but empty words and we are not under the ancient urge to "persuade men" to Christ. Hell is no longer the place of endless punishment and we are not going out with tears to save men as "brands from the burning." A gospel of social uplift and ethical principles, good as it is, will never create in us the fervid spirit that will cause us to cry, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren."

In order to possess a true spirit of evangelism that will send us out into the highways and hedges seeking the lost we must again open our eyes to the truth and see men irreparably lost without Christ. See them as Jesus and Paul saw them, in danger of an eternal stay in the place "where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." We must see them heading for the "bottomless pit," "the lake of fire." Then will passion burn in our souls and we will, like the "Good Shepherd," be willing to "lay down our lives for the sheep." And like the great Apostle, who said, "I am made all things to all men that I might by all means save some." We must again see Jesus bleeding upon the cross, not as an unwilling victim, dying the death of a martyr, but a willing sacrifice, making atonement by His suffering and death for our sins,—the sins of the whole world.

When we do see men sin cursed, going into eternal and hopeless despair, and seeking a remedy we catch a vision of Jesus Christ dying upon the cross, "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world," then will there be reborn in us and in our beloved Church that passion for souls that in all the past has been our glory. We will go forth to save the lost, not for their sakes alone but also that "He may see the travail of His soul and be satisfied."

Evangelistic methods must be varied to meet changing days and customs. The necessity of bringing men to Christ remains the same in every age "Till He come." But methods of doing the work will constantly change. We would like to suggest some methods for today.

1. The old tried protracted meeting must not be abandoned by us. In the face of evident difficulties we must carry on. It is difficult to get the church to respond. It is more difficult to get sinners to attend such services. We must not be discouraged. The church needs the training that only such meetings can afford. It needs the seasons of earnest prayer. It needs practical consecration by its membership to God. The unsaved coming from Christless homes need the opportunity that is offered by such meetings to come within the influence of the saving Gospel of the Son of God. Some day God will send us a great revival of religion. An old-



fashioned protracted meeting, carried on annually within the church, may give to God just the opportunity that He needs to send such a revival. This method of evangelism, which has proved so fruitful in the history of the church, should not be abandoned, but we should adapt it to the new conditions with which we are confronted.

2. The regular Sunday evening services offer an unparalleled opportunity for evangelism. If the singing is evangelistic and the sermon too, then let the invitation for immediate decisions be made at every such service and every Sunday evening may be made to yield precious fruit.

3. Another method to be recommended is the use of the unit system for evangelistic purposes. This system is in vogue in our church today. The modern church finds that it cannot function effectively without some such system. Here is an organization ready to hand, and with untold possibilities for evangelism. Each home in the church is under lay care. Each home that has in it an unsaved child or relative or visitor becomes the immediate field of the unit leader in which he may plant the seed and, please God, reap the harvest.

Special seasons should be fixed when every unit leader is asked to make a special effort by personal work and by meetings of the members of the unit in the homes represented in that unit, to bring all the unsaved in his unit to Christ for salvation.

4. The Sunday School is perhaps our richest field. Here is found the most valuable material and the easiest to reach. Boys and girls are under the care of consecrated teachers. Their hearts are tender. Their lives are not burdened with a great load of black sin. They do not have to be sought in the wilderness. They are not "tending swine." Their hearts are not hardened. Tell them their need of a Saviour. Tell them of Jesus Christ and invite them to yield their hearts to Him for salvation, and they will. The new birth will be as real and wonderful to them as to the hardened sinner. We must not miss this glorious opportunity to win souls for Him.

We urge the wise use of "Decision Day." Palm Sunday, now generally used for this purpose, is perhaps the best day of the whole year, with the next best day being, possibly, the Sunday following the Fall Rally Day, when the children, just promoted into the higher grades of the Sunday School, can be promoted to church membership, by the acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

It goes without saying that all of these methods require one thing and that is that following the decision thorough instruction must be given to those who accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. No evangelism is complete or safe without such instruction; and this particularly applies to the boys and girls who should immediately be gathered into classes and given instruction until they are rooted and grounded in the faith and acquainted with the doctrines of the church.

Let us use such methods as will fit our particular field best. But, brethren, let us fill our ministry to the uttermost with earnest prayer to

God that a gracious revival of religion may be given to us in every field to which He calls us. Let our eyes never be dry until we see the desire of our souls knowing that "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed; shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

#### STATE OF THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

The revelation of God to man starts first with the expression of the spirit of God in the soul of a man. This has ever been the first step in the building of the Kingdom. When this spirit revelation has engrossed the soul of a man the second step is made, viz., the stirred soul speaks forth in glowing words the truths he has seen so clearly.

When the spoken word has blazed its way to other souls until they flame with the realization of the spiritual vision, then the third step in Kingdom building is realized; viz., an organization is formed to transform the vision into vital action.

Proofs crowd on one; of the truth of this three-fold proposition as we study the word of God and the history of the church of Jesus Christ.

To illustrate: God revealed to Abraham the vision of a holy people, who acknowledged God alone as king and to whom alone they would bow the knee; and more than four centuries pass before that vision is realized in God's chosen people setting up their Government in the chosen land under the kingship of Jehovah.

Another illustration: Jesus taught "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God," and yet seventeen centuries pass before his organized church formed the first Sunday School to teach these same children that they belong to God and that he wants them all to recognize his Kingship. So has it ever been that the spoken word of the prophet of God has lagged behind the revelation of the vision to the prophets soul, and so the actual realization lags behind, sometimes for centuries, the spoken word of the inspired teacher.

The history of Methodism is no exception to this rule as to the advance in Kingdom building. John Wesley and his Holy Club simply started to find for themselves a life of Holiness according to the teachings of the scriptures.

In this search one night Mr. Wesley found his heart "strangely warmed." From that hour there was a new note in all his preaching. The flame of divine love was as contagious as fire in a dry stubble, and soon every member of the Holy Club was rejoicing in this new experience and they went everywhere preaching the joy of sins forgiven. It was not long before Mr. Wesley found that ignorance was a great bar to religious progress in the individual and in the community, so he commenced to build schools in order to train his people mentally as well as spiritually; and for decades the work of Methodism was confined to these two items of work; viz., evangelical preaching and education.



With the passing of the years Methodism awoke to the fact that preaching, soul saving and education were not the whole work of the church; that Jesus had taught that his church should administer to the bodies of men, and that the parable of the Good Samaritan was still among his teachings; but it was not until 1881 that Methodism built her first hospital located in Brooklyn, New York, and now she has 78 hospitals with a property value of more than \$25,000,000, with endowments of \$5,586,000, and giving each year \$1,365,000 of free service to sufferers unable to pay.

#### This for the Methodist Episcopal Church Alone.

The Methodist Episcopal church has also 39 homes for the aged, with a property value of \$4,975,000 and with endowments aggregating \$2,620,000. Our church has 45 homes for children, with a property value of \$5,012,385 and endowments of \$1,289,000. She has also fifteen homes for wayward girls, travelers' rest homes and homes for young men, deaconess' rest homes for returned missionaries to the value of \$649,475.

Beside the homes just enumerated, Methodism has under the control of the General Deaconess Board and the W. H. M. S. 83 homes with a property value of \$2,768,240, with an endowment totaling \$589,000.

In this work of hospitals and homes the Methodist church has crossed the seas into Germany, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden. In these countries we have 23 homes and hospitals with a property value of \$1,800,000.

When it is considered that the great work enumerated above has been accomplished since 1881 when the "George I. Seney Hospital" was organized, Methodism can well exclaim, "What hath God wrought."

Nor has this been accomplished at the expense of any lessening of evangelistic fervor. Methodism still preaches that all men are sinners, and, therefore, calls upon all men everywhere to repent. Methodism still preaches that Jesus "is mighty to save and strong to deliver," and never during the history of the church has the gospel call been heard and heeded by such large numbers as during these last mighty years. In 1773 Methodists in the United States numbered but 1160. In 1884 we had passed the million mark, requiring 71 years to secure the first million members.

Then came the split of the Church, South, and not until 1886 was the Methodist Episcopal Church able to report a million members. Today, notwithstanding Methodism is split into at least sixteen different families, we are able to report for the Methodist Episcopal alone a membership of 5,048,000 one million of whom have been gathered within the last ten years. Thank God for a living, growing Methodism!

These 5,048,000 members have accumulated for God a total of \$489,000,000 for churches, parsonages, schools and hospitals, and endowments of \$56,617,000, a total of \$545,955,978.

#### The Temperance Work of the Church.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was one of the first, if not the very first, to organize Temperance Societies in this country. In 1784 it wrote

into its organic law a prohibition "of the buying and selling of spirituous liquors except in cases of extreme necessity." For decades the temperance work of the church was limited to preaching temperance sermons. From this grew organized Sunday School and Church Temperance Societies consisting of members pledged to personal total abstinence. Out of this grew the Woman's Crusade of Christmas, 1872-73, at Hillsborough, Ohio, when the women of the Total Abstinence Societies undertook to exorcise the rum demon from legalized saloons by prayers. The next forward step followed in less than two years, when the W. C. T. U. was organized with a young Methodist woman, Miss Frances E. Willard, at its head. Under her leadership the work multiplied until the organization found it necessary to fight all the allies of rum, ignorance, social impurity and vice of all sorts which buttressed the saloon on all sides. So organization within the organization followed until the W. C. T. U. found itself mothering forty-one separate departments, every one designed to fight the liquor evil from its own particular angle. With the preaching of the pulpit now reinforced by the earnest work of 300,000 white ribboners, Methodism moved forward until our Board of Bishops in 1888 dared to declare, "It never can be legalized without sin." The General Conference of that year adopted this slogan. From this point of vantage the Methodist Episcopal Church went forward hand in hand with sister churches and other organizations until 1919 the Eighteenth Amendment was adopted and went into effect in 1920.

In securing the adoption of the Amendment no organization of these United States was more effective than the Methodist Episcopal Church, according to so high an authority as William Jennings Bryan.

Not satisfied with simply passing the prohibition amendment, our church has organized a Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals under the able leadership of that son of the peninsula, Dr. Clarence True Wilson, whom we all delight to honor. On his staff is Deets Picket, Esq., than whom there is no more able Research Secretary in any reform organization in the country today.

This Church Board, almost from nowhere, without flourish of trumpets, has been able to materialize the hopes and aspirations of the Methodist Episcopal Church throughout the country by the erection of a building to be used as Methodist Headquarters at the Capital of the nation at a cost of \$600,000, all of which is paid for but \$180,000. Dr. Wilson and his co-workers in this great cause deserve the thanks of Methodists everywhere for this heroic achievement.

Here within full view of the National Capitol the Resident Bishop, the official Methodist Press representative, and our eagle-eyed Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals will carefully scrutinize all legislation touching the moral life of the nation; they will be the eyes and the ears of the entire Church in things national, and report to the Church the result of their findings.

No more important task is assigned to any group of workers in the whole line of church activities any they should receive the hearty, sympa-

thetic and financial support of the whole Church to enable them to prosecute with vigor and with success the great task assigned them.

#### Motion Pictures and Public Morals.

One of the most outstanding revelations brought to the attention of the Church by Mr. Deets Picket, as above named, is the number of salacious and immoral plays and motion pictures that are being exhibited in all the cities and towns of our country. Is it any wonder that a crime wave is sweeping over the nation, especially among the youth, (Judges and expert criminologists declare that seventy-five per cent. of the criminals brought before them are under 22 years of age) when two-thirds of the plays exhibited and nine-tenths of the films shown hold up virtue and sobriety to ridicule and make heroes and heroines, almost without exception, drinking and carousing libertines, laughing at marital vows and applauding moral derelictions of every sort.

It seems to us that the time has come when Christians everywhere ought to oppose by voice and conduct all those pictures and plays that drag modesty and virtue in the dust and praise the vices of the wicked.

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#### WORLD SERVICE.

It is written of our Lord at the very beginning of His ministry, "The devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain; and showeth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, 'All these will I give Thee if Thou wilt fall down and worship me.'" To this offer Jesus returned an answer of such withering scorn that the devil left Him and He came down from the mountain apparently as poor as when He went up. Again at the close of His ministry it is written, "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them, and Jesus came unto them, saying, "All power is given Me in heaven and earth." But between the two visions, the one which he rejected and the one which He had earned and could accept was persecution, the crown of thorns, and the bloody cross. To Saul of Tarsus there came a vision of a world in darkness longing for the light of the glory of God and he wore himself out to carry that Light in the face of Jesus Christ to that world; but it was a blood spattered way that He trod, through bitter persecutions and innumerable perils, to glory by way of the headman's axe. In the 18th century another Apostle, John, whose other name was Wesley, had a vision of the people perishing for lack of the Bread of Life and turning away from an assured brilliant career in the Established Church he carried the Living Bread to America, through England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, feeding vast multitudes; but his path was beset by bitter opposition, the violence of the mob, ostracism from the Church, as for long years he drove a naturally frail body by the power of an indomitable will. Thus in the travail of a great soul, with a mighty love for the

Master and a throbbing passion for the world, was Methodism born. Her first General Superintendent dies enroute as a missionary to Ceylon. Her first Conference sent missionaries to the West Indies. Her Melville Cox passes away within six months after penetrating the jungles of Africa, sending home his challenging message, "Let a thousand fall, but let not Africa be given up." A century has passed since Stewart went as a missionary to the Wyandotte Indians. The world is in turmoil. The greatest war in all history is taking terrible toll in treasure and life. Its heavy black hand rests upon all the great nations of earth. But the Spirit of God still broods over the troubled world waters. He enters the heart of a man and kindles there a wonderful vision. It is the vision of a great Church rising to meet the appalling needs of a sorely buffeted world; a great Church girding herself in that terrible day to give an adequate answer to the challenge of her Lord for world redemption. That vision is carried to the Church and the response is as wonderful as the vision itself. An unprecedented outpouring of money, a glorious consecration of splendid young life, a veritable agony of prayer, and the Church is mightily stirred from center to circumference. Approximately \$70,000,000, hundreds of new missionaries, thousands of native workers, scores of new churches, schools and hospitals at home and abroad, these were some of the tangible results. The intangible results, the results that cannot be tabulated, will be disclosed only in eternity. Mistakes were made, but they were the mistakes incident to the very bigness and splendor of the vision and the heroic proportions of the enterprise. Jesus Christ before His accusers was dumb. He could make no defense that they could understand or admit. Nor will we pause to defend the Centenary against the criticism of visionless, hypercritical, selfish men. We stand on the glorious record and proclaim it the most wonderful achievement of the Christian centuries. But its victories were won through harassing anxieties, broken bodies, broken hearts and not a few untimely graves.

The Centenary has passed into history, but the problems it was providentially raised up to meet are still with us. To meet them we have the World Service Program. This Program is the natural, inevitable development of the mighty movements of this wonderful age. It is happily named. We think in world terms today, world politics, world commerce, world travel, and so we have a world Methodism. Following the course of the sun and keeping company with the hours we girdle the earth to the unbroken strains of prayer and praise after the manner of the people called Methodists. Then, too, it is not world conflict, nor world exploitation, nor world competition, but world service that is our ideal. Methodism's strength is not that of the bloated parasite; but the lean, lank bigness and strength of the toiler who gives his strength to the doing of great tasks and grows stronger with the giving.

To revivify weak churches, and build new churches, schools and hospitals where needed at home and abroad, a renewed and deeper consecration of young life to the world task, a matching of that consecration with

the sacrificial giving of money adequate to the financing of the enterprises of the World Service Program, without which, consecration of life is ineffective, with the whole Church digging up the buried talent of prayer and using it to open up the reservoirs of heaven and bring the showers of refreshing upon the world fields—these are the steps to victory. They are not new; they are not old. They have in them the element of timelessness, old as the mercies of God, new as this morning's dew and tomorrow's dawn. With all the passion of our souls we call upon our pastors and people to walk in that path so clearly marked through the centuries.

We reaffirm our unshakeable adherence to the principle of Stewardship—not of possessions only, but of personality, prayer and possessions. We are not our own; we are bought with a price. Nought that we have is ours; we are stewards of our Lord's possessions and must give acceptable account of our stewardship. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. Of all the waste things in life the most tragic is that of a life which refuses to recognize the principle of stewardship. And the most glorious is that of a life fully surrendered to that principle. God does not want that we should all be missionaries; He does not want that we all should enter the ministry; but He does want that we all should recognize that life is a sacred trust to be administered for Him and in the service of our fellow-man.

Then, if this great program of World Service is to be carried out, if this great challenge to Methodism is to be met, there must be a great outpouring of prayer. Until Christian men and women utilize to the fullest extent this talent of prayer which their Lord has put in their hands we look for no spiritual quickening, no religious awakening, no marked ethical or spiritual revival. And such a revival is absolutely necessary to prepare the Church to serve the world. The enlisting of the armies of intercessors must go on, for that is the sure hope of victory. We must press into and release the measureless resources of the inexhaustible God for here alone are energies adequate to quicken the Church and redeem the world.

With the stewardship of life and prayer there goes the stewardship of possessions. If we have recognized this principle in the other spheres named we will have no trouble here. If He is Lord of our life, He will be Master of our possessions. We must not hesitate to challenge the Church to put her financial resources upon the altar in no niggardly and stingy fashion, but in a manner adequate to the needs of the hour and the demands of God as revealed in those needs. Many have given generously during these recent years, some have given sacrificially, but many have utterly failed to measure up to the needs of the hour. They have not visualized the opportunity, they have not felt the tremendous responsibility, or if they have they have been disobedient to the vision and thereby have themselves suffered immeasurable loss, have hindered the solution of the world problem, and retarded the coming of the Kingdom of God. We pledge ourselves to persistently, but lovingly strive to have our people

accept this principle of stewardship in its entirety, in the supreme confidence that if they will so do, we will see the Kingdom go forward with tremendous strides.

We accept the tithe as the minimum basis of our contributions to the Kingdom enterprise and acknowledge our obligation to give as much more—"according as the Lord our God has prospered us."

We urge that each charge accept as a minimum basis for World Service giving an apportionment equal to the average of giving during the Centenary years. From this base we should move forward and upward until our giving is equal to the needs of the splendid program. It is a great humiliation to us that our Conference has sagged below the average giving of the Church as a whole. That sag must be checked and the curve turned upward. This Conference, spread out over this rich peninsula, saturated with sacred memories and dotted with historic spots, should be second to none in its loyalty and devotion to the enterprises of the great Church of which we are a part.

We are deeply concerned because of the debt of the Foreign Board and the embarrassment resulting therefrom, and we pledge ourselves to cooperate to the fullest extent in the effort to liquidate this indebtedness. At the same time it shall be our earnest endeavor not simply to maintain the present efficiency of the Foreign Board, but to restore the cut which has been made necessary by the decreased contributions.

These goals are not easy of attainment; it is no light task that we set for ourselves and our people. But the world's deep wounds cannot be healed with rose-water; the Kingdom of God cannot be brought in by mere wishing. The blood-sweat is still needed. Travail of soul, sacrifice, cross-bearing—this is the price of a world's redemption. It was the way of the Master, of St. Paul, of John Wesley and Cox and Taylor, and many a missionary on the field today. We must not shrink from it, we will not shrink from it, but go forward—

"To serve the present age,  
Our calling to fulfill;  
O may it all our powers engage  
To do our Master's will."

#### THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Youth possesses energy, enthusiasm, and altruism. Youth is instinctively on the side of right and the square deal. Our social, industrial and political world needs to have this energy and moral enthusiasm of young people mobilized for righteousness.

We recognize the fact that the youth of the land is the hope of the Church, and we recognize the Epworth League as an arm of power to help save them from the blight of sin, to a life of service and usefulness and happiness in the Church.



The Epworth League with its 700,000 members and an additional half million fine young people which it serves; with its 140 Summer Institutes, enrolling thirty to 40,000 annually, and other thousands gathered in Mid-Winter Institutes, and its 8000 Mission Study Classes; is leading thousands to consecrate themselves to Christ and make definite decisions for some form of life service such as the ministry, deaconess work, medical missions, religious education, etc., furnishing a constant stream of trained leadership, pouring into the Church, to serve it in advancing the Kingdom of Christ.

It is with deep gratitude that we note the achievements of the Epworth and Junior Leagues the past year in our own Conference.

The District and Sub-District Conventions were largely attended both by pastors, District Superintendents, and young people, and were sources of inspiration and spiritual power.

The Institute held at Dover last July was one of the best ever held in our Conference. The Winter Institutes did excellent work. The League rallies, anniversaries, and revival campaigns held throughout our Conference have been fruitful. The District officers are at your command for any service they can render in League activities.

In order to make the league a greater force this coming year we make the following suggestions:

1. That the Epworth League co-operate, as much as possible, with the Pastor in the work of the Church.
2. That the Pastor place himself in as close touch with the Epworth League as possible.
3. That a larger number of young people be placed in Official positions of responsibility in the Church, and that no one over 35 years of age be elected to the office of President.
4. That the efforts of the Epworth League this year be directed especially along evangelistic and spiritual lines.
5. That a place be given on the programs of the several District Conventions for the presentation of the claims of the Lord's Day.
6. That each pastor see to it that each Church under his care be represented by at least two young people, either from League or Sunday School, at the Epworth League Institute at Dover, Del., next July.

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#### CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

At the Fall meeting of your Board, held at Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover, Oct. 16, 1924, our treasurer, the Hon. W. O. Hoffecker, reported \$674.70 in the General Fund, and \$1085.49 in the Riddle Fund, available for student help.

At that meeting we voted grants to 17 men, amounting to \$850.00 from the General Fund, and \$200 from the Riddle Fund, a total of \$1050. One-half of the several amounts voted to the students was paid to them soon after the meeting of the Board. Later the Executive Committee received a communication from the Rev. Dr. Tipple concerning an unusually promising Chinese student at Drew, for whom Dr. Tipple wished to get financial help. This young man proposes to return to his own land upon graduation and engage in religious work among his own people. As a missionary student he was granted financial help to the amount of \$200.

At this time we are giving financial help to 18 students, who are preparing for the Christian ministry as follows: At Drew, 2, one preparing for work in our Conference and one in the foreign field. At the Wesley Collegiate Institute, 15.

Amount of financial help given for the year 1925-26, \$1050.00.

The untimely death of our friend and brother, Rev. F. F. Carpenter, removed a useful member from our Board. His term would have expired with this session of our Conference; also the term of R. P. Nichols expires at this time. To fill these two vacancies we nominate for terms of three years, R. P. Nichols and J. J. Bunting.

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#### BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

As a Church we have long played at Religious Education. We are beginning to consider the task more seriously, recognizing that it is second in importance to no other work that we have to do. It has been said, and with much truth: "The Sunday School of today will be the Church of tomorrow." That prompts the incisive question, what kind of a church will the church of tomorrow be? The most careful religious training of the children of today is an absolute necessity if that church is to be the kind of church the world will need tomorrow. Your Board of Sunday Schools is charged with the task of assisting the churches in this work wherever such assistance is needed or it is possible to give it.

Our Director of Religious Education, Rev. Frank A. Lindhorst, now a member of our Conference, and specially trained for this work, is commended to all our pastors and churches. If you want his help call upon him; he is at your service and you may address him at 421 N. Bradford Street, Dover, Del.

We ask that for the support of this work for the coming year the District Superintendents be requested to apportion to the several charges the sum of \$2500, the same as last year.

We believe that we have made a fine beginning in this all important work, and the following program will show what we propose to do during the year upon which we will enter in a few days:



### Proposed Program of the Board of Sunday Schools.

#### I. TEACHER TRAINING.

1. Six Standard Training Schools; viz., Wilmington, Elkton, Chester-town, Seaford, Salisbury and Snow Hill.

2. Non-standard schools only as time will permit, and where location is strategic placing our emphasis upon making all schools standard schools and bringing all our people to them.

3. Building up a conference faculty for training schools teaching. In view of the Dickinson College opportunity, plan to send candidates for Normal School work, paying from the Board funds \$10.00 each person to apply, with money from the Parent Board, on their expense; they in turn to teach in one or two schools next year without honorarium.

4. Endeavor so far as possible to pay an honorarium of at least \$20. in addition to expenses to all faculty members of schools, excepting Director of Religious Education, District Superintendents and Department of Church School representatives, said honorariums to be paid from registration fees. Persons whose expenses have been paid to Dickinson not to be paid honorarium for one school.

5. The development of local leadership in the promotion of training schools. The Director of Religious Education to be Dean of all schools so far as possible.

6. Standard Schools this year to include a class for ministers, with District Superintendent as instructor, to consider the Church program for the District. (District Superintendents have asked for this opportunity.)

7. Our Summer Training Program to center in Dickinson College and Dover Institute.

8. The urging of holding of local training classes in every school or church where feasible.

9. The Standards of the Department of Church Schools and International Council of Religious Education for Teacher Training be strictly adhered to by all our Churches and Schools.

#### II. EVANGELISM.

1. Emphasis upon the evangelistic purpose in Sunday School and the holding of at least one Decision Day each year in every Sunday School.

2. As an aid in this emphasis and progress, the holding of a series of conferences in each district with the District Superintendent calling S. S. Officers and Teachers and Pastors for the consideration of an adequate, intelligent, and educational program leading up to and following the Decision Day, for winning boys and girls to Jesus Christ and a loyal Christian life.

3. Conference Board of Sunday Schools shall provide sufficient pamphlet literature and helps for free distribution at these conferences.

#### III. STANDARDIZATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

1. Emphasis upon proper organization, equipment and program of the local school to make possible suitable training in worship, instruction and expression of Christian character.

