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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; 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 Ellenzie C. Sunfield
1870 Adam Stengle	1886 George E. Wood
1870 George E. Reed	1886 William W. Sharp
	1886 William R. Mowbray
	1886 Henry S. Dulany
1871 Levin W. Layfield	1886 James T. Prouse
1871 Franz O. B. Wallin	1886 William P. Taylor
	1887 James H. Wilson
1872 John P. Otis	1887 Harvey W. Ewing
	1888 George T. Alderson
1873 Robert Roe	1888 John F. Anderson
1873 Frank C. MacSorley	1888 Wesley W. Chaires
1873 William M. Greene	1888 Joshua W. Gray
	1888 George W. Stallings
1876 George W. Townsend	1889 Vinal E. Hills
1876 Wilbur F. Corkran	1889 Truston C. Smoot
1876 John M. Collins	
1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker	1890 George W. Bounds
	1890 Melvin D. Nutter
1878 Robert K. Stephenson	
	1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan
1879 Olin S. Walton	1891 George A. Cooke
1879 Alfred Smith	1891 George P. Jones
1879 Joshua M. Lindale	
	1892 Theodore F. Beauchamp
1881 Louis P. Corkran	1892 Clarence W. Strickland
1881 Sewall N. Pilchard	1892 Francis B. Short
	1893 John P. Outten
1882 Allison P. Prettyman	1893 James T. Richardson
1882 Charles H. Williams	
	1894 Henry G. Budd
1883 William B. Guthrie	1894 John H. Beauchamp
1883 George L. Hardesty	
1883 Vaughan S. Collins	1895 Edward H. Collins
	1895 Daniel J. Givan
1884 William A. Wise	1895 Thomas R. Van Dyke
1884 Edmund H. Derrickson	
1884 Thomas N. Given	1896 Luther E. Poole
1884 William F. Dawson	1896 Leolan Jackson
	1897 John W. Prettyman
1885 James W. Easley	1897 Thomas S. Holt
1885 Robert Watt	1897 William O. Bennett
1885 James D. Reese	1897 Harry Taylor
1885 George W. Bowman	
1885 Daniel H. Willis	

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 Charles W. Moore  
 1905 William R. Woodell

1906 Daniel Wilson  
 1906 William G. Harris  
 1906 John L. Sparklin  
 1906 Emory W. McDowell  
 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  
 1907 Abram S. Woodard

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

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. Hennis  
 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 John H. Wright

1923 Walter G. Barlow  
 1923 Disston A. Stockely  
 1923 James C. Steen

1924 Harry N. Bailey  
 1924 Oler A. Bartley  
 1924 Oliver J. Collins  
 1924 John E. Parker

1925 Henry M. Parks  
 1925 John W. Grande

1926 Frank A. Baker  
 1926 Joseph I. Barrett  
 1926 Sidney B. Bradley  
 1926 Charles W. Branford  
 1926 Harry V. Branford  
 1926 Otis P. Jefferson  
 1926 Preston W. Spence

(b) ALPHABETICAL ROLL AND DIRECTORY.

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

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

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1888 Alderson, G. T.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1912 Allen, G. S.	E Kent Is. (P. O. Stevensville, Md.)	2
1888 Anderson, J. F.	R 2122 Gillis St., Wilmington, Del.	5
1921 Andrews, M. S.	E Lewes, Del.	3
1917 Atkins, C. H.	E Concord (P. O. Hobbs, Md.)	5
1924 Bailey, H. N.	D At School	1
1926 Baker, F. A.	P Millington, Md.	1
1923 Barlow, W. G.	E Georgetown, Del.	1
1926 Barrett, J. I.	P (Pomona) Chestertown, Md.	1
1924 Bartley, O. A.	D Hebron, Md.	2
1902 Baynard, O. T.	E Quantico, Md.	1
1892 Beauchamp, T. F.	E Georgetown, Del.	2
1894 Beauchamp, J. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	6
1897 Bennett, W. O.	E Princess Anne, Md.	1
1914 Benson, N. C.	E Frederica, Del.	1
1907 Bicking, J. R.	E Deal Island, Md.	3
1920 Bolton, J. C.	E Pittsville, Md.	1
1890 Bounds, G. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	7
1885 Bowman, G. W.	R Laurel, Del.	21
1926 Bradley, S. B.	P Secretary, Md.	1
1926 Branford, C. W.	P (Pocomoke Ct.) Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1926 Branford, H. V.	P (Ayres Chapel) Onancock, Va.	1
1907 Briggs, W. H.	E R.R. # 3, Vancouver, Washington	1
1915 Broadway, L. M.	E Perryville, Md.	1
1904 Buckson, J. A.	E Millsboro, Del.	3
1894 Budd, H. G.	E Greensboro, Md.	1
1909 Bunting, J. J.	E Crisfield, Md.	2
1888 Chaires, W. W.	R Bozman, Md.	7
1915 Clark, C. W.	E Still Pond, Md.	1
1876 Collins, J. M.	R 1607 W. 13th St., Wilm., Del.	22
1883 Collins, V. S.	E Cape Charles, Va.	4
1895 Collins, E. H.	E Harrington, Del.	3
1924 Collins, O. J.	P Charlestown, Md.	3
1902 Colona, J. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1912 Connelly, O. H.	E Townsend, Del.	4

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1891 Cooke, G. A.	E Frankford, Del.	4
1876 Corkran, W. F.	E Chestertown, Md.	1
1881 Corkran, L. P.	R Church Hill, Md.	10
1918 Cummings, W. H.	E Parsonburg, Md.	2
1899 Dashiell, E. H.	E Salisbury, Md.	4
1900 Davis, Howard	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1921 Davis, C. E.	E Dover, Del.	2
1884 Dawson, W. F.	E Hurlock, Md.	2
1899 Dawson, G. W.	E Cecilton, Md.	2
1884 Derrickson, E. H.	R Odessa, Del.	6
1886 Dulany, H. S.	E St. Peter's (P. O. Oriole, Md.)	1
1885 Easley, J. W.	R Wilmington, Del.	8
1902 Eldridge, J. S.	E Milton, Del.	2
1887 Ewing, H. W.	R Newark, Del.	3
1900 Faulkner, F. N.	R Delmar, Del.	1
1905 Ford, D. J.	E Wyoming, Del.	2
1910 Fox, H. P.	E Salisbury, Md.	4
1915 Frye, A. B.	E Ocean View, Del.	3
1921 Gallion, H. W.	E Nanticoke, Md.	2
1902 Gardner, J. H.	E Whitesville, Del.	1
1922 Gehman, G. T.	D (Ebenezer), Newark, Del.	3
1891 Geoghegan, J. H.	E Red Lion, Del.	6
1921 Gilbert, B. W.	E Delaware City, Del.	1
1895 Givan, D. J.	E Clayton, Del.	1
1884 Given, T. N.	R Cheswold, Del.	4
1917 Godwin, W. F.	Sy Beverly Court Apt. # 42, Atlantic City, N. J.	1
1903 Goodhand, A. W.	E Phoebus, Va.	2
1917 Grant, W. S.	E Church Hill, Md.	3
1925 Grande, J. W.	D At School	2
1888 Gray, J. W.	R Landover, Md.	4
1873 Greene, W. M.	R Milton, Del.	23
1900 Greenfield, W. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	9
1903 Gunby, W. E.	E Dover, Del.	4
1883 Guthrie, W. B.	R Kenton, Del.	6
1903 Habbart, W. E.	E Cambridge, Md.	2
1910 Hallman, E. C.	E Berlin, Md.	3
1921 Hamblin, S. T.	E Rehoboth, Del.	1
1883 Hardesty, G. L.	R 2506 No. Madison St., Wilm., Del.	13
1906 Harris, W. G.	E Elkton, Md.	4
1916 Harris, C. C.	E Preston, Md.	2
1914 Harrison, W. E., Jr.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1900 Hastings, G. W.	E Mt. Vernon (P.O. Pr. Anne, Md.)	1
1917 Hearn, W. A.	E Middletown, Del.	2
1918 Henvis, E. W.	E Newark, Md.	1
1909 Herson, Frank	E Newark, Del.	9

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1920 Hess, W. L. . . . .	E Hopewell (P.O. Port Deposit, Md.)	2
1889 Hills, V. E. . . . .	E Mt. Pleasant (P.O. Edge Moor, Del.)	2
1918 Hodgson, R. S. . . . .	E Sudlersville, Md.	2
1876 Hoeffcker, E. L. . . . .	R Easton, Md.	9
1897 Holt, T. S. . . . .	R Federalsburg, Md.	15
1900 Hudson, J. A. . . . .	E Bishopville, Md.	1
1922 Hudson, C. H. . . . .	E Seaford, Del.	1
1896 Jackson, Leolan . . . . .	E Ridgely, Md.	2
1913 Jacobs, D. W. . . . .	E Milford, Del.	6
1907 James, O. E. . . . .	R Cambridge, Md.	3
1926 Jefferson, O. P. . . . .	P Crumpton, Md.	1
1906 Johns, B. M. . . . .	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1899 Johnson, J. L. . . . .	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1891 Jones, G. P. . . . .	E Smyrna, Del.	2
1898 Jones, J. W. . . . .	E Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1898 Jones, O. E. . . . .	E Middletown, Del.	4
1900 Jones, C. N. . . . .	E Ocean City, Md.	1
1903 Jones, C. T. . . . .	E Chester-Bethel (P.O. Boothwyn, Pa.)	1
1905 Jones, E. W. . . . .	E Dover, Del.	1
1915 Jones, R. C. . . . .	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1898 Kelso, H. B. . . . .	E Claymont, Del.	2
1904 Kelso, J. M. . . . .	E Dover, Del.	4
1871 Layfield, L. W. . . . .	R Greenwood, Del.	3
1913 Leach, J. A. . . . .	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1879 Lindale, J. M. . . . .	R Chestertown, Md.	8
1912 Lindhorst, F. A. . . . .	E Dover, Del.	2
1920 McCabe, J. B. . . . .	E Federalsburg, Md.	1
1905 McCoy, J. C. . . . .	E Rising Sun, Md.	2
1905 McDade, H. R. . . . .	E Tilghman, Md.	1
1906 McDowell, E. W. . . . .	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1917 McGuire, W. T. . . . .	E Odessa, Del.	2
1873 MacSorley, F. C. . . . .	R Federalsburg, Md.	1
1914 Marine, M. W. . . . .	E Selbyville, Del.	2
1902 Marshall, E. H. . . . .	R Salem, Va.	2
1900 Martin, O. L. . . . .	R Salisbury, Md.	3
1902 Matthews, W. E. . . . .	R Smyrna, Del.	5
1905 Moore, C. W. . . . .	E St. Michaels, Md.	1
1898 Moore, F. X. . . . .	R New Freedom, Pa.	6
1911 Moore, D. J. . . . .	E Felton, Del.	2
1918 Moore, W. V. . . . .	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1905 Morgan, L. B. . . . .	E Richardson Park, Del.	3
1886 Mowbray, W. R. . . . .	R Lewes, Del.	1
1912 Newton, G. F. . . . .	E Roxana, Del.	2
1907 Nichols, R. P. . . . .	E Easton, Md.	1
1890 Nutter, M. D. . . . .	E Hockessin, Del.	4
1872 Otis, J. P. . . . .	R Marshallton, Del.	8

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1893 Outten, J. P. . . . .	E Camden, Del.	2
1924 Parker, J. E. . . . .	D Kenton, Del.	2
1925 Parks, H. M. . . . .	P Little Creek, Del.	2
1881 Pilchard, S. N. . . . .	R Hillsboro, Md.	6
1896 Poole, L. E. . . . .	E Centreville, Md.	1
1900 Poole, W. C. . . . .	E St. John's (P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	4
1868 Prettyman, C. W. . . . .	R Orange City, Florida	11
1882 Prettyman, A. P. . . . .	R Galena, Md.	10
1897 Prettyman, J. W. . . . .	E Zion Ct. (P. O. North East, Md.)	4
1909 Prettyman, E. C. . . . .	E Wilmington, Del.	12
1908 Price, J. T. . . . .	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1886 Prouse, J. T. . . . .	R Edge Moor, Del.	14
1870 Reed, G. E. . . . .	R Harrisburg, Pa.	5
1910 Reed, H. E. . . . .	E Cheswold, Del.	1
1916 Reed, O. B. . . . .	E Hillcrest (P.O. Edge Moor, Del.)	4
1885 Reese, J. D. . . . .	R Houston, Del.	8
1907 Revelle, W. H. . . . .	E Rock Hall, Md.	5
1911 Rice, O. B. . . . .	E St. Georges, Del.	1
1893 Richardson, J. T. . . . .	E Chesapeake City, Md.	3
1873 Roe, Robert . . . . .	R Trappe, Md.	15
1918 Rowlenson, J. T. . . . .	E Chincoteague, Va.	2
1910 Sard, T. J. . . . .	E Crisfield, Md.	1
1886 Sharp, W. W. . . . .	R Ocean Grove, N. J.	2
1919 Shockley, E. M. . . . .	E North East, Md.	1
1892 Short, F. B. . . . .	E New York City	6
1922 Short, W. D. . . . .	E East New Market, Md.	1
1879 Smith, Alfred . . . . .	R Camden, Del.	10
1907 Smith, Tilghman . . . . .	E Marshallton, Del.	1
1889 Smoot, T. C. . . . .	R Oxford, Md.	3
1906 Sparklin, J. L. . . . .	E Newport, Del.	4
1926 Spence, P. W. . . . .	P Christiana, Del.	1
1911 Spry, C. W. . . . .	E Magnolia, Del.	2
1888 Stallings, G. W. . . . .	R Lovettsville, Loudoun Co., Va.	5
1923 Steen, J. C. . . . .	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1870 Stengle, Adam . . . . .	R Wilmington, Del.	12
1878 Stephenson, R. K. . . . .	E Smyrna, Del.	2
1912 Sterling, G. E. . . . .	E Bridgeville, Del.	2
1923 Stockely, D. A. . . . .	D Fruitland, Md.	3
1892 Strickland, C. W. . . . .	E Tangier, Va.	3
1885 Sunfield, E. C. . . . .	R Barnegat, N. J.	5
1908 Sutton, J. W. . . . .	E Bishop's Head, Md.	1
1886 Taylor, W. P. . . . .	E Hillsboro, Md.	2
1904 Taylor, E. B. . . . .	E Onancock, Va.	1
1897 Taylor, Harry . . . . .	E Cherry Hill (P. O. Elkton, Md.)	3
1916 Thawley, R. T. . . . .	E Port Deposit, Md.	1
1903 Thomas, G. S. . . . .	E Dagsboro, Del.	1

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1914	Thomas, E. P.	E Laurel, Del.	4
1876	Townsend, G. W.	R Ridley Park, Pa.	12
1914	Truitt, P. P.	E Sharptown, Md.	1
1895	Van Dyke, T. R.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1871	Wallin, F. O. B.	R Sweden	26
1879	Walton, O. S.	R Red Lion, Del.	21
1885	Watt, Robert	R 17 Homer St., Worcester, Mass.	3
1913	Wells, Z. W.	E New Castle, Del.	4
1910	Wheatley, M. E.	E Denton, Md.	2
1919	Whedbee, J. H.	E Bethel, Del.	1
1908	White, Leonard	E Delmar, Del.	1
1914	White, Frank	E Snow Hill, Md.	1
1882	Williams, C. H.	R Snow Hill, Md.	13
1885	Willis, D. H.	R Cambridge, Md.	14
1912	Willis, Ivanhoe	E Galena, Md.	1
1887	Wilson, J. H.	E Mt. Lebanon (P.O. Rockland, Del.)	4
1906	Wilson, Daniel	R Centreville, Md.	2
1916	Wilson, J. P.	E Salisbury, Md.	3
1916	Windsor, L. E.	E Seaford, Del.	1
1884	Wise, W. A.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1886	Wood, G. E.	E Trappe, Md.	1
1907	Woodard, A. S.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1905	Woodell, W. R.	E Upper Fairmount, Md.	2
1918	Wooten, J. W.	E Somerset (P. O. Chance, Md.)	1
1922	Wright, J. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1918	Zimmerman, A. F.	E Smith's Is. (P. O. Ewell, Md.)	2

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	Atkinson, W. F.	White Haven, Md.	3
	Barrett, T. S.	Piney Neck (P.O. Rock Hall, Md.)	4
	Buckson, W. C.	Nassau, Del.	2
	Campbell, R. W.	Dover, Del.	1
	Carr, D. E.	Cordova, Md.	1
	Diehl, J. R.	Cornersville, Md.	2
	Derrickson, J. L.	Gumboro (P.O. Frankford, Del.)	1
	Dixon, T. S.	Marydel, Md.	1
	Donohoe, W. I.	Fishing Creek, Md.	1
	Graham, J. T.	Girdletree, Md.	1
	Hamer, Conrad	Ellendale, Del.	2
	Hanby, J. C.	Westover, Md.	3
	Hanby, S. L.	Fairlee (P.O. Chestertown, Md.)	2
	Horner, W. B.	Mt. Pleasant (P.O. Laurel, Del.)	3
	Horseman, S. T.	Holland's Is. (P.O. Wenona, Md.)	7

	Name	Appointment	Year
	Hoxter, E. S.	Viola, Del.	2
	Hudson, A. T.	Crisfield, Md.	1
	Hufnal, Harvey	Zoar (P. O. Dover, Del)	1
	Kelley, J. P.	Bozman, Md.	3
	Kerwin, Ray	Pittsville, Md.	2
	Kirby, R. L., Jr.	Wye Mills, Md.	2
	Kliver, G. W.	Elliott's Island, Md.	1
	Larimore, C. S.	Mardella Springs, Md.	1
	Layton, J. E.	Edge Moor, Del.	4
	Lightner, G. S.	Claremont, Va.	1
	Louhoff, F. C.	Stanton, Del.	4
	McClintock, W. L.	Henderson, Md.	1
	McLain, L. T.	Oak Grove, Del.	2
	McRill, J. H.	Sherwood, Md.	1
	Mead, C. H.	Greenwood, Del.	2
	Mills, R. W.	Seaford, Del.	9
	Pardee, Thomas	Colora, Md.	1
	Potts, J. S.	Crapo, Md.	1
	Prettyman, D. B.	Stockton, Md.	1
	Ralph, H. M.	Church Creek, Md.	1
	Sharpless, C. D.	Bethel & Town Pt. (Elkton, Md.)	3
	Smith, H. M.	Farmington, Del.	2
	Thomas, A. G.	Houston, Del.	1
	Thornton, J. H.	Lincoln, Del.	3
	Travers, Alonzo	Williamsburg, Md.	2
	Tubbs, J. W. D.	Queenstown, Md.	1
	Tyler, E. S.	Royal Oak, Md.	1
	Wilson, R. H.	Marion, Md.	3
	Wright, E. N.	Burrsville (P. O. Denton, Md.)	4

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## 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?**  
G. P. Jones, Conference Endowment Fund.
2. **Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?**  
Abram S. Woodard, Des Moines.
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.**  
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  - (b) **In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.**  
None.
6. **Who have been Continued on Trial.**
  - (a) **In Studies of First Year.**  
None.
  - (b) **In Studies of Second Year.**  
Oliver J. Collins, Henry M. Parks.
  - (c) **In Studies of Third Year.**  
None.
  - (d) **In Studies of Fourth Year.**  
John W. Grande.

7. **Who have been Discontinued?**

John W. Chappell, at his own request, because of injuries received in the World War disabling him in such a way as to make the ministry impossible to him.  
Alfred N. Strickland, at his own request.
8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
  - (a) **Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.**  
Harry N. Bailey, O. Ammon Bartley, John E. Parker.
  - (b) **Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.**  
James C. Steen.
  - (c) **Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.**  
None.
  - (d) **Ordained Deacon, having been previously elected by \_\_\_\_\_ Conference.**  
None.
9. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
  - (a) **Admitted into Full Membership this year.**  
Harry N. Bailey, O. Ammon Bartley, John E. Parker.
  - (b) **Admitted into Full Membership previously.**  
None.
10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**  
Gilbert T. Gehman, D. Arthur Stockely.
11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
  - (a) **Elected and Ordained Elders this year.**  
Benjamin W. Gilbert, Charles H. Hudson, Wingate D. Short, James C. Steen, Roy T. Thawley.
  - (b) **Elected and Ordained Elders previously.**  
None.
  - (c) **Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.**  
None.
  - (d) **Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.**  
J. Harry Wright.
  - (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.  
 Daniel B. Prettyman, John H. Thornton.  
 (b) Under Missionary Rule.  
 None.  
 (c) Under the Seminary Rule.  
 None.  
 (d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.  
 None.
- 13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**  
 (a) As Local Deacons.  
 John T. Graham, Charles D. Sharpless, Alonzo Travers.  
 (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?**  
 None.
- 15. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**  
 It was.
- 16. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**  
 Frank L. Hicks, Newark; Carlisle L. Hubbard, New York; Lawrence E. Wimbrow, St. Johns River.
- 17. Who have Died?**  
 Julius A. Brewington, George P. Smith, Thomas E. Terry, Joseph M. S. Van Blunk, William L. White.
- 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?**  
 None.
- 25. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?**  
 William F. Godwin (1).
- 26. Who are the Retired Ministers?**  
 J. F. Anderson, G. W. Bowman, J. M. Collins, W. W. Chaires, L. P. Corkran, E. H. Derrickson, J. W. Easley, H. W. Ewing, F. N. Faulkner, T. N. Given, J. W. Gray, W. M. Green, W. B. Guthrie, G. L. Hardesty, E. L. Hoeffcker, T. S. Holt, O. E. James, L. W. Layfield, J. M. Lindale, F. C. MacSorley, O. L. Martin, E. H. Marshall, W. E. Matthews, F. X. Moore, W. R. Mowbray, 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, T. C. Smoot, G. W. Stallings, Adam Stengle, E. C. Sunfield, G. W. Townsend, O. S. Walton, F. O. B. Wallin, Robert Watt, C. H. Williams, D. H. Willis, Daniel Wilson.
- 27. Who have been Granted Leave of Absence?**  
 W. H. Briggs.
- 28. Who are the Triers of Appeals?**  
 W. R. Mowbray, V. S. Collins, J. T. Price, Leonard White, W. O. Bennett. Reserves:—E. W. Jones, G. W. Dawson.
- 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?**  
\$126,841.
- (b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**  
\$26,843.
- 34. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**  
For Annuity distribution, 2433½ years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$26 per year, \$63,271; For Necessitous distribution, \$4,000. Total, \$67,271.
- 35. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?**  
From The Book Concern, \$3,609; From the Chartered Fund, \$40; From Pastoral Charges, \$40,595; From Other Sources, \$8,916. Total, \$53,160.
- (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?**  
Asbury M. E. Church, Salisbury, Md.