2. That the Director emphasize in his work the continued development of each charge visited, revisiting when he, the pastor and superintendent, feel it necessary and to the interest of the work to do so.

#### IV. WEEK DAY INSTRUCTION AND DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS.

1. We urge our pastors and local workers to consider with all seriousness these programs of week-day instruction and vacation schools, for securing more time for religious instruction of the young.

2. Urge most careful procedure in the development of such schools that the highest standards of work and teachers and permanency for the program be secured.

3. Authorization of a demonstration Daily Vacation Bible School in the Conference this June, providing it can be arranged.

#### V. BUILDING PROGRAM.

1. Stress the importance of giving due recognition to children and young people's program of worship, instruction and recreation in all new building enterprises and repairs.

2. Urge the Bureau of Architecture be consulted about plans.

#### VI. YOUNG MEN'S CONFERENCE.

1. A Young Men's Conference to meet on Saturday and Sunday, of Conference week at the seat of the Conference in 1926, for the purpose of bringing the program of the church and importance of the Christian way of living before them.

2. The goal to be one boy from every church on the peninsula.

#### VII. CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION.

1. The District Superintendent and his District representatives on the Conference Board of Sunday Schools to be considered the District Board of Sunday Schools.

2. The appointment of an executive committee and a budget committee for the coming year.

3. The travel expense of these committees to be considered as a legitimate expense of the Board Fund.

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Bishop and Brethren of the Conference:

In this first report to the Wilmington Conference as your Director of Religious Education, I wish to extend most hearty greetings, and sincere thanks for the brotherly spirit that has been shown me by the fellow ministers and Christian laymen of this peninsula. We can truthfully say that the last six months have been happy ones for us; although in a strange country, we have found ourselves among friends.

As the chief purpose of the Church is to develop Christian character in the lives of the young and old, we have felt our chief task as Director of Religious Education to be the doing of those things and promoting of those enterprises in the field of Religious Education which would assist in accomplishing this "chief purpose." In our procedure, we have endeavored to follow these general policies:

1. To conserve everything that has been done to date in this particular field. (We are glad to say we have found several excellent pieces of work already underway in the various charges.)

2. To introduce no organization or program which would not contribute to our aim of Christian Character Building.

3. To give each local situation as thorough study as possible and then help work out that program which would, on that particular charge, hold the most promising results.

4. To go to the small charge as readily as to the large one.

5. To attempt to advance no more rapidly than the local charges were willing to proceed.

6. To strive for permanent results rather than those of spectacular or sensational character, believing that one job well done is worth several started but never completed.

Our first undertaking was to become acquainted as rapidly as possible with the field. In this we were greatly assisted by your former Director of Religious Education, results of whose work in the past are frequently seen as we go from charge to charge, and who has been very gracious in giving us such information as we needed and sought in getting underway; the chairman of the Board of Sunday Schools, who has been a source of encouragement always, and a brother in every way; and the District Superintendents, from whom we could not have asked more cordial co-operation than has been given. We are also indebted to the County Sunday School Officers of both the Delaware and Maryland State Associations as well as the State Officers, in making it possible for us to meet the people more rapidly than could have been done otherwise.

A brief questionnaire was placed in the hands of the pastors that we might the more readily become acquainted with the present situation. We have received a 72% response. Many gratifying things have been revealed in these replies. There has also been shown the need for the following emphasis in the work for the future: (1) Upon Sunday School Evange-

lism; (2) Teacher and Leadership Training opportunities among our present teachers and young people; (3) Standardization of local schools in Organization, Curriculum, Program and Building Equipment, and emphasis upon such means of securing more time for Religious Instruction as Week Day Schools and Vacation Bible Schools.

As we review the work of the past six months, we find that we have been in direct contact with thirty-nine charges in the interest of some phase of the Religious Education Program; namely, Chesapeake City, Claymont, Perryville, Port Deposit, Brandywine, Harrison Street, Richardson Park, Scott, Silverbrook, St. Paul (Wilmington), Elkton, Rising Sun, Fairlee, Worton, Hillsboro, Middletown, Ridgely, Tilghman Island, Chincoteague, Fairmount, Fruitland, Hebron, Newark, Asbury and Grace in Salisbury, Selbyville, Snow Hill, Blades, Bridgeville, Camden, Crapo, Wesley (Dover), Federalsburg, Felton, Lincoln City, Little Creek, Milford, Seaford, Seaford Circuit and Wyoming.

Eleven schools have been or are in the process of being Standardized in so far as their present buildings will permit, namely, Port Deposit, Brandywine, Perryville, Ridgely, Lincoln City, Dover, Newark, Tilghman Island, Snow Hill, Felton, and Chincoteague. One of these charges reports a definite increase in attendance of from an average of 95 to an average of 165 as a result of the new interest in the school. We do not mean to imply that so large an increase will come with every school's forward step for standardization, but we do believe that every school will show added interest, if proper and careful forward steps are taken along these lines. Three projects of week-day instruction are underway at Fairmount, Port Deposit and Seaford; others are contemplated. Two Standard Training Schools and two non-standard schools have been held at Wilmington with a registration of 150, average attendance of 110, and 52 receiving certificates at the close of the school; Seaford, with 66 registered, average attendance of 59, and 44 receiving certificates; Salisbury with 122 registered and Dover 65 registered. In the last two named charges equal, and in some respects greater, interest was shown as with the former two schools, although the average attendance is not noted. In other words a total of 403 have been registered with approximately 186 who will or have received certificates for completed work from these special schools. We have also organized five local church classes with total of 65 registrations. One Epworth League has been revived and reorganized.

This work has involved the giving of 50 addresses on definite Sunday School work and the Church's program of Religious Education, five additional addresses especially on Epworth League work, teaching thirty-six sessions in Training Schools, numerous conferences with pastors and local committees, and the traveling of 4256 miles.

A fine understanding and working relationship has been developed with the Maryland State Association leaders, which will mean little duplication or complication of tasks in the future.

We call your attention to the Program of the Conference Board of

Sunday Schools for next year, and recommend you give it your serious consideration and hearty support.

We desire to be of service on every occasion where needed, and will welcome the opportunity to work with every man, as rapidly as time will permit, in developing his program in behalf of the Religious Training Program of this Church.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. LINDHORST.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

As ever, 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.

Therefore, realizing the vital importance of an aroused Lord's Day conscience, we heartily endorse the Educational Program of the Lord's Day Alliance and recommend:

1. That all our Churches and Sunday Schools make this program a part of their work.
2. That every church and Sunday School of our Conference take some one of the memberships in the Lord's Day Alliance.
3. That our District Superintendents be requested to name a District Lord's Day Committee, of which he shall be chairman, to cooperate with the Lord's Day Alliance in putting on the program in the several Districts.
4. That this Conference name a member of the Lord's Day Alliance Educational Committee and that we recommend the appointment of the Rev. W. G. Harris of Elkton for the place.

We must discourage Sunday excursions and Sunday amusements. We commend the W. C. T. U., the Lord's Day Alliance and all other agencies that are standing so loyally for the preservation of our sacred day.

#### THANKS.

The fifty-seventh session of the Wilmington Annual Conference will live in the memories of its members as one of the happiest and most spiritual of its history.

From those earliest moments of each day "when morning gilds the skies," through the busy hours and until long after the afterglow had faded and rest had come, the presence and the power of God have been very real to us. "May Jesus Christ be praised."

Bishop Thirkield, we are glad that you have been with us. We acknowledge our debt to you for introducing to us the Hymnal of the Church. Your devotional messages have raised our upward-lifting windows of the soul. We have been charmed by your graciousness in the

chair, and cemented in the bonds of Christian love by the fellowship with you during these hours.

We feel that we have been honored by the cordial welcome which was extended to us by the heads of the State of Delaware and the City of Wilmington, His Excellency the Governor, and his Honor, the Mayor, and by the other representatives of the city.

Every comfort and convenience for the entertainment of the members of the Conference and the transaction of the business of the sessions have been the studied care and the successful labor of the officials of McCabe Church, led by their efficient chairman, Mr. T. Blair Ely.

The choirs both have uplifted us on the wings of song. The ladies of the dining room have confirmed the truth that they also serve who only run and wait.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Wilmington, exercising its Christian privileges, has offered its splendid Church and equipment for conferences and public services and so have bound us closer in the ties of Christian fellowship.

The press of the city have accorded unusual space in their columns daily to the news of the sessions, and their representatives have been un-faillingly courteous.

But after acknowledgment has been given to these and all other human agencies, which through co-operation and devotion have made the Conference a benefit and blessing, we recognize the blessing of God and the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

#### MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.

The following was adopted by Conference at its session in 1919, and the Secretary was requested to reprint it in this issue:

WHEREAS, Because of sickness or other unforeseen and unavoidable misfortune, members of our Conference are sometimes compelled to relinquish their work during the interim between the Conference sessions, and for lack of sufficient funds to meet their current expenses are thereby financially embarrassed; and,

WHEREAS, We have at present no provision for meeting promptly these cases of necessity with the relief they deserve and ought to have; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we will hereafter annually ask our people to contribute for this purpose, a **free-will offering** from every church in the Conference;

That the Conference shall elect annually, a trustee of this fund who shall receive from the pastors all moneys contributed for this

purpose, and shall make, through the Board of Stewards, an annual report to the Conference of the amounts received and expended during the current year:

That the pastors, after receiving the offering, shall at once forward it to the Trustee of this fund, and they may also report the same to the Annual Conference, designating it as the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.

The funds raised by this effort shall be disbursed as follows: Any brother having a claim on this fund shall report his case to his District Superintendent, and they two shall agree on the amount of money necessary for his relief. The District Superintendent shall then confer with the other District Superintendents, and when three of the Superintendents shall have agreed on the amount to be donated to the brother, his own Superintendent shall give him an order on the trustee for the amount, and the said order, together with the brother's receipt, shall be a sufficient voucher for the trustee.

If at the time of any session of our Annual Conference the funds in the Trustee's hands shall exceed the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), all of said funds in excess of that amount shall be paid over to the Conference Stewards to be applied by them in their distribution of Conference Claimants' funds.

Inasmuch as demands on this fund are liable to be made at any time during the year, prudence would dictate that the case should receive attention as early in the year as possible, and we would suggest that this offering be taken on the 2nd Sunday in the month of May, each year.

### (c) SPECIAL AND FINANCIAL.

#### CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

##### Treasurer's Report.

March 30, 1925.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 30, 1924 .....	\$ 204.88	
Interest on Savings Balance .....	10.84	
Account Rose Caruth Fund .....	103.20	
Earnings on Investments .....	301.85	
Jerome Thomas Estate .....	950.00	
		\$1570.77

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Milton, from the Carey Fund .....	\$ 100.00	
Parnsonburg, from the Wimbrow Fund .....	37.50	
Beckwith, from the Thomas Fund .....	50.00	
Clayton, from the Clifton Fund .....	62.75	
Purchase, 11 Shares Atlas Powder Co. 60% Pfd. Stock	946.00	
Rent of Safe Deposit Box .....	4.00	
Postage and Stationery .....	3.50	
Balance, March 30, 1925 .....	367.02	
		\$1570.77

##### Barrett's Chapel Fund.

March 30, 1925.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 30, 1924 .....	\$ 188.83	
Interest on Investments .....	61.96	
Proceeds sale \$800. Fourth L. L. 4¼% Bonds, May		
2, 1924 .....	804.00	
		\$1054.79

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Purchase \$1000. E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co. 6%		
Debenture Bond .....	\$ 876.25	
Balance, March 30, 1925 .....	178.54	
		\$1054.79

R. K. STEPHENSON, Treasurer.



## WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

## RECEIPTS.

	General Fund	Riddle Fund
1924		
March 25, To Balance .....	\$ 640.89	\$1109.62
April 1, To Check Int. on Finsel Mortgage .....	23.00	
April 10, To Check Int. on Finsel Mortgage .....	3.00	
April 10, To Check Board Ed. N. Y. (Feb. Payment) ..	87.87	
April 28, To Check Board Ed. N. Y. (Mar. Payment) ..	87.87	
April 29, To Check Security Trust .....		475.87
June 1, To Check Int. Savings Account .....		22.34
June 16, To Check Board Ed. N. Y. (Apr. Payment) ..	87.87	
July 14, To Check Board Ed. N. Y. (May Payment) ..	87.87	
July 14, To Check Int. on Finsel Mortgage .....	22.50	
Aug. 30, To Check Board Ed. N. Y. (June Payment) ..	87.83	
Oct. 1, To Check Int. on Finsel Mortgage .....	22.50	
Dec. 1, To Check Int. Savings Account .....		22.03
Dec. 4, To Check Del. Mortg. Investment Co. ....	.50	
Dec. 4, To Check Board Ed. N. Y. Excess .....	27.40	
1925		
March 13, To Check Int. on Finsel Mortgage .....	22.50	
March 13, To Check Board of Education N. Y. ....	400.00	
	<u>\$1601.60</u>	<u>\$1629.86</u>
March 17, To Check Board of Education N. Y. ....	\$ 250.00	
	<u>\$1851.60</u>	

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1924		
April 25, By Loans to Students .....	\$ 475.00	\$ 100.00
April 29, By Loans to I. Hain Lee .....		200.00
April 29, By Loan to Chih Ming .....		200.00
July 31, By Check to W. O. Hoffecker, expense .....	1.50	
Dec. 5, By Loans to Students .....	425.00	
Dec. 6, By Check Rev. V. S. Collins (Printing) .....	24.70	
Dec. 6, By Check Rev. F. C. MacSorley (Printing) ...	3.00	
1925		
March 14, By Check Hiram H. Tsui .....		100.00
	<u>\$ 929.20</u>	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
1925		
March 23, By Balance, March 25, 1925 .....	\$ 922.40	\$1029.86
	<u>\$1851.60</u>	<u>\$1629.86</u>

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

## MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.

## RECIPTS.

Amount on hand at last report .....	\$1935.59
April 16, 1924, received of V. E. Hills, Treasurer ...	224.00
December 31, 1924, Interest on deposit .....	22.00
Total .....	<u>\$2181.59</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

July 21, 1924 to Nov. 1, 1924, to Harry E. Reed ....	\$ 250.00
Dec. 1, 1924, to J. W. Colona (for Harry E. Reed) ..	500.00
March 22, 1925, to postage during year .....	.62
Total .....	<u>\$ 750.62</u>
Balance on hand, March 26, 1925 .....	<u>\$1430.97</u>

W. A. WISE, Trustee.

## BUREAU OF SESSIONS.

## RECEIPTS.

1924	
March 26, To Balance .....	\$3599.73
April 1, To Check Conference Treasurer .....	2561.00
June 1, To Check Interest Savings Account .....	63.20
Dec. 1, To Ceck Interest Savings Account .....	64.50
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$6288.43</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1924	
April 2, By Check K. A. Horner Company .....	\$ 10.20
April 12, By Check W. E. Habbart, Conference Entertainment..	2673.45
April 17, By Check W. E. Habbart, Conference Entertainment..	39.00
July 31, By Check H. E. Reed, Conference Entertainment .....	15.00
July 31, By Check J. B. McCabe, Conference Entertainment ....	5.00
1925	
Jan. 31, By Check Mrs. L. E. Poole, Conference Entertainment..	7.00
Feb. 2, By Check W. L. White, Expense Com. Meeting .....	3.52
Mar. 13, By Check K. A. Horner Co., Printing, etc. ....	11.05
Total Expense .....	<u>\$2764.22</u>
March 21, By Balance .....	<u>\$3524.21</u>
	<u>\$6288.43</u>

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

## RECEIPTS.

1924

April 10, To Check Rev. V. E. Hills, Conference Treasurer . . . . . \$1671.00

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1924

April 10, By Check Rev. W. E. Gunby . . . . . \$ 384.00

April 10, By Check Rev. Omar E. Jones . . . . . 294.00

April 10, By Check Rev. E. H. Dashiell . . . . . 371.00

April 10, By Check Rev. J. W. Colona . . . . . 568.00

April 14, By Check Rev. V. E. Hills (Excess Payment) 54.00

	\$1671.00		\$1671.00
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W. O. HOFFECKER, Trustee.

## AUDITOR.

The accounts of the following named treasurers have been examined and found to be correct:

R. K. Stephenson, Treasurer of the Board of Conference Trustees.

Omar E. Jones, Treasurer of Domestic Missions, World Service Maintenance, and World Service Building.

W. A. Wise, Treasurer, Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.

W. O. Hoffecker, Treasurer, Conference Board of Education. Conference Board of Sessions, Domestic Missions.

E. W. McDowell, Treasurer, Ocean Grove Student Fund.

H. B. KELSO, Auditor.

## BOARD OF STEWARDS.

For the first time in the history of the Wilmington Conference your Board of Stewards is able to announce that we have an amount in excess of \$50,000.00 to distribute to our Conference Claimants, and yet we must advise you that we are able to distribute to the Annuitants only 67 1/3 % of their claims.

The legal rate of the annuity is now \$26 for each year of service. We have been able to make the rate paid but \$17.50 in order to leave a sufficient amount to take care of those needing special aid. And right here your Board would call your attention to the fact that should each member of the Conference who has passed the legal limit of 65 years ask for Retirement and his Annuity, as under the present law he may claim the right

to do, many of our most worthy claimants would be made to suffer beyond endurance because of lack of funds to meet their necessities.

All honor to the worthy men who, though they have long since passed 65 and some of them 70 years, still continue to do most effective service and thus save your Board from untold embarrassment.

We have on our list at this time a total of 112, of whom 48 are Retired Ministers, 55 are Widows and 9 are orphan children. Of these, one Widow and one Minister have relinquished their claims, and one Minister has relinquished his claim in part.

We are happy to again report an increase in the total received from the pastoral charges, and an increase on each District except one, as the following figures will show:

## Collections by Districts.

District	Apportioned	Paid	Increase	Deficiency
Dover . . . . .	\$ 9,633.00	\$ 7,901.00	\$ 203.00	\$1732.00
Middletown . . . . .	9,853.00	7,502.00	*126.00	2351.00
Salisbury . . . . .	13,495.00	11,953.00	891.00	1542.00
Wilmington . . . . .	15,495.00	12,159.00	562.00	3336.00
Totals . . . . .	\$48,478.00	\$39,515.00	\$1530.00	\$8961.00

\*Decrease.

Our receipts for distribution this year are as follows:

Chartered Fund . . . . .	\$ 45.00
Book Concern . . . . .	4,150.00
Interest . . . . .	6,725.00
Overdraft . . . . .	41.00
Pastoral Charges . . . . .	39,200.00
Total . . . . .	\$50,151.00
Distributed in 1924 . . . . .	\$48,077.00

Increase . . . . .	\$ 2,074.00
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The amount needed to meet all claims for the coming Conference year, according to the present law, is:

Annuity Claims . . . . .	\$64,181.00
Necessitous Cases . . . . .	4,000.00

Total . . . . .	\$68,181.00
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Deducting the total receipts from sources other than pastoral charges of \$10,951 from this amount, the sum of \$57,230 remains to be apportioned to the pastoral charges by your Board, an increase of \$8,730 over the amount apportioned one year ago. Of the amount asked for, \$53,230 is to

meet Annuity Claims, and, subject to your approval, \$4000 to meet Necessitous Cases. We, therefore, recommend, as we are required to do under the law, that the sum of \$57,230 be apportioned to the pastoral charges in order that all claims may be met in full.

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

- R. K. Stephenson for Mrs. Anna D. Chatham and Mrs. Louisa A. Gardner;
- W. O. Bennett for Mrs. Ellen M. Brindle;
- T. F. Beauchamp for Mrs. Harriett E. Conaway;
- Mrs. Pauline N. Murray for Edwin N. Murray;
- Mrs. Lulu V. G. Westerfield for Harry G. Westerfield;
- Mrs. Blanche E. Compton for J. Clifford Compton;
- J. C. Ellis for Elizabeth N. Ellis;
- E. W. Jones for Mrs. Laura M. Williams and her five children;
- Geo. P. Jones for Oden E. James.

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

We would include in our report the following statement of assets submitted by the Treasurer, George P. Jones:

Total Assets.	
Reported March, 1924	\$124,925.70
Collected during year	605.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$125,531.23</b>
Invested Assets	\$124,375.00
Balance in bank	\$ 1,156.23

We include the following form to be followed by any persons desiring to remember our Claimants in their wills:

I give, and bequeath to The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation of the State of Delaware, the sum of ..... for the benefit of its retired ministers.

Very respectfully submitted,

THOS. N. RAWLINS, Chairman.

APPROPRIATIONS TO CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

The following tables indicate the amounts appropriated by the Stewards to the various Claimants upon the Conference funds at the session of 1925. They were approved by the Conference.

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.				
		CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.				
		Annuity Claim	Annuity Allowed	Special Fund	Amount Allowed	
MINISTERS.						
1922 34	Anderson, J. F., 2122 Gillis St., Wilmington, Del.	\$884	\$595	\$155	\$750	
1906 17	Bowman, G. W., Laurel, Del.	442	297	13	310	
1920 30	Brewington, J. A., Hebron, Md.	780	545	290	835	
1920 23	Chaires, W. W., Bozman, Md.	598	402	398	800	
1905 27	Collins, J. M., 1607 W. 13th St., Wilmington, Del.	702	472	178	650	
1917 36	Corkran, L. P., Church Hill, Md.	936	630		630	
1921 37	Derrickson, E. H., Odessa, Del.	962	647		647	
1919 34	Easley, J. W., 2102 Bayard Ave., Wilmington, Del.	884	595		595	
1924 37	Erwing, H. W., Newark, Del.	962	647		647	
1923 34	Given, T. N., Cheswold, Del.	884	595	125	720	
1925 35	Gray, J. W., Landover, Md.	910	612		612	
1904 22	Green, W. M., Milton, Del.	572	385	190	575	
1921 37	Guthrie, W. B., Kenton, Del.	962	647	233	880	
1914 31	Hardesty, G. L., Seaford, Del.	806	542	48	590	
1925 24	Hastings, G. W., Seaford, Del.	624	420		420	
1918 42	Hoffecker, E. L., Easton, Md.	1092	735		735	
1911 10	Holt, T. S., Federalsburg, Md.	260	*		*	
1924 16	James, O. E., Y. M. C. A., Baltimore, Md.	416	280	70	350	
1924 53	Layfield, L. W., Greenwood, Del.	1378	927		927	
1919 40	Lindale, J. M., 1106 Green Hill Ave., Wilmington, Del.	1040	700		700	
1925 23	Marshall, E. H., Salem, Roanoke Co., Va.	598	402		402	
1924 16	Martin, O. L., Salisbury, Md.	416	280	120	400	
1922 20	Matthews, W. E., Smyrna, Del.	520	350	435	785	
1921 23	Moore, F. X., New Freedom, Pa.	598	402		402	
1919 47	Otis, J. P., Marshallton, Del., Cedars R. D.	1222	822		822	
1921 40	Pilchard, S. N., Hillsboro, Md.	1040	700		700	
1917 35	Prettyman, A. P., Galena, Md.	910	612		612	
1916 48	Prettyman, C. W., Carlisle, Pa.	1248	840		840	
1913 26	Prouse, J. T., Edgemoor, Del.	676	450	230	685	
1922 52	Reed, G. E., 3008 2nd St. Harrisburg, Pa.	1352	**		450	
1919 34	Reese, J. D., Houston, Del.	884	595		595	
1912 38	Roe, Robert, Trappe, Md.	988	665		665	
1925 39	Sharp, W. W., 93 Heck Ave., Ocean Grove, N. J.	1014	682		682	
1917 38	Smith, Alfred, Camden, Del.	988	665		665	
1922 31	Smith, G. P., Dover, Del.	806	542		542	
1924 35	Smoot, T. C., Denton, Md.	910	612		612	
1922 33	Stallings, G. W., Lovettsville, Va.	858	577	228	805	
1915 40	Stengle, Adam, 407 W. 21st St., Wilmington, Del.	1040	700		700	
1922 37	Sunfield, E. C., Barnegat, N. J.	962	647		647	
1916 39	Terry, T. E., Magnolia, Del.	1014	682		682	
1915 38	Townsend, G. W., Ridley Park, Pa.	988	665		665	
1901 24	Wallin, F. O. B., Venersborg, Sweden	624	420		420	
1906 21	Walton, O. S., New Castle, Del., Route 2	546	367	133	500	
1924 39	Watt, Robert, 202 Beaconsfield Road, Worcester, Mass.	1014	682		682	
1925 32	White, W. L., Easton, Md.	832	560		560	
1914 31	Williams, C. H., Snow Hill, Md.	806	542		542	
1913 28	Willis, D. H., Cambridge, Md.	728	490		490	
1925 19	Wilson, Daniel, Centreville, Md.	494	333		333	
*Relinquished. **Part relinquished.						
CHILDREN.						
1922 20	Compton, J. Clifford, Blanche E. Compton, Trustee	130	88		88	
1924 17	Ellis, Elizabeth N., J. C. Ellis, Trustee, Millsboro, Del.	169	29		29	
1916 44	Murray, Edwin N., Pauline N. Murray, Trustee	286	192		192	
1918 23	Westerfield, Harry G., Lulu V. G. Westerfield, Trustee	150	101	249	350	
1923 10	Williams, Bristol W.	65	44		44	
1923 10	Williams, Grace W.	65	44		44	
1923 10	Williams, Maleta W.	65	44		44	
1923 10	Williams, Sherman	65	44		44	
1923 10	Williams, Hugh	65	44		44	