## VIII.

## APPOINTMENTS.

## DOVER DISTRICT.

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

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| Beckwith and Spedden,<br>(Sup.) J. R. Diehl<br>P. O. Cornersville, Md.<br>Bethel, Del., J. H. Whedbee  | Hooper's Is., (Sup.) W. I. Donohoe<br>P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.<br>Houston, Del., (Sup.) A. G. Thomas<br>Hurlock, Md., W. F. Dawson<br>Laurel, Del., E. P. Thomas<br>Lewes, Del., M. S. Andrews<br>Lincoln, Del. (Sup.) J. H. Thornton<br>Little Creek, Del., H. M. Parks<br>Magnolia & Barratt's Chapel,<br>C. W. Spry<br>P. O. Magnolia, Del.<br>Milford, Del., D. W. Jacobs<br>Milford Neck,<br>Supplied by Pastor of Frederica<br>P. O. Frederica, Del.   |
| Blades & Epworth (Sup.) R. W. Mills<br>P. O. Seaford, Del.<br>Bridgeville, Del., G. E. Sterling<br>Cambridge, Md., W. E. Habbart<br>Camden, Del., J. P. Outten                             | Millsboro, Del. J. A. Buckson<br>Milton, Del., J. S. Eldridge<br>Mt. Pleasant, (Sup.) W. B. Horner<br>P. O. Laurel, Del.<br>Nassau, Del., (Sup.) W. C. Buckson<br>Rehoboth, Del., S. T. Hamblin<br>Reliance, (Sup.) L. T. McLain<br>P. O. Oak Grove, Del.<br>St. Thomas, J. W. Sutton<br>P. O. Bishop's Head, Md.<br>Seaford, Del., L. E. Windsor<br>Seaford Circuit, C. H. Hudson<br>P. O. Seaford, Del.<br>Secretary & McKendree,<br>S. B. Bradley<br>P. O. Secretary, Md.<br>Vienna, Md., To be supplied<br>Williamsburg, Md.,<br>(Sup.) Alonzo Travers<br>Wyoming, Del., D. J. Ford<br>Zoar Circuit, (Sup.) Harvey Hufnal<br>P. O. Dover, Del. |
| Canterbury, (Sup.) E. S. Hoxter<br>P. O. Viola, Del.<br>Church Creek & Taylor's Island,<br>(Sup.) H. M. Ralph<br>P. O. Church Creek, Md.<br>Crapo, Md., (Sup.) J. S. Potts<br>Dover, Del.: | St. Paul's, (Sup.) R. W. Campbell<br>Wesley, E. W. Jones<br>East New Market, Md., W. D. Short<br>Ellendale, Del.,<br>(Sup.) Conrad Hamer<br>Elliott's Island, Md.,<br>(Sup.) G. W. Kliver<br>Farmington and Epworth,<br>(Sup.) H. M. Smith<br>P. O. Farmington, Del.<br>Federalsburg, Md., J. B. McCabe<br>Felton, Del., D. J. Moore<br>Frederica, Del., N. C. Benson<br>Galestown, Supplied by Pastor of<br>Secretary<br>P. O. Seaford, Del.<br>Georgetown, Del., T. F. Beauchamp<br>Georgetown Circuit, W. G. Barlow<br>P. O. Georgetown, Del.   |
| Greenwood, Del., (Sup.) C. H. Mead<br>Harrington, Del. E. H. Collins   |  |

## MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

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

Bayside, P. O. Sherwood, Md.	(Sup.) J. H. McRill	Millington & Dulaney, P. O. Millington, Md.	F. A. Baker
Bozman & Neavitt P. O. Bozman, Md.	(Sup.) J. P. Kelley	Odessa & Friendship, P. O. Odessa, Del.	W. T. McGuire
Burrsville, P. O. Denton, Md.	(Sup.) E. N. Wright	Oxford, Md., Piney Neck, P. O. Rock Hall, Md.	(Sup.) T. C. Smoot (Sup.) T. S. Barrett
Cecilton, Md., Centreville, Md., Chestertown, Md., Cheswold, Del., Church Hill, Md., Clayton, Del., Concord, P. O. Hobbs, Md.	G. W. Dawson L. E. Poole W. F. Corkran H. E. Reed W. S. Grant D. J. Givan C. H. Atkins	Pomona, P. O. Chestertown, Md. Preston, Md., Queenstown, Md., Ridgely, Md., Rock Hall, Md., Royal Oak, Md., St. Michaels, Md., Salem Circuit, (Sup.) L. P. Corkran P. O. Church Hill, Md.	J. I. Barrett C. C. Harris (Sup.) J. W. D. Tubbs Leolan Jackson W. H. Revelle (Sup.) E. S. Tyler C. W. Moore (Sup.) L. P. Corkran
Cordova, Md., Crumpton, Md., Denton, Md., Easton, Md., Fairlee, P. O. Chestertown, Md.	(Sup.) D. E. Carr O. P. Jefferson M. E. Wheatley R. P. Nichols (Sup.) S. L. Hanby	Smyrna, Del., Still Pond & Betterton, P. O. Still Pond, Md. Sudlersville, Md., Tilghman, Md., Townsend, Del., Trappe, Md., Wye Mills & Starr, (Sup.) R. L. Kirby, Jr. P. O. Wye Mills, Md.	R. K. Stephenson C. W. Clark R. S. Hodgson H. R. McDade O. H. Connelly G. E. Wood
Galena, Md., Greensboro, Md., Henderson, Md., (Sup.) W. L. McClintock Hillsboro, Md., Kent Island, P. O. Stevensville, Md.	Ivanhoe Willis H. G. Budd W. P. Taylor G. S. Allen		
Kenton, Del., Marydel, Md., Middletown, Del.,	J. E. Parker (Sup.) T. S. Dixon W. A. Hearn		

## SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

Annamesssex, P. O. Crisfield, Md.	(Sup.) A. T. Hudson	Crisfield, Md.:	
Ayres Chapel, P. O. Onancock, Va.	H. V. Branford	Asbury, Immanuel, Dagsboro & St. Georges, P. O. Dagsboro, Del.	T. J. Sard J. J. Bunting G. S. Thomas
Berlin, Md., Bishopville, Md., Cape Charles, Va., Chincoteague, Va., Claremont, Va.,	(Sup.) G. S. Lightner	Deal's Island, Md., Delmar, Del.,	J. R. Bicking Leonard White

Fairmount, P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.	W. R. Woodell	Powellville, P. O. Pittsville, Md.	(Sup.) Ray Kirwan
Frankford, Del., Fruitland, Md., Girdletree, Md., Gumboro, Hebron, Md., Holland's Island, (Sup.) S. T. Horseman P. O. Wenona, Md.	G. A. Cooke D. A. Stockely (Sup.) J. T. Graham (Sup.) J. L. Derrickson P. O. Frankford, Del. O. A. Bartley	Princess Anne, Md., Quantico, Md., Roxana, Del., St. Peter's, P. O. Oriole, Md.	W. O. Bennett O. T. Baynard G. F. Newton H. S. Dulany
Mardela Springs, Md., Marion, Md., Mt. Vernon, P. O. Princess Anne, Md.	(Sup.) C. S. Larimore (Sup.) R. H. Wilson G. W. Hastings	Salisbury, Md.:	
Nanticoke, Md., Newark, Md., Ocean City, Md., Ocean View & Millville, P. O. Ocean View, Del.	H. W. Gallion E. W. Henvis C. N. Jones A. B. Fry	Asbury, Grace, Selbyville, Del., Sharptown, Md., Smith's Island, Snow Hill, Md., Somerset, P. O. Chance, Md.	H. P. Fox J. P. Wilson M. W. Marine P. P. Truitt A. F. Zimmerman P. O. Ewell, Md. Frank White J. W. Wooten
Onancock, Va., Parsonburg, Md., Phoebus, Va., Pittsville, Md., Pocomoke City, Md., Pocomoke Circuit, P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.	E. B. Taylor W. H. Cummings A. W. Goodhand J. C. Bolton J. W. Jones C. W. Branford	Stockton, Md., (Sup.) D. B. Prettyman Tangier, Va., Venton, Md., Westover, Md., White Haven, Md., (Sup.) W. F. Atkinson Whitesville, Del., J. H. Gardner	C. W. Strickland Supplied by Pastor of Princess Anne (Sup.) J. C. Hanby W. F. Atkinson

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

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



Newport, Del.,	J. L. Sparklin	Cookman,	J. H. Wright
North East, Md.,	E. M. Shockley	Eastlake,	E. W. McDowell
Perryville, Md.,	L. M. Broadway	Epworth,	T. R. Van Dyke
Port Deposit, Md.,	R. T. Thawley	Grace,	B. M. Johns
Red Lion, Del.,	J. H. Geoghegan	Harrison Street,	J. L. Johnson
Rising Sun, Md.,	J. C. McCoy	Hillcrest and Belle Font,	O. B. Reed
St. George's & Summit,	O. B. Rice		
P. O. St. George's, Del.		P. O. Edge Moor, Del.	
St. John's,	W. C. Poole	Kingswood,	G. W. Bounds
P. O. Lewisville, Pa.		Madeley,	J. T. Price
Stanton, Del. (Sup.)	F. C. Louhoff	McCabe,	W. E. Harrison, Jr.
Zion Circuit,	J. W. Prettyman	Mt. Salem,	W. V. Moore
P. O. North East, Md.		Richardson Park,	L. B. Morgan
Wilmington:		Scott,	W. A. Wise
Asbury,	G. T. Alderson	Silverbrook,	R. C. Jones
	and J. C. Steen	St. Paul's,	A. S. Woodard
Brandywine,	W. E. Greenfield	Trinity,	Howard Davis
Brack-Ex. (Sup.)	R. H. Adams	Union,	J. A. Leach
P. O. Elsmere, 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, McCabe 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.
- F. B. Short, Lecturer for Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, Grace Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.
- C. E. Davis, Professor, Wesley Collegiate Institute, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.
- F. A. Lindhorst, Director of Religious Education, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.
- J. W. Grande and H. N. Bailey left without appointments to attend school.
- W. H. Briggs granted Leave of Absence under Paragraph 186.
- Miss Rosa Santee, Superintendent, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.
- Miss Arabella Crothers, Teacher, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.

## IX. JOURNAL. DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

### FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—The Wilmington Annual Conference assembled for its Fifty-eighth Session in Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, Dover, Del., on Wednesday morning, March 24, 1926, at nine o'clock, Bishop William F. McDowell presiding.

**LORD'S SUPPER.**—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by G. T. Alderson, T. F. Beauchamp, Alfred Smith and W. F. Corkran.

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

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

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

**Statistician.**—The Statistician, N. C. Benson, nominated the following assistants and they were confirmed:—L. E. Windsor, E. M. Shockley, R. W. Mills, D. A. Stockely, H. N. Bailey, S. T. Hamblin, G. E. Sterling, W. I. Donohoe, S. B. Bradley, G. T. Gehman, R. K. Foster and W. L. McClintock.

**Treasurer.**—The Treasurer, V. E. Hills, nominated the following assistants and they were confirmed:—O. B. Reed, W. A. Hearn, A. B. Frye, J. L. Sparklin, O. H. Connelly, O. J. Collins, T. J. Sard, H. W. Gallion, A. F. Zimmerman, J. C. Steen, R. T. Thawley, F. C. Louhoff and J. C. Hanby.

**Bar of Conference.**—The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the twelfth 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 appointed agent for the Methodist Review.

**Committee on Courtesy.**—T. J. Sard, V. S. Collins and R. P. Nichols were constituted a committee on Courtesy.

**GREETINGS.**—To F. C. MacSorley, ill at his home in Federalsburg, Md.; W. H. Briggs, now in the State of Washington endeavoring to regain his health; L. E. Poole, detained at home in Wilmington, Del., because of illness; and Robert Watt of Worcester, Mass., the Secretary was instructed to telegraph the greetings of the Conference and to those who are ill the hope for speedy recoveries.

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.**—On motion of V. S. Collins, H. G. Budd and W. A. Hearn were elected members of the Committee on Education in place of F. C. MacSorley and W. H. Briggs.

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

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**—An afternoon session to convene at 1:45 o'clock was ordered on motion of J. W. Colona.

**QUESTION 15.**—The Fifteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was taken up. W. E. Gunby, Superintendent of the Dover District, and O. E. Jones, Superintendent of the Middletown District, were called, their characters passed and they read reports of their work. The Effective Elders of these districts were called, their characters passed and they answered affirmatively the questions required by the discipline relating to prorating ministerial support and the full support of the benevolences.

**QUESTION 16.**—The Sixteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of Carlisle L. Hubbard to the New York Conference.

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

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

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The order of the day was called, and G. T. Alderson was requested to preside at the Memorial Service.

The memoir of Julius A. Brewington, written by H. P. Fox; that of Thomas E. Terry, written by Leonard White; that of Joseph M. S. Van Blunk, written by E. H. Dashiell; and that of George P. Smith, written by G. P. Jones, were presented and read. That of William L. White, written by F. C. MacSorley, was presented and read by W. A. Wise.

W. E. Greenfield presented and read the memoir of Mrs. John P. Otis;

R. C. Jones, that of Mrs. John F. Anderson; W. A. Wise, that of Mrs. William L. White; G. P. Jones, that of Mrs. Sewall N. Pilchard.

The memoirs as read were then adopted and ordered published in the minutes, together with the memoir of Mrs. Harriet E. Conaway to be written by T. F. Beauchamp and furnished the Secretary in time for publication.

**CHAIR.**—Bishop McDowell resumed the chair.

**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. On motion of V. S. Collins, they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made, the doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, Alfred Smith pronouncing the benediction.

#### SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

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

**QUESTION 15.**—The Fifteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was resumed. 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.

On motion of E. H. Dashiell, W. A. Wise, T. F. Beauchamp, T. J. Sard, T. R. VanDyke, J. A. Leach, J. J. Bunting and V. S. Collins were appointed a committee of inquiry for the consideration of certain non-formulated complaints against P. P. Truitt, this action being taken at his request.

All other Effective Elders of the Salisbury and Wilmington Districts were then called, their characters passed and they answered affirmatively the questions required by the discipline relating to prorating ministerial support and the full support of the benevolences.

**MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS.**—O. E. Jones, Secretary of the Cabinet, nominated the following as members of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications and they were elected:—W. E. Habbart, Tilghman Smith, Leolan Jackson, L. B. Morgan, Frank Herson, E. P. Thomas, H. S. Dulany, M. E. Wheatley, F. C. MacSorley, J. W. Jones, G. T. Alderson.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned.

**THIRD SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.**

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 8:30 A. M., Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

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

**GREETINGS.**—Greetings were received from the Philadelphia Annual Conference and announced, and the Secretary was instructed to telegraph to our brethren of the neighboring Conference and their presiding officer, Bishop Joseph F. Berry, our greetings in return.

A telegram from Dr. Robert Watt in answer to the Conference's expression of love sent him yesterday was announced.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Dr. Clarence True Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY.**—Dr. Alfred Smith then addressed the Conference on the matter of the dry forces not being able to secure satisfactory newspaper publicity on the subject of law enforcement, and a special committee consisting of Alfred Smith, H. W. Ewing, G. T. Alderson and Leonard White was appointed to carefully consider this matter and submit report for Conference action.

**STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS.**—Dr. T. S. Long, Executive Secretary of the Strawbridge Home for Boys, Baltimore, Md., was introduced, after which he presented and read his report and it was adopted. The following trustees were nominated and elected for a term of one year:—T. J. Sard, B. M. Johns and Dr. C. Wilson Hughes.

**EXCUSED.**—By request of their District Superintendent, E. P. Thomas and N. C. Benson were excused to officiate at funerals on their respective charges.

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.**—The Director of Religious Education, F. A. Lindhorst, presented and read his report which was adopted together with the recommendations contained therein.

**INTRODUCTION.**—R. J. Wade, Executive Secretary of the World Service Commission, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**CHARACTERS PASSED.**—The names of the Effective Elders in special appointments were called and their characters passed.

**DRAFTS.**—The Bishop presented a draft from the Chartered Fund amounting to \$40., and one from the Methodist Book Concern for \$3,609., and they were ordered in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Dr. John H. Race, Senior Publishing Agent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**ORDER OF DAY.—SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.**—The time for the order of the day having arrived, it being eleven o'clock, the announcement was made that Dr. Wilbur F. Corkran would preach his semi-centennial sermon. A hymn was sung, after which Bishop McDowell led in prayer, and Dr. Wilbur F. Corkran preached, having as his theme, "The Ideal Church In Action."

**CORPORATE SESSION.**—The Conference went into Corporate Session at 12:15 o'clock for the purpose of electing ministerial trustees of the Wesley Collegiate Institute, R. K. Stephenson, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees, presiding. The following were nominated trustees of said Institute for a term of three years:—E. H. Dashiell, J. W. Colona, D. W. Jacobs, T. R. VanDyke, G. P. Jones and E. W. McDowell, the last name being substituted in lieu of the name of W. L. White, who is now deceased. The ballot was taken but the Corporate Session adjourned before the result of the ballot was announced.

**CHAIR.**—Bishop McDowell resumed the Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Bishop McDowell pronouncing the benediction.

**VISIT TO GRAVE OF BISHOP RICHARD WHATCOAT.**

At 1:30 P. M., the members of the Conference and their friends gathered in front of Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church and, led by Bishop McDowell, the District Superintendents and the Pastor of Wesley M. E. Church, Rev. Leonard White, walked to the grave of Bishop Richard Whatcoat in old Wesley Cemetery, Dover, Del., where the Bishop placed a wreath upon the monument of that early itinerant, spoke briefly but most appropriately and concluded his remarks with an earnest prayer.

**FOURTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.**

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at nine o'clock in Barratt's Chapel, Bishop William F. McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. After the singing of a hymn Dr. Charles W. Baldwin of the Baltimore Conference led in prayer.

**GREETINGS.**—A telegram conveying greetings from the Washington Annual Conference was announced, and the Secretary was instructed to telegraph to the Washington Annual Conference our greetings in return.

**TRIAL OF BISHOP ANTON BAST.**—Bishop McDowell read the following cablegram, signed by Bishops Nuelsen and Blake, which reached New York, March 20, 1926:

Bishop Bast acquitted on all charges involving financial irregularity. Found guilty and sentenced three months for technically violating law in nineteen sixteen in appealing public to "Buy the Lighthouse and help the Central Mission." Lighthouse was Bishop's private property and its profits accrued to him personally but profits were devoted to Central Mission by him. Verdict technical victory for prosecution and considered decidedly unjust. In view of all charges made consider outcome of trial moral victory for Bishop. Church has every reason for fullest confidence in Christian character and moral honor of Bishop Bast.

**QUESTION 5.**—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. The recommendations were received in due form for Admission on Trial of Sidney B. Bradley, Frank A. Baker, Joseph Irwin Barrett, Otis P. Jefferson, Charles W. Branford, Harry V. Branford, and Preston W. Spence, and, with the exception of the last named, who was not present, they were introduced to the Conference and then requested to retire.

In the cases of Sidney B. Bradley, Joseph Irwin Barrett, Otis P. Jefferson and Charles W. Branford, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendents represented and they were Received on Trial and placed in the Studies of First Year.

In the case of Frank A. Baker the Registrar reported, the Committee reported without recommendation or prejudice, the District Superintendent recommended, and by more than the two-thirds vote he was Received on Trial and placed in the Studies of First Year.

In the case of Harry V. Branford the Registrar reported, the Committee did not recommend, the District Superintendent did recommend, and by more than the two-thirds vote he was Received on Trial and placed in the Studies of First Year.

In the case of Preston W. Spence the Registrar reported but further action was postponed, he not having as yet been before the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications.

**QUESTION 8.**—The Eighth Question, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Frank L. Hicks was called, and Bishop announced his transfer to the Newark Conference.

John W. Chappell was called, his character passed and Conference granted his request to be discontinued, he having received injuries in the World War disabling him in such a way as to make the ministry impossible to him. The Secretary was requested to convey to him the love of his brethren of this Conference and the hope that he will recover his health and strength.

Harry N. Bailey, O. Ammon Bartley, John E. Parker and James C.

Steen were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented and the Committee recommended.

The class was then called before the chancel of the Church, and while standing on that historic spot the Bishop delivered a brief but earnest address, then put the usual disciplinary questions asked for admission into Full Membership, and Harry N. Bailey, O. Ammon Bartley and John E. Parker were so admitted, elected to Deacon's Orders and advanced to the Studies of Third Year. James C. Steen was admitted into Full Membership, graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elder's Orders.

**COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.**—W. A. Wise, Chairman of Committee of Inquiry, submitted the following report and it was adopted:

Your Committee of Inquiry into the unformulated complaints against Rev. Paul P. Truitt, a member of this Conference, begs leave to report that, after most careful inquiry into all the facts presented to us, we unanimously find no reason for further investigation on the part of this Conference.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Dr. Charles W. Baldwin of the Baltimore Conference was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of Morgan College, after which, on motion of V. S. Collins, who presented and read same, the following was adopted:

We have heard with pleasure the representation of Dr. Charles W. Baldwin concerning Morgan College. We endorse the campaign for increase of endowment. We recommend to the pastors of this Conference that the third Sunday in May be set aside as Morgan College Day, and a special offering be taken to help out the endowment fund of the College.