Date of Claim		Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.				
CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.			Annuity Claim	Annuity Allowed	Special Fund	Amount Allowed	
WIDOWS.							
1915	43	Adams, Mary R., Rehoboth Beach, Del.	\$839	\$564	\$ 36	\$600	
1903	21	Avery, Lydia M., 7th & Spring Sts., 1st National Bank, Los Angeles, Calif.	410	276		276	
1881	8	Bain, Sarah B., 709 Sixth Ave., Juniata, Pa.	156	105	285	390	
1909	40	Bolton, Mary J., 460 Humphrey St., New Haven, Conn.	780	525		525	
1903	9	Bovie, Selma, 37 Red Road, Chatham, N. J.	176	118	132	250	
1895	4	Brindle, Ellen M., W. O. Bennett, Trustee, Greensboro, Md.	78	53	247	300	
1915	30	Burke, Laura F., 717 W. 8th St., Wilmington, Del.	585	394		394	
1918	31	Burke, Margaret, Newark, Del., care Dr. Burke	605	407		407	
1924	30	Burr, Ella E., Nassau Place, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.	585	394	81	475	
1925	33	Carpenter, Annie V., Seaford, Del.	644	433	67	500	
1909	31	Chandler, Mary E., Crumpton, Md.	605	407	78	485	
1890	8	Chatham, Anna D., R. K. Stephenson, Trustee, Smyrna, Del.	156	105	295	400	
1922	5	Cochran, Nora B., 517 Bellevue Ave., Hammonton, N. J.	98	66		66	
1922	6	Compton, Blanche E., 6016 Master St., Philadelphia, Pa.	117	79	621	700	
1922	38	Conaway, Harriet E., T. F. Beauchamp, Trustee, Georgetown, Del.	741	499		499	
1925	4	Esgate, Judith Madeline, 1735 W. 53rd St., Los Angeles, Calif.	78	*	*	*	
1922	23	Fogle, Nellie M., Seaford, Del.	449	302	138	440	
1891	17	Foreman, Mary E., 614 W. 20th St., Wilmington, Del.	332	223	92	315	
1914	39	Fosnacht, Bessie B., 67 Putnam Ave., New Haven, Conn.	761	512		512	
1891	20	Gardner, Louisa A., R. K. Stephenson, Trustee, Smyrna, Del.	390	263	237	500	
1906	16	Graham, Annie M., Clayton, Del.	312	210	115	325	
1893	25	Gregg, G. Anna, Kenton, Del.	488	328		328	
1908	27	Grise, Mary E., Pocomoke City, Md.	527	354		354	
1921	25	Hurst, Frances P., 1329 Washington St., Wilm., Del.	488	328		328	
1919	33	Jaggard, Annie M., Millsboro, Del.	644	433		433	
1924	12	Jester, Georgie, 1617 W. 4th St., Wilmington, Del.	234	158	142	300	
1919	17	Kenney, Mary J., Selbyville, Del.	332	223	77	300	
1925	20	Koons, Clara W., Rising Sun, Md.	390	263		263	
1917	9	Lewis, H. Bertrude, Laurel, Del.	176	118		118	
1917	23	Martindale, Sallis W., Salisbury, Md.	449	302		302	
1920	31	Mitchell, Jennie S., Denton, Md., care M. E. Wheatley	605	407	3	410	
1917	24	Morgan, Minnie S., 1101 Washington St., Wilm., Del.	468	315		315	
1916	10	Murray, Pauline N., 1329 Washington St., Wilm., Del.	195	132		132	
1921	38	Neese, Elizabeth F., 221 Geddes St., Wilmington, Del.	741	499		499	
1909	35	Nelson, Evelyn J., 1321 West St., Wilmington, Del.	683	459		459	
1924	27	Northrup, Lella M., Ford Bldg., Wilmington, Del., care W. W. Knowles	527	354		354	
1917	33	O'Brien, M. Cornelia, 45 Dove St., Albany, N. Y.	644	433		433	
1918	7	Poole, Maria O., 1540 N. 60th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	137	92	118	210	
1882	6	Prettyman, Emma, Salisbury, Md.	117	79	221	300	
1921	24	Quigg, Carrie V., 28 Wyoming Ave., Haverford, Pa.	468	315		315	
1919	29	Roberts, Mary B., 143 W. Cedar Ave., Merchantsville, N. J.	566	381		381	
1893	14	Robinson, Martha R., Perryman, Md.	273	184	156	340	
1884	15	Shilling, Emma F., The Marion, Wilmington, Del.	293	196	64	260	
1905	12	Sidell, Sarah D., 5434 Ella St., Olney, Phila., Pa.	234	158	137	295	
1901	12	Swain, Martha H., Dover, Del.	234	158	137	295	
1914	9	Talley, Elva, Edgemoor, Del.	176	118	192	310	
1906	30	Todd, Alice C., 122 E. Main St., Elkton, Md.	585	394	6	400	
1924	22	Tomkinson, Julia E., 503 W. 19th St., Wilmington, Del.	429	290	20	310	
1918	21	Westfield, Lulu V. G., Port Deposit, Md.	410	276	149	425	
1878	12	Weston, Laura E., 2315 Ridgway Road, Wilm., Del.	234	158	82	240	
1924	16	White, Belle V., Salisbury, Md.	312	236	134	370	
1923	10	Williams, Laura M., Bethel, N. C., E. W. Jones, Trustee	195	132	488	620	
1923	19	Williams, Katie, Georgetown, Del.	371	249		249	
1920	31	Wyatt, Elmira P., Laurel, Del.	605	407		407	
1913	43	White, Elnora, Millington, Md.	839	564	36	600	

\*Relinquished.

**MEMORIAL FUNDS FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT.**

To William A. Clash, husband; Eben E. Payne, father; and Maria Coke Payne, mother—By Mrs. William A. Clash, Cambridge, Md.	\$5,000.00
To Mrs. Eliza P. Clark, Milford, Del. By action of the Conference in recognition of bequest	\$7,100.00
To Mrs. Annie C. West, Middletown, Del. By action of the Conference in recognition of bequest	\$3,254.35
To William Chance, father; and Susan Chance, mother. By Charles B. Chance, Sudlersville, Md.	\$ 150.00
To Rev. John Hough, father, and Rebecca E. Hough, mother. By Mrs. James P. Hoffecker, Smyrna, Del.	\$ 500.00
To Margaret Layton Grier, mother. By Drs. G. Layton and Frank L. Grier, Milford, Del.	\$1,000.00
To Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilton, 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

**WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.**

In the providence of God we are bringing a report that, to borrow words from the president's inaugural address, has "much that is satisfying and still more that is encouraging." All of the workers in the City Missionary field, as well as all who have had an ample opportunity to discern the work, know it has been a most successful year. More than ever before we have been embarrassed by our success and greatly hampered by our financial limitations.

Miss Campbell, our missionary located in Kingswood vicinity, has been busy in season and out, and the work has prospered in her hands. The kindergarten grew so large that it was utterly impossible for one teacher to care for the work. The alternative of dismissing some of the children



or employing another teacher confronted us. No funds were available for the extra worker. But the faithful pastor of Kingswood and the Secretary underwrote the necessary amount, and the needed help was secured.

A similar condition prevailed both at Sixth Avenue and Asbury, but these schools were continued of necessity under one teacher each.

The Sunday school work of these mission fields is dissimilar in each case. At Kingswood the entire Sunday school activities of the Mission are within the regular Sunday School and are almost identical with the Primary Department of the School. At Sixth Avenue it is a community school, and is having great prosperity. Here, in a room 14x22, is a school with an average attendance of 60 and frequently 80 or 90 are present. During the last 3 years 19 have joined our church in full membership; 3 have joined other churches, 6 are now on probation, and all have been converted in this mission. God is smiling on the field in a wonderful way. And some way, somehow and speedily, adequate provision should be made for this growing work. Mrs. Beddison, our missionary here, has gotten together \$100 as a beginning in the work of better accommodation. When will our Church meet the challenge of this needy community?

Miss Lynam, the mission worker at Asbury, has a foreign Sunday School class which meets as a part of the regular school. The enrollment is 70 and represents 40 families and four nationalities. The pupils range in age from 4 to 14.

No work this year in our mission area has cheered the workers more than the Daily Vacation Bible Schools. The enrollment was 270. Four extra teachers were necessary to take care of these classes. This was done at a cost of only \$60 to the Society, the balance being provided for in other ways. I do not think any work the church is doing exceeds in real value the work of the Daily Vacation Bible School. If you could have attended the closing exercises of these schools, observed the children and noted just the simple item of memory work, how scores of scripture passages, dozens of psalms and hymns were tucked away in the memory of these children, you would approve my judgment as to their value, I am sure.

The opening of the free clinic last year at Asbury has proven the wisdom and benefit of the venture. It puts this blessing within reach of many who would be absolutely unable to pay for it. Dr. Gregory, an Osteopath physician, freely gives his services. Associated with him now is Dr. Lloyd, whose services are likewise free. And every Wednesday afternoon these men give a busy hour to this gracious work, and it pays.

The opening of a mission at Asbury, where nightly services are held, is one of the new experiments of the year. Considerable cost attended the adjustment, which was done without expense to the Society, interested friends being found to take this load. We believe the wisdom of the undertaking will be verified shortly.

The survey of the entire field, made more than one year ago, has been of inestimable value to our workers. To know the field is the very first step towards proper cultivation. It is hard, but full of promise—so promising it should elicit the backing of the whole church.

Your Society was happy to note one year ago a greatly increased offering for this cause. Our gratitude is hereby expressed to the brethren and their churches. But even so, only slightly more than one-half of the authorized askings for this work was received, while every dollar was needed. But it shall be even better this year than last, is my faith.

And, it is my deep conviction, that if in the disposition of benevolent funds the churches are obliged to choose between adequate provision for our own mission field or equally needy operations elsewhere, the choice ought to be easy to make. Such alternatives rarely ever of necessity occur, but when they do, the decision should not be difficult. The calling of a representative meeting by Bishop McDowell to study all phases of this work, furnished the different fields a chance to publicly present their activities, and the outcome will be a group of recommendations from that meeting for your consideration.

Besides the salaries of the secretary and workers, we have supplemented the pastors' salaries at Kingswood and Wesley and met all other expense incident to the activities of the work, frequently supplementing the meager amounts available by local appeals. Just a few of the charges have sent their money in during the year. This enables us to close the year with a balance of \$52.73.

Plans for taking care of the expanding work and even extending the work are scarcely worth maturing unless more money and workers can be secured. At Sixth Avenue Mission something must be done or the church will be derelict. Extra workers for Wesley and Asbury should be placed in the Fall. Not less than six extra teachers should be employed to assist in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools. A growing mission, with a Sunday School of 50, is extending pleading hands towards us. Shall we tell them, Nay? Wesley Church, discouraged, defeated, is coming here to ask us to take that plant over and your Society has asked me to bring to you their recommendation that this shall be done. What is the meaning of all this? Surely no such expansion of our work can be cared for on the present financial basis. The Home Board is rapidly reducing our allowance. It does seem to me that to have so much zeal for remote fields and send our thousands hence, and neglect those right at our door is utterly ignoring the Master's method—begin at home.

Now, my brethren, it must be apparent to all that there is much to do and a CHANCE to do. But we shall constantly remind ourselves, so long as we have this office, that we are your servants. We shall go just as far afield as you will permit us. No opportunity shall be lost when means and workers shall make it possible for us to embrace it.

G. T. ALDERSON, Secretary.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF TEN APPOINTED BY THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 1925, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

Your Committee of ten appointed to study the conditions in Asbury, Kingswood and Wesley Churches and Browntown Mission, and other questions involved in the City Missionary work, and requested to make recommendations back to the body today, has performed its mission.

At the first meeting of the Committee a questionnaire was carefully prepared and submitted to the workers in the various fields for answers.

At a subsequent meeting of the Committee, the workers furnished the surveys which are herewith submitted with our recommendations.

**Asbury.**

**MEMBERSHIP.**

The shifting changes in membership for the last five years can be best discerned and conclusions drawn if we divide the period, taking the two years of my pastorate and the last three of my predecessor.

During the last five years 90 persons have been received into full membership as follows:

3 years preceding my pastorate 21 were received from probation and on confession of faith, and 16 received by letter, 37 in all.

During the last one year and ten months 33 persons have joined from probation and on confession of faith, and 20 by letter, making a total of 53.

Taking three years immediately preceding my taking the work 55 persons were removed by letter. In the last two years 10 have removed by letter, or 65 during the last five years. These have gone principally to city churches, St. Paul's getting the largest number of any one church.

In the last five years we have lost 40 persons by death.

Total loss in five years of 105, but 65 of these have fed other churches. In addition to this, a number of persons converted at our altars have gone elsewhere to join.

In the last 5 years our total loss has been 20 and our gain has been 53 full members and 35 probationers.

Five years ago we had 35 probationers and 310 full members. Two years ago the record shows 19 probationers and 260 full members. We now have 54 probationers, 272 full members, with 8 or 10 more to add in a few weeks.

Of our membership only 33 are under 18 years of age. This membership represents 240 homes.

There are approximately 225 Protestant homes to whom we may reasonably have a mission south of Sixth Street and east of Market.

The nearest Methodist Church is eight squares away.

The nearest Protestant Church, a small German Lutheran Church, is two squares away.

**ATTENDANCE.**

The average attendance at both the morning and evening service is about 100. The average attendance in the Sunday School is about 110. In the League, 25. In the prayer meeting, 40. The enrollment in the Sunday School is 214.

**FINANCE.**

During my pastorate at Asbury—a period of one year and ten months—there has been raised for all purposes, \$10,470.00.

The church annually pays \$1250 to pastor's salary. The balance of the total raised is paid for other items.

During this time there has been no old indebtedness.

During the present pastorate we have raised for improvements and repairs \$3200.

Of the total raised by the church, about six-sevenths is paid by the congregation and the immediate friends of the church. The other one-seventh is contributed by public-spirited persons who believe that Asbury's activities are worthy of their support.

The City Missionary Society furnishes the salary of our worker—\$750 and one-half the Secretary's salary, or \$1250.

**ACTIVITIES.**

There are no social agencies in our community except the Good Will Industries.

The nationalities represented are American, Polish, Greeks, Italians and Jews. There are no other Protestant denominations active in this territory.

In reply to request for a "concise statement of activities of your church and what you think of the value of the activities", I reply:

First: In our foreign Sunday School we have an enrollment of 70 representing 40 families and 4 nationalities.

Second: In our kindergarten we have enrolled 73, representing 65 families and 5 nationalities.

Third: In the Daily Vacation Bible School we have enrolled 79, representing 44 families and 5 nationalities.

Fourth: In our weekly classes, outside of kindergarten, we have 42 enrolled, representing 30 families and 4 nationalities.

Fifth: In our Primary Department we have 62 enrolled, representing 44 families.

Sixth: In the rest of the Sunday School, not counting the Primary Department and foreign class, we have an enrollment of 82.

Seventh: We have enrolled in the Epworth League 39, and in the Junior League, 35.

Eighth: We have a free clinic open one afternoon each week where we have given treatment to 87 different persons.

Ninth: We have open every night in the week a bright room, warm

and cheery, where services are held and where the wanderer from the better life can grasp a friendly hand and hear a gospel message.

Tenth: We have a consecrated woman who gives herself in the afternoons to the visitation in these foreign and poor homes.

And as to the "value of these activities" I am quite content to let another judge.

"How can the needs of the City Missionary Society be best supplied" is not difficult for me to answer.

1. Let us fix a policy and give sufficient time and change to discover its feasibility and not be continuously tinkering with it.

2. Let Wilmington Methodism get cheerfully behind the society with at least a 200 per cent. increase in support. Every dollar of it is needed and badly needed.

3. Let the strong, vigorous churches of the city, teeming with talented, consecrated young people, encourage these young people to give a few hours each week to real mission work in our city. Surely mission work here is as fascinating and as honorable as beyond the seas. And beyond the seas furnishes no richer fields.

If, as the executive officer of the Society, I could have but one thing granted, only one, I would not ask for more money, though heaven knows it is needed, but for more workers would I plead. May the Lord of the harvest send forth laborers into his harvest.

#### Kingswood.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

Kingswood Church has a membership of 167, 160 of whom are above 18 years of age and 7 under that age. That represents 127 homes. At least as many more homes are served in one way or another through the activities of the Church. There are a number of Protestant homes in the community that may properly be served by this Church.

The nearest Methodist Churches are the Swedish Mission, 6 blocks away and Trinity, 10 blocks away. The nearest Protestant Church of another denomination is the Swedish Baptist Church, 9 blocks distant.

#### ATTENDANCE.

The attendance in the morning service ranges from 35 to 100 and in the evening from 60 to 250. The Sunday School has had an average attendance of 178 for 35 years. The attendance of the Epworth League services averages about 25. From 16 to 30 attend the Prayer services. There is an enrollment in the Sunday School of 334.

The membership in 1920 was 135. 10 have been lost by death and 20 dismissed by letter. 13 have been dropped from the membership roll. 75 have been received into the membership of the Church, 8 by letter and 67 by conversion, giving a net gain of 32 members in the last five years.

#### FINANCES.

The Church has raised for all purposes during the present pastorate, \$23,386.00. They have raised on Pastor's salary \$5750. The Church pays \$1200 per year for pastor's salary. This does not include any missionary appropriation. This does not include funds expended for Charity, Red Cross, Near East Relief, etc.

\$4552 have been paid on old indebtedness, thus freeing the Church and parsonage from debt. During the last five years the amount raised for improvements was \$2725. Of this total amount \$2270 were donated by the Home Missionary Society and outside friends.

There was paid by the City Missionary Society on Pastor's support \$240 in 1923 and \$480 in 1924-25. Our mission worker has been employed by the Society at \$60 per month for three years.

The Americans, Italians, Polish and a small number of six or eight other nationalities are represented in this community.

The leading denominations are the Methodists, Catholics and a few of other denominations.

There are six nationalities connected with our work. These are Americans, Italians, Polish, Spanish, Swedish and Hebrews.

The needs of the City Missionary Society can best be supplied by a responsible paid Secretary.

The activities of the Church, besides the Sunday School and the regular church services are Daily Vacation Bible School; Kindergarten; Sewing Classes; and Class of Instruction for Mothers of foreign birth on methods of American cooking; Picnics for the children; exercises by the children in the church, the mothers being invited and many of them attending; Junior League; Quoit team in both the Church and the Municipal League; Basket Ball team in the Church League which has not been defeated a single time during the series of games.

The visits, advice, sympathy, etc., of the Church worker is helping splendidly to raise the standard of home life in the community.

#### HOPEFUL SIGNS.

1. The property of the vicinity is improving by repairs, paint and rebuilding.

2. The grade of 14th Street west of Claymont is to be raised and new sidewalks put in. The Street and Sewer Directors have already taken action. The work is to be done this Spring.

3. The new Tri-State River Boulevard will run two blocks west of the church, thus opening up several blocks of vacant land for buildings of a better type than those which now prevail.

4. The new bridge from 11th and Chestnut Streets to 14th and Thatcher Streets will help to bring additional good citizens to this section. The Church must profit by these improvements.

5. Let us remember: a. That the present Mayor of Wilmington resigned as Secretary of Kingswood Sunday School when he went to College



to study Medicine. b. That the Rev. Milton McCann, now of the New Jersey Conference, succeeded Mayor Forrest as secretary and entered the Christian Ministry from Kingswood Church. c. That the Rev. Wm. Powick, D. D., of the Philadelphia Conference, resigned the Superintendency of Kingswood Sunday School (his church membership was at St. Pauls) to enter that Conference. d. That the Rev. Thomas J. J. Wright, D. D., pastor of First Methodist Episcopal Church, was converted at Kingswood's altar and trained in her services. He was saved on January 17, 1885. e. Kingswood has sent hundreds of members to enrich churches in various parts of the United States. f. These hundreds of people have souls to save, and lives to redeem just as surely as have the people on Delaware Avenue or the Boulevard. g. That God will hold Methodism responsible for its Stewardship in this "Foreign Field" on American soil as well as the Shepherding of the American lambs At Our Door. h. A social hall on our lot adjoining the Church would tremendously help in solving many of our problems. We need it, and God knows our need—the Hall will come. Then watch us!

All the activities of the Church are gripping the people and strengthening the position of the Church.

Now that the burden of debt has been removed, people begin to realize that the Church has a new lease of life. Please help us if you can, but if you cannot, then kindly smile upon us. Give us your benediction, and let us go in peace to face our task, believing that God will continue to lead on to Victory.

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### Wesley.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of Wesley Church at the present time is 113. 65 of these are more than 18 years of age and 48 are under that age. The membership of the Church represents about 65 to 70 families. There are possibly 20 other families that are served by the Church at the present time.

The nearest Methodist Church is Harrison Street which is 11 squares away and there are two Protestant Churches within this district of other denominations; namely, Bethany Baptist, 1 square from Wesley, and a Polish Baptist Church.

#### ATTENDANCE.

The average attendance upon the services of the Church ranges from 15 to 65 in the morning and from 12 to 50 in the evening. Our Sunday School has an enrollment of 100 at the present time, with an average attendance of 60.

The records show that for three years previous to the present pastorate the change in membership was as follows: In 1920, 4 persons were received from probation into full membership and five by letter from other

churches; 1921, one person was received from probation and 12 by letter; no addition in 1922; making a total of 22 received into the membership of the Church in three years. In 1923-24, 46 were received on probation, 2 into full membership and 10 by letter from other churches; in 1924-25, 6 have been received on probation and 10 into full membership. During this period of 5 years, 28 have deserted to other churches; 28 have been removed without letters; 14 have been removed by letter; and, 4 have been removed by death.

The Conference minutes of 1923 show 161 full members and 4 probationers; 1924 shows 75 members and 45 probationers. We now have on the books 80 full members and 43 probationers, including Browntown Mission.

#### FINANCES.

Wesley Church has raised during the past 18 months, \$3200. Of this amount \$1940 has been paid on salary. \$1260 for other objects. \$2900 of this amount was raised by the Church itself and the balance by personal solicitation on the part of the pastor. The City Missionary Society has supplemented the pastor's salary to the amount of \$240 last year and \$480 this year. The salary paid by the church for pastoral support this year is \$1000. The parsonage has a debt of \$1750.

This community is very largely predominated by the Poles, 90% of the population being of that nationality.

Our Church is ministering only to Americans and that almost entirely to the children. Our Church is touching about 75 children through the Sunday School. Most of them are from families not otherwise connected with the church.

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#### Browntown Mission.

The enrollment of our Sunday School is 101. Our average attendance is 60. There are 4 nationalities represented in our Sunday School; namely, Americans, Polish, Italian and Swedish.

The enrollment of our Kindergarten is 52. There are five nationalities represented in our Kindergarten; namely, Americans, Polish, Italian, Jewish and German.

The enrollment of the Daily Vacation Bible School is 75, representing four nationalities; namely, American, Polish, Italian and German.

During the past three years, 19 have joined our Church in full membership; 3 have joined other churches; six have been received on probation; all were converts of the Mission.

The amount of money received from the City Missionary Society is the Worker's salary only. Our receipts for the year ending January 31, 1925 were \$176.38, other than City Missionary Society.

The possibilities for the present are a real Church, and for the near future, a vigorous Church.



Our immediate and most urgent need for equipment is new chairs for the Kindergarten, new seats for Sunday School, and most of all is a larger building.

We are able to reach 135 families by the activities of the Mission.

It is the judgment of this Mission worker that the careful supervision of a paid Secretary is absolutely essential to the best success of the work.

#### Statement of the Corresponding Secretary of the City Missionary Society.

I have been asked to make a statement of duties involved in the secretaryship so that therefrom the Committee might find assistance in determining on a recommendation relative to the office. To undertake such a task is not only exceedingly difficult but to do it adequately is utterly impossible. But at your behest I have written, and I admit somewhat at length, but for which I need to make no apologies. As this whole matter is worthy of the valuable time of a dozen men, it is worthy to have a proper hearing.

It has been suggested here that \$1200 paid out to a Secretary to administer \$3000 is not good business. This statement is wide of the fact and misleading in inference. First of all, the Society is spending this year \$5000 and not only \$3000. Then, too, the Secretary is not paid to administer this fund, neither does he administer it. The Secretary is paid to superintend the work.

In the performance of my duties as secretary, I have sought to have uniformity of service over all the field. To do this, frequent conferences have been held with the field workers, our problems discussed, and we have counseled together. Uniform times for opening and closing kindergartens and Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been agreed upon; courses of study planned and the general work outlined. The Secretary has thought it a part of his duty to look in on all of the schools frequently, address the children, and, if necessary, go over the local problems in this or that particular field.

Much work is involved in assisting in launching the Daily Vacation Bible Schools where 270 pupils are enrolled. Extra teachers have to be provided. Funds of the society being inadequate, the Secretary is obliged to find these somewhere. The illness of a worker makes a hunt for aid necessary, involving considerable time and work. The aid in, and presence of, the Secretary, is always sought and gladly given to the closing of the sessions. A perfect delight to be present when schools are closing, 3 of them, at Christmas time, in June and Daily Vacation Bible Schools in July. Yes, a perfect delight and it gives a chance to drop a word to scores of children, but it is a considerable claim on one's time and energy.

Considerable time has been spent and important conferences held to know the wisest and best methods employed in other cities. Correspondence has taken place to keep our society in vital touch with the Home Board. Being aware that an informed and friendly constituency is the life of any organization, the Secretary has deemed it wise to touch in a

brotherly way the entire conference at least once a year, and certain points are touched oftener.