**QUESTION 11.**—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Benjamin W. Gilbert, Charles H. Hudson, Wingate D. Short, Roy T. Thawley and J. Harry Wright 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, J. Harry Wright to be ordained elsewhere.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Dr. W. W. Davis, General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, was introduced and addressed the Conference. The following recommendations were, on motion of T. J. Sard, read and adopted:

Reaffirming the action of the Wilmington Conference of 1925 approving the Educational Program of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland, we earnestly recommend:

1. That all our Churches and Sunday Schools make this program a part of their work.

2. That we co-operate in the Membership Program of the Lord's Day Alliance by asking our Churches, Sunday Schools and members to take some one of these memberships.
3. That our District Superintendents name a Co-Operating Committee as outlined in Section three of our 1925 report.
4. That this Conference name a member of the Lord's Day Alliance Educational Committee and recommend Rev. W. G. Harris for the place.
5. That our people by practice and precept discourage Sunday excursions and Sunday amusements. We commend the work of the Lord's Day Alliance in its persistent endeavor to conserve the Lord's Day.

**WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.**—Dr. Morris E. Swartz, Editor and Business Manager of the Washington Christian Advocate, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made, the doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, Dr. George E. Reed pronouncing the benediction.

#### FIFTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock with Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. Dr. John R. Edwards led in prayer at the conclusion of the Bishop's remarks.

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

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

John W. Grande was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and, on motion, he was Continued on Trial and advanced to Studies of Fourth Year.

Oliver J. Collins was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and, on motion, he was Continued on Trial and advanced with a condition to Studies of Second Year.

Alfred N. Strickland was called, his character passed, and, at his own request, he was permitted to discontinue his relations with the Conference.

**QUESTION 10.**—The Tenth Question, "What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. Gilbert T. Gehman and D. Arthur Stockely were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and, on motion, they were advanced to the Studies of Fourth Year.

**QUESTION 12.**—The Twelfth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up. The recommendations

were received in due form for the election to Deacon's Orders under the Local Rule of Daniel B. Prettyman and John H. Thornton. Their characters were passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents recommended, and they were elected to said orders.

**QUESTION 13.**—The Thirteenth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up. Recommendations were received in due form for the election to Elder's Orders under the Local Rule of Alonzo Travers, John T. Graham and Charles D. Sharpless. Their characters were passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents recommended, and they were elected to said orders.

**SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.**—On motion of T. F. Beauchamp, Chairman of the Board of Examiners, Conference confirmed its action of three 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, and requested the District Superintendents to apportion to the respective charges of the Conference the amount of \$500.

**SUPPLY PASTORS' COURSE OF STUDY.**—The following was read and adopted, on motion of T. F. Beauchamp:

WHEREAS, The discipline now requires Local Preachers serving as supply pastors to take a prescribed course of study in accordance with Paragraph 619, Section 7, Discipline of 1924; and,

WHEREAS, Only seven have taken examinations this year; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the District Superintendents be requested to urge all men to whom this paragraph applies to pursue such course.

**SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.**—On motion of J. W. Colona, Dr. George E. Reed was invited to preach his semi-centennial sermon on Thursday morning of the 1927 Conference session at eleven o'clock.

**CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT.**—The action of the Conference of 1925 session, placing itself "absolutely on a paid basis of entertainment," was, on motion of W. F. Corkran, rescinded. The plan under which, up to the action of last year, Conference had been working, is as follows:

1. The "old plan;" viz., free entertainment for all.
2. A compromise plan, in which the local church would provide as many free homes as possible and the entertainment of the remainder to be paid out of the Conference fund.
3. The local church to furnish an edifice for the sessions of the Conference and secure homes for the Conference, but ALL entertainment to be paid for out of the Conference funds.

(See page 73 of 1913 minutes.)

**PERCENTAGE APPORTIONMENT.**—Conference also rescinded its action of last year requiring "all members of the Conference who are receiving salaries from whatever source shall share in the percentage apportionment of this fund," on motion of H. G. Budd.

**APPORTIONMENT FOR CONF. ENTERTAINMENT.**—On motion of G. T. Alderson, the District Superintendents were requested to apportion to the respective charges an amount equal to one per cent. of the pastors' cash salary for Conference entertainment.

**QUESTION 40.**—The Fortieth Question, "Where shall the Next Conference be held?" was taken up. Through its pastor, J. A. Leach, Union Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., invited the Conference to hold its next annual session in said Church on Plan No. 3, or the paid plan. Through its pastor, H. P. Fox, Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Salisbury, Md., invited the Conference to hold its next annual session in that Church on Plan No. 1, or the free entertainment plan. On motion, the Conference unanimously accepted the invitation from Asbury Church, Salisbury.

**MONIES FOR ENTERTAINMENT.**—On motion of the Treasurer, V. E. Hills, Conference instructed him to pay all monies received from the respective charges for the Conference entertainment fund to the Treasurer of the Bureau of Sessions.

**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:—R. K. Stephenson, W. O. Bennett and J. M. Kelso.

**ROSE CARUTH WILL.**—The following resolution was presented and read by R. K. Stephenson, and, after Conference took favorable action on a motion of G. W. Dawson calling for the rescinding of an earlier action of this Conference on this subject, the resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Certain funds have been placed in the hands of the Conference Board of Trustees for investment, the same being a legacy left by Miss Rose Caruth; and,

WHEREAS, The conditions therein stipulated can now be complied with, viz., "Sixth: I give and bequeath unto the Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference, a corporation of the State of Delaware, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) to be held by the said corporation for the period of five years. If during that time a home for old people or invalids should be established by the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I direct that said fund of Two Thousand Dollars, with accrued interest, be paid to such institution. Seventh: If no such home is established within the period of five years, then I direct that the Trustees of the Wilmington

Annual Conference pay Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) of said fund to Mt. Salem Methodist Episcopal Church, a religious corporation of the State of Delaware, to be used by the said church as seems best; and I direct that Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) of said fund be paid to Cookman Methodist Episcopal Church, a religious corporation of the State of Delaware, to be used by said Church as seems best; and I further direct that the residue of said fund be paid to the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation of the State of Delaware, for the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund, as a memorial to Rose Caruth."

WHEREAS, The five years expired July 22, 1924; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Conference Trustees be, and are hereby authorized to make the distribution in keeping with the provisions stated in the will above named.

**BENCH AT BARRATT'S CHAPEL.**—On the request of the Bishop that the old bench at Barratt's Chapel be preserved, Charles H. Atkins, a member of this Conference, agreed to furnish the material, build the cabinet and see that the bench was deposited therein and the cabinet properly inscribed and conveniently located inside the Chapel so that all visitors to that historic spot could easily view same.

**MINIST. CONT. RELIEF FUND.**—The Trustee, R. K. Stephenson, submitted and read his report and it was adopted, and, on motion of Tilghman Smith, he was re-elected trustee of this fund. The Secretary was requested to send written notice to all pastors in charge calling their attention to the offering to be taken on the second Sunday in the month of May for this cause.

On motion of W. E. Gunby, Conference ordered the Trustee of this Fund to pay to H. E. Truitt, a faithful and worthy supply pastor in our Conference for many years, the sum of \$200.

**COLLECTION FOR H. E. TRUITT.**—A free will offering was then taken to supplement the \$200. just ordered in behalf of Brother Truitt. The offering amounted to \$175.16.

**HOME FOR THE AGED.**—The following was adopted after being presented and read by Ivanhoe Willis:

WHEREAS, The Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church has no provision for the care of its aged members; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of erecting a Home for the Aged within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference, and that the committee report to the Conference at its session in 1927.

The committee appointed consisted of the following:—R. K. Stephenson, E. W. Jones, B. M. Johns, J. H. Beauchamp and D. W. Jacobs.

**CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE.**—On motion of J. W. Sutton, who presented and read the following, it was adopted:

WHEREAS, We believe that the principles of Stewardship as set forth in the Word of God are conducive to the highest interests of our Church and constituency; and that Christian Stewardship is the divinely intended way of raising funds for the support of the Church and the interests of the Kingdom; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Wilmington Annual Conference, respectfully request the Department of Church Schools of our Church and the International Committee to place, "Lessons setting forth the principles of Stewardship," in our Church School literature to be taught in our Sunday Schools and throughout our church life.

**NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY ON LAW ENFORCEMENT.**—The report of the special committee on the matter of unsatisfactory newspaper publicity on the subject of law enforcement was presented and read by Alfred Smith, and it was adopted. It is as follows:

WHEREAS, There is a terrific onslaught being made at this time on the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act in this State and Nation; and,

WHEREAS, The public press is a powerful factor in any conflict where public sentiment is involved; and,

WHEREAS, The press within the bounds of our Conference territory, with a few notable exceptions, is either silent or openly hostile and unfair in its dealings with the question at issue; therefore,

RESOLVED, I, That we most heartily commend the attitude of those papers that are standing with the forces of righteousness in their attempt to save the people from the deadly, dastardly delusion of a wine and beer program without a saloon, and we would urge our people everywhere within the patronizing territory of those papers to give to them their patronage and support.

RESOLVED, II, That we deplore the cowardice of those papers that for gain or otherwise see fit to keep silence when this beast of nameless passion again crouches and makes ready to spring.

RESOLVED, III, That we unsparingly condemn those papers that not only have openly allied themselves with the movement against the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act, but are distorting the facts and deceiving the people and refusing to give to the friends of law and order a fair and impartial hearing.

RESOLVED, IV, That we disclaim any intention to muzzle or monopolize the press in anything where there is ground for an honest difference of opinion, but we do demand at the hands of those papers a square deal and a fair fight.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Professor Andres Osuna of Mexico; Dr. Joseph B. Hingeley, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Pensions and Re-

lief; Dr. Homer J. Smith of the Ohio Conference; Bishop Titus Lowe of Singapore; Dr. Charles T. Dunning of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, were introduced.

Dr. John R. Edwards, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions; Dr. Charles M. Boswell, Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. George W. Crabbe, Superintendent of the Maryland-Delaware Anti-Saloon League, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

**QUESTION 5.**—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was resumed. The name of Preston W. Spence was again called and he was introduced to the Conference and requested to retire. The Registrar having reported at Friday morning's session on this case, the Committee was asked to make its report and it recommended, the District Superintendent represented, and he was Received on Trial and placed in Studies of First Year.

**CORPORATE SESSION.**—For the purpose of announcing the result of the vote taken at the session on Thursday morning for Trustees of Wesley Collegiate Institute, Conference went into a brief Corporate Session, Hon. W. O. Hoffecker, President of the Board of Trustees of said institution, presiding. The President announced the following brethren as having been elected for a term of three years:—E. H. Dashiell, E. W. McDowell, J. W. Colona, D. W. Jacobs, T. R. VanDyke and G. P. Jones. The Corporate Session adjourned.

**CHAIR.**—Bishop McDowell resumed the Chair.

**GREETINGS FROM LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.**—The Secretary read a telegram from the Laymen's Association in which the Association pledged the earnest support of its members to local and general interests of the Church, and he was instructed to convey to the Secretary of said Association the profound appreciation of this Conference for their expression of confidence in the Conference's leadership and loyalty to its causes.

**WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.**—The following resolution, adopted by the Laymen's Association, was presented and read by the Secretary, and, on his motion, it was adopted and the District Superintendents were instructed to apportion this amount to the respective charges of the Conference, with the request that each charge pay their apportionment for this cause by July 1st:

RESOLVED, That the Laymen's Association suggests to the Wilmington Annual Conference that they accept the proposition of the Washington Christian Advocate in asking the Methodists of this Conference for the sum of \$1,500. for the Conference year in order to reduce the debt and running expenses of said paper, and approve the plan for this amount to be apportioned among the various churches in the Conference.

**TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**—The following resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote by the Laymen's Association, and referred to this Annual Conference for adoption. It was read by the Secretary and on his motion was adopted:

WHEREAS, There was, prior to the year 1919, a statute in the State of Delaware compelling the giving of scientific temperance instruction to the school children of the State; and

WHEREAS, The new school laws of Delaware do not now contain the said provision; and,

WHEREAS, The present law provides that the State Board of Education shall have power to make and fix the curriculum of the schools of the State and that the resolutions of the said State Board of Education, when published, shall have the force of law; and,

WHEREAS, We are persuaded that there is now immediate and urgent need that the youth of our State be taught the evils and the menace of the use of alcoholic drink; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference assembled at Dover this twenty-sixth day of March, 1926, that we do earnestly urge the State Board of Education of the State of Delaware to require that there be given in the schools of the State regular and thorough instruction concerning the harmful and disastrous physical and moral effects of the use of alcoholic liquors as beverages; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the said State Board of Education by a committee of this Association.

**GENERAL CONFERENCE PLACE OF MEETING.**—The following, on motion of L. B. Morgan, who presented and read same, was adopted:

WHEREAS, Atlantic City is well qualified by her magnificent and ample hostelries to accommodate thousands of people with ease and acceptability; and,

WHEREAS, A stately and commodious convention hall will be realized in a very short time, the contracts for which will be let in May and the completion of which we are assured by Mayor Edward L. Bader will not be later than Jan. 1, 1928; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Wilmington Annual Conference, in meeting assembled, invite, with our contiguous Conferences, the General Conference of 1928 to convene in Atlantic City; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge Bishop McDowell, Resident Bishop of this Area, to exercise his utmost power to bring about this mutually happy result; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That our Secretary send a copy of this resolution to the Commission having this matter in charge.

**QUESTION 16.**—The Sixteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?" was taken up. Bishop McDowell an-

nounced the transfer of Lawrence E. Wimbrow to the Saint John River Conference.

**STATISTICAL REPORT.**—The report of the Statistician was read and adopted, and, on motion of Tilghman Smith, he was nominated and elected Statistician for the ensuing year.

**EXPERT HELP FOR TREASURER.**—J. L. Sparklin presented and read a resolution calling for the aid of an expert accountant to assist the Treasurer, the cost of same to be paid by the Bureau of Sessions. During the discussion which ensued, the order of the day, calling for a joint session with the Older Boys' Conference, arrived, and action on the resolution was postponed.

#### Joint Session.

To the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers," the Older Boy's Conference, led by its President and F. A. Lindhorst, Director of Religious Education, came marching down the center aisle of the Church and took their seats within the bar of the Conference.

Bishop McDowell presented F. A. Lindhorst, who extended, on behalf of the Annual Conference, a most cordial welcome to the members of the Older Boys' Conference.

L. Richard Horner of McCabe Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., President of the Older Boys' Conference, was then introduced and responded on behalf of the boys.

Professor Andres Asuna was introduced and spoke interestingly of the political and religious conditions in Mexico.

At the suggestion of the Bishop, Conference authorized the sending of an appreciative message of greeting to Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, founder of the Older Boys' Conference.

A musical selection was rendered by two of the boys, after which the Bishop delivered a brief but very earnest address, closing with a call for more sincere consecration of our lives to Jesus Christ.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Conference adjourned after announcements were made, Bishop Titus Lowe pronouncing the benediction.

#### SIXTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 2:30 P. M., G. T. Alderson presiding. Brief devotions were conducted by G. W. Townsend.

**COM. ON CONF. RELATIONS.**—The Committee on Conference Relations read their report, and, at their own request, the following relations were changed:—F. N. Faulkner from Supernumerary to Retired; W. R. Mowbray from Effective to Retired; W. F. Godwin from Effective to Sup-



ernumerary; G. W. Hastings from Reired to Effective; F. C. MacSorley from Effective to Retired.

The Committee recommended that the request of James C. Steen that his relation be changed from Effective to Supernumerary be not granted. This recommendation was adopted.

The report was then adopted as a whole and the following were nominated and elected members of the Committee for a term of three years, the Secretary casting the ballot:—R. P. Nichols, L. E. Poole, R. K. Stephenson and G. W. Hastings.

L. M. Broadway was elected a member of the Committee in place of C. L. Hubbard.

**PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR.**—On motion of V. S. Collins the privileges of the floor were granted to laymen on the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, the Board of Stewards and members of the Laymen's Association.

**REPORT OF G. P. JONES.**—G. P. Jones, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, read his report and it was adopted.

**FIELD SECRETARY.**—C. E. Burchenal presented the following recommendation of the Commission:

The Commission asks the Conference to request the Presiding Bishop to appoint a Field Secretary for this work for another year, and that it is the sense of the Commission that G. P. Jones is the man that is desired for the appointment because of his experience and his splendid work.

**FINANCIAL REPORT.**—C. E. Burchenal presented and read the financial report of the Commission covering expenses incurred incident to the campaign for securing pledges for the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund. (See financial report.)

**PENSION PLAN.**—Drs. Joseph B. Hingeley and B. M. Powell were introduced to the Conference. Dr. Hingeley then presented the program of the Board of Pensions and Relief, after which V. S. Collins presented the following resolution and it was adopted:

RESOLVED, That we have heard with pleasure Dr. J. B. Hingeley on the plan of Pension and Relief; and,

RESOLVED, That we request the Endowment Commission of our Conference to work out a plan by which this Conference may enter into the general plan, and report to the Conference at its next session.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—After the announcements were made the Conference adjourned, G. L. Hardesty pronouncing the benediction.

### SEVENTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

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

**OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE.**—The members of the Older Boys' Conference were present.

#### Ordination Service.

**Deacons.**—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders and Harry N. Bailey, O. Ammon Bartley, John E. Parker, Daniel B. Prettyman and John H. Thornton were ordained as Deacons, the last two named having been elected to said orders under the Local Rule.

**Elders.**—Those elected to Elder's Orders were called and presented, and the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, ordained Benjamin W. Gilbert, Charles H. Hudson, Wingate D. Short, James C. Steen, Roy T. Thawley, John T. Graham, Charles D. Sharpless and Alonzo Travers as Elders, the last three named having been elected to said orders under the Local Rule.

**CONSECRATION SERVICE.**—Following, without interruption, the service of ordination, and after the entire congregation with bowed heads had sung softly two appropriate hymns of consecration, the Bishop, with few but well chosen words, made an urgent appeal to the members of the Older Boys' Conference for consecration of their lives to the ministry and missionary service, the response to which was the dedication of eleven young lives.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made, a hymn was sung and Conference adjourned, G. W. Townsend pronouncing the benediction.

**CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.**

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

Harry N. Bailey  
O. Ammon Bartley  
John E. Parker

Daniel B. Prettyman  
John H. Thornton

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

Benjamin W. Gilbert  
Wingate D. Short  
Charles H. Hudson  
James C. Steen

Roy T. Thawley  
John T. Graham  
Charles D. Sharpless  
Alonzo Travers

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

*William F. McDowell*

Bishop.

Dover, Delaware.

**EIGHTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.**

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

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

**QUESTION 1.**—The First Question, "What Officers and Persons holding Moneys, Funds, etc., are Bonded, and in what Amounts, According to the Requirement of the Discipline?" was taken up. On motion of G. A. Cooke, the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission was directed to bond the Treasurer of said Commission for the full amount of his financial responsibility.

On motion of G. W. Dawson, the Treasurer of the Conference was requested to secure bond at the expense of the Conference for the full amount of his financial responsibility.

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

**SALE OF PROPERTY.**—The following resolution was presented and read by G. A. Cooke, and it was adopted:

RESOLVED, That we, the Wilmington Annual Conference, do hereby authorize the sale of the church building known as the Omar Church on the Frankford Charge, Salisbury District, as provided for in Paragraphs 362 and 363 of 1924 Discipline.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.**—Standing committee reports on World Service and Evangelism were read and adopted; those on Education and State of the Church and Social Service were adopted without reading.

**WILM. CITY MISSIONARY & CHURCH EXT. SOCIETY.**—G. T. Alderson, Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, presented and read his report and it was adopted, and the apportionment of \$5,000. was ordered by the Conference, on motion of J. W. Colona.

**CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.**—H. G. Budd, V. S. Collins, F. C. MacSorley, V. C. Hitchens, L. M. Price and M. F. Alexander were nominated and elected members of the Board of Managers of the Conference Education Society, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

On motion of V. S. Collins, the Managers of the Education Society were authorized to change the by-laws of said Society in order to aid young people (female as well as male) to study for increased service in the Church.

The Cabinet and Committee on Education were delegated to name the Conference visitors to the respective schools.

**PRINT SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.**—On motion of R. T. Thawley, the Editor of the Washington Christian Advocate was requested to publish the semi-centennial sermon preached before our Conference by W. F. Corkran.

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

**BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**—The report of the Conference Board of Sunday Schools was presented and read by E. M. Shockley and it was adopted.

**EPWORTH LEAGUE.**—W. G. Harris read the report of the Board of Epworth League and it was adopted. The officers of said Board were then nominated and elected.

**SALE OF PROPERTY.—HOLLAND'S ISLAND.**—Conference authorized E. H. Dashiell, on his motion, to dispose of the church property on Holland's Island.

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

**VOTE OF APPRECIATION.**—On motion of F. A. Lindhorst, Conference extended to W. G. Harris and G. E. Sterling a hearty vote of sincere appreciation for their interest and sacrificial spirit for our young people as manifested in their work with the Epworth League Institute of our Conference.

**RECRUITING MINISTERS.**—After being read by F. A. Lindhorst, who moved its adoption, Conference adopted the following:

WHEREAS, There is a constant demand for Ministers in our Churches throughout Methodism; in fact, a greater demand than supply; and,

WHEREAS, The source of supply to meet that demand is principally to be found among the youth; and,

WHEREAS, The period of greatest number of decisions for life work and occupations is the High School or adolescent period of life, thus giving the local church and pastor the richest opportunity in selecting promising young men for this important task of the Church; be it

RESOLVED, That we urge our Pastors, Young People's Leaders, Teachers and Parents to present faithfully, by groups and in personal consultation, the challenge of the Christian Ministry and other Religious Professions, to the young people in their charge, with the ultimate aim of leading them to the point of consecration and decision.