Very much time has been given to a careful study of the whole problem of city missions. Walking and driving over the field—the entire field. Holding many conferences, especially with men living within the territory or those interested in this downtown problem. I verily believe that only THESE can know and feel the need of this vast class. It is only when we go where they are that we learn of their need and not until we have compassion on them—suffer with them, will we lift them up.

And this I have learned, that in this vast field, stretching from Kingswood to Browntown, no one is undertaking to do any of this kind of work, with the slightest exceptions. All of these involved churches have been and are now obliged to maintain such programs as appeal to a better type of folk, because they must have the support of this type to exist, when this society should be so generous as to say, put on a program to reach the people where you are and we will stand by with our support. To be confident that I am dead right when I say this has involved much study and direct investigation on the field.

The Browntown work has had considerable personal time and supervision. It is a sin before God, and I fear will be charged against the church, to not provide more adequately for this work. I have studied the field, gone in the homes, examined buildings. But what for? Only to discover that the loudest voice raised is a cry to narrow our borders. The best we could do was to risk renting a two story building, with a store in front and use the store and small rooms back for our work, and then try to rent the second floor. After a little loss of time the apartment was rented and we found much to our regret we had a drunkard for a tenant. To get rid of him took much time and personal visitation from the Secretary. But another tenant was secured, and weekly we have the pleasure of receiving or running down the rent and paying it into the society. Electric lights must be contracted for—the Secretary's job. An epidemic breaks out; the worker needs to see the Secretary at once. A stove must be bought, and no funds. Who is consulted? Little things, you say. Granted, but you have asked me to give an account of my stewardship that you may find if it is worth while.

When the Epworth Leagues of the city generously dump in the front door of the Secretary's home 250 filled Christmas stockings for the mission work, we are happy to meet with the mission workers and help to discover their needs and then personally distribute to the various missions their quota of Christmas good cheer. But thoughtful men will readily see that this service is a tax on a busy man's time.

The establishing of a free clinic has been accompanied with much work. The planning for it; the development of a patronage has been no little task. The society had no money to invest and every cent of the cost for equipment must needs be run down by the Secretary. But I did it gladly, it was a part of my job.

The opening of a nightly mission at Asbury has been attended with considerable work and expense. Partitions must be erected, platforms built, altar and pulpit desk secured and an illuminated sign constructed. It in no sense belongs to the local church only as it was the mission church. The Society was without funds, though it authorized the work. The Secretary must needs get busy and find these dollars.

And if we had the money to spend, and a few voluntary workers to devote a little time to mission teaching, we could speedily possess a promising school in a needy center, and that could be very soon doubled in membership. But this opportunity, which I see no way to embrace, is the outcome of careful study and patient effort on the part of the Secretary and is a part of a dream he has, when, in all this vast territory, where the problem is one, the impact of the church shall be felt in a way, not to our liking or taste, but in a way suited to the immediate field it should serve.

But why dream dreams and see visions? Why plan for an intelligent program, which has in it a forward look? Why think of City Missions as a unit, the strength of which could be mobilized at any one spot for a given purpose? Why think of sufficient support for struggling Kingswood that would supply there an adequate program? Why hope to say to the annual conference "Give us for Wesley a man of rare fitness for that field, and we will see him supported and put by his side a mission worker"? Why entertain the faintest hope that there shall be said to Old Asbury—the most needy of all mission fields—"You shall have the long prayed for extra field worker"? Why think of a summer campaign with evangelistic preaching from autos? Why think of a day nursery established in some appropriate room at Asbury? Why dream at all? Why PLAN? Why spend one's waking hours to thing it through? There is no use, alas, there is no use, unless the whole church catch a vision of the imperative need, or in lieu of that, have a baptism of confidence in its leaders that will prompt it to put its money and its young people into this hard, distasteful and needy but most promising work.

Asbury is destined to be a missionary center. It is hard by the Good Will Industries. They are one in spirit and the thinking of the public, now. The law of the church makes its minister the pastor of the institution and coordinate with the Superintendent. Asbury, and no other church, I judge, would think of sharing its minister with the City Missionary Society for the important task of supervising the city work, unless the society should share in the support of the minister.

I was asked to state in detail some of the tasks which employ my hands as Secretary that you therefrom might make up your decision as to whether the supervision I am rendering is at all essential and vital in the Society's life. I have complied in a most bungling way, infinitely more unsatisfactory to me than to you. What your decision is matters mighty little to me personally. My interest in the society, and in the field to which I have given the profoundest study for two years, does make me greatly concerned as to whether we now make a mistake. I am frank to say I see but lit-

tle difference between the retirement of an executive head and the utter yielding up of the City Missionary Society. One would follow the other in quick succession, I verily believe.

The Committee of ten unanimously decided, after carefully investigating the work of the Secretary, that it is imperative and necessary for the success of the work of the City Missionary Society that a paid Secretary be maintained, and the committee recommends that this be done.

The Committee of ten further unanimously decided, after a thorough investigation, that Asbury and Kingswood churches are doing a wonderful work and are worthy of the unstinted support of the City Missionary Society as is revealed in the answers to the questionnaire.

The Committee of ten further unanimously decided that the exhibit of the work at Browntown Mission was very encouraging and recommends that it have the hearty support of the City Missionary Society; and that steps be speedily taken to provide for the adequate care of this growing field.

The Committee of ten further unanimously decided, after investigation, that in the light of information obtained, that it is their opinion that a Methodist Church ought to be maintained in the Southwestern portion of the City.

CALEB E. BURCHENAL, Chairman.

B. M. Johns, C. L. Hubbard, T. R. Van Dyke, R. K. Stephenson, W. E. Greenfield, Stephen E. Pardee, George E. King, I. Elmer Perry, A. J. Hyland.; G. T. Alderson, Sec., City Miss. Society; J. W. Colona, District Superintendent.

#### Minutes of the Committee Meetings.

February 5, 1925.

This meeting was organized by the election of Caleb E. Burchenal as chairman, and Rev. G. T. Alderson as Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. There were fifteen members of the committee present. The meeting was held at the office of Caleb E. Burchenal, 600 Ford Building, February 5, 1925.

Mr. Alderson stated that he objected to any question being raised about the continuance of Asbury M. E. Church.

Mr. Burchenal asked Mr. Alderson a few questions from a list which he had prepared in regard to the work at Asbury.

It was moved and carried that the committee formulate a list of questions to be submitted to Asbury, Kingswood, Wesley, and Browntown Churches to be answered and returned at an adjourned meeting, with a separate set of questions for Browntown Mission.

Rev. Geo. W. Bounds spoke of the work at Kingswood and of the interest of the young folks in the church work.

The Committee asked Mr. Alderson to prepare a statement of the duties of the Secretary; of the work he is doing; and of his vision of the work to be done by the Secretary. The statement is to be presented at the next meeting.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet Thursday, February 12, 1925 at 2.30 p. m. at the office of Caleb E. Burchenal, 600 Ford Building, Wilmington, Delaware.

G. T. ALDERSON, Secretary.

February 12, 1925.

The meeting, held at the office of Caleb E. Burchenal, 600 Ford Building, Wilmington, Delaware, on the above date at 2.30 p. m., was called to order by the chairman. The minutes were read and approved. Eleven members of the committee were present.

A motion was carried that the reports of the churches as prepared under the questionnaire be taken up.

Rev. G. T. Alderson read his report for Asbury Church.

Motion carried that we continue to hear reports before taking up the final report to the Committee.

Rev. Geo. W. Bounds read his report for Kingswood Church; Rev. V. E. Hills read his report for Wesley Church; Rev. G. T. Alderson read the report for Browntown Mission prepared by Mrs. Lillian Carter Biddison.

Motion carried that Mr. Alderson read his report as to his duties as Secretary.

Motion moved and unanimously carried that in the judgment of the committee it is imperative and necessary for the success of the work that the City Missionary Society have a paid Secretary, and the committee so recommends.

Motion made by Mr. Burchenal and unanimously carried that Kingswood and Asbury Churches are doing a wonderful work and are worthy of the unstinted support of the City Missionary Society, as revealed by the questionnaire sent out by the Committee.

Motion made by Mr. Alderson and unanimously carried that it is the sense of the Committee that we are greatly encouraged in the exhibit made in the Browntown report and we recommend that it have our hearty support and that speedily some method be provided to adequately take care of the growing field.

Wesley Church presents a very hard problem, because of the fact that it is located in a section of the city where the greater majority of the people are Polish and not native born citizens.

The Browntown school was done away with for one year for the purpose of trying to bring those people to Wesley, but the plan did not work. The pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church near the Browntown mission said that the Mission ought to be resumed and he complemented our Church for doing so, as he had found that he could not draw these people to his Church.

Motion made and unanimously carried that in the opinion of this committee, in the light of the information which the investigations have uncovered, that a Methodist Church in this section of the City ought to be maintained and adapt itself in the particular work in this field.

Mr. Burchenal appointed Rev. J. W. Colona, Rev. Geo. W. Bounds, Rev. V. E. Hills, Rev. T. R. Van Dyke and Rev. G. T. Alderson as a special committee to formulate the reports of these churches to be read at the meeting on Monday morning, February 16, 1925. Mr. Burchenal's name was added to the list and he was appointed to present and read the report at the meeting on Monday. This motion was unanimously carried.

Motion unanimously carried that this committee recommend to the body on next Monday morning, that that body request that the pastors of the City invite the Secretary, at the earliest opportunity, to the different Official Boards to represent the work in all of its phases.

Motion made by Mr. Van Dyke and unanimously carried that it is the judgment of this committee that the entire amount of \$5000 asked by the Conference is imperative and necessary for the success of the work and that \$3000 of this amount should be raised by the Churches of Wilmington.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. W. COLONA, Dist. Supt.

#### GOODWILL INDUSTRIES.

In the survey, as a fore-runner to the Centenary, our representatives visited Morgan Memorial in Boston, Mass., and found there some mission work being done worthy of national note. Inspired by the outcome of fifteen years experience in the Goodwill Industries at Morgan, where thousands of handicapped people had found themselves, and by the aid of this institution had been turned from paupers and drunkards to self-respecting citizens, this committee saw a work the church could do for God and man that would make the angels in heaven rejoice. This survey resulted in the organization of our Goodwill Industries under the control of the Home Missionary Board.

The institution is now five years old with a constituency of more than three quarters of a million supporters, whose influence will reach down into the dregs of humanity and lift up to God souls that will some day sing out to our Church that sentence our Master left on record, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these by brethren, ye have done it unto me."

We are now organized in twenty-six cities in the United States. Our work and service is inter-denominational. Our chief aim is to save the lost to self-respect, national pride and Christian living.

Our Wilmington Goodwill Industries is one of the twenty-six branches. In the last five years it has returned to the people in wages twice the amount



of the cost of the whole plant in the beginning; namely, thirty-eight thousand, seven hundred and seventeen dollars.

Our audited report for 1924 shows receipts from store sales . . . \$ 9,977.22  
Donations and membership fees . . . . . \$ 2,185.22

Total receipts for the year . . . . . \$12,162.44

Ten thousand and eight persons have been served over our counters, twenty-one thousand, twelve hundred and four hours labor have been given to the needy poor, at the rate of twenty-five cents per hour.

We have added to our property a new brick building, 32x60 feet, one story high, at a cost of \$3,762.08; \$1,062.08 of this has been paid.

We wish to thank our brethren and friends for their hearty cooperation in this work.

J. H. BEAUCHAMP, Superintendent.

**STATEMENT SHOWING THE ASSESSMENTS MADE AGAINST THE RESPECTIVE CHURCHES IN THE DOVER DISTRICT, FOR DOVER PARSONAGE ASSOCIATION, THE AMOUNTS PAID, AND THE REMAINDERS DUE AS OF APRIL 3, 1925.**

Name of Church	Amount of Assessment	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Beckwith & Spedden	\$ 180.00	\$ 67.50	\$ 112.50
Bethel	150.00	75.00	75.00
Blades	142.50	142.50	
Bridgeville	255.00	235.00	20.00
Cambridge	375.00	375.00	
Camden	247.50	247.50	
Canterbury	105.00	105.00	
Church Creek	120.00	22.00	98.00
Crapo	210.00	157.00	53.00
East New Market	195.00	30.50	164.50
Ellendale	105.00	105.00	
Elliott's	90.00	67.50	22.50
Epworth	45.00	22.50	22.50
Farmington	127.50	119.50	8.00
Federalsburg	240.00	240.00	
Felton	195.00	195.00	
Frederica	165.00	165.00	
Galestown	105.00		105.00
Georgetown	255.00	255.00	
Georgetown Circuit	135.00	135.00	

Greenwood	135.00	135.00	
Harrington	180.00	180.00	
Hooper's Island	150.00	100.00	50.00
Houston	180.00	80.00	100.00
Hurlock	247.50	61.87	185.63
Lakesville	75.00	25.00	50.00
Laurel	300.00	300.00	
Leipsic	120.00	21.00	99.00
Lewes	270.00	270.00	
Lincoln	150.00	80.00	70.00
Little Creek	135.00	67.50	67.50
Magnolia	225.00	55.00	170.00
Milford	345.00	345.00	
Milford Neck	45.00	45.00	
Millsboro	180.00	180.00	
Milton	225.00	225.00	
Mt. Pleasant	150.00	150.00	
Nassau	135.00	92.50	42.50
Rehoboth	165.00	165.00	
Reliance	150.00	80.00	70.00
St. Paul's Dover	75.00	28.75	46.25
Seaford	300.00	20.00	280.00
Seaford Circuit	180.00	138.00	42.00
Vienna	105.00	78.75	26.25
Williamsburg	120.00		120.00
Wesley, Dover	315.00	315.00	
Wesley, Dover, pledged in excess of assessment	1000.00	1000.00	
Wyoming	150.00	150.00	
	<u>\$9250.00</u>	<u>\$7149.00</u>	<u>\$2100.13</u>



**XI.**

**CONFERENCE PLAN OF EXAMINATION.**

**Excerpts from Rules of Examination.**

All examinations shall be in writing, both questions and answers. The examination on each book shall consist of not less than 10 questions. The examination shall be marked on a scale of 100, and a mark of 70 shall be necessary to pass the candidate.

**Resolutions Adopted March, 1896.**

Resolved 1,—“No candidate shall be admitted or advanced in classes with conditions, who has failed in more than one study”.

Resolved 2,—“In no case shall a candidate for full admission be received, nor a candidate for Elder’s orders be so elected until every requirement shall have been fully met”.

**Resolution Adopted March, 1905.**

Resolved,—“That no candidate shall be examined in studies in advance of those of the class to which he belongs, except as Discipline provides”.

**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 by Jan. 1st of each year, 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.

**Resolutions Adopted March, 1925.**

1. All written Work on books for Collateral Reading and Study may be mailed directly to the appropriate examiner, who will correct and criticize, and return promptly to the student.

2. No undergraduate who fails to attend the Summer School of Theology will be given examinations at the seat of the Annual Conference on subjects taught at the School, unless he has been excused from attendance upon said School by the Executive Committee of the Board of Examiners.

**CONFERENCE STUDIES.**

**MID-YEAR EXAMINATIONS.**

In accordance with the action of the Wilmington Annual Conference at its 1925 session, undergraduates will be required to attend the Summer School of Theology to be held at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., July 7-17th.

**Schedule for the Summer School.**

First Year—New Testament History .....	J. L. Johnson
The work of Preaching .....	V. E. Hills
Human Behaviour .....	Frank Herson
Second Year—Dictionary of the Bible .....	W. O. Bennett
History of the Christian Church .....	J. A. Leach
The Pastoral Office .....	E. W. Jones
Third Year—Beacon Lights of Prophecy .....	Tilghman Smith
Foundations of Christian Belief .....	J. A. Leach
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 June 25th. No man will be given credit for any work done at Ursinus College unless this rule be fully complied with.

**Examinations to be held at the seat of the Conference, 1926.**

**Admission on Trial.**

1. Doctrines and Discipline, etc. .... J. A. Leach
2. American History,—(James and Sanford) ..... E. C. Hallman

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.

- First Year—Evangelism . . . . . Leonard White  
    The Art of Writish 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. Sharklin  
    The Church and Industrial Reconstruction . . . . . E. C. Hallman
- Fourth Year—Freedom and Conduct . . . . . J. W. Prettyman

The required written work (See Directions and Helps) on above studies must be handed in on or before March 5, 1926.

#### 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 15, 1925.

- First Year—Jesus in the Experience of Men . . . . . 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  
    The Art of Preaching . . . . . E. M. Shockley
- Fourth Year—Outline of Christian Theology . . . . . J. A. Leach  
    James W. Bashford . . . . . E. W. Henvis

January 1, 1926.

- First Year—Citizenship and Moral Reform . . . . . E. W. Henvis  
    Steps in the Development of American Democracy . . . . . E. M. Shockley

- Second Year—Wesley's Sermons (Vol. II) . . . . . M. D. Nutter  
    History of Methodism (Vol. I) . . . . . Tilghman Smith
- Third Year—Jesus Christ and the Social Question . . . . . E. W. Jones  
    The Life of Phillips Brooks . . . . . Leonard White
- Fourth Year—Church Co-operaiton in Community Life . . . . . W. O. Bennett  
    Good Ministers of Jesus Christ . . . . . R. P. Nichols

February 15, 1926.

- 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—The Organization and Administration of  
    Religious Education . . . . . 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  
    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. Outline of Christian Theology . . . . . 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. The Christian View of the Old Testament, (Eiselen) . . . . Frank Herson
2. Francis Asbury, (Tipple) . . . . . Frank Herson
3. Modernism and the Christian Faith . . . . . E. W. Hervis
4. 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, under the Annual Conference Board of Examiners, this rule 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 1924, paragraph 619, section 7.

##### First Year.

1. Discipline of 1924 . . . . . J. A. Leach
2. John Wesley, the Methodist . . . . . T. F. Beauchamp
3. The Pastoral Office . . . . . J. W. Prettyman
4. The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice . . . E. M. Shockley

##### Second Year.

1. Life of Christ, (Stalker) . . . . . R. P. Nichols
2. Human Behaviour . . . . . Frank Herson
3. The Work of Preaching . . . . . V. E. Hills

##### Third Year.

1. Paul and His Epistles . . . . . J. L. Johnson
2. History of Christian Church, (Moncrief) . . . . . E. M. Shockley
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. Christianity in Doctrine and Experience . . . . . E. W. Hervis
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 6, 1925, on the books below, provided, that those who desire to take such examinations, will so notify the Registrar on or before Sept. 15, 1925. Examinations will not be arranged for on other dates nor on other books.

#### For Local Deacon's Orders.

1. Outline of Christian Theology . . . . . E. C. Hallman
2. The Bible and Life . . . . . J. J. Bunting

#### For Local Elder's Orders.

1. The Christian View of the Old Testament . . . . . J. L. Johnson
2. Francis Asbury . . . . . Frank Herson

#### Local Preachers.

- First Year—Discipline . . . . . J. A. Leach  
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 Third Year—Paul and His Epistles . . . . . J. L. Johnson  
 Fourth Year—The Religions of Mankind . . . . . J. L. Sparklin

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## XII. MEMOIRS.

### WILLIAM G. KOONS.

Among the many young men with whom I was brought into contact, when, in the year 1884, I entered Drew Theological Seminary, was a bright faced, sunny, jovial lad by the name of William G. Koons. Learning that he was a fellow Marylander, there was a bond established between us which has grown stronger with the passing years. He joined this Conference in the year 1886, one year ahead of me, remaining a member of it till translated to the other life. When the appointments were read at the Crisfield Conference in 1887 we found ourselves appointed to work in the City of Wilmington. Thus the friendship begun in the Seminary was renewed and cemented in Conference relations, and which has continued unbroken through all these years of work. I think we were an inspiration to each other in the work of the ministry, assisting each other as we did in revival work. The memory of these years is precious to me,

“When each in turn was guide to each,  
And Fancy light from Fancy caught,  
And thought leapt out to wed with thought  
Ere thought could wed itself with speech.  
And all we met was fair and good,  
And all was good that time could bring,  
And all the secret of the spring  
Moved in the chambers of the blood;  
And many an old philosophy  
On Argive heights devinely sang,  
And round us all the thicket rang  
To many a lute of Arcady.”

I write, therefore, not only as a Conference associate but as a friend of long and happy years, and as one confidently expecting the renewal of this friendship in the Home of the Father of us all.

William G. Koons was born in Middleburg, Carroll County, Maryland, November the Third, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-three, and entered the Life Eternal from his home in Rising Sun, Maryland, May the Fourteenth, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-four. Between these two dates lies the record of a useful, devoted and beautiful life.

He received his academic training in New Windsor College, Maryland, graduating with the degree of A. B. In 1883 he entered Drew Theological Seminary from which School of the Prophets he graduated in 1886 with the degree of B. D. He was thus well prepared for his life work. Feeling call-

ed to the work of the ministry, he felt also called to make the most thorough preparation for it. His student life did not cease with his Seminary course. He kept himself in touch with the best thought of the times, and was at home in any company where the best thought of the age was being discussed. He was a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. He showed his careful training in his sane and spiritual interpretation of the Scriptures, and in building his sermons. I say BUILDING his sermons; for he was not a more talker, but an artist in his calling. He knew how to build and beautify his work. He had a pardonable pride in a well wrought out and beautifully expressed sermon. He had learned in hard study in the schools the art of consecutive thinking. Naturally of a well poised and balanced judgement, he had trained his native powers so well, under the guidance of competent teachers, that he became a noted success in his chosen work, coming in good time to occupy our best pulpits. It can be said in all honesty that he blest and built up every charge that he served.

Because of his native ability and fine preparation he was rather early in his career selected to be Presiding Elder of the Easton District, where he served the full term to the advantage of the Kingdom. While in this office he was honored by being elected by his brethren to represent them in the General Conference of 1908.

By nature our brother was richly endowed. He had a happy, sunny, cheerful disposition. Generally he looked on the bright side of life. He had the happy faculty of banishing any clouds that might darken his sky for a time. He had the splendid art of extracting the fun out of his experiences. His life was an illustration of the gladness of the Lord. He made religion attractive to young and old by reason of his good cheer. He lived a joyful, happy, full Christian life.

“And so the Word had breath, and wrought  
With human hands the creed of creeds,  
In loveliness of perfect deeds,  
More strong than all poetic thought.”

In his afflictions and losses he maintained this sweet and well balanced attitude toward life in all its phases.

His early going from the ranks of the workers presents to our troubled thought the oft recurring question when our faithful and successful workers pass out before they have reached the allotted span of life—why should this be? As we look at it he ought to have lived and wrought in his good fashion for many years yet. To human wisdom he died all too soon. This troubled age of the world demands all the trained workers the Church can command, why then should he have fallen at noonday? But,—

“So many worlds, so much to do,  
So little done, such things to be,  
How know I what had need of thee,  
For thou wert strong as thou wert true.”



He is doubtless busy at his Master's work in the land of the Hereafter. Our brother was twice happily married. His first wife was Miss Ida Gibson, of Wilmington, Delaware, to whom he was married, June 6, 1889. While serving the church at North East, Maryland, the hand of affliction fell heavily on this family, and a dear daughter, Irene, was called to the other land. Following close on this heavy affliction the wife and mother went to be with her child, March 22, 1894.

While minister at Rising Sun, Maryland, Brother Koons was married to Miss Clara K. Wilson of that town, who, after a happy married life of twenty-eight years, mourns, with us, his departure, and who in her sorrow seems to say:

"With weary steps I loiter on,  
Tho' always under altered skies,  
The purple from the distance dies,  
My prospect and horizon gone."

Our brother was not only well born, but he was "Twice Born." While a student at college he was brought under conviction, yielding his heart to the Savior, and by faith entered into a deep and satisfying Christian experience—an experience which grew richer with the years, and which was his stay when brought low by affliction. Out of this rich experience he preached a clear, confident, convincing, persuasive message. He knew his Lord, and he knew how to introduce others to this Savior. He had a pathos of voice,—not a holy tone, so-called, but a real deep note of sympathy and feeling which carried his message all the more deeply into the heart of the hearer. I had the privilege of laboring with him in several of his meetings, and was a witness of his skill and power. He could arouse and electrify a dead audience into religious interest and fervor in very quick time. He was an evangelist. Had he devoted himself solely to this class of work he could have made a notable success in that field. He had gracious revivals in all his charges. He spared no pains in preparing his sermons for this work; in the delivery of them he was earnest and insistent, yet never prolix, while in the after meeting he was a master. Many will rise up in that great day and call him blessed.

His work with children was most notable and fruitful. He gave much attention to this part of his ministry, as all wise ministers will do, and was greatly rewarded for his efforts. Perhaps no man among us was quite so skilled in this difficult work as was he. He was the children minister. He knew them all by name, and loved them into the kingdom. As an outcome of his work with children he wrote two books which have taken good rank among works of that class. The first was, "A Junior History of Methodism," which met a real need in the young life of the church, and has had a good sale. Fortunately, a few years before our brother's going from us, he revised the book, bringing it down to the present. His other book dealt more directly with the religious life and training of the child. This book on which he put a great deal of careful study was also favorably received, and has met a need in this field of thought. So with both voice and pen he served his day and fulfilled his ministry. No doubt he has already re-

ceived the approval of the Great Master Teacher—"Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

In the year 1915 Brother Koons was compelled by failing health to ask for the Retired Relation, hoping, of course, to speedily recuperate and engage again the work he loved so well. He retired to his home in Rising Sun, Maryland, where he lived quietly till the end came. During these years of retirement he was most carefully nursed by his devoted wife, who spared no pains to assist him in the recovery of his health, and who heroically ministered to him, making the closing years full of the evidence of her untiring devotion. Indeed, the fact that our brother was able to resist the inroads of the dread disease so long was due in no small measure to the loving care of his wife, day and night, seconded by the other members of the family who were also beautifully devoted to him. But neither his own heroic efforts, nor change of climate, nor skill of physician, nor attention of loved ones could break the force of the disease and save his useful life.

He was not, however, idle during these years of retirement. He preached frequently as strength would permit; taught in the high school; was the teacher of a large class of men in the Sunday School, and in many other ways exerted a wholesome influence in the community. He was easily the leading citizen of the town, and was universally looked up to as a man of God. He attended the session of our Conference last year, and was happy in the privilege of meeting his associates in the work once more. Returning from this trip he began to fail rapidly, and on the fourteenth of May slipped his moorings and passed quietly into the,

"Island Valley of Avilion;  
Where falls not hail, or rain, or any snow,  
Nor ever wind blows loudly."

He was conscious of his going, and was not afraid. To him, "Death was the most beautiful adventure that life affords us." To his faithful minister he whispered—"I have no fears, my feet are on the Rock of Ages." Thus passed a devoted, cheerful, happy, successful Minister of God into the land of the hereafter.

His funeral services were held in the beautiful new church in whose construction he had displayed so much interest, and to which he had given so much of his ripened thought. Many of his brother ministers came to pay their last respects to his precious memory. The services were under the direction of his minister, the Reverend Charles C. Harris, and the principal address was delivered by the writer of this memoir. We laid his worn body to rest on the beautiful hillside cemetery of Rising Sun,

"And from his ashes may be made  
The violets of his native land."

The striking epitaph which Robert L. Stephenson wrote for his own tomb may be applied to our friend:

"Under the bright and starry sky  
Dig me a grave and let me lie.  
Glad did I live and gladly die,

And I lay me down with a will.  
 This be the verse you grave for me—  
 Here he lies where he loved to be.  
 Home is the sailor, home from the sea,  
 And the hunter home from the hill."

Saying farewell to him, there came singing into my mind that hymn written by Charles Wesley for the use of the early Methodists, but which no longer, I am sorry to say, is to be found in our hymnal, discarded by an unwise revision committee, as were some others that ought to have been kept, and which still has in it the hope and the faith of us all, and which I may quote in concluding this tribute:

"Weep not for a brother deceased,  
 Our loss is his infinite gain.  
 A soul out of prison released  
 And freed from his bodily chain.  
 With songs let us follow his flight  
 And mount with his spirit above,  
 Escaped to the mansions of light,  
 And lodged in the Eden of love.  
 Our brother the haven has gained,  
 Outflying the tempest and wind,  
 His rest he has sooner obtained,  
 And left his companions behind,  
 Still tossed on a sea of distress,  
 Hard toiling to make the blest shore,  
 Where all is assurance and peace,  
 And sorrow and sin are no more.  
 There all the ship's company meet  
 Who sailed with their Savior beneath,  
 With shoutings each other they greet  
 And triumph o'er sorrow and death.  
 The voyage of life's at an end,  
 The mortal affliction is past,  
 The age which in heaven they spend  
 Forever and ever shall last."

H. W. EWING.

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**JAMES ESGATE.**

James Esgate, son of Thomas and Keturah Esgate, was born at Fishing Creek, Dorchester County, Maryland, July 22, 1839. His parents, who were devout Methodists, died while he was yet but a boy, but not before they had made such an impression on his youthful heart that he was converted at an early age, and soon felt the call to preach the Everlasting Gospel. And with the call to preach came the keen sense of the need of preparation for the work. Accordingly, he was registered as a student at

the Theological Institute at Concord, New Hampshire, from which he was graduated in 1865.

In 1866 Brother Esgate joined the old Philadelphia Conference, and was sent to Bridgeville Circuit as junior preacher with William Rink. In 1867 he was sent to Annessex Circuit with T. L. Tomkinson. In 1868 he was sent to Bethesda, or Preston, where he remained for two years. In 1870 he was sent to Chesapeake City. Before the end of the first year here his health failed and he was compelled to give up the work he loved so well, and for which he had made careful preparation, and, at the session of the Wilmington Conference in 1871, he was given the Supernumerary relation, which he retained till 1886, when he was given the Superannuated relation.

While attending the Theological Institute he had served several near-by churches as a supply pastor. One of these was South Tamworth, New Hampshire. It was here that he met Miss Judith Madeline Folsom, who was also the child of a Methodist home, and to whom he was married July 14, 1867, the Rev. George Carr officiating. He took his bride to old Annessex Circuit to which he had been sent at the preceding session of the Conference.

Five children were born to bless their home, four of whom, with their mother and seven grandchildren, survive him. The children are Annie Folsom Esgate and Evelyn Emily Esgate, both teachers in Los Angeles, California; and Dr. Thomas Dorsey Esgate and Dr. John Irving Esgate, both practicing dentists at Riverside, California.

Upon retirement from the active work of the Ministry in 1871, Brother Esgate moved with his little family to the farm on which he was born at Fishing Creek, where he hoped to regain his health and soon be able to return to the active work of the Ministry, which he and his devoted wife loved so much. But this was not to be. For, whenever he attempted to preach each effort was followed by days of sickness and depression till, after a few years, he gave up the effort, and removed with his family to the ancestral home of his wife, her loved New England. They remained here till 1914, when they went to California, whither their sons had gone before them. And there he lived in the land of ever-blooming flowers till November 9, 1924, when he sweetly fell asleep to wake in that fair country where they never say "I am sick."

Brother Esgate was a good man. A careful student of the Scriptures. It was his great grief that he was not able to continue in the active Ministry to which he had felt the early call, and to which he had dedicated his life. He has passed to his reward. They who remain are not without hope, for they believe that for him to live was Christ and to die was gain.

T. N. RAWLINS.

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**FRANK F. CARPENTER.**

How strange this session of the Wilmington Annual Conference seems without Frank Carpenter. His genial presence, his warm hand clasp, his sweet voice leading us in singing the songs of Zion, his strong, pure life,

giving promise of permanence to our work. Our tears fall hot and fast as we realize the greatness of our loss. But peace and joy come with the words of the Master: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that liveth and believeth on me shall never die." And we are able to sing with James Whitcomb Riley:

"I cannot say and I will not say  
That he is dead! He is just away!

With a cheery smile and the wave of the hand  
He has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair  
It must be, since he lingers there.

And you, O you, who the wildest yearn  
For the old time step and the glad return,—

Thinking of him faring on, as dear  
In the love of There as the love of Here;

Mild and gentle as he was brave,—  
When the sweetest love of his life he gave

To simple things,—where the violets grew  
Pure as the eyes they were likened to,

The touches of his hands have strayed  
As reverently as his lips have prayed.

Think of him still as the same, I say;  
He is not dead,—he is just away!

Frank Freeman Carpenter was born February 7, 1866, at Back Creek, Cecil County, Maryland, of the union of Charles Cooper Carpenter and Sarah Pearce Carpenter. The Carpenter family were among the early settlers of Carpenter's Point, Maryland.

His mother's people were always Methodists. Among them was Hyland Pennington, an uncle of Mrs. Carpenter, his mother, one of the founders of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

As a child he was carried by his devout parents to old Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church. When he was five years of age the family moved to Wilmington. At the age of thirteen he was converted in a meeting held over what is now Crosby & Hill's store, Wilmington, and joined Scott Methodist Episcopal Church. He entered at once into the work of the church and as a mere child began the teaching of a Sunday School class. It was here he heard the call of God to preach the Gospel and he responded with joy, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

He was educated in the public schools of Wilmington and at Drew Theological Seminary. To this was added the educational value of travel and study in the old world. While at Deal's Island an official of the church of which he was then pastor, took him abroad and he was permitted three

months of intensive study in Palestine, on Bible ground. This period of travel and study was especially valuable to him and to all the churches which he served.

After leaving Drew he went to Bishopville charge, September 1887, to supply that work made vacant by the death of the minister there. In March, 1888, he joined the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and served with brilliant success the following churches: Cape Charles, Little Creek, Leipsic, Townsend, Hillsboro, Frankford, Deal's Island, Mt. Salem, Port Deposit, Brandywine, Laurel, Seaford, Cambridge.

March 9, 1892, he was happily united in marriage with Annie V. Milligan at Cape Charles, Virginia. Mrs. Carpenter and their son, Irving, born January 13, 1906, survive him.

Frank Carpenter was a great preacher. He lived in the Word of God. Out of it he drew the great themes upon which he invariably preached. He knew nothing worth preaching except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. He knew that nothing could save this sin cursed world except this Gospel. And he applied himself with utter faithfulness to proclaim the saving Name. When he preached he stood as a flaming prophet of God. He spoke with power and authority. He spoke as though by his side, stood, visible to him, Jesus Christ, Whom he loved and Whose Word and saving life and death he preached.

As a preacher he had a strange power over his listeners. Now they stand in awe and shudder on the brink of the bottomless pit to which he has led them. The rising fumes stifle them and blind their eyes, and sin is a terror. Again, they cannot restrain their tears, and shouts of joy arise from their lips as he leads them to behold the glories of the Celestial city and they see the triumphant host of the redeemed passing in through the gates. From glory unto glory he leads until enraptured audiences by faith looked upon the Great White Throne and they saw Jesus. What moments of rapture! Such was his power as a preacher.

Tender pathos for the sinner and ringing denunciation of sin, all shot through with the wonderful love of Calvary, brought men weeping to the foot of the cross. He was a great preacher, judged by every standard. In every church, until the break came in his health, gracious revivals of religion came that literally swept thousands into the Kingdom.

One of the outstanding revivals came during his pastorate at Cape Charles, Virginia. Realizing the need of a stirring revival, the new preacher took to his knees and soon, as a result of prayer and flaming zeal and passionate sermons, a revival of religion broke out and a host were soundly converted unto the Lord. One hundred and fifty railroad men were converted in this meeting, among them the late Rev. John Clark of Delmar, who later entered the evangelistic field and rendered fruitful service through many years. At times during this meeting it was necessary to delay the departure of freight trains over the road because conductors, engineers and firemen were on their knees at the altar seeking the pardon of sin.

While every church that he served was blessed with an outpouring of



the spirit, manifested in gracious revivals of religion, at Frankford, Mt. Salem and Brandywine, as at Cape Charles, there were revivals of marvelous power, from which great results to the Kingdom followed. Young men were called to the ministry and into official relationship in the church and the boundaries of the Kingdom were pushed out wide.

He excelled as a pastor. And how essential is this quality in any minister. He knew his church thoroughly. He knew the men, women and children of the church and community. He entered their homes, and leaving, there remained a bit of the fragrance of Heaven. In his pastoral visitation many were led to Christ who could not be reached in the church. When he visited the aged and the infirm and the sick and those who knew great sorrow, he came truly as the representative of Jesus Christ. Many whom he comforted as a good minister will bless him to their dying day.

As a minister he exalted the office. His life was as pure as a sunbeam; his was the spirit of the Master. Gentle, kind, loving, forgiving, strong. All who knew him respected him and honored him, and every church to which he ministered stood high in the love and respect of the community. His presence in any place was a benediction.

Always a hard worker in his Master's vineyard, in his last appointment he went beyond his physical strength and in the fall of 1924 came the break. His nervous system was shattered. He made a brave fight, but it was God's plan for him to come home, and on January 7, 1925, he fell on sleep. All too early, it seems to us mortals, but God knew best. And after all,

"Can that man be dead  
Whose spiritual influence is upon his kind?  
He lives in glory; and his speaking dust  
Has more of life than half its breathing moulds."

Funeral services held in Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, Cambridge, Maryland, and in Mt. Salem Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, in charge of Rev. Luther E. Poole, were attended by a throng of ministers who came from far and near to pay their last respects to this brother beloved and by a sorrowing multitude of weeping people. Rev. L. E. Poole was assisted in the service by the Rev. L. M. Broadway, Rev. W. E. Greenfield, Rev. W. A. Wise and Rev. R. K. Stephenson, and by Rev. C. L. Hubbard who delivered the address. His body was laid to rest in the Mt. Salem Cemetery, there to await the glorious "Hope of a better resurrection."

CARLISLE L. HUBBARD.

#### THOMAS H. HARDING.

'Tis a delicate but no mean task to write an appreciation or to make an estimate of a soldier life. The genius of poets, the portraying power of men in literature, and the resources of historians, together with the eloquence of the orator, have been devoted to this worthy end. Yet his merits—his virtues, the splendid goal to which his aspirations lead him, the

wrongs he wishes to change, the right he wishes to maintain, give him an unfading glory that tongue nor pen can portray.

We pause today with bared head and befitting feeling before the shrine of our honored dead, to commemorate, in some fitting way, the lives of men "of whom the world was not worthy," and to pay a tribute too meager for noble men "who have followed in His train." One of these, Thomas H. Harding, was born at Still Pond, Maryland. There his early life was lived and in the public school he acquired his education. He entered a mercantile house as a clerk and during this period entered that regilious life which sustained him to the end. He early showed his Christian zeal by organizing a Sunday School at Betterton, Maryland, which had an unbroken history and developed into the present Methodist Episcopal Church of that town. These steps led him to the Christian ministry. The records show that he was accepted by the Wilmington Annual Conference by Admission on Trial at the Confernece of 1871.

For his companion and helpmate he chose Catharine M. Moffett to whom he was married in 1873, who was a cheer and inspiration to him until her death, which occurred December 17, 1899. There was born to them an only daughter, Florence H. Harding, who became the stay and comfort to her veteran father and now abides in her loneliness.

He was a devoted father. And to his only daughter who cared for him during his declining years, he was so unspeakably precious. He will live in her memory as a sacred influence. She sighs,

"For the touch of a vanished hand  
And the sound of a voice that is still."

His Conference class was composed of six young men. Of this number only one continues with us. None served more faithfully than did he. From the pastoral record we note the churches this faithful man of God served as follows: Denton, Hillsboro, Queenstown, Church Creek, Gales-town, Sharptown, Gumboro, Quantico, Mt. Vernon, Newark (Maryland), Stockton, Ingleside, Charlestown, St. George's and Stanton. After his retirement he became Pastor of Hockessin, Claymont, Richardson Park, and Hillcrest. While pastor of Hillcrest, the present church was erected.

Upon his retirement he located in Wilmington and with his daughter lived at 1011 W. 7th Street, and elected St. Paul's for his church home. When not in service, his presence was seen in her services and his genial spirit was a help to all who met him. Here he continued to pray and praise until failing strength proved too great a hindrance and his home became his shrine. For years this sainted man waited patiently for the end. On February 8th, he fell asleep and awoke beyond the river.

When he could no longer read, because of failing eyesight, he quoted from memory chapter after chapter of the Bible and was often heard singing this verse of his favorite hymn:

"O Thou, in Whose presence my soul takes delight,  
On Whom in affliction I call,  
My Comfort by day, and my song in the night,  
My hope, my salvation, my all."



Following a brief service at the home the funeral services were held in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, February 11th, at 2 P. M. They were conducted by the pastor, Dr. Hubbard, assisted by Rev. R. K. Stephenson, Rev. George W. Bounds, Rev. V. E. Hills, Rev. W. E. Habbart and the writer. He was placed to rest until the resurrection of the just in Mt. Salem Cemetery.

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

JAMES W. EASLEY.

#### JOHN WHITE.

The Rev. John White was born April 13, 1847, in Bucks County, Pa. He was educated in the public schools of Pennsylvania. When about twenty-one years of age he was brought under deep conviction for his sins. So mightily was he aroused that he had rest neither night nor day until he yielded his heart to Jesus. He was gloriously converted in the rolling mill of Siedel and Hastings, after spending several nights at the altar in the old Epworth Chapel. From that day until his translation he never had a doubt of his conversion or his sonship, but ever gave a clear definite testimony to the saving and keeping power of Jesus.

Brother White was twice married. Both of these companions preceded him to heaven. When he was twenty-two years old he was united in marriage to Miss Louise Proudfoot. To this union there were born ten children—seven sons and three daughters. Two of the sons and two daughters preceded him to the other world. Brother White gave two sons to the Methodist Episcopal ministry in the Wilmington Conference. They are Brothers Leonard and Frank White.

Mrs. White died September 18, 1899.

Our brother was for about fifty years active as a class leader, Sunday School Superintendent, and a talented and useful Local Preacher. In this relation he not only assisted his brethren of the regular ministry, but himself served as a supply preacher. Among the churches that he served acceptably was his own church of Epworth in 1882, and later, Bayside, Fairlee, and Christiana.

Brother White was a good man. He lived his religion and wherever he went among the sick, the lowly, or the aged, his life was a benediction. Often the writer, as his pastor, in visiting among the people would get in a few minutes after Brother White had called, and the grateful hearts would exclaim: "Brother White has just gone; we are always so glad to have him; he is such a good man."

The powers of darkness knew that in him they always had a tireless foe. He was a fighter. He gave no quarter to the enemies of righteousness and asked none. Our brother was always in his place at church, both on the Sabbath and at prayer meeting. The last night on earth he was at

prayer meeting, and, though always fervent in prayer, strangely lifted those present into the very presence of the Lord. Imagine our surprise to learn, early the next morning, that our beloved brother had slipped away from us in the night. He was ready, and while we all missed his familiar form and inspiring voice we knew he had gone home.

What a heritage is such a life to his children and his church. They are truly rich. The funeral services were conducted in Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, in charge of the writer. Not only was there a throng of his Epworth friends, but nearly every Methodist pastor and Sunday School Superintendent in the city was present, thus manifesting their love for this "Good Minister of Jesus Christ."

T. R. VAN DYKE.

#### SUSAN ELIZABETH ELLIS.

The subject of this memoir, Mrs. Susan Elizabeth Ellis, the daughter of James S. and Henrietta Matthews, was born near Locust Grove, Kent County, Maryland, January 9, 1870. Born of splendid Methodist parentage the daughter received excellent religious training in childhood and early in life gave herself to Christ and the work of the Church.

Her early education was obtained in the public schools of Kent County, Maryland. Later, in order to further equip herself for life's usefulness and service she attended what was then the Wilmington Conference Academy at Dover, Del.

On May 4, 1899, Miss Matthews married Rev. George R. Ellis, then a member of this Conference and stationed at Kenton, Del. Three children were born of this union: Robert, who crossed "The Great Divide" a year and a half previous to the mother's going; Ira, now a student in Delaware University; and Elizabeth, who makes her home with an aunt in Frankford, Del.

As stated above, Mrs. Ellis became a Christian early in life. She united with Union Methodist Episcopal Church near Whorton, Maryland, and was for a number of years the organist of the church and in many other ways rendered valuable service to the Kingdom.

Her religious life was not of the demonstrative type, but none the less true, deep, and sincere; characterized always by a tender childlike simplicity and confidence. Though of a quiet and retiring disposition, yet her gentle manner and even temperament, her shining face and helping hand won for her many loving and abiding friends wherever she went. She had a kind word for all, and censure for none. Yet withal she had firm and well established convictions upon the true and fundamental principles of life and could give expression to the same in no uncertain way whenever occasion arose.

In the various charges served by them Mrs. Ellis gave herself unstintedly to the work and thus became a large factor in the successes attained by Brother Ellis. No minister ever had more devoted or truer companionship than she gave to her husband. She accepted all their appointments as of the Lord and always sought to cheer and co-operate with her

companion to make the Lord's work prosper in his hands; seldom complaining but rather finding some good even in adverse circumstances. For 24 years she walked beside Brother Ellis in beautiful helpfulness, sharing with him the joys and triumphs, the trials and difficulties of the Methodist itinerancy until he entered through the gates into that city "Whose maker and builder is God."

But this separation was destined to be but a brief one. After the death of Brother Ellis in December, 1923, Sister Ellis, at the earnest solicitation of the good people of Millsboro, their last charge, continued to reside in the parsonage until Conference the following Spring. Then desiring to be with her son, a student at Delaware University, and thinking to make a home for him, she moved to Newark, Del., arriving Tuesday, April 8th. The following Friday afternoon, April 11th, while still engaged in setting the new home in order, growing tired and weary with the burdens and added responsibilities without the help and companionship of the man who had been so strong to bear the burdens for her, the physical strength gave out, and the heart suddenly failed. She sought rest upon the couch and called the daughter to her side. Realizing something of the serious condition of her mother, the daughter called a neighbor and summoned a physician. But the vitality was too nearly exhausted and in a few brief moments her spirit abandoned its tenement of clay and swept through the pearly gates triumphant, there to be reunited with the loved ones gone before.

Funeral services were held at Millsboro in charge of the Pastor, Rev. J. A. Buckson, and the writer. Loving friends crowded the church. From Millsboro the body was borne to Barrett's Chapel for a brief service and then laid to rest beside that of her husband in God's acre adjoining the Chapel; and now—

"She walks in soft white light,  
And summers high in bliss,  
Upon the hills of God."

J. L. SPARKLIN.

#### ANNIE ELIZA CLEAVER JONES.

Annie Eliza Cleaver Jones is no more so far as her bodily presence on earth is concerned. The translation took place in the Peninsula General Hospital at Salisbury, Md., in the early hours of Sunday morning, June 22, 1924, being forty-one years and three months of age, having been born near Wyoming, Del., March 10, 1883. Her parents were John B. and Martha Everson Cleaver. She attended the public schools of her native County and later took a course at Wilmington Conference Academy, now Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover, Del.

For two terms she taught in the public schools of Kent County, and then went to Newport, Del., to teach in the community where her mother's girlhood days had been spent. Many of those among her pupils here will long remember the fine influence wielded upon their lives by their teacher. It was while thus engaged that she was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church under the ministry of the late Rev. W. O. Hurst.

While a student at Dover she met Elwood W. Jones, also a student, she being at that time fifteen years of age and he eighteen. On June 14, 1906, this acquaintance culminated in their marriage in the Methodist Church at Newport, Del., the late Dr. W. G. Koons officiating, assisted by Rev. C. W. Strickland, Pastor of the Church. She began her parsonage life at Queenstown, Md., where, at the time of their marriage, her husband had been pastor for one year. Her subsequent years were spent at Bozman, Kenton, Millville, East New Market, Silverbrook, Wilmington and Snow Hill.

We think of her as having been an ideal Methodist Preacher's wife. To our personal knowledge her powers of adaptability were very exceptional and the splendid way in which she so unstintingly and completely gave herself to the work of the particular churches that were fortunate enough to have her as their pastor's wife is commendable in the highest degree. She was never robust, but so intense was her desire to serve that in spite of her physical handicaps she was her husband's efficient and unflinching helpmate.

Much of her work was with the young people, always teaching a class in the Sunday School and frequently she was used of the Holy Spirit in bringing youth into saving acquaintance with her Lord. Older folks felt that in her they had a real friend, and, as their pastor's wife, in her they confided and to her brought their problems. One of the last acts of her life was the writing of a will for a parishoner. Everybody felt welcome at the parsonage where she was mistress. She possessed the happy faculty of making everyone feel at home when in her presence. She herself was alike at ease with the poor and lowly as well as the rich and great.

She was fond of travel and had in recent years the pleasure of two trips to the middle West, as well as spending some weeks in Panama. Her observations as a traveler were used with telling effect in her work among the young people.

The splendid new parsonage at Snow Hill, second to none in the Conference, evidences the artistic bent of her mind in every room, for it was she who headed the Committee that planned for and bought the beautiful rugs and furniture.

She was a great inspiration to her husband in all his work, always lending a hand wherever needed. She did not hesitate to take charge of the services of the church in his absence. If someone were sick she was there, to nurse, to work, to advise, to pray. When death invaded the homes of their parish she was a veritable angel of light. But, as is so often the case, where there is a willing spirit prisoned in a frail body, she labored beyond her strength. Her last illness was of very brief duration. Taken ill on Friday, she partially gave up the usual duties of the home that she might conserve her strength for the work of the approaching Sabbath. When Sunday came, though far too weak to do so, she attended both morning and evening services. After the evening service the doctor was called and from then on she grew gradually worse, with what was finally diagnosed as acute Bright's disease. Her condition was such by the following Saturday that it was deemed wise to remove her to the hospital. Here

everything was done that could be done, but without avail, for as the night wore away hope for her recovery was gradually abandoned and at half past six, Sunday morning, the end came. And so, while on many previous Sabbath mornings she had wended her way to the house of the Lord here on earth, this Sabbath morning her released spirit took its flight back to the God who gave it.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two children, Martha Emily, born November 30, 1911, and Elwood William, born December 24, 1912.

Funeral services were conducted at the parsonage at Snow Hill the following Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, in charge of Dr. E. H. Dashiell, Supt. of Salisbury District, assisted by T. F. Beauchamp, J. W. Jones, W. L. Hess, H. P. Fox and the writer. Many other ministers of the Conference were present as well as the people of the church and community.

Interment in Riverview Cemetery, Wilmington, Del., took place next day at three o'clock. The services at the grave were conducted by Dr. E. H. Dashiell, assisted by Dr. J. W. Colona, R. K. Stephenson, J. A. Leach and L. E. Poole. Many other ministers and a large host of friends and former associates at Silverbrook Church were present.

"Hear what the voice from heaven proclaims

For all the pious dead!

Sweet is the savor of their names,

And soft their sleeping bed.

They die in Jesus, and are blest;

How kind their slumbers are!

From sufferings and from sins released,

And freed from every snare.

Far from this world of toil and strife,

They're present with the Lord:

The labors of their mortal life

End in a large reward."