**WEEK DAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.**—The following was also adopted, on motion of F. A. Lindhorst:

WHEREAS, There is a crying need for more adequate Religious Instruction to the youth of our communities; and,

WHEREAS, The plan of Week Day Religious Instruction, whereby the pupils of the public school are dismissed for one to two hours a week for the purpose of attending church classes of Religious Instruction, has proven an excellent means for securing such instruction; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the State of Delaware has before it for consideration a resolution which, if passed, will permit local community Boards of Education to dismiss their Public School pupils in keeping with the said plan; be it

RESOLVED, That we urgently request the Board of Education, State of Delaware, to give serious consideration to the resolution before them and act upon it favorably; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we assure the Public School authorities that we will use every possible means and influence to provide as high a standard of work in the teaching done by the Church under such a plan as is done in the corresponding Public Schools.

**NEWARK PROJECT.**—On motion of J. W. Colona, the following was adopted:

That we have heard with pleasure of the efforts of our Church at Newark to provide an adequate equipment for the Methodist students at the University of Delaware, and commend it to our Conference territory for sympathy and assistance.

**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, J. T. Price, Leonard White, W. O. Bennett. Reserves—E. W. Jones and G. W. Dawson.

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

**QUESTION 27.**—The Twenty-seventh Question, "Who have been granted Leave of Absence?" was taken up. On motion of his District Superintendent, and at his own request, W. H. Briggs was granted Leave of Absence.

**SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.**—Having been recommended by the Cabinet, Conference requested certain special appointments to be made. (See list of appointments.)

**VISITING BISHOPS.**—Conference expressed its approval of the plan of having several of our Bishops visit this Conference territory and preach in our pulpits on Sunday, May 2d; then on the Monday following at ten o'clock arrange for a meeting in Wesley M. E. Church, Dover, Delaware, to which meeting will be invited the four District Preachers' Associations of the Conference; then at the Hotel duPont on the same evening, a program and banquet.

**EXPERT HELP FOR TREASURER.**—Having been postponed at a previous session without action taken thereon, J. L. Sparklin presented and re-read the following resolution, and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, The time-worn method which the Conference Treasurer is now compelled to use in making up his report is inadequate for present day efficiency and progress; and,

WHEREAS, This method deprives many of the brethren of privileges and pleasures during Conference week that rightfully belong to them; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, First, That beginning with the session of 1927 the Conference Treasurer be and is hereby empowered to employ certified public accountants to assist him in making up his annual report; and,

RESOLVED, Second, That the Treasurer is hereby further authorized to draw upon the treasury of the Bureau of Sessions for an amount sufficient to defray the expense of such expert assistance.

**TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.**—The following were appointed as members of a joint committee, three having been appointed by the Laymen's Association, to confer with the State Board of Education regarding scientific temperance instructions in the public schools:—W. E. Gunby, E. W. Jones and Alfred Smith.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—T. N. Rawlins read the report of the Board of Stewards.

**CHANGE METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT.**—V. S. Collins moved to amend the report of the Board of Stewards by the adoption of the following:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Conference Stewards be and are hereby instructed to apportion to the several charges for Conference Claimants an amount equal to 15% of Pastor's salary plus house rent; provided that in no case shall the apportionment exceed 90 cents for each full member for the charge, nor exceed two per cent. of the net value of the property reported for church buildings and grounds.

G. P. Jones then asked the Bishop for a ruling on the basis on which the Board of Stewards may apportion the amounts for the support of the Conference Claimants.

**RULING OF THE BISHOP.**—The ruling of the Bishop was as follows:

The Bishop rules that under Paragraph 337 of the Discipline of 1924, the equitable apportionment to the various pastoral charges for the raising of the amount decided to be necessary under the provision of the paragraph is to be made by the Conference Stewards.

After this ruling, the Bishop declared the motion of Dr. Collins to be out of order.

**APPEAL FROM THE RULING.**—Immediately after the ruling of the Bishop, V. S. Collins took an appeal from said ruling, which appeal will be recorded and referred to the General Conference for its action upon the interpretation of the law.

**REQUEST MADE OF BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—The Board of Stewards, when making apportionments to the respective charges, was requested to give careful consideration to the plan suggested in the resolution of V. S. Collins noted above, on motion of G. T. Alderson.

**REPORT ADOPTED.**—The report of the Board of Stewards was then adopted, and the recommendations and nominations made therein were approved.

**SPECIAL COM. OF CONF. CLAIM. END. COM.**—The following committee of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission was appointed for the purpose of conferring with the Board of Pensions and Relief in order to ascertain the definite requirements necessary, at the proper time, for our Conference to cooperate with the plan now being perfected by the said Board:—Dover District, T. N. Rawlins and D. W. Jacobs; Middletown District, W. O. Hoffecker and W. F. Corkran; Salisbury District, V. S. Collins and W. T. Dashiell; Wilmington District, B. M. Johns and C. E. Burchenal; and G. P. Jones, at large.

**AUDITOR.—1927.**—H. B. Kelso submitted his report as Auditor of the Conference, and he was re-elected.

**TREASURER.**—The Treasurer, before beginning to read his report, made a statement to the effect that there was a discrepancy between the cash received by him and the amounts reported by Pastors, for which he could not account.

On motion of J. W. Colona, Conference instructed the Treasurer to secure expert public accountants, who, together with the Treasurer, the District Superintendents and E. P. Thomas, G. W. Dawson, J. J. Bunting and G. T. Alderson, who were appointed by their respective District Superintendents, were instructed to make a thorough investigation into the matter of this discrepancy and publish their findings, the expense incurred to be paid by the Bureau of Sessions.

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

**DEACONESS BOARD.**—On motion of J. W. Colona, T. R. VanDyke, J. L. Johnson, W. G. Harris, R. C. Jones and Howard Davis were elected members of the Conference Deaconess Board, and certain recommendations of the Board for the appointment of Deaconesses were approved.

**APPRECIATION.—H. G. BUDD.**—The following was presented and read by R. C. Jones, and, on his motion, it was unanimously adopted:

We, The undersigned, graduates of the Wilmington Conference Academy and the Wesley Collegiate Institute, do hereby wish to express our most hearty appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Henry G. Budd for his splendid work and achievements as the President of the Conference School.

We wish to express our thanks for the Christian influence he shed upon us and for the sound advice and loyal support that always came from this father and brother whenever approached by an earnest and sincere student.

We do further desire that the laity of our Church on the peninsula be informed as to how we feel toward this dear man of God by having this item of appreciation and his esteem printed in the leading papers of this State.

It is also with deep regret that we receive the news of his resignation as President of our Alma Mater, and we do most sincerely hope and trust that happiness and success may accompany all his efforts in extending God's Kingdom in other fields of labor.

**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 announcement of appointments, Conference be adjourned.

**THANKS.**—The Committee on Thanks presented and read its report and it was adopted.

**APPOINTMENTS READ.**—Announcements were made, the appointments were read, a hymn was sung and Bishop McDowell pronounced the benediction and Conference stood adjourned.

As President and Secretary we hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings and business of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

*William F. McDowell*

President.

DISSTON W. JACOBS,

Secretary.

## X.

### REPORTS.

#### (a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

##### DOVER DISTRICT.

W. E. GUNBY, District Superintendent.

It is a high personal privilege to have the pleasure of extending a hearty and sincere welcome to the members and friends of the Wilmington Conference, now coming for the seventh time to hold its annual session, within this grand old Church, situated in this beautiful, historic, capital city, set like a rare gem, in the very heart of the Diamond State. Delaware, because of the place of priority held in those stirring events, out of which this Nation was born, is entitled to precedence on all national occasions. It is also her proud boast that she is the most Methodistic State in the Union. Strange indeed it would be, should these militant "hosts of righteousness," assembled here in the very heart of this most Methodistic State, to make report of work accomplished and progress achieved, fail to find that warm, open-hearted, cordial spirit of fellowship, that has characterized the followers of Wesley through one hundred and fifty years of glorious achievement and honored history!

It would be pleasing to tell in detail the living story of these splendid "heroes of the cross," in whose name I now speak, who through labors abundant, and faith undaunted, have wrought righteousness, turned back the forces of evil, and helped to usher in the better day of the Lord; and, equally pleasing, it would be to portray the splendid record of many a struggling Church, striving against adverse conditions to attain to higher and better things; but, though these things merit more than casual notice, pressure of business admonishes to be brief.

##### I.

**Pastoral Changes.** Only once during the year were the effective ranks of the District disturbed. The Rev. W. A. Freeman, after supplying the Lakesville Charge for a year and a half, left for his summer vacation and did not return to his task. The Rev. N. A. Catlett of Cambridge, Md., took up the work and completed the year in a highly satisfactory manner.

##### II.

**Sickness and Deaths.** The District however was not to be immune from the visitation of that,

"Reaper, grim, whose name is Death,  
Who with his sickle keen,  
Reaps the bearded grain at a breath,  
And the flowers that grow between,"

for on the 25th of June, in the full fruition of flower-bedecked springtide, the Rev. Thomas E. Terry, dauntless prophet of the living God, honored and beloved of all, closed his earthly career at Magnolia, Delaware, leaving behind him the afterglow of beauty and radiance and color, like a departing summer's day. Just a few months later, when the harvests were being gathered in, and the early frosts of the hazy autumn-tide had written glorious death on forest, field and stream, the Rev. George P. Smith, sweet, gentle soul, and faithful shepherd of the Master's sheep, said farewell, after a lingering illness, to this vale of tears, and was transported as if by celestial gravity, up the hillsides of the skies, to that realm where suffering is unknown and Death never plunges a spade. The end came in this city, on September the 30th. He was buried from this Church, and his body reposes in that quiet "God's Acre," known to us as "Silver Lake," just North of town.

It was the privilege of the writer to visit these brethren in their affliction, and with you he bears glad testimony, not only to their splendid, useful lives, but also to their patience in suffering, and to their triumphant faith in the presence of death. From beyond the grave they heard the "Lord of Life and Glory," Who had ventured the way of death before them, saying, "Because I live ye shall live also," and, "He that liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die," and were assured.

From the parsonage of Seaford Circuit, on Sunday, January the 17th, Esther Sarah, aged two and one-half years, child of the Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Whedbee, was called to the bosom of the Good Shepherd. The patient resignation of the parents to this apparently untoward providence bespeaks their dependence upon the great Burden-Bearer, Who comforts and strengthens the oppressed and heavy-laden.

Sister Harriet E. Conaway, wife of the Rev. George S. Conaway, one of our Retired Ministers, who departed this life in 1922, passed away during the year, and rests beside her husband at Smyrna, Delaware.

The Rev. Horace E. Truitt, one of our much beloved pastors, was compelled through sickness to relinquish his work at Bethel, Delaware, for many weeks. He entered that "House of Mercy" in Philadelphia, which we proudly call, "Our Methodist Hospital," and after repeated operations and much suffering, was able to resume his work. It is a very sobering reflection that after more than thirty years of splendid work as a supply pastor, this true man of God, the hero of many revivals, now compelled by broken health to relinquish the work he loves, faces the future with inadequate provision for his comfort, and without legal claim upon the funds of the Conference he has so faithfully served. Brethren, some provision must be made to meet this kind of situation!

### III.

**Buildings, Improvements, Debts.** A beautiful little Church at Lebanon on Camden Charge was dedicated in the early summer, costing about \$5000, which has been paid. Actuated by a fine progressive spirit, Seaford Circuit sold their old parsonage and bought a nice new parsonage, worth \$6000, paying a cash difference of \$1800, and leaving a small remainder to be provided. Secretary and McKendree reports \$725 in cash raised for a new parsonage. What came near being a catastrophe took place at Crapo last August, when on Sunday morning the parsonage took fire and was destroyed. The alarm came at the hour of the service in the Church near by. The Pastor, the Rev. J. W. Sutton, hurried to the scene, climbed to the porch roof, kicked open the shutters, and at the risk of his life, entered the burning building, and, with the help of those who had gathered, rescued his sick wife and infant son, who were almost suffocated by the heat and smoke. Another parsonage was soon provided near St. Thomas' Church, at Bishop's Head, and with some minor improvements made, the Pastor and his family were soon comfortable again. Further improvements are to be made in the Spring, and St. Thomas', Zion and Bethany will have a comfortable home for their Pastor.

The Ebenezer Church of the Crapo Charge, feeling that there should be a parsonage on the old site, invited the three Churches of the Lakesville Charge to join with them in building a parsonage at Ebenezer. This has been arranged and the new parsonage will be constructed as early as weather conditions will permit. This new work will be known as the Crapo-Lakesville Charge, consisting of Ebenezer, Streets, Bounds, and Wesley Churches. The other Charge will be known as St. Thomas' and will be composed of three Churches: St. Thomas', Zion and Bethany.

The work of beautifying and improving Church and parsonage properties has gone steadily forward, and even from incomplete reports the District has expended this year for improvements upwards of \$12,000.

Much attention has been given to the payment of debts. Lewes has cleared away a troublesome incumbrance of \$1350; Laurel has raised \$4000 to complete the payment of the debt against their splendid property, and will proceed at once to redecorate the interior of the Church. Cambridge rejoices in her debt paid in full and held a "Jubilation Service" last Sunday with Bishop McDowell as the speaker of the morning. The District will show above \$11,000 paid on old debts for the year.

### IV.

**Sunday Schools and Religious Education.** The work being done in our Sunday Schools was never of as fine a type as at present. In many instances, even in the country, one may find the Schools departmentalized and using graded lessons. The new day is on in this important field. The necessity of trained leadership is seen as never before. Religious Education is both the birthright of the child and the way of salvation for the Church. Only those ideals built into the structure of character from

childhood become a dependable factor in life. The Church must build its program around childhood. Better far to claim life at its source than to reclaim it at its end. The Church must turn into its own channels streams of youthful energy and enthusiasm now going to waste. Religious illiteracy is a far graver menace than intellectual illiteracy. Religion is as much a part of life equipment as geography and arithmetic. If manhood is to fulfill its obligation to the Church of tomorrow, the Church must fulfill its obligation to the childhood of today. The forces set going through the work of the Rev. Frank A. Lindhorst, our Conference Director of Religious Education, can hardly be overestimated in their far-reaching consequences.

Within this District Standard Training Schools have been held at Seaford and Dover, attracting large number of interested workers from a wide patronizing territory. The splendid enrollment of these schools, with the high class of work accomplished, and the atmosphere of serious devotion to the work at hand, have evoked merited commendation. Plans are maturing for another school to be held in Cambridge in the early Spring. Successful Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been held at Milford, Seaford and Federalsburg. Schools of Religious Week Day Instruction and Junior Church organizations are being established, while Training Classes are springing up here and there over the District. The writer has tried to be helpful in all these matters, having taught the course in "Church Administration" in both the Schools held on the District; Mrs. Gunby has taught the course in "Materials and Methods for Intermediate-Seniors" in the Schools at Chestertown, Snow Hill and Seaford.

## V.

**Washington Christian Advocate.** The District gave fine cooperation in the campaign made by our "Official Paper" last May, giving its full share of subscribers, and contributing \$505 toward the "Guarantee Fund" exceeding the asking from the District by more than \$100.

## VI.

**World Service.** The claims of the General Church as set forth in the World Service have been faithfully presented. It has been our laudable ambition to turn, if possible, the ebb-tide of failure into the flood-tide of victory. The slogan "Every Church Advancing" has been sounded forth. The "Goal of Advance" was received with gladness by most of the Charges and in many instances has worked a healing ministry, and helped toward a spirit of willingness to cooperate with the General Boards. If the Churches of the District keep faith with their pledges toward the World Service, we will have a gain of more than \$3000 over last year. If there be any falling off, it will likely be among the larger Churches, in which certain "special gifts," left over from Centenary days, cannot be duplicated. If all our people would read the Church papers, and see how vital World Service dollars are linked up with the progress of our Lord's

Kingdom, support for these splendid causes would be more readily forthcoming. Is it too much to hope that this year the pendulum may swing back, and that our World Service giving may set a fine example for the whole Church, and shall bring the inspiration of a new hope to those who represent us on that far-flung battle line advancing toward world redemption.

## VII.

**District Agencies.** The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society have had another splendid year of helpful service. Both in numerical growth and in money raised, the high standard of previous years goes steadily forward. The Ladies' Aid Societies have contributed much toward the social and spiritual life of the Churches, and have raised and expended during the year more than \$15,000. Only words of highest commendation can fitly express the appreciation we have of these splendid women, through whose untiring efforts and consecrated devotion so many worthy things have been accomplished in the interest of the Churches and the Kingdom.

## VIII.

**Conference Claimant Endowment Campaign.** Pursuant to the action of the previous session, the Endowment Campaign was organized in the late Spring, and in the early Fall the actual work was begun. This movement met with a kind reception throughout the District. It was the never-failing joy of the writer to discover that the heart of the Church is sympathetic in this matter. Reflecting that there are twenty "Supply Charges" on this District, it has been very encouraging to note that these faithful Pastors, who could have no direct, personal interest in the success of this movement, have been as enthusiastic and helpful as those who entertain reasonable hope of benefit therefrom. Much of the credit for the degree of victory attained is due the sane leadership, wise organization and personal effort of Dr. G. P. Jones, the Field Secretary. Of the \$26,000 asked of the Dover District, we confess to a degree of pardonable pride in reporting as underwritten \$25,080.

## IX.

**Evangelism.** Throughout the District there has been an earnest and devoted interest in the saving of souls. At the District Meeting in the Fall, special emphasis was given to Evangelism, with Dr. George W. Cooke, as the speaker. A District Program of Evangelism was discussed and adopted. The enterprising Pastors of our Churches in Laurel, Blades, Seaford and Bridgeville organized a cooperative evangelistic movement, holding meetings two weeks in each Church and uniting their forces with gratifying results. The plan of the campaign and the fine spirit engendered have evoked merited commendation. Five conferences on "Youth Evangelism" were held in the strategic centers of the District with a spec-

ial program, sponsored by Brother Lindhorst, Brother Jacobs and myself. While some charges report but few conversions, there have been many revivals of note and some of outstanding proportions. Millsboro leads the District with 103 conversions. Believing that a spiritual victory makes for financial opportunity, this resourceful Pastor capitalized the occasion by raising the Endowment quota of \$275 in its entirety, and, so far as I know, has the signal honor of being the first Pastor to meet this claim in full. Milton rejoices in 55 conversions; Blades and Epworth, 50; Canterbury, 59; Williamsburg, 44; Beckwith and Spedden, 40; and other charges reporting lesser numbers; making a total for the District of above 900. In some instances, better methods of conserving the results of the revival result in the reception of the entire class into Full Membership.

## X.

**Ministerial Support.** It is an increasingly hopeful sign that many of our Charges are beginning to see that the right to a comfortable support inheres in the Gospel Ministry. Those advancing this year are:—Secretary and McKendree, \$500; Laurel, Bridgeville, Seaford Circuit, Georgetown, each \$300; Nassau, Milton, Harrington, Camden, Magnolia, Georgetown Circuit, each \$200; Mount Pleasant, \$150; Blades, Greenwood, Wyoming, Felton, \$100 each; Williamsburg, \$75; Ellendale, \$60; Elliott's, \$50; a total of 19 Charges, advancing this year, \$3635 in pastor's salary, making an advance in three years of 41 Charges, and \$9725. Yet, at far too many places, the support is pitifully inadequate, calling for needless and painful sacrifice, and making for unrest and inefficiency.

## XI.

**Personal Word.** This imperfect report comes to its close. It would be remiss did I not recognize herein the abounding goodness of God, through whose merciful favor I have enjoyed the health and strength with which to prosecute my work in physical comfort. I have not missed an engagement during the year; I have preached three times on Sunday, almost without exception, and frequently during the week. Besides other means of conveyance, I have traveled over the District 20,000 miles in my own car. I desire to record afresh my personal appreciation of the kindly and sympathetic helpfulness of those with whom I have labored, and especially of those whose tender ministries have comforted and strengthened me, and whose words of commendation have cheered my heart. As the servant of the Church I have been received with uniform courtesy and met with kindness unmerited. I have spared nothing that seemed to count for efficiency or make for progress. I can find no words with which to close this report more fitting than those I used a year ago:—"Onward" is our motto. In the march of progress we dare not camp even where heroes fell, if to-morrow is to be better than to-day. "In an age on ages telling, to be living is sublime."

## MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

O. E. JONES, District Superintendent.

Immediately after Conference last Spring a change became necessary that left Oxford without a Pastor. Brother W. L. White, who was living at Easton, and, just entering upon the wider and more general ministry of his Retired relation, undertook the care of that charge. He was with them only a few weeks before God called him into the Heavenly relationship, but they were rich and wonderful weeks for our people there. After he had gone I found the Quarterly Conference, and the Church on Sunday morning filled with his presence. Since then Brother T. C. Smoot has very kindly and effectively ministered to them.

Only a few weeks ago Sister White went to join her husband in the land where life is life indeed. We shall miss them both this Conference time, we shall always miss them, but when I call up his strength, the eagerness of his spirit, and his unaffected, child-like enjoyment of life, I think there is no one that I have ever known that better fits into my thought of that other and wonderful world. And now that she is with him, how they must just be enjoying Heaven! As a younger man who always loved these two and who owes them so much for these years of beautiful friendship, I want to pay my tribute to them in the words of Holy Writ: they "were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in death they were not divided."