L. B. MORGAN.

#### FANNIE GRIFFITH SMOOT.

Fannie Griffith Smoot, wife of our honored brother, T. C. Smoot, was born October 13, 1869, at Princess Anne, Maryland. Her parents, William J. and Drucilla Griffith, were staunch Methodists and devout Christians. Therefore, it was most natural that their daughter should, at the early age of 14, profess conversion. In January, 1883, she gave her name to the church and her life to the Lord.

On April 10, 1889, Fannie Griffith was married to Truston C. Smoot. She was in every way well fitted for the parsonage home. Gladly did she share in its responsibilities and hardships alike. Shoulder to shoulder she stood with her husband for more than a generation. From the date of her marriage until their retirement she proved a helpmeet indeed. She knew the Lord and loved his church. When drooping spirits would lag she was

always ready with a smile and a cheery word. She knew how to go the second mile just as though it was the first.

To Brother and Sister Smoot were born four sons. These abide still to comfort the father and face life under the inspiration of a godly mother's prayers.

The greatly impaired health of Brother and Sister Smoot necessitated the going into the Retired Relation at the Conference session in 1924. The weary toilers who had wrought faithfully for God, and frequently in most difficult fields, welcomed a chance to rest. Going to Denton, Maryland, into their own home, they began, as it were, anew. It was most like a second honeymoon. O how happy, in their own home, sitting at their own table, planting flowers in their own yard. It was such a welcome rest.

But beautiful as it all was, God had another plan—a plan that was so different that it wasn't easy to sing, "God's way is the best way." After a very brief illness he called her, September 9, 1924, to a land of ever-blooming flowers and immortal youth.

Besides her beloved husband she leaves four sons to mourn her going. Harvey is in Arizona, a mining chemist; Ralph is in business in Kansas City; while Aubrey and Merrill are students in the University of Maryland. These all have the richest of all legacies—the memory of a devoted wife and mother and the inspiration of a life well spent.

The funeral services were held September 12th from her late residence in Denton, Maryland, with a vast concourse of people present. Rev. E. H. Dashiell had charge and was assisted by several other ministers of the Conference. Then we laid her weary body to rest in a nearby cemetery, while silently each spoke to himself: She was a good servant of Jesus Christ, a loving companion and helpmeet to her husband, a self-sacrificing mother and a friend to all.

G. T. ALDERSON.

#### CARRIE MARGARET CLARK.

The subject of this memoir was the youngest daughter of Warren and Carrie K. Curlett. Through the teaching and influence of this Christian home she was converted early in life, and entered upon a path of consecration and usefulness soon after she connected herself with the Silverbrook Methodist Episcopal Church, in Wilmington, Delaware.

As a Christian she was consistent and consecrated. Her faith was intelligent and strong. Her love for Christ won for Him all of her activities. As a member of the church she was devoted and faithful in service.

She was a living and fruitful branch of the true vine. On May 18, 1920, she was united in marriage to the Rev. Claude W. Clark, of the Wilmington Conference, and with him entered upon the trying and responsible work of serving the Church, as the wife of one of its ministers. Most acceptably and faithfully did she fill the position. She was indeed a helpmate to her husband. In disinterested love she gave herself in humble service for the Kingdom of God and the Church.



Three years ago Brother Clark was appointed pastor of the church at Clayton, Delaware. With ready hand and loving heart this Christian woman entered upon her work. She was not long winning her way to the hearts of the people of Clayton. She was not only a devoted wife but a loving mother.

The closing weeks of her life were marked by intense suffering, but she endured as seeing Him who is invisible. Her mind was stayed on God, and so she was kept in perfect peace. On Thursday, February 5, 1925, calmly and sweetly, she came to the close of the journey, and peacefully passed to the beyond.

While we record her virtues, we cannot but regret, for the Church's sake, that she and so many like her, have of late been transferred from the scenes of this earthly life to the joys that are at God's right hand.

"The good die not; God calls our loved ones,  
But we lose not wholly what he hath given;  
They live on earth, in thought and deed, as truly  
As in heaven."

Funeral services were held at the home of her parents in Wilmington, Delaware, on Monday afternoon, February 9, 1925. The services were participated in by Rev. Omer E. Jones, District Superintendent of the Middletown District, Rev. Robert K. Stephenson, Rev. William A. Wise, Rev. John J. Bunting, Rev. Frank White, Rev. R. High Adams, and the writer, who had charge of the services. Musical selections were given by a quartet from Brandywine Methodist Episcopal Church. The services were largely attended by members and friends from the charges in which she and her husband had served with a number of the ministers of the Conference.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful, evidences of love and esteem. Her husband and little three year old daughter have our sympathy and prayers. The interment took place in the Silverbrook Cemetery, Wilmington, Delaware.

W. E. GREENFIELD.

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**SALLIE V. S. WEBSTER.**

Sallie V. S. Webster, widow of Rev. Z. H. Webster, died at her home in Denton, Maryland, February 11, 1925, in her sixty-sixth year, thus ending a most devoted and useful life.

Sister Webster was converted early in life and at once became active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which she was strongly attached. She was reserved and retiring in her disposition, but overcoming that she entered most heartily into the religious life of the community and caused the influence of her beautiful Christian character to be felt in a marked degree.

In November, 1902, she was married to the Rev. Z. H. Webster, and for seventeen years shared with him all the trials and triumphs of his ministry. She was a helpmate in the fullest sense of the word and with com-

plete loyalty and full devotion entered into the tasks of a pastor's wife. The people of the various appointments whom she served with him bear faithful record of her enthusiastic interest and helpfulness in her husband's work.

During the long and painful illness of Brother Webster she exercised to the fullest extent a spirit of cheerfulness and faith that made it easier for him to bear his intense suffering.

Shortly after his death she resumed her work as a teacher in the Sunday School and was at her post regularly until her afflictions compelled her to give up. For more than three months she was confined to her home by illness, much of the time suffering intensely. In all this her faith failed not and her interest in the church never faltered.

She delighted to have her friends come and sing with her, and greatly enjoyed the visits and ministry of her pastor as well as others who would call and pray with her. The forty-sixth Psalm was a favorite and she never tired of having it read to her.

Her life was a convincing evidence of Christ's power to save and her death was a triumph of faith. She leaves to her friends and community a heritage of great value.

Funeral services were conducted from her home by her pastor, Rev. C. N. Jones, with prayer by her friend, S. P. Shipman, and her remains were interred in Denton Cemetery by the side of her husband.

"She is not dead, but sleepeth."

C. N. JONES.

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**MARY A. O'NEILL.**

Mary A. O'Neill, widow of the late Rev. Wm. J. O'Neill, passed away at her home in Baltimore, April 17, 1924, in the eighty-ninth year of her age. The funeral services were held in Bethany M. E. Church, of which she had long been a member and were in charge of her pastor, Rev. John Jaeger, and a former pastor, Rev. Wm. A. Haggerty. Interment was in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Dr. Haggerty officiating.

She was loved by many friends and her children arise to call her blessed.

She is survived by three daughters and seven grandchildren.

A verse composed by her, as an Easter greeting to friends, just a few weeks before she was stricken, expresses the deep and abiding faith of a beautiful life:

"Beautiful, beautiful Easter,  
Type of that hallowed day  
When from His tomb, the angels  
Rolled the stone away.  
May all its glorious meaning  
Gladden for you life's way!"

EUNICE M. O'NEILL.



## 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 EF- 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	Nov. 13, 1880	Smyrna, Del.	67	43
1860	Thomas F. Plummer	Feb. 2, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	44	8
1833	Elijah Miller	Apr. 15, 1881	Sudlersville, Md.	71	49
1836	John W. Pierson	May 6, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1880	Francis B. Quigley	Aug. 19, 1881	Hopewell, Md.	27	2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman	Feb. 27, 1882	Newark, Md.	36	9
1865	Benj. W. Chase	Dec. 11, 1882	Seaford, Del.	48	17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack	June 24, 1883	Cambridge, Md.	67	46
1834	I. T. Cooper	Apr. 12, 1884	Camden, Del.	78	26
1829	Henry Colclazer	Dec. 18, 1884	Philadelphia, Pa.	75	55
1833	John L. Taft	May 30, 1884	Norristown, Pa.	72	41
1869	John Shilling	July 22, 1884	Wilmington, Del.	52	15
1842	Arthur W. Milby	June 13, 1886	Harrington, Del.	71	44
1840	Elon J. Way	July 5, 1886	Baltimore, Md.	75	26
1839	Valentine Gray	Jan. 21, 1887	Gap, Pa.	72	42
1881	Isaiah D. Johnson	Mar. 4, 1887	Bridgeville, Del.	33	6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil	Mar. 9, 1887	Church Hill, Md.	55	28
1854	Joseph Dare	Oct. 22, 1887	Newark, Del.	56	32
1886	Frank M. Morgan	Feb. 11, 1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	34	3
1849	William Merrill	Oct. 23, 1889	Upper 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 18, 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. Hynson	July 27, 1899	Smyrna, Del.	64	39
1845	Wm. E. England	Jan. 20, 1900	Philadelphia, Pa.	79	48
1857	Thos. S. Williams	Jan. 20, 1900	North East, Md.	65	41
1888	Chas. P. Swain	May 22, 1900	Deal's Island, Md.	41	12
1874	David F. Waddell	Dec. 20, 1900	Westminster, Md.	48	28
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 Sypher	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. Phoebeus	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	y
1868	I. G. Fosnocht	Dec. 3, 1913	Smyrna, Del.	65	4
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, Del.	62	34
1887	Ralph T. Coursey	Jan. 5, 1919	Wyoming, Del.	56	31
1885	James M. Mitchell	Sept. 25, 1919	Millington, Md.	61	32
1878	Charles A. Hill	Oct. 11, 1919	Smyrna, Del.	62	39
1870	Joseph A. Arters	Dec. 14, 1919	Cordova, Md.	86	40
1886	Clinton T. Wyatt	Feb. 7, 1920	Denton, Md.	56	34
1884	Daniel F. McFaul	Mar. 6, 1920	Wilmington, Del.	82	34
1878	Howard T. Quigg	Apr. 4, 1920	Newport, Del.	61	42

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1892	William O. Hurst	Aug. 4, 1920	Phoebus, Va.	54 28
1878	Gordon R. Neese	Feb. 10, 1921	Wilmington, Del.	62 41
1881	Frederick J. Cochran	Oct. 11, 1921	Hammonton, N. J.	71 40
1858	William W. Redman	Nov. 11, 1921	Lincoln, Del.	86 28
1869	Philip H. Rawlins	Dec. 10, 1921	Seaford, Del.	87 39
1887	Zach H. Webster	Feb. 24, 1922	Denton, Md.	63 33
1862	George S. Conaway	Feb. 25, 1922	Smyrna, Del.	86 44
1889	James W. Fogle	Feb. 26, 1922	Seaford, Del.	61 29
1888	William P. Compton	Mar. 11, 1922	Lansdowne, Pa.	63 20
1876	Louis E. Barrett	Mar. 25, 1922	Chestertown, Md.	78 43
1912	George W. Williams	Oct. 6, 1922	Mt. Vernon, Md.	50 10
1892	Wm. S. H. Williams	Mar. 3, 1923	Georgetown, Del.	71 25
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
1886	William G. Koons	May 14, 1924	Rising Sun, Md.	60 31
1866	James Esgate	Nov. 9, 1924	Riverside, Cal.	85 19
1888	Frank F. Carpenter	Jan. 7, 1925	Cambridge, Md.	58 36
1871	Thomas H. Harding	Feb. 8, 1925	Wilmington, Del.	84 35

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CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

No.	Date	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1	March 17, '69	Wilm'ton—Asbury	M. Simpson	S. L. Gracey
2	" 16, '70	Port Deposit	E. S. Janes	S. L. Gracey
3	" 8, '71	Dover	L. Scott	S. L. Gracey
4	Feb'y 21, '72	Laurel	E. R. Ames	T. E. Martindale
5	March 5, '73	Easton	L. Scott	T. E. Martindale
6	" 4, '74	Salisbury	L. W. Wiley	T. E. Martindale
7	" 17, '75	Smyrna	E. S. Janes	T. E. Martindale
8	" 15, '76	Wilm'ton—Union	L. Scott	T. E. Martindale
9	" 7, '77	Milford	E. R. Ames	T. E. Martindale
10	" 13, '78	Chestertown	R. S. Foster	T. E. Martindale
11	" 19, '79	New Castle	M. Simpson	T. E. Martindale
12	" 17, '80	Dover	E. G. Andrews	T. E. Martindale
13	" 16, '81	Lewes	Thos. Bowman	John D. Rigg
14	" 8, '82	Middletown	J. F. Hurst	John D. Rigg
15	" 7, '83	Cambridge	M. Simpson	John D. Rigg
16	" 5, '84	Wilm'ton—Asbury	W. L. Harris	John D. Rigg
17	" 12, '85	Snow Hill	S. M. Merrill	John D. Rigg
18	" 4, '86	Elkton	W. F. Mallalieu	John D. Rigg
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield	H. W. Warren	John D. Rigg
20	" 7, '88	Wilm'ton—Union	C. D. Foss	John D. Rigg
21	" 20, '89	Easton	R. S. Foster	John D. Rigg
22	" 26, '90	Milford	Thos. Bowman	John D. Rigg
23	" 19, '91	Centerville	C. H. Fowler	John D. Rigg
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray
25	" 15, '93	Middletown	S. M. Merrill	A. S. Mowbray
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury	J. H. Vincent	A. S. Mowbray
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna	J. F. Hurst	A. S. Mowbray
28	" 18, '96	Dover	H. W. Warren	A. S. Mowbray
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown	J. M. Walden	A. S. Mowbray
30	" 23, '98	Lewes	J. P. Newman	A. S. Mowbray
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge	C. D. Foss	A. S. Mowbray
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray
33	" 20, '01	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
57	" 25, '25	Wilm'n—McCabe	W. P. Thirkield	D. W. Jacobs

Hoffecker; McCabe, J. P. Larosch; Mt. Salem, C. A. Beck; Richardson Park, Fred McKinsey; Scott, Geo. N. Bailey; Silverbrook, F. E. Warrington; St. Paul's, E. C. Hardesty; Trinity, C. W. Cook, Jr.

### PROCEEDINGS.

The Lay Electoral Conference met in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilmington, Delaware, March 27, 1925. Brother W. Harry Jones led an inspiring testimony meeting beginning at 9:15 A. M.

The Conference was called to order at 10 A. M., by Enrolling Secretary, Clarence A. Short. Brother I. Elmer Perry was nominated and elected temporary Chairman. The Secretary called the roll and corrected it as far as possible by alternates responding instead of the regular delegates.

Brothers J. A. Ellegood, E. W. Tingle, J. E. Higman and Sister Ina W. Campbell were appointed Committee on Credentials. The Committee returned the following report: "We, your Committee on Credentials, recommend that the roll as checked by the Enrolling Secretary be accepted by this Lay Electoral Conference as the official roll, and that the roll of absentees be called at the opening of the afternoon session and the names of those answering be added to the regular roll of delegates." On motion, the resolution was adopted. One hundred and twenty-three delegates answered the roll.

The following were elected officers for this Conference: President, I. Elmer Perry; Secretary, Clarence A. Short; Assistant Secretary, John Shilling.

The President made a short address, thanking the Conference for the honor conferred upon him and called upon Dr. W. W. Davis, who spoke upon Sabbath Observance. He proposed a song he could not start, told some good stories and inordinately rapped the newspapers.

President Perry appointed the following Committees: On Resolutions—H. H. Nuttle, W. G. Abbott, A. O. German, T. H. Hudson, A. C. Humphries, Dr. Julius Dodd and Mrs. Sarah Hoffecker; On Relations with Annual Conference—E. C. Hardesty, Thos. N. Rawlins and W. Harry Jones.

A show of hands indicated that not all of the delegates were acquainted with Constitutional questions upon which the Conference must vote.

Brother W. H. Alderson moved that the debate on the two questions be limited to five minute speeches and no person to speak more than once except by permission of the Conference, seconded by the Secretary and passed.

The Secretary moved that the question of "Lay Representation in Annual Conference" be taken up for action. Carried.

Resolution as contained in Par. 614, 1924 Discipline, was read by Assistant Secretary Shilling.

The roll was ordered called again for additions or corrections.

Brother T. N. Rawlins spoke in explanation of the resolution. It was discussed by Brothers Alderson, Overdeer, German, the Secretary, McKenzie, W. O. Hoffecker, Humphries, C. M. Phillips, Conwell, Hardesty and Ellegood.

The vote was 86 for and 41 against. Moved and carried that the Noon recess be from one to two P. M.

Brother W. Harry Jones spoke for the Laymen's Association and the Washington Christian Advocate. He presented Mr. Andrew H. Phelps who also spoke for the Washington Advocate. Brother H. H. Nuttle spoke favoring the Advocate and also favoring the raising of \$1600, this Conference's share of the amount needed to make sure of the success of the Advocate for this year. He moved that the Laymen of the Wilmington Conference endorse the taking over from the Holding Committee the Washington Christian Advocate, pledge support of the Advocate and the sum necessary to meet the accrued deficit and immediate needs of the paper. Carried.

Brother C. M. Phillips spoke in favor of raising the money at once in the Lay Electoral Conference.

The following amounts were pledged: C. M. Phillips, \$100; H. H. Nuttle, \$100; W. Harry Jones, \$100; I. Elmer Perry, \$100; L. M. Price, \$50; L. S. Conwell, 20 subscriptions to Washington Christian Advocate.

The Secretary read resolutions adopted at last Lay Electoral Conference concerning Conference Claimants Endowment Fund, and spoke of the need of action thereon.

The meeting recessed at one P. M., to reconvene at 2 P. M. Brother J. A. Ellegood offered the closing prayer.

### Afternoon Session.

At 2:08 P. M., President Perry opened the afternoon session with the hymn, "A Charge To Keep I Have." Brother Wesley Weldin offered prayer.

The Assistant Secretary read the Plan of Unification and notice of the call for this Lay Electoral Conference. Brother E. C. Hardesty moved the adoption of the Plan. Brothers Alderson, Rawlins, A. G. Hummer, and Singleton spoke favoring the proposition. President Perry related experiences of his in the South showing favorable sentiment among the laymen of the M. E. Church, South.

The vote was 122 for and 0 against.

Rev. F. A. Lindhorst, Director of Religious Education, was now introduced and spoke of his work in the Wilmington Conference. Brothers Chandler, Rawlins, Stephens and Perry highly commended the work being done by Mr. Lindhorst.

A collection to defray expenses of the Conference was taken; amount \$45.42.

The President called upon the lay delegates to the General Conference for reports.

Brother Thos. N. Rawlins spoke first. His special topic was, "Ministerial Endowment and Claimants' Fund." He stated that it would need at least \$70,000 to take care in full of the Claimants of the Wilmington Conference. The number of Claimants is constantly increasing, faster than the funds to properly care for them. He outlined the plan before the General Conference for meeting the needs of the Claimants by means of in-



urance based upon percentage of salary paid by a charge, part of which is to be paid by the pastor. Brother Willis Overdeer and the Secretary also spoke on the subject.

Brother W. Harry Jones spoke of his experiences at the General Conference. He noted the mingling of nations, 26 all told. He spoke of the magnitude of some things done and described the great clock drawing the lesson of importance of time in the Master's work.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following resolutions, which were taken up in order.

#### I.—Carnivals.

WHEREAS, The Cecil County, Maryland, Grand Jury has instructed the States Attorney to suppress carnivals; and,

WHEREAS, The States Attorney has expressed his sympathy with the action and his determination to vigorously enforce the anti-gambling laws so flagrantly violated in the conduct of these carnivals; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Lay Electoral Conference indorse the action of the Grand Jury and the States Attorney and offer them its moral support, and also as a Conference condemn the holding of carnivals as now conducted.

On motion of Brother Thos. N. Rawlins it was unanimously adopted and referred to the Annual Conference for action.

#### II.—Resolution of Thanks.

Be it resolved by this Lay Electoral Conference of the Wilmington Conference that we extend to the Pastor and the Official Board of Holy Trinity Luthern Church our thanks for the use of their church for this session of our Conference.

Unanimously adopted.

Under miscellaneous business the liquor question, carnivals and Christian Citizenship were spoken upon by Brothers T. N. Rawlins, C. A. Short, W. H. Alderson, Henry Vinsinger and E. T. Seibert.

The Secretary was directed to send a telegram of sympathy and regret to Brother Orlando Harrison, a Lay Delegate to the last General Conference, who, on account of illness, was unable to be present.

Brother W. Harry Jones announced that so far only \$600 of the \$1600 needed for the financing of the Washington Advocate had been pledged. Representatives of the several districts pledged their quotas in full.

Adjourned.

I. ELMER PERRY, President.

CLARENCE A. SHORT,  
JOHN SHILLING,  
Secretaries.

#### 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. Caupsey, 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.  
1925—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. JeJannie 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.

## XVI.

# GENERAL STATISTICS

OF

## WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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N. C. BENSON, Statistician.

Assistants:

DOVER DISTRICT

L. E. Windsor, E. M. Shockley, R. W. Mills.

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT

G. E. Sterling, W. I. Donohoe, Leolan Jackson.

SALISBURY DISTRICT

D. A. Stockely, H. N. Bailey, S. T. Hamblin.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

A. W. Goodhand, O. B. Rice, G. T. Gehman.

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V. E. HILLS, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL  
DOVER DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership						Church Property										
	Received During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members			Deaths During Year	Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc.	Paid for Building and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Property	Present Indebtedness on Property	Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support		
			Prep'ry Mem.	Rec'd from P. M. or on Prof'n of Faith	Received by Transfer											Full Members on Roll Not Incl. Nonres't-Inactive Members	Non Resident-Inactive Members
1 Beckwith and Spedden	33	24	9	330	25	1	2	\$13000	1	\$2500	...	\$50	\$300	\$1400	\$365		
2 Bethel	42	42	2	221	10	2	2	11500	1	2500	...	450	...	...	174		
3 Blades and Epworth	87	88	28	225	...	4	3	12000	1	2000	...	400	...	...	450		
4 Bridgeville	2	69	2	373	...	5	1	6000	1	2500	1500	144	...	...	513		
5 Cambridge	31	31	...	621	...	...	1	125000	1	6500	...	3298	3073	2500	2100		
6 Camden	2	5	2	190	25	1	2	11000	1	4000	...	450	439	1190	250		
7 Canterbury	9	2	7	110	...	...	2	5000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
8 Church Creek and Taylors Island	3	3	13	143	11	...	3	8600	1	1500	...	...	...	...	140		
9 Crapo Dover	3	3	45	355	...	6	4	12000	1	2000	...	1145	...	...	647		
10 St. Paul's	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
11 Wesley	46	34	14	520	...	3	1	55000	1	8000	...	700	2100	3500	2120		
12 East New Market	...	13	28	290	10	3	3	9000	1	2500	...	375	...	...	400		
13 Ellendale	4	...	...	178	6	1	4	15000	1	600	...	...	...	...	250		
14 Elliott's Island	44	44	...	51	...	5	1	3500	1	600	...	...	...	...	75		
15 Farmington and Epworth	12	12	45	180	24	12	4	12300	1	1600	...	240	...	...	300		
16 Federalsburg	3	12	...	297	9	4	1	12000	1	5000	...	...	...	...	652		
17 Felton	14	...	14	270	70	1	3	16000	1	3000	...	1900	...	...	340		
18 Frederica	...	10	...	200	5	5	1	10000	1	3000	...	310	...	...	332		
19 Galestown	3	3	...	15	...	1	1	1200	1	1300	...	...	...	...	...		
20 Georgetown	10	21	11	414	20	2	1	25000	1	12000	...	335	218	1532	766		
21 Georgetown Circuit	38	10	43	282	23	4	4	7500	1	2000	...	500	...	...	395		
22 Greenwood	8	40	2	360	6	4	4	10000	1	1600	...	200	...	...	300		
23 Harrington	29	22	15	238	25	4	1	10000	1	4000	...	2100	...	...	578		
24 Hooper's Island	12	14	12	191	8	1	2	5000	1	3500	...	...	...	...	200		
25 Houston	5	5	...	220	...	3	3	6500	1	3200	...	...	...	...	...		
26 Hurlock	...	25	4	191	12	2	1	8000	1	8100	...	4107	...	3393	400		
27 Lakesville	(6)	...	...	80	...	3	3	6000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
28 Laurel	240	90	160	800	17	5	1	55000	1	5000	...	1000	6000	4000	1500		
29 Leipsic	6	6	...	90	9	...	2	7000	1	1800	...	50	...	...	563		
30 Lewes	...	20	6	340	23	8	1	25000	1	3500	...	380	2240	1281	...		
31 Lincoln	20	14	...	370	8	1	3	12500	1	3000	...	829	...	...	375		
32 Little Creek	...	2	...	62	...	1	2	4800	1	1500	...	162	...	...	146		
33 Magno'ia & Bar'ts Ch	2	2	...	220	...	1	3	8500	1	2800	...	350	...	...	400		
34 McKendree	3	3	1	15	...	...	...	1000	...	...	...	...	...	...	50		
35 Milford	2	9	54	581	53	7	1	40000	1	7500	...	...	...	...	3562		
36 Milford Neck	20	20	...	70	2	...	1	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	25		
37 Millsboro	65	65	2	118	5	3	1	6000	1	5500	...	7000	...	...	450		
38 Milton	...	8	6	190	3	2	1	14000	1	3000	...	90	...	...	400		
39 Mt. Pleasant	30	...	30	258	...	10	3	6000	1	3000	...	1500	16	...	100		
40 Nassau	61	65	...	377	...	4	3	15000	1	1000	...	150	...	...	135		
41 Rehoboth	1	...	...	222	12	4	2	12500	1	2500	...	300	100	300	600		
42 Reliance	...	5	...	190	8	3	3	5000	1	3000	...	...	...	...	100		
43 Seaford	25	90	10	500	...	10	1	12000	1	2500	...	250	...	...	1700		
44 Seaford Circuit	6	19	...	391	12	2	4	12000	1	2500	...	...	...	...	1700		
45 Vienna	48	50	1	122	124	7	5	7000	1	2000	...	300	...	...	...		
46 Williamsburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
47 Wyoming	...	20	22	200	...	1	1	10000	1	4000	...	700	...	...	200		
48 Zoar Circuit	48	21	27	214	...	5	4	5000	...	...	...	130	...	...	...		
Total	1044	950	699	202	18095	442	146	105	685900	43	141100	1500	29963	12626	20055	25284	

STATISTICAL  
DOVER DISTRICT.

List No.	Sunday Schools											Total Enroll't in all Depts. Incl. Cradle Roll, Home Dept., Off's, Teach's, Pu'ls	Average Attendance of all Grades	Pupils incl. Home Dept. who are Church Mem'bers or Preparatory Mem'bers	Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.	Paid by Sunday School to World Service	Paid for Sunday School Supplies	Senior Members	Junior Members	
	Schools on Charge	Schools Using Graded Lessons	Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled							Home Department									
				Cradle Roll	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	Young People										Adults
1	2	40	44	30	26	30	41	20	30	75	325	150	9	165	75	70	...			
2	3	30	34	20	30	50	30	25	15	106	296	185	198	25	30	40	...			
3	3	34	30	20	30	20	25	10	90	68	340	200	275	40	125	170	...			
4	1	18	10	20	35	30	20	25	10	90	326	110	150	2	160	225	75	...		
5	1	39	62	64	82	106	101	30	20	154	686	304	472	26	910	310	75	...		
6	1	18	22	16	13	21	20	8	5	25	170	80	83	2	48	103	...			
7	2	27	28	16	8	10	11	14	16	39	102	80	75	...	50	30	30	...		
8	2	20	7	8	23	11	32	...	...	36	137	80	88	3	75	40	...			
9	4	2	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	394	225	75	25	400	260	81	...		
10	2	2	30	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	60	10	2	...	35	...			
11	1	1	31	34	20	32	56	25	30	18	361	190	275	36	304	395	28	...		
12	3	1	44	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	475	200	130	24	305	150	100	25	...	
13	4	1	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	395	276	175	4	125	115	20	...		
14	1	3	47	10	30	25	30	18	32	...	113	65	60	40	60	55	...			
15	4	3	47	10	30	25	30	18	32	...	355	254	...	...	105	127	80	...		
16	1	1	32	22	25	40	60	14	15	26	394	179	224	2	550	242	22	25	...	
17	3	1	40	12	15	24	60	21	20	40	290	185	10	5	190	148	35	...		
18	1	1	29	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	166	60	50	10	117	95	...			
19	1	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	40	...	...	23	7	...			
20	1	1	34	39	40	28	40	39	33	25	366	150	204	11	541	253	...			
21	4	1	62	29	28	27	14	61	42	87	449	210	305	35	95	102	...			
22	4	1	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	520	280	520	8	70	300	40	...		
23	1	1	25	35	20	44	25	15	25	15	305	140	180	29	303	409	25	30		
24	2	3	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	234	172	42	12	60	122	...			
25	3	3	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	273	120	...	...	100	125	40	...		
26	1	1	32	20	30	30	18	18	20	18	254	125	165	6	...	350	89	...		
27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
28	1	1	45	50	53	100	77	60	35	100	675	308	65	40	380	175	120	...		
29	1	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90	60	25	10	31	20	...			
30	1	1	38	33	48	27	48	44	98	83	601	186	289	...	153	360	...			
31	1	1	30	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	336	135	284	9	82	168	...			
32	2	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	118	50	8	...	16	35	...			
33	3	3	32																	

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NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS.	Ministerial Support										Bap-tisms		
		Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.	Support Bishop		Support Conf. C'l'mnts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized	
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage		Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid					
		Total Claim incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Total Paid incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.		Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid						
1 Beckwith & Sped'n	G. W. Kliver	\$1100	\$1050	\$100	\$77	\$77	\$22	\$12	\$165	\$90	\$1229	\$135	10	.....
2 Bethel	C. R. Dutton	1100	1100	100	77	77	22	22	165	93	1292	72	15	4
3 Blades & Epworth	R. W. Mills	1500	1500	100	105	105	27	27	202	202	1834	.....	52	1
4 Bridgeville	W. L. White	1900	1900	200	133	133	42	42	285	285	2360	.....	6	.....
5 Cambridge	L. W. Layfield	2900	2900	400	203	203	58	58	435	435	3596	.....	1	.....
6 Camden	J. S. Eldridge	1800	1800	200	122	122	33	33	248	248	2203	.....	5	.....
7 Canterbury	R. W. Campbell	550	550	.....	38	38	12	12	83	58	658	25	.....	.....
8 Church Creek and Taylor's Island.	H. M. Smith	1100	1080	100	77	77	22	22	165	65	1244	120	30	1
9 Crapo Circuit	W. D. Short	1600	1600	100	112	112	32	32	240	200	1944	40	35	2
10 Dover—St. Paul's.	H. E. Truitt	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11 Wesley	Leonard White	2800	2800	300	196	196	56	56	420	420	3472	.....	4	.....
12 E. N. Market	J. H. Whedbee	1600	1600	200	112	112	32	32	240	240	1984	.....	11	.....
13 Ellendale	Alonzo Travers	1040	1040	40	65	65	18	18	111	55	1178	56	.....	.....
14 Elliott's Island	Harlan Ralph	704	740	40	51	51	5	.....	96	10	801	91	25	2
15 Farming'n & Ep'h	H. N. Bailey	1160	1160	150	80	80	23	23	174	150	7413	24	28	4
16 Federalsburg	F. C. Macsorley	2000	2000	200	140	140	40	40	285	285	2465	.....	9	.....
17 Felton	W. F. Dawson	1550	1550	150	108	108	31	31	218	218	1907	.....	7	.....
18 Frederica	G. E. Wood	1250	1250	150	87	87	25	25	188	188	1542	.....	8	.....
19 Galestown	E. S. Tyler	600	520	100	38	38	11	11	75	.....	569	155	80	1
20 Georgetown	G. W. Dawson	2500	2500	300	175	175	50	50	375	375	3100	.....	6	.....
21 " Circuit	W. I. Donohoe	1400	1400	100	98	98	28	28	165	165	1691	.....	44	2
22 Greenwood	C. W. Spry	1200	1265	100	84	84	24	24	180	180	1553	.....	12	2
23 Harrington	E. H. Collins	1700	1700	200	119	119	30	30	255	216	2065	39	15	1
24 Hooper's Isl.	Chas. H. Hudson	1500	1500	100	105	105	26	26	180	50	1681	130	16	.....
25 Houston	S. T. Hamblin	1300	1300	100	91	91	26	26	195	63	1480	132	8	.....
26 Hurlock	G. S. Allen	2103	2100	300	140	140	40	40	300	150	2430	150	4	.....
27 Lakesville	W. A. Freeman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	(18)	.....
28 Laurel	E. P. Thomas	2650	2650	250	185	185	53	53	353	353	3241	.....	10	3
29 Leipsic	H. M. Parks	600	600	100	42	42	12	12	90	.....	654	90	6	.....
30 Lewes	M. S. Andrews	2200	2200	200	154	154	44	44	300	300	2698	.....	5	.....
31 Lincoln	J. H. Thornton	1200	1190	100	84	84	24	20	180	150	1360	44	24	2
32 Little Creek	J. R. Diehl	1000	1000	100	68	68	19	10	146	4	1082	151	.....	.....
33 Magnolia & Bar. C.	D. J. Ford	1400	1400	200	98	98	27	20	210	180	1698	37	7	.....
34 McKendree	G. S. Allen	175	175	.....	12	12	3	3	14	14	204	.....	8	.....
35 Milford	D. W. Jacobs	3100	3100	300	217	217	55	55	435	435	3807	.....	28	3
36 Milford Neck	G. E. Wood	300	300	.....	21	21	6	6	45	40	367	5	1	.....
37 Millsboro	J. A. Buckson	1700	1700	200	119	119	33	33	255	255	2107	.....	35	4
38 Milton	J. C. McCoy	1700	1700	200	119	119	34	34	255	255	2108	.....	8	.....
39 Mt. Pleasant	W. B. Horner	1600	1600	250	101	101	29	25	165	165	1881	14	12	.....
40 Nassau	L. T. McLain	1100	1100	100	77	77	19	10	150	121	1308	38	10	1
41 Rehoboth	N. C. Benson	1350	1350	150	94	94	27	27	202	202	1673	.....	2	.....
42 Reliance	W. C. Buckson	1100	1100	100	77	77	22	22	165	120	1319	45	12	.....
43 Seaford	W. V. Moore	2200	2203	200	154	154	42	42	330	330	2726	.....	25	4
44 Seaford Circuit	E. H. Marshall	1200	1400	200	98	98	28	28	210	210	1736	.....	.....	.....
45 Vienna	A. G. Thomas	1200	1200	100	84	84	24	24	165	8	1316	157	14	.....
46 Williamsburg	Harry Thompson	950	950	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
47 Wyoming	J. A. Hudson	1300	1300	100	91	91	20	20	150	150	1361	.....	3	.....
48 Zoar Circuit	Conrad Hamer	725	725	.....	50	50	14	14	50	50	859	.....	25	.....
Total		68590	68695	6980	4765	4765	1304	1227	9564	7834	83762	1967	687	40

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	World Service	Children's Day Fund	Woman's Foreign Mis-sionary Society	Woman's Home Mis-sionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Hospitals and Homes	City Missionary or Chu'h 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	Annual Conf. Investm'ts for Conf. Claimants	General Conference Expenses	Local Preachers	Subscribers to the Advo-cates	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society
1 Beckwith and Spedden	167	.....	21	.....	73	262	.....	5	2	3	3	6	19	.....	2	.....	.....	200
2 Bethel	75	.....	42	.....	116	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3 Blades & Epw.	260	.....	5	.....	265	.....	10	10	5	5	5	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4 Bridgeville	789	.....	10	119	108	1026	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	43	82	.....	.....	.....	.....
5 Cambridge	1396	.....	.....	270	1666	.....	20	20	10	17	17	247	314	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6 Camden	324	.....	8	84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	267	302	.....	.....	.....	.....
7 Canterbury	110	.....	5	.....	416	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	16	126	258	.....	.....	.....
8 Church Creek & Taylor's Isl.	195	.....	5	.....	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	5	8	23	.....	.....	.....
9 Crapo	700	.....	14	.....	714	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	14	115	144	.....	.....	.....
10 Dover St. Paul's	60	.....	2	.....	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11 Wesley	1680	.....	10	287	251	2228	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	25	30	385	505	.....	.....
12 E New Market	150	.....	2	.....	2	.....	36	30	2	16	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13 Ellendale	45	.....	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	10	10	32	62	.....	.....
14 Elliott's Island	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15 Farmington & Epworth	117	.....	5	.....	122	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	10	5	21	41	.....	.....
16 Federalsburg	1341	.....	10	311	.....	1662	.....	32	.....	20	18	20	216	307	.....	.....	.....	.....
17 Felton	313	.....	8	.....	116	437	43	15	.....	18	14	15	178	283	.....	.....	.....	.....
18 Frederica	365	.....	10	45	103	523	10	5	.....	5	11	10	122	162	.....	.....	.....	.....
19 Galestown	30	.....	3	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20 Georgetown	1338	138	10	18	107	1611	20	45	25	22	22	25	310	469	.....	.....	.....	.....
21 Georgetown Ct	185	.....	5	.....	190	.....	3	10	.....	15	13	12	54	107	.....	.....	.....	.....
22 Greenwood	125	.....	7	.....	130	.....	10	20	10	15	11	12	21	99	.....	.....	.....	.....
23 Harrington	480	.....	7	25	.....	512	5	12	2	12	15	15	212	273	.....	.....	.....	.....
24 Hooper's Isl'd.	150	.....	3	.....	153	.....	3	10	3	8	14	10	40	88	.....	.....	.....	.....
25 Houston	200	.....	20	.....	220	.....	12	.....	.....	13	12	104	141	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26 Hurlock	903	.....	36	60	126	1125	.....	5	.....	20	18	5	96	144	.....	.....	.....	.....
27 Lakesville	50	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28 Laurel	1232	.....	5	137	159	1533	20	5	.....	15	24	32	174	274	.....	.....	.....	.....
29 Leipsic	55	.....	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30 Lewes	1100	.....	55	43	180	1378	.....	34	.....	26	20	24	195	299	.....	.....	.....	.....
31 Lincoln	140	.....	2	.....	142	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	8	8	23	47	.....	.....	.....	.....
32 Little Creek	25	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	6	6	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33 Mag. & Bar Chp	176	.....	4	.....	180	.....	60	.....	10	.....	.....	5	27	102	.....	.....	.....	.....
34 McKendree	11	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35 Milford	2600	.....	15	316	188	3119	.....	.....	.....	30	28	17	368	443	.....	.....	.....	.....
36 Milford Neck	40	.....	5	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37 Millsboro	200	.....	5	.....	205	.....	10	20	5	15	15	15	95	175	.....	.....	.....	.....
38 Milton	696	.....	7	88	.....	791	12	20	.....	14	15	12	92	167	.....	.....	.....	.....
39 Mt. Pleasant	200	.....	.....	.....	202	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	10	6	9	30	.....	.....	.....	.....
40 Nassau	215	.....	5	.....	220	.....	3	5	.....	8	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (Prep'y Mem., Full Members), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, etc.), and Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support.

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Table with columns: Sunday Schools (List No., Schools on Charge, Pupils Enrolled by grade), Epw'th League (Senior Members, Junior Members), and various attendance and enrollment statistics.



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NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Baptisms		
		Support of Pastor		Support District Supt.	Support Bishops	Support Conf. Cl'mnts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized			
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent			Claim	Paid							
		Rental Value of Parsonage	Total Claim incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Total Paid incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Claim	Paid								
1 Bayside.....	F. A. Baker.....	\$1100	\$1100	\$100	70	70	22	22	165	100	1292	65	8	1
2 Bozman & Neavitt	J. P. Kelley.....	1250	1250	150	88	88	25	25	173	173	1536	.....	14	7
3 Burrsville.....	E. N. Wright.....	1200	1200	120	75	75	24	24	180	.....	1299	.....	7	.....
4 Cecilton.....	J. T. Rowleson ..	2150	2150	150	140	140	43	43	293	293	2626	.....	18	.....
5 Centreville.....	Frank White.....	2200	2200	400	126	126	44	44	330	330	2700	.....	14	.....
6 Chestertown.....	T. J. Sard.....	2750	2750	500	157	157	53	53	375	375	3335	.....	5	1
7 Cheswold.....	C. E. Davis.....	1050	1050	150	63	63	22	22	158	158	1293	.....	3	.....
8 Church Hill.....	W. S. Grant.....	1650	1650	150	120	120	33	33	248	200	2000	48	9	.....
9 Clayton.....	C. W. Clark.....	1900	1900	300	112	112	20	20	285	125	2157	160	9	.....
10 Concord.....	C. H. Atkins.....	1300	1300	100	84	84	26	26	195	55	1465	140	1	.....
11 Cordova.....	J. H. McRill.....	1150	1050	150	70	63	23	10	203	75	1198	248	6	.....
12 Crumpton.....	J. H. Gardner.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	33	33	255	150	1988	105	9	.....
13 Denton.....	C. N. Jones.....	2100	2100	300	126	126	42	42	315	315	2583	.....	1	.....
14 Easton.....	W. H. Briggs.....	2800	2800	400	168	168	56	56	415	400	3424	15	9	.....
15 Fairlee.....	S. L. Hanby.....	1400	1400	200	84	84	27	27	210	160	1671	50	21	4
16 Galena.....	G. E. Sterling.....	2000	2000	200	126	126	35	35	300	250	2411	50	6	1
17 Greensboro.....	W. O. Bennett.....	2000	2000	200	126	126	39	39	292	200	2365	92	25	.....
18 Henderson.....	Samuel Cawman.....	1050	1026	100	67	67	21	21	158	55	1169	127	1	.....
19 Hillsboro.....	W. T. McGuire.....	1450	1450	150	91	91	29	29	233	120	1690	113	2	.....
20 Kent Island.....	R. C. Jones.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	34	34	240	150	1989	90	12	.....
21 Kenton.....	J. W. Sutton.....	1350	1150	150	84	70	.....	.....	180	100	1320	321	3	4
22 Maryland.....	J. E. Parker.....	1275	1245	75	84	84	27	27	162	162	1518	30	10	.....
23 Middletown.....	E. W. McDowell ..	2500	2500	300	154	154	50	50	375	375	3079	.....	18	.....
24 Millington & Dly	G. F. Newton.....	1250	1280	150	77	80	25	26	218	197	1583	21	2	1
25 Odessa & Friend'p	R. S. Hodgson.....	1350	1350	150	84	84	27	27	203	203	1664	.....	7	1
26 Oxford.....	W. P. Taylor.....	1250	1250	200	73	73	25	25	188	90	1438	98	7	.....
27 Piney Neck.....	T. S. Barrett.....	775	775	75	49	49	16	14	116	42	880	76	12	.....
28 Pomona.....	W. L. McClintock..	950	950	100	60	60	19	19	135	50	1079	85	9	5
29 Preston.....	J. P. Outten.....	2000	2000	200	126	126	40	40	300	300	2466	.....	6	.....
30 Queenstown.....	H. Covington.....	1180	1095	180	70	70	22	22	195	65	1252	215	29	1
31 Ridgely.....	M. E. Wheatley.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	34	34	255	255	2094	.....	11	.....
32 Rock Hall.....	W. H. Revelle.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	30	30	255	100	1935	155	14	.....
33 Royal Oak.....	R. L. Kirby, Jr.....	900	900	150	73	73	18	10	135	10	993	230	10	.....
34 St. Michaels.....	Tilghman Smith.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	34	34	255	255	2094	.....	5	.....
35 Salem Circuit.....	L. P. Corkran.....	550	550	.....	39	39	11	11	83	85	685	.....	2	.....
36 Smyrna.....	J. J. Bunting.....	3250	3250	250	210	210	64	64	413	413	3937	.....	13	1
37 Still Pond & Be'n	E. M. Shockley.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	34	34	255	200	2039	55	4	.....
38 Sudlersville.....	Leolan Jackson.....	1800	1800	200	112	112	36	36	270	270	2218	.....	2	.....
39 Tilghman's Is.....	J. W. Wootten.....	1700	1700	100	112	112	34	34	255	200	2046	55	12	1
40 Townsend.....	O. H. Connelly.....	1600	1600	200	98	98	32	32	240	240	1970	.....	18	1
41 Trappe.....	D. J. Moore.....	1350	1350	150	84	84	27	27	203	150	1611	53	6	.....
42 Wye Mills & Starr	J. D. Reese.....	900	887	100	60	50	14	14	128	50	1001	101	5	.....
Total.....		66630	66208	7750	4172	4144	1270	1248	9842	7496	79583	2864	385	22

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	World Service	Children's Day Fund	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	1/2 Salary Conference Entertainment	Director of Religious Education	Other Items	Total Benevolences Ord'd by Annual Conference	Annual Conf. Investm'ts for Conf. Claimants	General Conference Expenses	Local Preachers	Subscribers to the Advertisements	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society	
																			On Apportionment
1 Bayside.....	303	5	6	.....	314	2	.....	10	10	8	96	126	.....	2	2	5	1060		
2 Bozman.....	210	.....	.....	.....	215	8	2	10	11	8	21	60	.....	2	2	12	336		
3 Burrsville.....	35	10	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	20	11	6	4	31	.....	.....	2	10	.....		
4 Cecilton.....	772	.....	.....	.....	772	10	25	20	20	18	117	220	.....	.....	.....	8	1186		
5 Centreville.....	536	5	70	91	702	.....	.....	20	18	18	127	173	100	.....	.....	3	726		
6 Chestertown.....	2358	.....	368	139	2865	125	45	25	22	10	661	888	.....	.....	.....	52	94		
7 Cheswold.....	315	25	.....	.....	340	.....	21	.....	10	9	10	54	104	.....	1	4	.....		
8 Church Hill.....	150	5	4	.....	163	10	5	10	15	10	49	99	.....	3	1	12	250		
9 Clayton.....	311	.....	4	.....	311	5	.....	16	10	15	46	.....	.....	.....	1	2	679		
10 Concord.....	350	5	.....	.....	355	36	3	12	12	15	66	134	.....	1	12	.....	.....		
11 Cordova.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	48	58	.....	.....	.....	2	285		
12 Crumpton.....	257	5	.....	.....	262	40	5	5	15	.....	11	76	.....	.....	1	1	300		
13 Denton.....	894	5	47	.....	946	5	.....	10	18	19	10	62	.....	7	21	2	281		
14 Easton.....	1050	6	444	311	1811	.....	.....	20	24	5	51	100	.....	.....	5	300	.....		
15 Fairlee.....	227	45	.....	.....	272	32	5	10	12	8	12	79	.....	.....	.....	5	135		
16 Galena.....	200	3	10	.....	213	.....	.....	10	18	10	23	61	.....	.....	5	310	.....		
17 Greensboro.....	615	5	136	.....	756	15	.....	10	18	10	82	135	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
18 Henderson.....	105	20	.....	.....	125	.....	3	5	10	.....	10	28	.....	3	.....	2	100		
19 Hillsboro.....	112	3	.....	.....	115	42	5	12	13	13	52	137	.....	.....	.....	1	.....		
20 Kent Is.....	500	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	10	10	55	75	.....	.....	.....	8	300	.....		
21 Kenton.....	61	.....	.....	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
22 Maryland.....	159	6	.....	.....	155	20	12	12	12	6	23	85	.....	4	18	50	.....		
23 Middletown.....	1110	10	314	537	1971	45	25	25	22	12	237	346	.....	.....	.....	35	311		
24 Millington.....	506	15	42	141	709	26	26	10	13	8	38	121	.....	2	1	6	36		
25 Odessa.....	535	11	22	59	627	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	83	95	.....	.....	.....	5	.....		
26 Oxford.....	165	84	3	31	283	5	3	10	10	5	88	121	.....	1	6	75	.....		
27 Piney N'k.....	43	3	.....	.....	46	5	7	.....	.....	.....	12	40	.....	.....	.....	2	228		
28 Pomona.....	115	3	.....	.....	118	.....	.....	5	5	.....	27	47	.....	1	2	300	.....		
29 Preston.....	382	30	42	.....	454	20	25	20	20	18	85	168	.....	.....	1	2	300		
30 Queensto'n.....	88	.....	.....	.....	88	.....	.....	10	10	.....	10	45	.....	.....	.....	2	303		
31 Ridgely.....	107	.....	98	.....	205	27	5	5	15	13	43	95	.....	.....	.....	4	376		
32 Rock Hall.....	214	5	.....	.....	219	.....	.....	15	10	30	45	.....	.....	.....	6	300	.....		
33 Royal Oak.....	74	5	4	.....	83	.....	.....	15	10	5	15	22	.....	.....	.....	5	239		
34 St. Michael's.....	595	5	17	.....	627	20	20	15	15	8	39	117	.....	.....	.....	1	125		
35 Salem Ct.....	110	5	.....	.....	115	5	.....	10	5	6	10	41	5	.....	.....	48	1792		
36 Smyrna.....	2886	.....	123	317	3326	5	.....	30	30	11	359	437	.....	.....	11	653	.....		
37 Still Pond.....	979	5	211	.....	1205	53	20	15	15	8	43	156	.....	.....	.....	22	178		
38 Sudlersville.....	920	5	4	.....	929	40	20	10	16	17	76	179	.....	.....	.....	4	300		
39 Tilghm'ns.....	400	.....	.....	.....	400	23	10	10	16	15	19	93	.....	.....	.....	12	135		
40 Townsend.....	775	.....	.....	.....	775	.....	.....	15	14	10	176	140	.....	3	12	135	.....		
41 Trappe.....	202	5	.....	.....	207	5	.....	10	10	.....	15	47	.....	.....	10	75	.....		
42 Wye.....	50	5	10	.....	65	5	5	5	5	8	6	40	.....	.....	.....	3	.....		
Total.....	19786	102	270	1993	1599	23744	608	352	38	441	551	338	2970	5315	108	21	14	370	15873