In the early fall the health of Brother Briggs, our Pastor at Easton, failed again. We hoped that he might be able to continue in the work. He put up a brave fight, but this time the break was too severe. After spending some weeks at a sanitarium in Battle Creek, Michigan, he and his wife have gone with some friends in Vancouver, Washington, and he is asking for his Sabbatical Year. Our hearts go out to him this Conference season and we pray that it may be the Father's good pleasure to give him back to us in fellowship and service after this year's rest. Through the fall Dr. E. L. Hoffecker, who makes his home in Easton, very graciously helped out in the services of the Church, and, indeed, through the Summer, for he had taken the morning service during Brother Briggs' vacation. Our people very gladly would have had him continue until Conference, but he felt that that was a bit too burdensome, and, since the first of the year, Dr. Alfred Smith has filled in to the very great pleasure of the people and to the advantage of all the work of the Church.

**Ministerial Support.**

There have been few changes in ministerial support. Some seven charges have moved forward in a small way. One or two have dropped back just a bit. The thing we have emphasized this year has been disciplinary pastoral support—the taking over of the Episcopal Fund and Conference Claimant apportionment by the stewards, or the putting of them into the budget with support of Pastor and District Superintendent and



raising them in full, or each sharing alike in the deficiency. Twenty-five charges failed to do that last year, and I may say that there was a like number on one other District, and only one less on each of the other two. This year in District Stewards' Meeting, in Quarterly Conference, and in our Program of District activities, I have delivered my soul on this matter. What the outcome will be I do not know, but we stand for full Disciplinary Pastoral Support on our District. I am glad to note the following advances in support:—Denton, \$200; Cheswold, \$150; Bayside, Odessa, and Queenstown, \$100 each; and Bozman and Wye Mills, \$50 each.

#### Improvement of Church Property and Debt Raising.

The improvement of our church at Kenton, in process last Conference, has been completed. All that we pictured it then it has proven to be and more. It is a beautiful little church; splendidly equipped to serve the community; just a marvel to any one who knew the old, ugly, dilapidated, one-roomed structure, and a model as to what should be done in every such case. Bishop Hamilton was with us on the day of the reopening and helped us to secure pledges for some \$9,177 of the \$11,569 cost of the work. \$7,177 have been paid this year. The new Church at Wittman, on Bay-side Charge, built last year, has been almost entirely paid for this year, only \$700 balance remaining of the \$8000 cost of this work. These two are really great achievements that put to shame some of our larger and richer communities that halt in greatly needed enterprises for lack of belief in their ability to do what can easily be done, when, like them of old time, we have "a mind to work."

I know of no finer piece of work that has been done anywhere this year than that at Cecilton. This has been not just a matter of raising money but of raising the spirit of a people and quickening them to a new inspiration for an old task that seemed pretty nearly hopeless. This has been done for a whole community, for the whole country-side about Cecilton. The people of the country Church have fallen in line this year. Episcopalians, Catholics, all have been enlisted in this as a great community enterprise. The debt at the beginning of this Conference year amounted to \$13,898, held in four notes. A floating indebtedness ran this well up over \$14,000, and that, when this small, country village had already raised in cash over \$8,000! This year, with the help of the Board of Home Missions in Philadelphia, the people started out to raise \$3,000. The Board promised them to match \$500 with \$500 up to \$1500. They got their \$1500 and the Board gave them \$1500 and they paid the \$3000. But that was such a wonderful start that they couldn't be stopped and they just went ahead and raised another \$1500. Altogether they have raised \$3,000 and with the \$1500 from the Board, have paid on the debt \$4,500, reducing it now to \$9,500, and that comprised in one note held by the local bank.

Our Church at Clayton has been renovated at a cost of \$1264. The interior of Sudlersville Church has been painted and a Delco engine installed to light the Church and parsonage, costing \$1037. The Sunday

School room at Odessa has been painted and other improvements to the amount of \$650. New work in improvement is noted at other points as follows:—Middletown, \$620; Preston, \$617; Fairlee, \$555; Cheswold, \$550; Centreville, \$530; Cecilton, \$500; Still Pond and Betterton, \$484; Queenstown, \$325; Trappe, \$300; Ruthsburg on Hillsboro Charge, \$268; Kent Island, \$210; Oxford, \$204; Wye Mills, \$160; Ridgely and Crumpton, \$150 each; and other Churches smaller amounts.

The District Parsonage has been renovated—painted without and within, papered throughout, and new furniture for the living room, at a cost of \$851. This not only adds greatly to the comfort of those living in it, but is to the credit of the whole District.

Other charges have raised money on old indebtedness as follows:—Ridgely, \$600; Kent Island, \$425; Queenstown and Tilghman, \$350 each; Bozman and Neavitt, \$308; Concord, \$230; Trappe, \$150; Hillsboro, \$136; Galena, \$68; Crumpton, \$50.

#### World Service and Benevolences.

This year has not been favorable for the finances of the Church. I suppose my whole District would be classified as rural. Even the larger towns are dependent upon the country, not only from a business standpoint but because they are full of retired farmers whose income still comes from the farm. As we all know, this has not been a good year for the farmer. When a man sells \$5 worth of a commodity one year as over against \$500 worth the year before, as I heard one farmer remark in a Quarterly Conference, it is pretty serious for him and for all the interests that he touches. Those charges lying upon the water have been hard hit as well. But, notwithstanding all that, the reports that have come to me on the great benevolent causes of the Church have been very encouraging. At least eight charges are reporting every item raised according to the apportionments—Bozman and Neavitt, Chestertown, Cheswold, Denton, Easton, Smyrna, Fairlee, Still Pond and Betterton. It is needless to say that these reports looked good to me. Every Quarterly Conference set a Goal for World Service, not one of less than the giving of last year, and many real "Goals of Advance." Twenty-four charges are reporting the goal as reached. For the District we set our Goal at \$20,000. That is not a great advance on the giving of last year, but sometimes just to stop our slipping and hold our own is a very real advance. This Goal will more than do that. We are hoping and praying that the "Goal of Advance" for the District has been reached.

I have been pleased but not surprised at the reception given the Conference Claimant Endowment project by the District. It has been represented in 34 of the 42 charges of the District. In two of these charges the vote has not yet been taken. Thirty-two have endorsed it and accepted the apportionment; three, only, cutting down on the amount. Not one charge has turned it down by a formal vote. We are now within \$2,865 of having the amount allotted to the District underwritten by the Church-

es of the District. It will be presented at an early date in the remaining charges and I confidently look for a 100% approval of this great plan of the Church.

#### Evangelism and Church Membership.

The work of Evangelism is going forward in our Churches. The opportunities for this in the Sunday School and Young Peoples' Societies have been emphasized this year. Five conferences on "Youth Evangelism" were held at strategic points in the District. In these conferences a very fine presentation of the need and opportunity for evangelistic work with youth was given by our Conference Director of Religious Education, a practical program for Decision Day Service in the Sunday School outlined by the District Superintendent, and the follow-up work of steady training and development given in two of the meetings by Dr. R. K. Stephenson. They were attended by some 188 representative Sunday School workers. It is always difficult, if not impossible, to get a definite line on the results of such conferences, but I have insisted on a report by each pastor on the Decision Day service. I have been greatly interested to find that 18 pastors report having held this service with a total result of 147 decisions tabulated. It is only fair to state that a number report that this service is to be held Easter Sunday.

Some notable revivals have been held. At Middletown, where the revival has received scant attention some years, the town hardly knowing that it was going on, the whole community has been stirred. 124 were led to make the decision for Christ. Some of these, of course, were renewals in old consecration, and we thank God for them. The total number of accessions to the Church, in preparatory membership, on confession of faith, and by letter as the result of this revival is 88. The leader in this great work of the Kingdom was that redoubtable evangelist who has come to be a brother beloved to so many of us, Dr. George W. Cooke. This man of simply phenomenal vigor, but sweet spirited and eminently practical and level-headed, together with the sweet-voiced singer, Prog. Vignuelle, have captured that town. They can have anything they want of Middletown. These same consecrated men also led in a work of evangelism that stirred St. Michaels as has not happened in that town for many a year. This was a union meeting that seems to have touched all "that neck of the woods." Our pastor reports 175 conversions in all. Of these about 100 are of St. Michaels, and our Church gets 49 of these. At Hillsboro the pastor called to his help Dr. J. M. Baker, an evangelist of Baltimore, with Prof. J. A. Loose, as singer. Their work was solid and substantial and there was great work. Some 80 conversions are reported, with 55 uniting so far with our Church. Other Churches report conversions as follows:—Greensboro, 50, from the revival in progress last Conference, of which we could make no report last year, and 14 this year; Kent Island, 56; Preston, 40; Chestertown, 29; Galena, 26; Townsend, 19; Clayton, 17; Kenton, 16; Marydel, 15; Cheswold, Church Hill, and Smyrna, 12

each; Easton, 13; Bayside, Fairlee, Piney Neck, 10 each; Pomona, 7; Denton, 5; Millington and Wye Mills, 4; other Churches smaller numbers; making a total for the District of 652.

The program of Evangelism adopted by our District Meeting sets the Goal of Membership for our District at 10,000. If we could once get our Church records straightened out and save our losses through dropping names every year by scores and fifties and even the hundred, as was done at one point on the District last year, we would not be long in reaching it. At any rate we are out after 10,000 members on Middletown District.

#### Religious Education and Young Peoples' Work.

I really think that the thing that has heartened me most this year has been the work in the interests of the children and youth. Long ago I learned the value of this. Preaching one Sunday afternoon this winter, with just a few present and they gathered about the stove, I thought to make an illustration more vivid, and, turning to a lad, who was sitting there close enough for me to reach out and touch him, I said, "Suppose this lad were to go to the store for you or to a neighbor's," and like a flash he was on his feet, with, "Mister, do you want me to go to the store?" It was somewhat disconcerting to the preacher, or would have been if the sermon had not been just a plain, familiar talk together, but it was a living demonstration of the eagerness and willingness of youth. Some older ones might, but, I think, you would never find a lad with only five loaves and two fishes who would keep them back from the Master.

Under the leadership of our Conference Director of Religious Education, we have received a great new impetus this year in this work. He has been untiring in visiting our Churches and his suggestions have been splendidly practical. Sunday Schools have been quickened to new work after modern educational methods. Sixteen charges have enrolled in the Rally Day Advance Campaign. Great work was done in a Daily Vacation Bible School at Still Pond. Cheswold has the Young Peoples' Council, and a Week-Day Church School with a corps of five teachers. Teacher Training classes are being conducted. A Standard Training School was held at Chestertown one night a week for five weeks, giving four courses, with a registration of 128. Our District also sent 84 to the Training School held in Dover and one to the Elkton School. Some have said of our Training Schools that it will take ten years to complete the course and secure the diploma. Well, there is one lady on my District who has gotten 8 of the 12 units in just one year and five months. I wonder if that record, by the way, can be surpassed anywhere, or equalled. We are planning to repeat the Chestertown School next year and two other points are asking for Schools. At Kent Island a School for Daily Vacation Bible work is in contemplation for next Summer in connection with the Training School. We are promised a trained worker next Conference year for three points on the District, a month at a point, to inaugurate the Daily Vacation Bible work. Four from the District attended the Drew Summer School of Religious Education and two the Dickinson School.

All this work indicates a new interest and a new spirit and quality in our work among the children and young people. Our young folks themselves are alive and ready to go. One hundred and twenty-one of them on our District are right now enrolled in Colleges and in other schools for special training for life. They are enrolling in the work of the Kingdom. Forty-two of them registered in the Delmarvia Epworth League Institute last Summer. Dr. Cooke, the evangelist, told me of some twenty of them of High School age coming at one time into our Church at St. Michaels. Thank God for our young folks and for the new interest in the work with them and for them. All that they need is the leadership—sympathetic, loving, and wise, and they will swing all our territory for the Kingdom of God.

#### Personal Word.

I wish now to speak just a personal word of the pleasure of the year's work. Going into the pulpit one Sunday evening last Fall with a fine old retired Presbyterian Minister, he spoke to me about the dignity of the District Superintendent's office. It was the close of a long day. I had already preached twice, held a Quarterly Conference, administered the Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper, and baptized a baby. "I do not know about the dignity," I replied to him; "I don't think they stand on dignity so much to-day. They make you work." They do. I have never worked so hard, preached so many times, made so many addresses, attended so many meetings, travelled so constantly as this last Conference year. But I have enjoyed it. Fellowship with my brethren has been very pleasant. A Preachers' Meeting has been organized on the District and a Preachers' Wives' Association. We have had some delightful times together. A District spirit is growing up that makes for pleasantness in the work and for increased effectiveness as well. The Master has been very close. I am very grateful for the health and the happiness of the year.

#### SALISBURY DISTRICT.

E. H. DASHIELL, District Superintendent.

There has never been a time when the Superintendency—General and District—was more vital to Methodism than now. The principle of supervision, properly applied, justifies itself everywhere. To discard it in business would wreck the mercantile and industrial life of the world. To discard it in Methodism would render our great church fifty per cent. less efficient. And there was a time when the District Superintendent's report, bearing to Conference important news not otherwise available, was one of the chief events of the year. Many specifications, and much detail, were desirable; and, perhaps, to no small degree, profitable. But that time has passed. This is the day of net-works of hard road, rapid automobile travel, flying machines, an indefatigable daily press, weekly church

periodicals with special District news-editors, instant telephonic connections, the radio, many other methods of immediate communication, and a few Greeks who still go about seeking to "hear or tell some new thing." Therefore, scarcely anything of importance occurs which is not generally known long before Conference. Besides, we have reduced the publication of Minutes almost to a science, and are able to turn at a moment's notice to exact data upon any item. Detailed Superintendents' reports are now largely but revampings of known facts, and in my judgment such a report should never deteriorate into a thing to be endured. Preachers and laymen alike, sensing the need and spirit of the day, welcome the new order—which is brevity.

But the work was never more virile, insistent and compelling. Committed to each generation fresh from that Master who gave His all that it might live and conquer, it still thunders, flashes, inspires, charms, until the heart of man, in harmony with His heart, declares itself a love-slave to rearing upon "the wreck of time" a flawless and eternal building of God.

God has deliberately chosen man to be His instrument—His co-laborer. We, therefore, to a proper degree, depend upon men. Even Jesus said: "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest;" and later: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." True ministers are divinely sent, and bring forth the fruit of such high commission. Abiding in Christ, the fruitfulness of their lives is assured. It is not only the joyful result of personal relationship, but the sure outworking of an infinite law. "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth MUCH FRUIT." For such men Salisbury District is looking, and the churches of Salisbury District are taught that God expects such men to be taken care of—to be so maintained that they can properly develop their powers of leadership, and finish with joy the ministry which they have received of the Lord Jesus. Advances in support for the present year have been:—Ocean City, \$75; Pocomoke Circuit, \$100; Deal's Island, \$100; Asbury, Salisbury, \$100; Smith's Island, \$200; Parsonburg, \$200; Newark, \$200; Frankford, \$200; Selbyville, \$250; Berlin, \$250; Fruitland, \$250; Delmar, \$300; Fairmount, \$300; Hebron, \$300; Nanticoke, \$300; Pocomoke City, \$400; Phoebus, \$500—placed at that figure by the Quarterly Conference upon request of the pastor that it be made no more at the present time. These figures aggregate, \$4025. In addition, there are \$1025. in advances made to maintain standing after circuit changes (Mardela \$200; Grace, Salisbury, \$300; Rockawalking, on Quantico charge, \$525), \$575. of which does not appear in this list because no advance will be shown in the Minutes. Also, a few advances already announced for next year, follow:—Dagsboro and St. Georges, \$200; Parsonburg, \$200; Fruitland, \$230; Snow Hill, \$250; Chincoteague, \$400; Delmar, \$500.

The next step in ministerial support is assuring our men reasonable maintenance in old age. Last year we projected a campaign for further endowment, which has been ably and successfully prosecuted by Dr.

George P. Jones, Field Secretary, assisted by Prof. W. T. Dashiell, Lay Leader. The District reports within \$335. of one hundred per cent., having in effect subscribed the full \$30,000. allotted to us by our Commission. Nothing too laudatory can be said of either laymen or ministers in connection with this achievement.

The right arm of the church—education—has had careful exercise, and grows stronger and more serviceable. Since He is Creator, and since He says "I am the Truth," all real education leads to God. This kind we seek with all energy to promote. Other than this, in the last analysis, is education in name only. Rev. F. A. Lindhorst, with skill and enthusiasm, leads in the field of distinctively religious education. His ten year program, now outlined and under way, is comprehensive and inspiring. We see ahead a corps of trained workers who shall be able, under God, to change the complexion of Sunday School life—adding to its spiritual content high intellectual efficiency, thus rendering it irresistibly gripping upon the generation that marches, in the joy of youth and the solemn grandeur of possibility, to meet us. Brother Lindhorst's Conferences on Youth Evangelism were illuminating and moving to the workers of the District.

In the campaign for new subscribers for the Washington Christian Advocate, Salisbury District was first in the Conference, second in the Area, and contained the church that led the Area—Delmar. It has also overpaid its proportion of liquidation fund. This is said in justice to the preachers and laymen whose efforts produced the result.

All departments of our work have flourished—Church, Sunday School, Epworth League, Ladies' Aid, Women's Missionary Societies. The ladies have made themselves indispensable to our great system. The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies have raised about \$2800, and the Ladies' Aid Societies in the vicinity of \$20,000.

Our young people thought last year's Epworth League Convention the best, but are now in perplexity as to whether the Convention of this year did not excell it. Phoebus out-did itself in hospitality, and every one was profitted and delighted. Mr. Pennewell Applebaugh of Cape Charles, has made a capable President, and was re-elected.

Only \$2000 remain unpaid on the new church at Gumboro. This is a real achievement on a difficult field. More than \$14,000 have been raised for all purposes at Phoebus, including \$6,000 for a pipe organ—another notable victory by a small congregation with a large purpose. For several years a discouraging debt of \$7,500 has been hanging over Chincoteague. In exactly eighty-nine days from the time Rev. J. T. Rowleson appeared on the scene every dollar was provided for, and is now paid in cash. A \$5,000 parsonage debt at Snow Hill has disappeared; and Rev. Ivanhoe Willis of Somerset has built a parsonage that may be correctly called a gem. It is strikingly attractive without and within, has concrete cellar, heating plant, hardwood floors, bath and electricity, and is paid for. White Haven parsonage has been freed from debt this year. And so the story goes. But, among these heroes of faith, "time would fail me to tell

of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and the prophets." Pick any one of Salisbury District preachers at random, and I will mention some deed of his worthy of special record. If there exists, as a whole, a nobler body of men, I have yet to find them. We have no littleness, no jealousies or bickerings; each rejoices in the victories of the other. The golden anvils, upon which their crowns are being hammered into shape, fill Heaven's arches with celestial music.

All our benevolences have been strongly emphasized, with additional emphasis upon World Service. Here is the passion that burned in the heart of Christ, and gave to men "the old rugged cross." Here is the passion that caused Paul to write: "In labors abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons frequent, in deaths oft... Thrice was I beaten, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck... In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness." Oh, that the church might be moved by a passion like this! Then could we easily double our response to this great call. We have done our utmost, and what that is the figures will reveal.

In recent conversation with me, a gentleman used the expression "a revival of revivals." It impressed me. Unfortunately for the church, and unfortunately for the world, revivals have been too generally permitted to wane. The personal approach and touch can never be superceded by anything, but the personal touch is an indispensable part of genuine revivals. Revivals are to the church what rains are to the soil. After them, and out of them, comes abounding life. They made Israel, and they make the church, like a watered garden, wherein flourish all the fruits of the Spirit. Nothing should receive, because nothing deserves, greater emphasis. In a revival atmosphere, the church

"Laughs at impossibilities,  
And cries: It shall be done."

Pharaohs are confounded, seas are crossed, deserts are conquered, and otherwise formidable Jerichos succumb to the trumpeting host of God. We have had this year approximately a thousand conversions, with outstanding revivals at Phoebus, Dagsboro and St. Georges, Parsonburg, Berlin, Siloam on Fruitland Charge, and Deal's Island. At the last Church more than forty were at the altar upon a single night.

But let us not forget other flashes of glory. The light of a Christian minister's death has shown upon us twice this year, and left us, like the apostles on Olivet, "gazing up into heaven." Brothers Julius A. Brewington and J. M. S. VanBlunk have been "received out of our sight." Also, one of our noblest lay leaders, Brother John H. Dulaney of Fruitland, placed his feet upon the ethereal stair and ascended, leaving to us the task in which he was such a generous and untiring co-laborer. Thus, one by one, they go—to swell that spiritual aristocracy who have been "redeemed from the earth."

The District has been stimulated by two visits from Bishop McDowell; first at Phoebus for the dedication of their splendid new Church; and, second, at Salisbury upon an occasion of gathering cash for building the great Sunday School centre contemplated there. At the first, no collection was taken; at the second, \$22,000 were raised. Bishop McDowell preached with force and winsomeness, bringing those who heard him closer to God. We pray that his life may ever become richer in spiritual content, and that he may be long spared to "preach the gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven."

Thus, working together, and with deep gratitude to God, we move onward to a shining goal.

#### WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

J. W. COLONA, District Superintendent.

Another Conference year has passed and it is my privilege, duty and honor to present this my third annual report of the work of the Pastors and Churches of the Wilmington District to this the 58th Session of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The demand for brevity makes possible only the most general and condensed summary.

Our ministerial ranks have remained unbroken by death during the entire year. Only a few cases of illness occurred to even temporarily interrupt the work, and these brethren have been speedily and fully restored to their health and labors. Every member of the Conference appointed to a charge on the Wilmington District by Bishop W. P. Thirkield last March has completed his year's work splendidly, and is bringing his report up to Conference. Only one change has occurred among the supplies. Brother P. C. Walcott resigned from Holly Oak, and by the consent of both congregations, Holly Oak was put with Edgemoor, Brother J. E. Layton being the Pastor.

However, the homes of two of our honored and Retired Ministers have been visited by death. Mrs. Sarah Augusta Otiš, wife of Brother J. P. Otiš, and Mrs. A. Emma Anderson, wife of Brother J. F. Anderson, have been called home. Likewise, Mrs. W. L. White passed away at the home of one of her sons in Pittsburgh, and was laid to rest in Riverview Cemetery. Suitable memoirs will be presented to the Conference.

#### Ministerial Support.

It is becoming more apparent to the Officials of the Churches that in order to secure Pastors of ability and capable leadership, a larger support to enable them to more easily and comfortably meet the necessities of life in the presence of the high cost of living must be given. And that this is both just to the laborer and a necessity in order to the establishment of the Kingdom of our Lord among men in our midst is quite generally recognized now. Hence, several of our Churches increased their pastoral

support this year as follows:—Harrison Street, \$500; McCabe and Mt. Pleasant, \$400 each; Newark, \$300; Brandywine, Trinity, Union, Scott and Silverbrook, \$200 each; Madeley and Ebenezer, \$150 each; Chester-Bethel, Rising Sun, Port Deposit, Brack-Ex, Newport and Charlestown, \$100 each. The total advance for the year on the District is \$3500. It deserves also to be said here that North East, Delaware City and Eastlake have pledged advances of \$500, \$400, and \$200 respectively for next year.

#### District Organizations.

Only a brief general summary of the activities of the District organizations can be given here.

The 48 Ladies' Aid Societies on the District report having raised \$19,916.49, the same having been applied to the maintenance of parsonages and Churches. Pastors and Churches owe a large debt of gratitude to these Societies of our good women for their fine services. The 19 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies report having raised \$8520.68. The 17 Woman's Home Missionary Societies report having raised \$6585.94. The good done in Missionary fields through the sacrifices and labors of these two organizations simply cannot be told.

Hosts of our young people are organized in thirty-five Chapters of Epworth Leagues over the District. Their activities have found expression in their devotional services, social functions, religious education and works of mercy and help. The Annual District meeting was held in Harrison Street Church last May. A fine Institute was held in McCabe Church, March 8-12th. In addition to holding religious services in many Institutions in and near the city, the League has been engaged in raising a permanent fund to aid young ministerial students from the Wilmington District.

In every community there are all too many children and young people who go to no Sunday School. It ought not so to be. We believe it is the inherent right of every child to be receiving religious instruction. It is a well known fact that this cannot be safely left to the home because a distressingly large number of homes and so-called homes are totally without any kind of religious teaching or ideals. We, therefore, owe it to the social and moral well being of our respective communities and of our country as well as to their future life, happiness and usefulness to do nothing less than our utmost to bring every child and young person in our neighborhood under the influence of Christian teaching in our Sunday Schools. Deploring, however, as we do the existing conditions as described above, nevertheless our Pastors' reports show very fine progress in our Sunday School work in attendance, interest and offerings.

#### Material Interests.

A goodly number of the Churches have made decided improvements in one way or another to their properties this year. Three new pipe organs have been dedicated by Bishop W. F. McDowell as follows:—On

April 17, one at Perryville, costing \$4000; October 18, one at St. Pauls, Wilmington, costing \$25,000; and one at Rising Sun, costing \$3500. The Church at Hockessin has been improved inside and out, including new stained glass windows, at a cost of \$1275. The congregation of Glasgow Church has spent \$1100 in improvements to their Church. The Delaware City people have beautified their Church at a cost of \$1325. Improvements costing \$1200 have been made to Mt. Lebanon Church. 24 new stained glass windows have been installed in the auditorium of New Castle Church, making it an exceedingly beautiful room, at a cost of \$5000, \$2800 of which have been paid. A new addition has been built to Union Church, connecting the same with their community house, providing more adequate facilities for Sunday School work and social purposes, costing \$19,200. This is the most extensive improvement made at one time since the Church was first built. \$7,600 have been paid on the total cost. The total cost of improvements to Churches and parsonages on the District is \$71,388.25.

Richardson Park is now engaged in the erection of the first unit of their new Church, the same to cost \$50,000. Newark is planning to begin the actual work of erecting the first unit of their new Church early in the Spring at a cost of \$50,000. Eastlake and Claymont are both planning additions to their Churches in the near future, to cost not less than \$30,000 each. \$30,505 have been paid on old debts.

#### Evangelism.

In our program as a District, Evangelism has held first place among the interests claiming our time and attention. The saving of souls has been our supreme passion, and to this end our pastors have preached the Word and labored persistently, faithfully and prayerfully. In the interest of cooperation in thought, plan and action, we adopted a District Program on Evangelism at our District Meeting last October for the organizations of young people and adults. There have been several revivals resulting in many accessions to the churches. 28 Churches in the city received new members from the 200 converts in the campaign held at Asbury under the leadership of Dr. G. W. Cooke. Marshallton, Claymont, St. Pauls, Harrison Street, Eastlake, Madeley, New Castle, report very fruitful services. The District totals are:—Conversions, 1016; received into full membership, 899; received into preparatory membership, 612.

#### World Service.

World Service has been presented to every Quarterly Conference held on the District this Conference year. In accordance with the action of the General Conference touching the matter, a "Goal for Advance" for World Service was adopted by every First Quarterly Conference with but one or two exceptions. The total for the District would mean an advance of \$3000 above the total given by the District last year, if every charge should reach its own Goal. The tentative reports received from the pastors

to date indicate some shortage of their Goals, but it does appear that we are quite sure of some advance above last year. From our observation of the situation in the field we are led to say that we need another concerted effort in some way to stimulate our World Service giving. Our Churches generally are not advancing in their support of World Service commensurately with their advances for local purposes. "As much for others as for ourselves" ought to be the minimum objective. It is not so much increased resources our people need to enable them to support the benevolent enterprises of their Church, but a vision of the need and the will to give according to how the Lord has prospered them. If our Lord could have what He has a right to have out of the income He permits us to receive under His Providence, His Church would not have to "cut" her program but would have to enlarge it in order to use the money that would be in His treasury.

#### Wilmington City Missions.

The Wilmington City Missionary Society, under the direction of its Superintendent, Dr. G. T. Alderson, has done much good work this year. The reports of the workers at Kingswood, Asbury and Sixth Avenue reveal not only very effective work accomplished among children of many nationalities, but opportunities of much larger services the church could and ought to render to the needy people in certain sections of Wilmington, if the financial support was sufficient to make it possible. By action of our last Conference Session, Wesley Church was turned over to the City Missionary Society to be conducted as a missionary center. Immediately on the adjournment of Conference we found ourselves helpless to employ the needed workers because of having no funds. Hence our Secretary and the Superintendent sought an interview with Dr. D. D. Forsyth, General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, early last May to know whether he could help us in any way. To our very great relief and joy Dr. Forsyth, knowing the field and its opportunities for service, offered to supply us with two young women especially trained for the kind of missionary work needing to be done in that section of the city. Dr. Forsyth offered to pay the salaries of the workers if our City Missionary Society would assume the local expenses incident thereto. Of course, we gratefully accepted the very generous offer and the young women have been in charge since the first of last June. The results have more than justified the wisdom of the venture. The Conference, as well as the city, should manifest a just appreciation of the Home Board's help by a more loyal cooperation with the Home Board and our City Missionary Society in this good work. The Secretary will make a detailed report.

#### Goodwill Industries.

The supreme objective of the Goodwill Industries throughout the Church is not profit but service. Judged by the above standard, the Goodwill Industries of Wilmington have had a splendid year. While the audited

accounts of the operations for the year show a net gain in finances, the far larger fruitage, if tabulated, would be in relief from suffering, hunger and want, and the stimulation of new hope and interest in life among the poor. 3794 calls were made with the result that 3494 bags of clothing and shoes, and 366 pieces of furniture were gathered. These materials furnished 28,000 hours of labor to poor people. Also 14,336 store sales of reconditioned materials were made. From these sales, amounting to \$8931.57, together with donations and membership fees of \$2561.37, the income for the year totals \$11,492.94. Dr. J. H. Beauchamp, the Superintendent, will make the detailed report to the Conference.

#### Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home.

Our Deaconess Home at 307 West Street, Wilmington, a property valued at \$10,060, owned, managed and supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, has had another prosperous year. 500 different children and young people are enrolled in classes with the total registration of 1010. Sunday School, Junior Epworth League, Queen Esther Circle, classes in domestic science and domestic art are well attended. A Daily Vacation Bible School is held for five weeks every summer. The total annual cost for maintenance is \$5000. Five workers at \$30 per month each are employed. This work deserves the support of our Churches over the entire Conference. Miss Rosa Santee is the Superintendent.

#### Religious Education.

Remarkable progress has been achieved in the field of religious education this Conference year under the leadership of our Director, Rev. F. A. Lindhorst. Three Standard Teacher Training Schools, with a total registration of 244, have been held in Port Deposit, Wilmington and Elkton respectively. Six Daily Vacation Bible Schools, having the total enrollment of 496, were held during July and August in the following churches: Grace, St. Pauls, Silverbrook, Asbury, Marshallton and Elkton. A Rally Day Advance Campaign, having in view the highest efficiency along the lines of Sunday School work, has been prosecuted with characteristic vigor by our Director. And with farseeing vision he has shaped into a program the kind of work that ought to be done and the progress that ought to be attained in our Sunday School work during the next ten years. This is the work of a real Prophet of better things for God and His people, and in this great and good work he should have the undivided and wholehearted support of our entire Conference. Let us give that support to him, and so make possible and real a leadership trained in the highest ideals of character and usefulness for our Churches and the big world at large in the future.

#### Conference Claimant Endowment Fund.

\$55,000 of the \$135,000 authorized by our last Conference Session to be raised by the entire Conference in four years, so as to add, with the

two conditional pledges of \$15,000, \$150,000 to our present Endowment, were allotted to the Wilmington District as its share. The suggested apportionments were presented to group meetings by Dr. G. P. Jones, our Secretary. The proposition was explained to Quarterly Conferences and Official Boards with the view to Official acceptance. To date 38 charges have accepted their apportionments in full. 4 charges have accepted a part of their quota. 4 charges have taken no action yet. 2 have Officially refused. The total amount accepted Officially by the charges is \$45,017. We cannot but believe that every charge on the District will finally accept its full quota when thoroughly understood and prayerfully considered.

#### Temperance.

We cannot pass without reference here to the agitation that has been going on within the bounds of the Wilmington District during the recent weeks concerning the matter of Prohibition. A great mass meeting was held in the Play House of the duPont Hotel on January 21st, under the auspices of a society known as the National Association Against the Prohibition Amendment. The speakers were United States Senators Thomas F. Bayard of Delaware, and Edward I. Edwards of New Jersey, and Congressman Edward Voight of Wisconsin. The purpose of the meeting was the modification of the Volstead Act and ultimately the repeal of the 18th Amendment. Another equally great mass meeting was held February 18th, in First Central Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of the local Federal Council of Churches. The speakers were United States Senator Wesley L. Jones of Washington State, and Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky. The purpose of this meeting was to correct in the minds of the public the erroneous teachings and suggestions set forth in the speeches at the meeting at the Play House, and to further show the wisdom, justice and righteousness of the 18th Amendment and the Volstead Act, and to enlist the public's cooperation for a more vigorous campaign for law enforcement. It was a great meeting not only in attendance, but in the lofty ideals and principles of good government set forth by the speakers, and in consequent influence for the cause of temperance. It was fine to observe how the people of our Churches and likewise of other Churches of the community were aroused in defense of a noble cause and it did not take a prophet to foresee the registering of a great silent vote, if ever called upon so to do, in support of the Constitution of our Country as it now is.

The work of every pastor and church on the District deserves description here, but neither time nor space will allow it. Room must be given, however, for a brief sketch at least of the achievements of two or three Churches in the City.

Dr. C. L. Hubbard, who is just closing an eight year pastorate at St. Pauls Church, Wilmington, has accepted an invitation to become pastor of Trinity Church, Newburgh, N. Y., and will soon leave for his new field of labor. St. Pauls has made remarkable progress under his ministry. In membership, salary, benevolence and influence in the city life the Church

has advanced by leaps and bounds. Dr. Hubbard has accomplished a monumental piece of work for the Church and community while among us, and consequently not only St. Pauls Church but hosts of his friends both in this City and throughout the Conference regret most sincerely to see him leave.

Grace Church continues to prosper under the inspiring leadership of their Pastor, Dr. B. M. Johns. He is closing one of the best years in the history of that great Church. The fine spirit in which Grace Church unan- imously accepted \$12,280 as her share of the Conference Claimant Endow- ment Fund was a challenge not only to the Wilmington District but all the Churches in the Conference, and those in charge of that work believe that the perfectly magnificent results of the campaign to be presented to this Conference were due very largely to the inspiration from that example. Including the \$7,500 pledged by the late Melville Gambrill to the same cause, Grace Church will give \$19,780 of the \$150,000 to be raised by the entire Conference.

McCabe Church has had another great year. Aside from their splendid increase in membership, and the extension of their activities along so many lines of helpfulness to the city life, her members and friends have placed over \$33,000 in her treasury this year for all purposes. And these results have been achieved under the leadership of their new Pastor, Rev. William E. Harrison, Jr., who came to us by transfer from the Baltimore Confer- ence last March.

Grateful to my Heavenly Father for health and strength with which to prosecute my labors, almost without an interruption, to my brethren of the ministry for their fine spirit of brotherliness and faithful cooperation in His work, and to the officials and friends of the Churches of the Dis- trict for their support of the programs of their Pastor and District, I beg to present to this Conference this annual report of the fruits of our labors together with Him and for Him.

## (b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

### EDUCATION.

Methodism has ever stood for Christian education. From the days of the "Holy Club" at Oxford until now, Methdoists have believed that a Christian should have a trained mind as well as a sanctified heart. We Methodists of this God-favored peninsula are still loyal to our ideals as witness our increasing devotion to the work of Christian education for all our youth. A larger proportion of the youth of our Church are today in High Schools, Colleges, Universities, and special and technical schools than at any time since Asbury gave Dr. Coke the kiss of greeting at Bar- ratt's Chapel.

In bringing a resumé of the work and standing of the various Church Schools which we especially patronize and foster, permit us first to mention our own Conference child, the

#### Wesley Collegiate Institute.

Just now the Institute is in a period of transition. After fifteen years of faithful service, much of it struggling with adverse conditions, yet dur- ing which an endowment of \$222,000 has been secured, and a gymnasium, appraised by the New York Board of Education at \$25,000, built, Dr. Henry G. Budd has resigned his postion as President of the Institute, to take effect at this session of the Wilmington Conference. To find a man to fill this important post has been no easy task. The Trustees, at their meeting on Thursday last, unanimously elected Prof. C. A. Short, Principal of Laurel High School, as President. We sincerely hope Prof. Short will accept the position, assuring him of the cordial support of this Confer- ence. And we hereby pledge the Board of Trustees that we the members of this Conference will assist, to the best of our ability, in creating an at- mosphere favorable to our Institute, and also aid in securing students.

#### Drew Theological Seminary.

Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, N. J., has, for nearly sixty years, been training leaders for the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of the more than three thousand students who have studied there a high propor- tion have won more than ordinary distinction. Forty-one Drew students have become college or theological seminary presidents. Eleven have been elected Bishops, including the Reverend Bishop John Gardner Murray, the first elected primate of the Protestant Episcopal Church and the president of its National Council. One hundred and forty have been professors in colleges, universities or theological seminaries. One hundred and forty-



five have been district superintendents in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Eleven have been editors of important church publications. Ten have been preparatory school presidents. Sixty-four have been elected to executive positions of importance on church boards. Since 1869 more than twenty-five hundred men who have entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church have received their training at Drew, and nearly two hundred and fifty Drew alumni have gone to the Foreign Mission Fields of the Church.

Drew is one of the really important theological schools in the United States and Canada. Its alumni are found in practically every Evangelical Church in this land and in foreign fields as well, while many other graduates are at work in fields of Social Service, Education, Literature and other places of usefulness and influence.

The Conference Visitors to Drew Theological Seminary during the year 1925 gave the following report:

"We were agreed that the quality of Drew's student body is such as to make one extremely hopeful for the future of Methodism and the Christian Church. Keen and earnest students from more than one hundred colleges and universities and some fourteen theological seminaries are in attendance at Drew. The student body has a decidedly cosmopolitan character. The entering class in the Fall of 1925, for example, has students from some nineteen States and eight foreign countries. The entire student body represents more than thirty states and nearly a dozen foreign countries. The spirit of brotherhood and good fellowship exists among the students and is not the least of the many striking features of Drew.

Pervading the Seminary is a splendidly consistent religious atmosphere. There is a seriousness of purpose, an intensity of conviction and a loyalty to Jesus Christ that guarantees the perpetuation of the true Methodist spirit.

The Faculty members possess very exceptional personal equipment for their task. We were impressed by the vast intellectual resources and the wealth of information at their command, of the accuracy of their scholarship, of the sincerity of their devotion to Christ and of their close association with the students.

We wish to record our conviction of the value of the work which Drew is doing and express the hope that the great Methodist Episcopal Church may seize the opportunity that it now has of guaranteeing to the Seminary an adequate endowment and annual income. With its amazing history and achievements, its marked growth in recent years, and its announced plans for further development, there is every reason to believe that Drew will become a center of even greater usefulness to the Church in the future. Drew is at present seriously handicapped by inadequate endowment. Despite the strictest economy the necessary expenses each year exceed by nearly \$90,000 the regular income of the Seminary. Deficits are prevented only by the greatest of difficulty. Drew is a training school of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Church should be responsible for its adequate support."

Among the pressing and immediate needs of the Seminary, perhaps none is more urgent than the need of a new Library building. The John B. Cornell Library, which was erected in 1887-8 with a maximum shelf capacity for 40,000 volumes, now contains 141,000 volumes. Many thousand of these cannot be placed on shelves because of lack of room, and have to be kept in the cellar, where they may possibly be seriously damaged and where, worse still, they are not available to the student except at great inconvenience. A new building for this largest theological library, save one, in the United States, is imperatively needed.

The General Conference, which met at Springfield, Mass., in May, 1924, declared that since the theological schools of the Church "exist for the benefit of the whole Church, the Church, therefore, recognizes its obligation for their maintenance and support."

To supply adequately trained Christian leadership is one of the greatest and gravest tasks of the Christian Church today. Its very prosperity has become one of its greatest perils. The danger is that unprepared men will be forced into places of leadership and authority. About one-half of the ministers in the Church today have had no theological seminary training. Theological Seminaries are the Church's training schools. They are the West Points of the Church. In them she equips her generals into whose hands are committed the direction of the armies of Christendom. As the Government supports West Point and Annapolis, so the Church should support its theological schools.

#### Morgan College.

The school year 1925-1926 has been one of most strenuous work and much real progress in all the schools under the direction of Morgan College Corporation.

#### Morgan College, Baltimore.

Enrollment:—The attendance to date, March 1, 1926, is as follows:

	Men	Women	Total	
College	227	298	525	
Summer school	27	94	121	646

Perhaps the most outstanding function of the College work at the present time is the special preparation of teachers. The majority of those enrolled are making such preparation. The active co-operation of the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland in placing properly accredited graduates is greatly appreciated, and at the same time the work being thus done for the City and State is of very great value.

Standards:—During the year Morgan College, after repeated surveys by the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for the Middle States and Maryland, was recognized by this standardizing agency as being a college of standard grade. This recognition will greatly assist students in

making a choice of a college in preparation for advanced work, professional or otherwise.

The Crusade:—During the previous school year a special financial effort was made known as the Morgan College Crusade. A large number of people pledged definite sums of money to enable Morgan College to accept a conditional gift of \$50,000 from the General Education Board, (Rockefeller Foundation) of New York. At the present writing we regret to say that the response in payments on these pledges made has fallen far below both the terms of the pledges and our hopes in making collections. If this Crusade is to be successful in meeting the conditions named, the most active co-operation of both the white and colored friends of this area must be secured. Bishop Wm. F. McDowell has been most earnest and sacrificial in his support of this enterprise.

The falling off in collections for the World Service Program has had a most discouraging and even dangerous effect on all of our colored schools. From the Church at large we have the hope and we have a right to expect increasing support to meet the increasing demands in the preparation and training of Negro leadership throughout the United States, and indeed throughout the entire world.

#### Morgan Academy, Baltimore.

	Men	Women	Total
Enrollment	37	28	65

These figures mark a distinct falling off in the enrollment of the Academy. This falling off is almost wholly in the first and second years and is caused by the increased value of the education in the county and city high schools for Negroes.

#### Princess Anne Academy, Princess Anne, Md.

	Men	Women	Total
Enrollment	52	59	111
Junior College	3		3
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The standard of Princess Anne Academy is being raised. This year we have three young men enrolled in the third year of the Junior College which corresponds to the Freshman year of the standard college. It is hoped that with the falling off in attendance for the earlier years of the Academy the Junior College will fill up, thus enabling the graduates of the Junior College ultimately to enter the third year class of the standard college.

New Building:—The last session of the Legislature of Maryland made an appropriation of \$40,000 for the erection of a new building to replace what was known as the Boys' Dormitory, destroyed by fire in February, 1924. This new building, of brick construction, is planned to accommodate classes, provide a general assembly hall, administrative offices and

dormitory for about fifty boys. This building is the property of the State and its care and upkeep will be borne by the State.

We have had the active co-operation of Dr. A. F. Woods, President of the University of Maryland. We very greatly regret his retirement this year from the University to accept appointment in the Federal service.

The Future:—There is great necessity for thorough standardizing of the work done at the Academy, together with an increase in the teaching of the practical sciences. The preparation of teachers and of professional men and women generally will ultimately reach the saturation point among our colored people, and it will be necessary to provide openings in the mechanic arts and sciences for those properly equipped. It will be the business of schools such as our Princess Anne Academy to see that the equipment and training are thorough and up to date.

#### Dickinson College.

In the heart of the Cumberland Valley, in the beautiful old town of Carlisle, Pa., is Dickinson College, the oldest college under Methodist auspices. Chartered in 1783, the year England conceded our freedom; graduating her first class in 1787, while the convention in Philadelphia was framing our Constitution; the records show that a constant stream of graduates has gone forth from the sacred halls of this venerable institution to enrich the world.