STATISTICAL

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership							Church Property									
	Received During Year	Now on Roll	Prep'y Mem.	Full Members				Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc.	Paid for Buildings and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Property	Present Indebtedness on Property	Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support	
				Rec'd from P. M. or on Prof'n of Faith	Received by Transfer	Full Mem'rs on Roll Not incl. Nonres't-Inactive Mem'rs	Non Resident-Inactive Mem'rs										Deaths During Year
1 Annessex	1	167	2	2	8500	1	\$2000	\$150						\$200			
2 Ayres Chapel	2	140	3	2	6500	1		1400									
3 Berlin	3	281	5	1	25000	1		3500					\$100	\$300	175		
4 Bishopville	72	336	15	3	8000	1		1500							784		
5 Cape Charles	18	242	16	3	12000	1		10000							175		
6 Chincoteague	65	158	46	6	30000	1		3000							875		
7 *Claremont	18	107	5	18	2000	1		1500									
8 Crisfield-Asbury	6	645	6	6	12500	1		5000							167		
9 Immanuel	14	1217	18	34	50000	1		5000							1500		
10 Dagsboro & St. Ge'ges	26	460	26	13	9000	1		4000							2783		
11 Deal's Island	10	180	10	4	40000	1		2500							850		
12 Delmar	90	508	10	10	15000	1		10000							1600		
13 Fairmount	13	208	6	10	15000	1		2300							238		
14 Frankford	57	247	57	7	10000	1		2000							225		
15 Fruitland	16	238	12	9	12000	1		2700							455		
16 Girdletree	10	300	10	8	9500	1		3000							225		
17 Gumboro	20	295	20	1	10000	1		1500							160		
18 Hebron	3	97	1	4	15000	1		2500							205		
19 Holland's Island																	
20 Mardeia Springs																	
21 Marion	10	116	10	6	7000	1		2500							120		
22 Mt. Vernon	4	135	4	10	12500	1		3000							200		
23 Nanticoke	17	229	17	7	12000	1		4500							340		
24 Newark	1	191	1	1	9500	1		1500							170		
25 Ocean City	8	202	8	2	12000	1		2500									
26 Ocean View & Millvie	33	162	31	2	22000	1									210		
27 Onancock	26	298	26	5	12800	1		2500							300		
28 Parsonsburg	2	214	2	1	8000	1		5000							362		
29 Phoebus	1	235	1	10	7000	1		1200							360		
30 Pittsville	1	152	1	3	45000	1		4500							400		
31 Pocomoke	16	310	10	20	9000	1		3500							200		
32 Pocomoke Circuit	60	458	22	15	30000	1		15000							1400		
33 Powellville	27	150	15	12	5000	1		1600							125		
34 Princess Anne	10	305	12	2	6000	1		2500							125		
35 Quantico	20	276	13	12	30000	1		6000							610		
36 Roxana	4	230	4	2	9500	1		2000							140		
37 St. Peter's	52	290	36	10	7000	1		1500									
38 Salisbury-Asbury	6	314	6	4	10000	1		3000							350		
39 Salisbury Circuit	45	1000	10	68	10000	1		12000							3000		
40 Selbyville	30	250	15	12	16000	1		3300							500		
41 Sharptown	79	435	85	7	30000	1		3000							950		
42 Smokeoke Circuit	2	256	2	4	8000	1		4000							1005		
43 Smith's Island	158	348	146	36	26000	1		1500							250		
44 Snow Hill	1	352	3	17	30000	1		17000							480		
45 Somers	50	278	50	8	16000	1		1500							752		
46 Stockton	6	315	6	15	22500	1		2500							300		
47 Tangier	153	397	156	6	30000	1		9000							400		
48 Venon		16		4	1000	1									1150		
49 Westover	16	94	16	7	6000	1		2000							50		
50 White Haven	12	84	9	3	6000	1		1500							208		
Whitesville	43	243	10	43	15000	1		1500							80		
Total	1341	1122	615	194	14221	705	170	106	962800	46	183100	6000	80442	22417	76988	24279	

STATISTICAL

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

List No.	Sunday Schools														Epw'th League					
	Schools on Charge	Schools Using Graded Lessons	Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled							Home Department	Total Enroll't in all Depts. Inc. Cradle Roll, Home Dept. Off'r, Teach's, Pu's	Average Attendance of all Grades	Pupils incl. Home Dept. who are Church Mem'bers or Preparatory Mem'bers or Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.		Paid by Sunday School to World Service	Paid for Sunday School Supplies	Senior Members	Junior Members	
				Cradle Roll	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	Young People										Adults
1	2	12										137	60							
2	3	36										340	160							
3	1	23	19	22	17	13	35	20	33	34	40	256	92	65	14	1200	111	40		
4	4	61										551	292	327	42	135	330			
5	1	38	25	10	24	35	26	15				379	199	150	15	422	425	64		
6	1	15	15	15	15	20	20	20	20	60	15	215	150	150	60	193	220			
7	1	24	22	17	15	29	17	5				171	93	60	18	64	176	25		
8	1	40	45	15	20	20	60	65	65	115		595	300	360		641	250	140		
9	1	39	93	61	125	96	132	120	182	400		1248	540	1000	51	1450	350	350		
10	2	44										528	275		26	270	500	47		
11	2	38	12	15	35	40	46	40	17	85		328	190	150	6	300	150	40		
12	1	42	20	30	90	120	50	60	40	68	25	545	325	425	49	1300	249	127		
13	3	39	41	14	10	31	23	23	23	169	30	403	184	185	10	106	25	12		
14	2	29										375								
15	2	30	34	13	19	35	26	18	28	90	7	300	187	140	10	275	262	32		
16	2	24										210	100		6	82	85	50		
17	4	60	25	30	40	25	30	100	50	160		520	200			106				
18	1	16	8	12	12	15	7	4	4	10		88	55	21	4	125	61	32		
19																				
20	3	28										200	120		17	35	50			
21	2	20			10	20	10	12	8	38		118	70		8	100	40			
22	2	38										319	190		4	250	316			
23	3	40										306	135		6	25	86			
24	3	28										275	145	233	5	64	65	63		
25	2	32	42	24	28	22	28	26	20	70		292	135		8	86	145			
26	2	32										263						38		
27	2	43	2	26	21	21	25	17	24	136	3	318	184	145	16	278	122	39		
28	2	25										230	175				160	20		
29	1	27	70	30	38	38	26	12	12	54		307	130	82	4	106	125	20		
30	3	32										360	200	200	14	250	100	65		
31	1	32	15	22	50	46	21	30	45	143		404	180	90	20	300	260	31		
32	4	25										200	120		11		75	50		
33	4	37										485	315	53	10	25	75			
34	1	25	10	11	24	25	25	23	42	109		294	160	137	20	250	375	55		
35	3	42		53	27	30	16	15	25	134		342	150	200	2	150	100			
36	2	30										500	225		30	213	275			
37	2	18	16	10	10	10	16	12	176			268	160	120	14	130	65	70		
38	1	48	70	45	55	95	60	57	145	250	75	900	375	600	25	600	800	50		
39	3	44	57	37	69	53	60	55	80	121	35	611	275	175	20	130	275	42		
40	2	33	60	32	23	30	48	69	25	52	23	285	205	276	57	250	270			
41	1	25										400	138	176	2		200	40		
42	3	50										876	320			16	97	180		
43	1	18										283	108	200		450	125	40		
44	2	40										250	150		30	400	175			
45	4	22	80	35	45	50	55	60	45	80		472	280		12	493	160	25		
46	1	23										600	450	400	125	660	170	250		
47	1	10			5	2	4	5	8	12	9	55	35	20						

STATISTICAL

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Baptisms			
		Support of Pastor		Support District Supt.	Support of Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'mnts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized			
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent		Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid							
		Rental Value of Parsonage	Total Claim incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Total Paid incl. H. R. & Adm. Ex.											
1 Annessex	E. B. Taylor	\$1500	\$1225	\$150	\$60	\$60	\$20	\$20	\$225	\$150	\$1455	\$350	.....	.....	
2 Ayres Chapel	H. V. Branford	1040	1040	40	56	56	19	19	156	146	1261	10	2	.....	
3 Berlin	E. C. Hallman	2200	2200	200	140	140	48	48	330	330	2718	.....	.....	.....	
4 Bishopville	H. W. Gallman	1325	1325	125	88	88	32	32	199	188	1633	11	28	.....	
5 Cape Charles	V. S. Collins	3500	3500	500	120	120	40	40	525	525	4185	.....	14	7	
6 Chincoteague	C. W. Moore	2300	2300	300	80	80	31	31	345	345	3756	.....	3	27	
7 Claremont	O. A. Bartley	1400	1100	200	48	43	13	13	221	81	1237	460	6	.....	
8 Crisfield-Asbury	W. F. Corkran	3250	3250	250	210	210	58	58	488	437	3955	51	16	.....	
9 Immanuel	J. L. Johnson	3900	3900	300	220	220	121	121	585	450	4691	135	27	9	
10 Dagsboro & St. G	L. E. Windsor	1700	1700	200	120	120	36	36	255	255	2111	.....	6	1	
11 Deal's Island	J. R. Bicking	2650	2650	150	120	120	45	45	323	220	3035	103	18	.....	
12 Delmar	J. W. Jones	2600	2600	400	140	140	47	47	360	360	3147	.....	28	2	
13 Fairmount	O. T. Baynard	1675	1665	175	120	115	32	31	251	175	1986	92	13	.....	
14 Frankford	G. A. Cooke	1650	1650	150	98	98	29	29	248	200	1977	48	71	10	
15 Fruitland	D. A. Stockely	1500	1500	150	90	90	29	29	225	225	1844	.....	9	.....	
16 Girdletree	D. B. Prettyman	1650	1650	150	80	80	25	25	242	242	1997	.....	2	1	
17 Gumboro	C. S. Larimore	1300	1300	100	80	80	24	24	195	165	1569	30	.....	1	
18 Hebron	W. L. Hess	1400	1400	200	68	68	25	25	210	143	1636	67	1	1	
19 Holland's Is.	S. T. Horseman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20 Maryland Springs	T. S. Dixon	1250	1177	150	48	48	18	18	188	56	1299	205	10	.....	
21 Marla	R. H. Wilson	1350	1350	150	72	72	26	26	203	203	1650	.....	4	.....	
22 Mt. Vernon	A. F. Zimmerman	1800	1800	200	96	96	30	30	270	195	2121	75	13	.....	
23 Nanticoke	B. P. Moore	1400	1400	200	86	86	21	21	210	210	1717	.....	5	.....	
24 Newark	W. F. Godwin	1750	1750	150	71	71	21	21	248	248	2090	.....	11	2	
25 Ocean City	P. P. Frye	1578	1587	150	85	85	20	20	202	202	1894	.....	18	7	
26 Ocean View & M	E. W. Henvis	1750	1750	150	94	94	32	32	263	191	2067	72	16	3	
27 Onancock	F. W. Henvis	1700	1700	300	88	88	28	28	255	255	2071	.....	15	8	
28 Parsonburg	J. T. Graham	1500	1500	100	80	80	26	26	225	225	1831	.....	3	4	
29 Phoebus	H. B. Kelso	2400	2400	400	120	120	30	30	360	360	2910	.....	3	1	
30 Pittsville	G. S. Thomas	2000	2000	200	70	70	30	30	300	250	2350	50	9	2	
31 Pocomoke City	K. P. Nichols	2440	2440	360	147	147	50	50	342	342	2979	.....	23	9	
32 Pocomoke Circuit	C. W. Branford	1300	1300	100	53	53	20	20	195	195	1568	.....	10	.....	
33 Powellville	A. S. Scarborough	1325	1325	125	70	60	24	24	199	25	1434	184	9	2	
34 Princess Anne	M. W. Marine	2100	2100	300	138	138	44	44	255	255	2537	.....	8	2	
35 Quantico	J. V. S. VanBlunk	1650	1650	150	99	99	27	27	248	248	2054	.....	15	1	
36 Roxana	W. H. Cummings	1700	1700	100	80	80	30	30	255	195	2005	60	20	1	
37 St. Peters	H. R. McDade	2650	2650	150	100	100	35	35	263	250	3235	13	14	.....	
38 Salisbury-Asbury Circuit	H. P. Fox	5000	5000	500	400	400	113	113	750	675	6188	75	10	2	
39 Selbyville	Joseph P. Wilson	1740	1740	240	80	80	26	26	265	129	1975	136	12	4	
40 Sharpstown	T. F. Deuchamp	2300	2300	300	150	150	46	46	345	345	2841	.....	12	1	
41 Smith's Island	H. S. Dulaney	1800	1800	300	93	93	29	29	270	270	2192	.....	5	1	
42 Snow Hill	W. G. Barlow	1650	1650	150	112	112	41	41	332	332	2076	.....	32	1	
43 Somers	E. W. Jones	2500	2500	250	174	174	59	59	375	375	3108	.....	3	2	
44 Stockton	G. W. Hastings	2000	2000	200	108	108	34	34	255	255	2397	.....	13	.....	
45 Tangier Island	W. R. Woodell	1650	1650	150	112	112	43	43	247	247	2052	.....	6	10	
46 Venton	C. W. Strickland	2650	2650	150	160	160	45	45	398	322	3177	76	32	.....	
47 Westover	M. W. Marine	300	300	.....	18	4	4	4	.....	322	45	.....	.....	.....	.....
48 White Haven	J. C. Hanby	1100	1100	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	165	165	1265	.....	10	.....	.....
49 Whitesville	W. F. Atkinson	980	980	180	55	55	16	16	147	147	1198	.....	.....	.....	.....
	J. L. Derrickson	1650	1650	150	115	115	37	37	248	248	2050	.....	10	.....	.....
Total		93503	92854	9845	5094	5092	1679	1678	13806	12052	112846	2348	566	122	.....

\*Part year.

TREASURER'S

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference					Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference							Other Cash Items		Miscellaneous				
	On Apportionment	Specials, Annulities, Legacies, etc.	Children's Day Fund	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Hospitals and Homes	City Missionary or Ch'ch Extension Society	Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund	Domestic Missions	1/2 Salary Conference Entertainment	Director of Religious Education	Other Items	Total Benevolences Or'd by Annual Conference	Annual Conf. Investm'ts for Conf. Claims	General Conference Expenses	Local Preachers	Subscribers to the Advocate	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1 Annessex	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	22	11	8	8	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	150
2 Ayres Chapel	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	20	10	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	100
3 Berlin	1200	.....	142	.....	1342	.....	55	15	36	20	16	122	264	.....	.....	.....	.....	582	
4 Bishopville	200	.....	2	.....	202	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	
5 Cape Charles	1230	.....	100	130	6	1466	.....	.....	.....	32	30	12	104	188	.....	.....	.....	570	
6 Chincoteague	800	.....	15	.....	815	.....	61	25	.....	20	10	3	151	.....	.....	.....	.....	132	
7 Claremont	110	.....	7	.....	117	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	12	6	8	42	.....	.....	.....	364	
8 Crisfield-Asby	641	.....	25	97	763	.....	10	.....	.....	25	30	10	27	102	.....	8	3	300	
9 Immanuel	1599	.....	.....	356	1955	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	36	35	90	246	.....	3	34	750	
10 Dagsboro & St. G	387	.....	41	.....	428	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	15	15	48	108	.....	1	.....	200	
11 Deal's Island	350	.....	.....	.....	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	20	.....	10	40	.....	.....	.....	300	
12 Delmar	1500	.....	15	35	181	1731	.....	15	.....	36	22	16	4	93	.....	1	6	400	
13 Fairmount	365	.....	5	.....	370	.....	36	.....	.....	25	12	12	203	288	.....	.....	.....	185	
14 Frankford	240	.....	.....	.....	240	.....	3	10	.....	5	15	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	185	
15 Fruitland	374	35	15	.....	188	612	.....	.....	.....	30	13	10	68	121	.....	10	400	400	
16 Girdletree	405	.....	.....	.....	405	.....	14	.....	.....	30	15	10	22	91	.....	1	3	25	
17 Gumboro	43	.....	.....	.....	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	2	32	.....	2	1	75	
18 Hebron	252	.....	9	38	299	.....	8	.....	.....	22	12	9	30	81	.....	1	206	206	
19 Holland's Is.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
20 Maryland Spgs.	70	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	5	.....	.....	16	.....	7	21	49	.....	2	1	100	
21 Marion	186	.....	5	.....	191	.....	10	.....	.....	22	12	.....	7	51	.....	12	800	800	
22 Mt. Vernon	402	.....	.....	.....	402	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	196	228	.....	2	225	225	
23 Nanticoke	500	.....	.....	.....	502	.....	29	16	.....	28	12	8	8	101	.....	1	1	76	
24 Newark	64	.....	.....	.....	64	.....	5	.....	.....	16	8	20	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	625	
25 Ocean City	155	.....	.....	.....	155	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	15	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	1029	
26 Ocean View	325	.....	5	31	361	.....	5	.....	.....	32	16	11	7	71	.....	1	7	800	
27 Onancock	669	.....	4	39	712	.....	4	20	8	30	14	10	70	156	.....	19	18	75	
28 Parsonburg	247	.....	.....	.....	247	.....	43	.....	.....	32	8	10	101	194	.....	3	300	300	
29 Phoebus	647	.....	10	5	662	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	20	.....	18	58	.....	6	879	879	
30 Pittsville	350	.....	.....	.....	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	15	5	44	94	.....	.....	.....	255	
31 Pocomoke City	100	.....	.....	151	451	.....	14	.....	.....	40	20	16	43	133	.....	2	3	1086	
32 Pocomoke Ct.	100	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	12	8	11	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	
33 Powellville	80	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	5	5	7	74	.....	.....	.....	108	
34 Princess Anne	300	.....	.....	15	315	.....	35	.....	.....	48	18	14	15	130	.....	.....	.....	475	



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WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership							Church Property								
	Received During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members				Deaths During Year	Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc.	Paid for Buildings and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Property	Present Indebtedness on Property	Current Expenses not incl. ministerial Support
			Rec'd from P. M. or on Prof'n of Faith	Received by Transfer	Full Members on Roll	Not Inc. Nonres't Inactive Members										
			Non Resident-Inactive Members	Deaths During Year	Charges	Charges										
1 Bethel and Town Point	15	10	15	75	12	3	2	\$11000	1	\$2500	\$	\$	\$	\$300		
2 Charlestown	7	7	7	95	5	2	2	7500	1	2000	500			350		
3 Cherry Hill	7	7	7	190	5	3	10500	1	2000	1000				275		
4 Chesapeake City	18	9	9	150	12	4	12000	1	3000	255	70	1400	195			
5 Chester-Bethel	3	5	6	115	3	1	5000	1	1800					265		
6 Christiana	18	16	4	125	1	6	10000	1	10000	800				275		
7 Claymont	29	31	10	179	19	1	15000	1	3000		3000			1194		
8 Colora	8	14	10	150	1	1	2500	1	1500					127		
9 Delaware City	10	10	10	75	23	1	15000	1	8000	500	320	350	150	227		
10 Ebenezer	19	21	13	119	7	2	13000	1	5000	50	2010			410		
11 Elkton	5	5	5	481	2	4	14000	1	5000	15000	10000			1200		
12 Hockessin	5	5	7	85	1	1	2500	1	2500	150	75			150		
13 Holly Oak	2	2	2	30	6	1	8000	1	8000		88	450	3050	405		
14 Hopewell	12	4	12	205	11	4	10000	1	2000	2000	369		472	344		
15 Marshallton & Cedars	22	22	6	220	4	2	25000	1	3500		300	1000	3000	800		
16 Mt. Lebanon	8	8	2	64	1	1	6000	1	7000		250					
17 Mt. Pleasant	5	5	5	80	19	1	8000	1	5500					378		
18 Newark	50	50	20	365	30	5	22000	1	5000		200			1500		
19 New Castle	5	9	3	395	3	1	40000	1	5000		500	1400		1500		
20 Newport	2	2	1	105	4	4	6800	1	4500		150	1002	2000	429		
21 North East	1	20	1	349	2	1	30000	1	4500		1025	1325	165			
22 Perryville	58	39	25	238	3	1	24000	1	5000	5000				1000		
23 Port Deposit	17	17	1	211	6	1	60000	1	3000	1050				1000		
24 Red Lion	20	20	2	75	5	1	15000	1	5100	120	700			125		
25 Rising Sun	7	9	7	324	50	4	50000	1	3000	10000				1032		
26 St. Georges & Summit	15	12	4	149	17	3	12000	1	2500		1000			463		
27 St. John's	1	6	19	120	1	1	12000	1	2500	500	200					
28 Stanton	10	25	5	290	3	4	20000	1	3000		1100			500		
29 Zion Circuit Wilmington	30	29	35	278	9	1	50000	1	3000		1600			1200		
30 Asbury	20	15	37	578	41	8	40000	1	7000		1549			2202		
31 Brack Ex.																
32 Cookman	7	7	4	27	305	7	4	23000	1	5000		103		948		
33 Eastlake	12	4	8	28	1	1	5000	1	5000		200			200		
35 Edge Moor	3	29	20	330	60	3	4000	1	5000	2200	750			1793		
36 Epworth	13	52	52	1013	113	18	215000	1	15000	27000				18000		
37 Grace	60	10	60	666	7	1	125000	1	12000		3000	27000		6328		
38 Harrison Street	38	7	31	125	24	2	20000	1	8000	1300				7200		
39 Hillcrest & Belle F'te	8	19	6	103	45	5	15000	1	4000	2000	1500			700		
40 Kingswood	12	12	31	339	66	5	20000	1	3000	300	1600	1329				
41 Madeley	2	2	22	475	25	8	150000	1	8000	27000	53000	7400				
42 McCabe	17	5	14	380	9	4	55000	1	6000	1500				1135		
43 Mt. Salem	43	43	20	216	3	3	7000	1	6000		250			775		
44 Richardson Park	7	2	5	325	80	7	35000	1	8000	3850				1913		
45 Scott	3	29	29	453	14	4	100000	1	5000	1857	1400	8600		4255		
46 Silverbrook	64	42	74	79	1101	120	10	90000	1	6500				12642		
47 St. Paul's	32	48	4	27	265	44	1	23000	1	9000				2000	750	
48 Trinity	4	10	31	450	28	5	50000	1	15000	1850				1200	5000	
49 Union	6	33	10	21	45	85	2	25000	1	5000	100			1750	350	
50 Wesley																
Total	727	689	689	465	13883	1019	174	67	1548800	46	234400	19702	55846	52947	127683	83934

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

List No.	Sunday Schools											Epw'th League									
	Schools on Charge	Schools Using Graded Lessons	Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled						Home Department	Total Enroll't in all Depts. Incl. Cradle Roll, Home Dept. Off's, Teach's, P'pils		Average Attendance of all Grades	Pupils incl. Home Dept. who are Church Mem-bers or Prep. Memb.	Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.	Paid by Sunday School to World Service	Paid for Sunday School Supplies	Senior Members	Junior Members		
				Cradle Roll	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Senior											Young People	Adults
1	2	21	18	28	21	16	14	15	30	15	35	100	60	20	100	50					
2	40	33	20	25	20	20	20	25	75	12	290	125	90	7	190	250	20				
3	1	13	10	12	11	10	14	12	16	20	8	132	73	6	6	300	125				
4	19	10	12	11	10	14	12	16	20	8	132	73	6	6	300	125					
5	18	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	22	180	90	7	8	68	80				
6	2	31	90	72	82	57	44	36	11	18	441	162	86	25	187	630	55				
7	1	14	39	8	6	4	8	6	9	22	18	134	62	28	8	5	40				
8	1	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	12	106	75	30	7	100	150				
9	2	48	15	10	15	18	22	18	26	66	30	268	80	120	16	166	190				
10	4	40	68	60	56	61	61	61	61	61	31	521	300	7	1000	300	72	30			
11	1	11	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	130	50	50	4	120	100	20				
12	1	12	12	14	16	10	8	1	15	15	100	50	21	1	41	197	15				
13	2	16	15	15	30	27	25	30	40	12	220	105	89	12	101	83	15				
14	2	40	40	40	45	40	50	60	85	40	470	210	20	200	275	80	100				
15	1	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	120	75	7	9	71	85					
16	2	34	16	6	21	18	16	24	10	38	24	207	85	40	130	107	40				
17	1	30	40	25	40	50	60	38	30	25	40	378	253	175	10	232	500	48	40		
18	1	21	25	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	347	210	275	10	275	340					
19	1	28	30	30	53	54	22	21	5	5	243	130	30	1	200	150					
20	1	40	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	420	150	200	35	315	200		80			
21	1	21	15	50	17	26	15	14	22	8	203	101	100	30	167	110	44				
22	1	18	6	12	12	12	12	12	10	24	12	130	50	50	4	298	160				
23	1	34	29	32	37	25	51	7	20	148	43	426	150	14	40	63	96	30			
24	2	21	25	21	18	34	41	30	24	17	20	251	96	66	15	206	98	63			
25	2	13	15	12	10	8	10	15	50	50	113	65	70	15	260	50					
26	1	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	400	200	300	10	200	150	175				
27	4	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	261	110	41	8	40	175	39	35			
28	1	17	30	45	60	27	35	10	20	17	612	360	200	12	300	629	60	59			
29	1	25	20	40	50	72	50	90	25	25	370	200	70	10	125	150					
30	1	15	15	10	9	10	25	13	16	43	156	91	90	1	210	85	30	21			
31	1	37	34	64	91	85	44	57	34	56	502	290	219	3	381	410					
32	1	15	20	15	20	10	10	18	10	12	130	60	219	3	8	75	50				
33	1	1	40	50	60	60	60	60	60	60	460	215	140	1	400	245	30				
34	1	1	60	28	45	35	81	60	40	100	240	689	406	4	18	1745	327	65			
35	1	73	40	75	60	72	51	215	215	215	26	612	292	500	60	512	518	85	55		
36	2	25	52	93	45	36	10	35	34	12	215	115	32	1	365	82					
37	1	39	30	30	52	68	42	64	52	117	342	136	80	8	159	300	37	26			
38	1	47	25	30	52	68	42	64	52	117	331	168	200	1	282	100	40				



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WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support of Bishops, Support Conf. Cl'mnts), Bap-tisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized). Rows list various churches and their financial data.

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