We rejoice at the recent renewed prosperity of the college and the foresight of its Trustees and Alumni in providing an increased endowment. The recent drive for a greatly increased endowment was completely successful, thanks to the hearty support given by Methodist folk throughout the Area.

Not the least of the reasons for this increased prosperity is the effective and efficient services of our president, Dr. James H. Morgan, who brought to the office the experience of many years as a dean of the institution. In this he has always been supported by a scholarly and devoted faculty which has always placed Dickinson in the forefront of smaller colleges of the country.

Recently the College has enjoyed the benefits of a capacity enrollment. In fact, it has been able, because of the large number of applicants for admission, to use a more highly selective standard. While this is a source of satisfaction to the loyal Alumni, it points to the need of early arrangements for those who desire to enter in the Fall. We, therefore, caution parents to see to it at once that their boys and girls make application promptly if they desire to be admitted.

In conclusion, we wish to make special mention of the fact that during all her history Dickinson has supplied the Church many Ministers and Missionaries, and is still keeping up this record as shown by the fact that of the four recent classes, 1920-23, there were 20% who entered the Ministry. Truly a noble record.

**EVANGELISM.**

The outstanding need of the world today is not in the realm of finance, sanitation, education, or reformation, but its one great need is regeneration. The sin that mars, and blights, and damns, is not the result of ignorance, nor is it the consequence of bad institutions: it is the deeper than that and goes straight to the motive life. The evil of life is the result of an unchastened imagination, a lawless mind, a licentious emotion, a misplaced ambition, a selfish desire, a base soul. "Of the heart are the issues of life." "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." Hence we can be no better than our motive life.

The great students searching outside the pale of the Church, or working independent of religious investigation, have discovered that the vital point of contact of religion with humanity is that of its power to work the regeneration of the individual life. Indeed, this is asserted by scholars today as the principal effect of the impact of pure and undefiled religion upon the life of one who has made a moral wreck of himself.

The central fact of every religious movement that has sent a new throb of life through the Churches has been the emphasis laid on the experimental note, the absolute need of the souls conversion.

There seems to be a conception of the Church as the supreme end in itself, as being an ark of safety instead of an organ of sacrifice. The disciples were not sent from Olivet and immersed in the Holy Spirit that they might bear witness to a religious institution, but that they might testify that the Christ of God is the Savior of men, the Redeemer of the World and the King of the Nations. Only by becoming the organ of Christ's passion and sacrifice, by losing itself in the Kingdom of a redeemed and perfected humanity can the Church fulfill its divine calling.

Truly this is a day to challenge the best there is in us! Not a day of "ease in Zion" but a struggle that tests fiber and faith, light and liberty, prayer and power, sanity and serenity, soul and salvation. Shall we cry out our surrender because former methods do not succeed? Nay, method is only a means to an end. The end shall be ours, when we "believe our beliefs and doubt our doubts" and do our best for God and humanity. "Hitherto ye have asked for nothing. Ask largely that your joy might be full." "And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved."

With an increasing zeal for the cause and with a greater passion for souls, "Let us lay aside every weight," of objection, "and the sin" of indifference, "which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

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

If the Methodist Episcopal Church, at large, was in the mood for self-congratulation, and could lose sight of the fields that are white and ready for harvesting, she might find encouragement in her statistical greatness; her 4,700,000 members, her 4,800,000 Sunday School students, her 29,000 Churches, her 21,000 ministers, her 15,000 lay preachers, her 13,500 missionaries and national preachers in the Foreign Fields, her great and efficient Women's Missionary Societies at home and abroad, her annual gift of \$8,600,000 for World Service.

We recognize, however, that statistics are not always the measure of real worth. As we face our vast responsibilities and high duties, we feel that boastfulness is out of place, and that what we have to do should be done in the spirit of deep humility and earnest consecration. Therefore, "forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before" let us face the future with humble trust in God, rather than any hope in human wealth, strength, wisdom or organization.

We shall do well to rejoice today in the statement made by the Apostle Peter, an itinerant preacher of ancient times, who, in his report on the spiritual state of the church, said, "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." We are glad to report today as we stand in the light and influences of the achievements of the centuries, that we are still mindful of the goal for which the church began its work. The central truths of the Christian religion were so perfectly stated in God's word and so clearly apprehended and stated by the founders of our Church, that the progress of thought in theological and related lines of study has not compelled us to abandon any of them. Salvation was perfected by Christ Jesus our Lord, hence the Christ we preach, the sin we cry against and the human nature to which we appeal are the same as in the past. We remember that some individuals who have given more attention to the opinions of men than to God's work, have been swept from their moorings as they have found themselves drifting in the fogs of doubt, and their cries have been alarming to some and pathetic to others. But the church of God holds on her course with the word of God as the sufficient rule for her faith and practice.

**Sabbath Observance.**

We have reason to rejoice over the stand taken by our Church on Sabbath Observance, in the face of Sabbath-breaking, due largely to the various facilities of our modern civilization, such as better roads and the automobiles improperly used on the Lord's Day. Sunday excursions, Sunday visiting and Sunday newspapers, with their tribe of helpers, tend to destroy one of the strongest bulwarks of our moral life—the Christian Sabbath. The Church has heard the alarm sounded by the Episcopal address at our last General Conference. We need to keep in mind the fact, that the nations of the past who have lost the Sabbath have lost themselves. Our danger, as a Church, lies in the possibility of losing our love

for the courts of the Hose of God and the worship at her altar, forgetting that at least one-seventh of our time belongs to His service. Bishop Hughes said, "Some take their automobiles on Sunday and say, 'We will worship God in His outdoor temple today,' and proceed to spend the day riding around." The Bishop said, "Now brother, don't be a liar and a hypocrite both at once."

#### Amusements.

We have learned that inconsistency and misunderstandings are injurious whenever and wherever found. We rejoice in the fact that our Church did not lower her standards on questionable amusements. But the restating of our position was so generally misunderstood that folks have been saying, "The ban has been lifted." The ever alert motion picture places, theatres, public games, dance halls and gambling devices of various sorts make increasingly fruitful appeal. The curse of the carnival is upon the peninsula in a most alarming way. It has especially subtle appeal, because of "the good cause" for which it professes to work. But the devil, arrayed as an angel of light, is a devil still. Gambling is gambling always. A whole town had better be burned to ashes than one soul be lost in a gambler's hell. Amusements were never more insistent and expensive, draining the enthusiasm and resources of multitudes, until they have nothing left for God and His service. Their strength is frittered away no trifles, while their highest duties and noblest powers are neglected, and the needs of a lost world almost forgotten. It will take time, prayer and patience to overcome this condition. A real spiritual awakening is the best remedy.

#### Industrial Relations.

We are glad to report that our Church has been and still is deeply interested in all social forces which touch the welfare of men. The field of industry offers one of the greatest opportunities for the outworking of the sublime truth of the Gospel of Christ.

But if our time and thought in the house of worship be given to the secondary themes and subjects, even in the interest of such catchy ends as "Social justice," our people will not have either the vision or the grace with which to settle the bitter strife between employer and employee.

#### Christian Unity.

The Methodist Episcopal Church believes in the largest possible cooperation among the Christian denominations in the common enterprises of the Kingdom. Now, as always, she is glad to give her support to every interdenominational movement that makes for increased power of the Churches in their united tasks.

The Church advocates an increasing interest in the spirit of unity and cooperation among the followers of our Lord. We find by the votes of our laymen and ministers we are ready for union with the Methodist Episco-

pal Church, South. We believe the Church is praying for a deeper spirit of unity.

#### Christian Citizenship.

We recognize the fact that political righteousness is one of the safeguards of the nation. One of the greatest hinderances to political righteousness, however, is the indifference of the Christian people to public and political affairs. We can change things when we decide to do so.

#### Divorce.

We commend the position taken by our Church on the divorce question. We need to be much concerned about this growing evil in our midst, and guard, as best we can, the home life of our people.

#### Social Creed of the Church.

We commend the Social Creed of our Church and feel justly proud of the position taken on these questions.

#### World Service.

We are glad to note that the receipts for World Service, during recent months, show a decided, although small, increase. We are again on the upgrade. This time, we trust, with the steadfast purpose never again to take a backward step.

The World Service of the Methodist Episcopal Church is not merely a tremendous task, but a most glorious and enlarging opportunity. The human race is increasing at a probable rate of 10,000,000 a year. The greatest part of this increase is among the nations and classes that have not the light of the Gospel. To keep up with this advance of population, as well as to evangelize the 1,700,000,000 already living, demands not only a mighty increase in giving, but also a vastly deeper consecration to the work of saving souls, and a greater Pentecost, in answer to more urgent prayer and a sublimer faith, than the Church in any age has yet known.

#### Temperance.

In the midst of the questionable reports and noisey propaganda of recent months, many are asking questions. However, we understand that no referendum conducted by a newspaper, a group of individuals, or an organization can change either the Eighteenth Amendment or the Volstead act. Neither does the vote in such a referendum represent the opinions of the community, or even of the readers of the newspapers. Those who protest against a cause sign such a referendum much more readily than those who want no change. We commend the plan set forth by our Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals, to proceed at once to educate our young people who have not known the old saloon business, and this will stimulate our older folks to better work along

these lines. Our Board has the facts, and proposes to give them to the Church. These will settle the clamor of the wets. There are less of them today than in the past. Some one has said they are just making more noise.

This issue has been before the people for several years and what they have said at the ballot box ought to settle the matter. The election of a congressman is a referendum. For prohibition has been a live issue for six years and more. The present Congress is drier than the last, and that was drier than the one before. There is no need of any other referendum.

#### Modernism.

Modernism, so called, which is really very ancient unbelief masquerading in a pseudo-scientific dress of modern cut, is out of place in a Church that has John Wesley for its founder and Jesus Christ for its Head. The Methodist Church has been built on the broad and solid fundamental truths of our New Testament. She was born in a revival, cradled in others, and made strong by ten thousand more. Just as she has pushed out along those clearly defined paths she has been breathed upon by the breath of God, and her lines have gone out to the ends of the earth. Nothing can stand before her when she is dressed in garments of salvation and with revival power in her heart and revival song and sermon on her lips. Her members have to be denatured and devitalized from the vivid experience of salvation that they received at her altars, before the virus of Modernism will "take" in their spiritual veins. They do not want nor need more Modernism, they need and desire more of Christ.

We recognize the right of Ministers to revolt against the plain teachings of the Word of God if they so desire; but we deny their right to remain in the Methodist Episcopal Church and do so. The Church has been founded and developed on the plainest and strongest doctrines of Christ's Gospel. She was raised up to spread Scriptural Holiness over all the land! not to preach doubts, but Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Who said of Himself, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

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#### WORLD SERVICE.

Ever since Jesus stood in the midst of that little contracted out-of-the-way Province of Palestine, with a group of unlettered and obscure fishermen about him, and looked out into the immeasurable reaches of

time and space and said, "The field is the world," his followers have been interested in missions. Jesus was here explaining the parable of the tares of the field to His disciples. They could not grasp the vast scope of Christ's ministry, just as multitudes outside (and some within the Church) today cannot see beyond their state and nation. Sectarianism (and narrowness) have had too great a place among Church people. But, thank God, the idea of a universal religion is being accepted by Christians, and men are today taking Christ's commands seriously, when He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." "Go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

These are great commands, and we are only in the process of learning their message. Like the teacher of old, we tend to limit the field of service and ask, "Who is my neighbor?"

The late war did the cause of world service immeasurable harm. War is a disturbing force—it upsets everything—it feeds on hatred, while the motive power back of missionary endeavor is Love. It will take us some time to overcome the set-back the war gave to missions, but it is slowly and surely being done. Love never gives up. Love surely finds a way out of such a world-shattering catastrophe, and even now we are beginning to see a new era of missionary conquest.

We have learned that today the world is at our door. Not only is the world small, but humanity is one. We are bound together by innumerable bonds. "No man liveth unto himself alone." We see as never before that no section of the world can be safely left under the domination of unchristian principles. The nations are so close to one another that they breathe the same air and suffer from the same menace. Christianity is for the whole world. It cannot be bottled up and kept for only one corner of it. The Christian religion is constantly overflowing its banks, and breaking down all barriers that would impede and retard its progress. Its outer boundary is the world. "God so loved the WORLD." We must love it too.

One just criticism that has been lodged against us is that we have lacked breadth of vision. We have not looked at our task in a broad way. The Gospel has been limited by us to small areas of life. The individualistic note has been too prominent. We have failed until recently to emphasize the social applications of the Gospel. The Golden Rule is for nations as well as for individuals. It must reach all levels of society, as well as all races.

We call upon the leaders of our great Mission Boards to more and more enunciate the principle of co-operation. Only by working together can we hope to accomplish the great task before us. God hasten the day when the ranks of the Christian army shall be closed. The day for closer co-operation has come. The day for mutual suspicion and antagonism has passed. What we are anxious about is not that there shall be more

Methodists and Baptists and Presbyterians as such, but that there shall be more men and women who are definitely endeavoring to follow the example and teaching of Jesus Christ.

We call upon the ministers of our Conference to present to their congregations as often as possible the World Service program of our Church, and that no Church be considered to have reached the great Christian ideal until it has given as much for World Service as it gives to the local Church. We believe that ignorance has been one of the greatest barriers to missionary enthusiasm, and we recommend that missionary programs be put on in the Church School, at least, once a month, in addition to the presentation of this important subject from the pulpit. World Service education is needed in all our Churches, and we must present it in such a way that the humblest offering in the most obscure Church will be seen to effect the progress of Christ's religion in China, and India, and Africa. (Let us forget denomination if need be, and think of that higher loyalty—loyalty to Christ).

We further urge our people to contribute liberally to World Service. While our giving to this cause will exceed that of last year, the funds are not adequate to carry on the program we have. Some of our World Service representatives are sick and their needs are great, others are waiting to be sent. When they go, they are sent to teach men TRUTH. We know what that truth has done for us, and means to us. We want to share the good tidings and all the benefits of His grace with our needy brother the whole world over. We want you to help our great Church to carry Christ's gospel everywhere:

"Till sons of men shall learn thy love,  
And follow where thy feet have trod.  
Till glorious from heaven above,  
Shall come the city of our God."

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#### THANKS.

Your Committee appointed to prepare a suitable expression of the appreciation of the Conference concerning its entertainment in Dover, begs leave to report as follows: We express our appreciation to the officials of Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church for again opening this great old Church for the entertainment of the Conference. Many times we have been here as their guests, and never have we been made to feel at home more than at this session.

To the Rev. Leonard White, the Pastor, for his unfailing courtesy and considerate attention to our many needs, we express our thanks.

We desire to record our thanks to the able committee of Wesley Church for their complete preparation for the comfort and convenience of the Conference, and their numerous courtesies to all the ministers.

Our session at Barratt's Chapel was an outstanding event, and the

impressions there received will doubtless mean much to the work of the Kingdom.

We thank the Choir of Wesley Church for the fine music they have rendered; our Secretaries for their prompt and skillful labors, and the representatives of the press for their full reports of our sessions.

We express to Bishop William F. McDowell our appreciation of his presidency of our Conference, his able and courteous administration of its affairs, his great address to the class at Barratt's Chapel session, and his helpful sermon on Sunday morning.

We recognize the blessing of Almighty God; thank Him and take courage.

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#### EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Board of Epworth League is happy to report to you that the activities of the League have been progressive during the year. Interesting District Conventions have been held during the year. Your Conference Officers have represented the work of the Conference at each convention.

The League is more and more finding its place for the expression of the wholesome activities of our youth.

You must understand that your Conference Epworth League has been and continues to be a self-supporting department of your work. It is with pleasure that we report to you at this Conference that we are no longer in debt and have a balance in the treasury. None of our officers are on salary but they have been mightily paid in spiritual things.

The Summer Institute has been the big opportunity for your Conference Board. We have seen it grow in eight years from an attendance of thirty-six to that of nearly two hundred. Since this is nearly our capacity, we are much rejoiced at the success. There have been times when our expenses were so heavy that we feared the outcome. We were hundreds of dollars behind, at one time, but we anticipated the day when all obligations have been met, and we are planning for you this year the biggest and best Institute ever. Our Church Boards are happy in their co-operation with the Institutes, giving their time and best men to promote their success. We are planning in connection with our Institute a class for Pastors, under the direction of the Board of Home Missions. This ought to give us an enrollment of at least twenty-five of our clergy. May we bring to your attention the attendance and interest of our supply Pastors. The Institute has better equipped them for their service to the Church.

You will be glad to know that forty-one of our young people who have signed for Life Service have been carefully placed in our best institutions of learning. They will return prepared men and women to strengthen the rank of our Conference, three of them coming into the Conference this year.

You will do well to send your best young people to our Institute. The expenses remain ten dollars for the entire time. This will give them

a most wholesome week of recreation, inspiration and opportunity for deeper consecration.

We are glad that more of our charges are being represented. It will be a happy day when every appointment will have a representative at your Institute and mount of vision.

This report could in no way be complete if we did not take time to pay a tribute of appreciation to our host and hostess, Dr. and Mrs. Henry G. Budd, sacrificing their vacation year after year and spending themselves in untiring effort for the success of the Institute. Without this cooperation, only failure would have been possible. These hundreds of young people rise up and call them blessed and wish them Godspeed as they come back to the higher ranks of the pastorate.

Praying your continued support, we are your servants for the success of this enterprise.

For financial report see (c) Special and Financial.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Conference Board of Sunday Schools, under the able leadership of the Conference Director of Religious Education, the Rev. F. A. Lindhorst, has made fine progress during the past Conference year in the work committed to it.

This is evidenced by the seven Standard Training Schools which have been held within our Conference territory during the time named. These Schools were attended by large numbers of people seriously seeking to make themselves more efficient in the great task of training young people to be 100% Christians. Besides these seven Standard Teacher Training Schools, a number of Churches have held like schools for the better equipping of their Sunday School teachers. This must be considered as one result of our work. This explodes that old fallacy—that any person at any time is equal to the task of teaching any Sunday School class any assigned lesson. And this intensive study of the art of teaching is showing us that the pupil is far more important than the lesson, and that knowing how to teach is quite as important as knowing what to teach. Our drive is for better taught teachers that we may have better taught classes.

The interest in the work grows while the fields of opportunity multiply. Many teachers in our Church Schools are eagerly asking to be shown how better to teach their classes. This is our assigned task.

We unhesitatingly commend to the Church our Director of Religious Education, the Rev. F. A. Lindhorst. Here is a man specially trained for this work, resourceful, persevering, tactful and always helpful. If you need wise and helpful advice on any question concerning your Church School, ask Lindhorst; it is yours for the asking. Again, we commend this work to the Pastors and Churches of our Conference.

The assessments for the support of the work are not large when compared with the work we are doing and the results already achieved.

#### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Bishop McDowell and Brethren of the Conference:—

In this my second Annual report to the Wilmington Conference as your Director of Religious Education, I do, at the very beginning, express to you my sincere thanks and appreciation for the fine brotherly spirit you have manifested toward me. It is only as you have cooperated in our common task of Evangelizing this Peninsula that success has come for this program. This cooperation has cheered me on in a wide field, at a difficult task, to do my utmost toward its accomplishment. Further encouragement has come from the keen interest taken by "our own Bishop McDowell," and the whole-hearted backing of the laymen of our Churches. I thank my Heavenly Father with all my heart that He has led me to this field of service and has given me the privilege of working with you.

The necessity of brevity makes possible the giving only the high spots of our work. I will try, however, to give you some conception of what has been attempted this past year, with results, the present needs as I see them, the steps we should take, and the emphasis we should place in the future.

Building of Christian Character is a process taking time. Few results can be seen in a short time. The direction of one's course can be changed in the "twinkling of an eye" if he surrenders to that new direction: But the covering of the course, keeping him to the right path, and assuring his growth spiritually as he travels along is a long race. The Program of Religious Education is vitally interested in the changing of life for the right and pointing out the way. It is furthermore interested in the developing of the life along the brighter way in which it has started. To conserve by the building of permanent foundations in young life and then to properly nourish that life "into perfection" in Jesus Christ, is our goal. We cannot successfully think of such a program in periods of twelve months. The nature of life demands that when we think of a program which primarily builds character, we must assuredly think in terms of a long period of development. We, therefore, for the sake of a goal in time, think in terms of ten years for this program. What are the needs of the field? What has been done to date? In what direction shall we proceed?

I might further say, by way of introduction, that the program submitted here has been considered for a full day's Conference by the Board of Sunday School's Executive Committee and meets with their approval. In fact, it comes as the Board's recommendation.

#### I. Leadership Training.

"No car moves faster than its engine, unless it runs down hill." Furthermore, no Church, no group of young people, no Sunday School, Epworth League or any other organization makes greater progress than its leader. We often say the crying need of the hour is a revival of Christian living. That revival will come in the home when the parent leads the

way; among youth, when their elder councilors direct them by their own precept and example; in the Church, when the leaders show the way. Leadership is sorely needed today. Although we realize that merely a TRAINED mind and heart does not assure leadership, we question if there is such a thing as real leadership without a trained mind and heart.

This Conference has, in round numbers, 6000 leaders in our Church Schools. To help these 6000 volunteer workers and to train a corp of workers who will follow in their places has been one of our goals. The response to the eight schools held this year has been more than gratifying. Out of the 777 enrolled, approximately 450, or 61%, received credit on the Standard Training Course. This means that between 800 and 1000 Methodist Episcopal volunteer leaders on this peninsula have taken credit at some time or other in this greatest of training courses for lay workers, outside of the Colleges of the church. In addition to these Conference Schools, a non-standard school for workers in Daily Vacation Bible Schools was held in Wilmington with 77 registrations. (Comparison of the individual Schools has already been noted in the Washington Christian Advocate, so we spare the time and space here.) These have not only been training centers, however, but sources of inspiration. Teachers and youth have pledged themselves to deeper consecration, and local Churches have set earnestly at the task thru local classes and other means to build a trained leadership.

But we are barely begun. To adequately meet the needs of this territory we should have at least 13 Schools. These must come eventually. Present plans will provide ten or eleven this next year, the first two to be held in the Spring at Crisfield and Cambridge. We desire to reach the whole field. But to start that which will later have to be dropped is neither wise nor just.

The biggest single training program of our Department of Church Schools is the Dickinson Summer School of Religious Education. It was taxed to capacity last year. An equally splendid course of study is offered and even greater enrollment demands are expected this Summer. We enrolled 25 students last year. Our goal this year is 50 registrations. Our greatest problem in the conducting of Schools is the securing instructors. We believe in building a faculty of trained workers from among our own people. How else can we hope to become permanently developing? Dickinson Summer School Seminar Courses for prospective instructors of training schools help us to make this possible. To meet the expense of helping to train these instructors, we propose the establishment of a fund, \$100 of which shall come from our Budget this year, and the balance from the surplus, if any, of the Training Schools. We propose a goal of 200 graduates in the Standard Course within the ten years, and 2000 students per year in local Conference Schools. Already four graduates are receiving their diplomas at this Conference Session. Mrs. Margaret P. Carey, Fruitland; Mrs. Daisy Butler Collison, Cape Charles; Mrs. Walter E. Gunby, Dover; and the Rev. Henry M. Parks, Little Creek, make up the "Pioneer Class" of graduates. We feel that when volunteer workers in our

Churches are willing to make long drives, lose sleep and rest, and put in hard study to better themselves for service, we can do no less than make possible the opportunity for them.

## II. Youth Evangelism.

Feeling the need of an emphasis upon the conserving our youth for Christ, the District Superintendents cooperated in a plan of Conferences on the subject, which many of you attended. Pastors D. W. Jacobs, R. K. Stephenson, R. P. Nichols and Dr. M. A. Dawber of Philadelphia, assisted in the program presented. Eighteen Conferences were held. Attendance totaled in the Wilmington District, 252; Middletown District, 181; Salisbury, 175; and Dover, 97; total, 705. An aroused interest and determination to pay more attention to this all important matter, with several charges actually placing more emphasis in their local programs with youth, were noticeable results gained.

This emphasis must continue. Every item of the Church's program must be evangelistic in purpose and results, else it has no part in our program. Decision Day and other methods will be stressed. So long as there are 10,000 boys and girls of our responsibility on this peninsula not reached by the Sunday School, we must be ever at it.

It is proposed that our special stress on Evangelism with youth this year be placed upon the home life. How absolutely important the home is in the evangelizing the world. How rich the child in a Christian Home! How poor he who is raised in any other kind! We as a Church have not done as much as can be done in the helping homes in their problems of child training. Here also the Church must take the lead. Where there is a need we must endeavor to meet it.

## III. Local School Standardization.

There is no more important phase of the years work in this Department of activity than the effort to raise the Standards of our Local Schools. Three things have contributed to this goal of Standardization. (1) Our Training Schools. (2) Personal visits of the Director. 153 such visits have been made on 70 charges. This is practically 37% of the whole Conference territory. Schools have been reorganized, and advance steps taken from new secretary systems, new departments developed, to new building projects and remodelling undertakings, to more adequately care for the needs of the local charge. (3) The Rally Day Advance Campaign. Fifty-three schools enrolled. It is of decided interest to us to note the ranking of the schools entered, based on a filled out questionnaire received from each of these Schools. In the Wilmington District, Colora, McCabe and Eastlake tied for second place, with 85 points each. Silverbrook School gained first place, with 90 points out of the possible 100. Middletown District, third place, Cheswold, 72 points; Middletown, second, 73 points; Stevensville, Kent Island Charge, first, 95 points. Dover District, Federalburg, third, 61; Harrington, second, 70; Milford, first,



77; Salisbury District, Pocomoke, third, 62; Grace Church, Salisbury, second, 85; Fruitland, first, 89. The three highest ranking schools in the Conference are: Fruitland, third; Silverbrook, second; and Stevensville, Kent Island, first. These results have proven conclusively that the Rural Church can put on a modern program of Religious Education as well as the City Church. Two of the three highest scores were those of rural charges.

On the basis of the results gained in the charges entering the campaign, of which we wish there were time to mention, the Board recommends the continuance of this campaign yearly, under the name of the "Wilmington Conference Church School Advance Campaign," to begin October first, and close one month before Conference Session. Furthermore, to set standards for three classes of schools, making the division on size.

We continue to move forward and the great need in the standardization of local Schools is more definite follow up and more intensive supervision. We need assistance badly in this. Wherever supervision has been given to local charges, results have come. Within the next ten years, there should be placed on each district a trained worker who will devote their full time to the promotion and directing of the Church's program of Religious Education. The Board of Home Missions has offered to help us this year with a full time trained assistant to work on one district in a specified group of Churches. The demand from the local Schools is now more than we can possibly meet alone. We are fortunate in getting this splendid cooperation from the Home Board.

#### IV. Week Day and Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

Two means for more adequately teaching religion to the young have been pushed where deemed advisable. Week Day Instruction and Daily Vacation Bible Schools are growing in their popularity and results everywhere, and not least in this Conference. We cannot do much in getting children on Public School time until the State of Delaware legally permits their being excused for such a purpose. The Local County Board in Maryland has the power to permit this. A resolution now before the Delaware State Board of Education which provides for the permitting the Local School Board to grant not more than two hours a week of the children's time for religious training in the Churches should have our unqualified backing. Should this privilege be gained, we will then meet the challenge as rapidly as possible of giving the children religious instruction of at least as high quality as the secular education given them.

Eleven Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held last Summer with 958 enrolled. Results call for the consideration of this means of training in Christian living. To aid us in this work, the Board of Home Missions again comes to our aid. Four trained young women are offered to this Conference to help in promoting and holding D. V. B. Schools this Summer. Each district will have one worker. Each worker can hold three schools. Only a slight expense to the charges using these workers is in-

olved. A word to your District Superintendent or the Director will bring further information for procedure. This will mean a possibility of at least 25 schools this year. We believe in growth, not sensational but steady. The Vacation session affords an excellent opportunity for the church with its youth. Let us command this time for the Christ. We can depend on it that the Devil's agencies will be active. We should beat the Devil to the hearts of these young lives.

#### V. Camps.

Camps for Boys and Girls all over the country are growing in popularity and in their effectiveness. There is no real reason, with all the possible sites along the water fronts and the large number of youth available, why our Conference should not have such a camp, where, during the Summer, camps for boys and girls could be held, with the specific purpose in mind of helping them in the building of their own Christian character. The Conference Board of Sunday Schools recommends the authorization of a committee to study the situation and to soon draft a plan for procedure.

#### VI. Older Boys' and Girls' Conferences.

Older Boys' and Older Girls' Conferences may mean much. Our Conference for Older Boys this year has registered 109 boys from 93 charges. The girls should not be left out. We hope with your sanction and support, if time and opportunity will permit, that some time during the year such a Conference may be held for girls, as well as a Conference for boys at each Annual Conference Session.

#### VII. Buildings.

The program on any charge is more or less crippled unless we have adequate buildings for the work. The type of building recognized today as adequate for religious education is a decided change over plans accepted 15 to 25 years ago. We should consult with the Bureau of Architecture in all cases of prospective building enterprises. They stand ready to render assistance at all times. The best is not too good for the people of this peninsula, even in Church architecture.

#### VIII. Office Assistance.

Because of the rapid increase in demand upon the time of the Director and the complications resulting from the multiplicity of tasks, we ask the Conference to grant us the use of clerical and office help for at least half time this year. The Conference Board recommends it.

#### IX. Finances.

To do this task adequately and to successfully carry on the much needed work, we will need approximately \$800 more for the coming year than was assessed this last year, which means an assessment of \$3300

instead of \$2500. This is only a small additional amount for each charge but in the aggregate it means a much more efficient program from which every charge will benefit.

Finally we urge a closer alignment in the Local Charge, District and Conference of the Sunday School and Epworth League forces, that our program of Religious Education may be more effective, in order that our youth may be more successfully led to the Christ and guided in the Christian way of living; that our Pastors take even a deeper interest in the youth program of their own charge, realizing that it is with the youth that our hopes for the future lie. We further urge a more persistent effort and a deeper consecration for the leading of youth to Christ. To this end I "plight thee my faith," assuring you that I stand ready at all times to render every possible assistance to, and cooperation with, you in the work of our King Eternal and our forward-moving Church.

F. A. LINDHORST.

#### STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS.

The Strawbridge Home for Boys, Inc., was one year old December the 16, 1925. When the Home was opened we admitted fifteen boys. We now have twenty boys; five of whom are from the bounds of the Wilmington Conference. Several boys have been placed with good families during the year, and a number of cases adjusted so that some relative or friend cared for the dependent boy, and yet we have more than fifty worthy orphan boys of our Sunday Schools on our waiting list appealing for a home and a chance, and who must either drift and be lost or go as they usually do to Roman Catholic Orphanages. What shall we say when a Roman Catholic Priest, recently discovering that we could not care for our own Sunday School orphan boy, said to the widow, "If your Church cannot care for your boy mine can; give him to me."

We have as yet no endowment, but we have, through the co-operation of pastors and churches, met all our obligations for maintenance. We have no debts. We can carry on, however, only so far as the pastors see the vision and lead their members to see the importance of this great benevolence. The Strawbridge Home is deeded absolutely to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and its future is altogether in our own hands. The sources of our maintenance income are as follows:—

1. The Christmas offering—vital to our maintenance.
2. The organization of Strawbridge Circles in each Church to disseminate information about our work, and to have organized representatives through whom we may reach the Church and community with our needs.
3. The securing from interested folks definite sums of money to care for individual boys.

Our Treasurer has four separate funds:—

1. The Building Fund.
2. The Maintenance Fund.
3. The Annuity Fund.
4. The Thrift Fund.

The last named represents individual gifts to our orphan boys which are kept in bank until each boy leaves the Home.

Christmas day at the Strawbridge Home beggars description. Many friends of our orphan boys sent gifts to each boy, and a happier lot you never saw. One little fellow, who, doubtless, never had a Christmas, ran to the House Mother and cried, "Oh, I never was so happy!"

The religious life of the Home is carefully guarded. Our regular service each evening at 6.30 is an inspiration. The voluntary prayers, the study of the Word of God, the telling of some popular story with its lessons of helpfulness, make for a great hour.

Our Spring building program consists of:

1. A Memorial Stone Gateway presented by a young business man of our Church in Baltimore.
2. The erection of a dormitory caring for about thirty boys.
3. The possible erection of a Superintendent's home and administration building combined.

Methodist Day, under the auspices of the Laymen's Association of the Baltimore Conference, has become an annual Fall event, bringing thousands of people to our beautiful farm of 318 acres, with inspirational services in our natural amphitheatre. Bishop McDowell has honored us each time with his presence, and is the inspiration of our Strawbridge movement.

Is it a task worthwhile of our Church to care for our own orphan and dependent boys of today who will be tomorrow's men of the Kingdom?

"Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? \* \* \* And the King shall answer \* \* \* Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

We are asking this Conference:

- To endorse the Christmas offering for maintenance.
- To elect three members on our Board of Trustees.
- To organize in each Church a Strawbridge Circle.

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

When the Master was thinking of a condition where the better thing must be urgently pressed on the needy, he said, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." Thus goes forth our Society into a densely populated portion of the city; not to exercise physical force but, with the compulsion of love and patient effort, to show these multitudes the more excellent way.

The thin line of our work reaches from Kingswood on the Northeast to Browntown on the Southwest, with Wesley and Asbury lying between these extremes. This line covers the entire downtown or coast region of the city. Teeming multitudes are here, speaking many languages. Two pastors and five full time workers are constantly in the field.

Everywhere experience has taught the lesson that the easiest way, and, indeed, about the only way, to reach such types is through the children. Consequently, our work, whenever in group form, is with the children. At each of the four points the Sunday School work is stressed. The heaviest enrollment is at Kingswood where, in the Beginners' and Primary Departments, Miss Campbell has enrolled 165, forty of whom are foreigners.

At the Sixth Avenue Mission, 125 are enrolled in the Sunday School. These are made up of Americans, Italians, Polish, Swedish and Germans. The school at Asbury is entirely foreign, with an enrollment of 70, while the enrollment at Wesley is 90. The entire enrollment for our mission work is 450. This does not include the main school at Kingswood, or the regular Sunday School at Asbury.

All the missions have prosperous Kindergarten work, with a total enrollment of 308, one-third of whom are foreigners.

Perhaps the finest piece of work done during the whole year is that of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Three of these were held. Four extra teachers were employed. The Schools continued five weeks. The total enrollment was 316, representing six different nationalities. These schools furnish us the greatest point of contact of any other work. All nationalities are easily gathered in them. If sufficient teaching force were available, the attendance at each School could be greatly increased. To hear groups of children, whose language betrayeth their foreign birth, reciting the hymns of the Church, or the psalms of the Book, or enacting in pageant the parables of the Gospels, stirs mightily one's heart and prompts a re-dedication to a task so promising.

Various group organizations, conducted by these tireless workers, are used to reach and teach the nobler things of life. For instance, at Asbury, Miss Lynam has a sewing class with an enrollment of 71; also a Boy's Club of 20. In these groups there is always a devotional period, a story told, a prayer said, an ideal uplifted. At another point it will be a Travel Class; in another circle it is a group of girls called "Little Women." But the end is always the same: all things to all the children that the more excellent way may be pointed out. And during the year our missionaries have touched in some practical way more than 1,000 different children.

Still the crying need at Sixth Avenue is proper facilities for that promising work. This need has been intensified by the closing of Wesley as a preaching place. Here, Mrs. Biddison, in a room 14 by 22, has a School with 125 enrollment, and sometimes 100 crowd into the room. A Chapel for this work, and an occasional preaching service, is a burning and immediate need. Faith that it is coming soon has prompted this modest group to begin and they have put together their mites and have \$100 in the bank

to match the faith of the Church when it shall hasten to their relief. God speed the day when some way, somehow, this need shall be supplied.

I wish to make grateful acknowledgment, on behalf of our missionaries, to the Epworth Leagues of Wilmington for the Christmas cheer made possible by the more than 200 filled stockings, as well as some cash, sent to us. This meant to many good tidings and great joy.

One year ago, the Conference will recall, we came asking that the plea of Wesley Church be granted and that the Church be taken over by the City Society. This plea was brought at the earnest and unanimous request of the Board of Trustees of the Church. They seemed to be fixed in their determination to forsake what they thought was a sinking ship and this, in spite of the District Superintendent's importunings to stand by for another desperate effort. After due consideration the Conference voted to accede to the desire of the Trustees and authorized the transfer of the property.

Therefore, early after the last session, we proceeded to execute the mandate of the Conference and vote of the Trustees, and transfer title to the City Missionary and Church Extension Society. Some misapprehensions as to the rights of the Trustees and Ladies' Aid arose, creating much friction and giving great concern to the District Superintendent and your Secretary. The necessary pressure required to establish the property rights of the Conference created much antagonism to the new management of the Church. Consequently, when the rights of the Conference were maintained and the new order was begun, the sympathy of the few who were left at Wesley with the close of last Conference year was almost entirely lost. This brief historic statement is made that it may be known that what we inherited at Wesley was simply a property, and less than a half dozen former members who were sympathetic with the mission of the Church in that community. Only one family has voluntarily made contributions to the new program during the year.

With this situation confronting us, and no one to put in the field and no money with which to provide some one, we went to Philadelphia and laid the whole matter before Dr. Forsyth, of the Home Board.

Instantly his interest was awakened. It seemed to be the opportunity the Board had coveted, because it furnished a chance to try out a modern community program. After a thorough investigation of the field, the Home Board generously offered to furnish us two trained workers to try out a modern program of community service, provided the local Society would underwrite all local expenditures. The District Superintendent and Corresponding Secretary were happy men when they left the office that day.

The expense to our Society has been considerable, but it has been worth while. Immediately, repairs had to be made and new plumbing done. This cost was \$240. The cost of 'phone, gas, coal and lights has been \$325. Various supplies for the work have cost \$80. In addition, friends outside our territory have donated equipment valued at \$75.

Then we seemed to face an impossible task. The Church must have a new heating plant. This would cost \$700, but the only thing we had in

the treasury was a hole. Then the great hearted Forsyth came to us with the proposition that if we would raise one-half the amount, somewhere he would find the other half. The Society met his proposition and appealed to the city Churches for \$25 each. The following Churches responded with a contribution as follows:—Harrison Street, Mt. Salem, Grace, Epworth, Wesley and Asbury, \$25 each; McCabe, \$20; and Kingswood, \$15. The rest of the amount the Secretary was obliged to run down and the heater was paid for.

The Sunday School, Junior League and various groups, including special donations direct to the workers, have raised \$250 and spent \$210, besides what the City Society has spent in the field.

Have the results warranted the investment? Last June the Home Board sent Miss Elizabeth De Maris and an associate to the field. In September, Miss Eleanor Collins became the permanent associate of Miss De Maris. These accomplished women were obliged to start with nothing. Quietly, persistently, they set themselves to the task. In a remarkably short time they had convinced the community they were there to serve. Children began to come; various groups were organized—some for play, some for work and study—clubs for girls, sewing classes, kindergarten, Junior League and Sunday School. Then, interesting groups for boys were assembled; volunteer directors of boys' work were placed in charge. A library class was organized; the city public library loaned books. This developed so rapidly that the library authorities twice weekly sent out a library wagon and books were distributed from it. Then further development and the cold weather made other provision necessary. A room in the Church was assigned to this work. The city library authorities constructed shelves at their own expense, and twice each week sent a supply of books and attendants to care for the distribution. It is a wonderful achievement to develop a reading taste so quickly and furnish facilities to satisfy it. Our thanks are hereby extended the library directors for their cooperation. There are 206 registered borrowers and 4,322 books have been circulated. This running statement inadequately hints the response a community, probably 90 per cent. foreign, is making to the service of those consecrated trained women. And be it known, brethren of the Conference, their presence among us is made possible by the generous consideration of the Home Board.

Possibly the outstanding work of the year has been the projected Asbury Day Nursery for Babies. Our field is one where almost every imaginable human need is found. Mothers with babies—widows, the mates of worthless husbands, of those the victim of the passion of some base wretch, but motherless, nevertheless, and mothers obliged to make the living. Here we were frequently confronted with a great missionary need and apparently no way to provide for it. What a blessing if there were some place where these mothers could leave the babies in safety and comfort while they were at work during the day.

Down alongside of this fact was another serious one. The property directly across the street from Asbury Church at Third and Walnut was

tenanted by very undesirable persons. Then the property was placed on the market and a colored family was about to purchase it.

Either fact before us was big enough to prompt action; the two together compelled it. For two years we had coveted the house for a Nursery. But we represented no one who could buy it. The City Missionary Society had no money and Asbury Church had less. But what ought to be done can be done. We ought to have it and we had faith to believe we could have it.

In this confidence we took an option on the house. We prepared our literature and appealed to the public for funds. The response showed our faith was not misplaced. The property was bought. For convenience the title is held by Asbury Church. The campaign for funds was delayed by the numerous drives and the approach of Winter prevented the immediate repairing and necessary alterations. This will be done soon, and we hope some time in May to open the nursery to the public. Over \$5,000 has been raised on it.

It should be said, for a perfectly clear understanding among us, that the City Missionary Society has not invested any money in the nursery, for it had none. It has been made possible by a generous public, without regard to nationality or religious belief; a public quick to note an honest effort to supply a community need. And to that public and to the press of Wilmington which, without stint, aided us in publicity, we wish to express our profound gratitude.

It must be apparent to all that the expanding work has made enlarged demands upon our treasury. The Home Board has been obliged again to reduce our monthly allowance. To finish out the year and meet all obligations, the Society has been obliged to borrow \$1,000. The last Conference showed its confidence in the enlarging work not only by placing Wesley in our care, but by making more adequate provision for the expense of the Society in the new apportionment. Taking the Conference lead we have gone forward in this faith. Let the Conference be reminded that outside of the Society's funds, the various missions and the Secretary have raised for the work during the year \$1,510, which includes the \$300 donated by the Home Board for the new heater. A just consideration of the Society's need, and a proper regard for the authorized apportionments, which in most cases are modest, will give sufficient financial backing to the work and will bespeak the God-speed of the Conference. And let it with perfect frankness be stated that without the generous response from the churches, and a general meeting of the apportionments, the Society must inevitably narrow its borders and diminish its activities. The Society has no field agent; it has no chance to present its work to the Churches; it has no friend at court but the Pastor. Because this is true, my brethren of the Conference, we appeal to you. In a most pitiable way we are now cultivating a vast field, teeming with growin-up boys and girls; a field left almost entirely to our Church for moral uplift. We can only but poorly perform the task when we have your earnest prayers and hearty cooperation. Our confidence that you will thus share our toil is firm.

G. T. ALDERSON, Secretary.

## GOODWILL INDUSTRIES.

The report of the standardization committee of the Goodwill Industries gives us great cause for thankfulness that our Church has found such a mine of well being for under privileged folk who have very scant relationship with the Church. In the name of Christ, to offer these thousands of the aged and handicapped in body, mind and ability a chance to mend their fortunes and their characters is bringing again into activity the program of Jesus, the apostles and John Wesley.

No one and no cause is in any way the loser because the Goodwill Industries have turned the waste of nearly a million homes into more than a million dollars, which the Industries have distributed in self respecting wages and opportunities to more than a million needy people in our great cities.

The idealisms in the programs of the Goodwill Industries as they become understood are winning the hearty support of social workers, home keepers, and practical business men who want to make their gifts count for the most in service. This is evidenced not only in the increased number of bag contributors and many gifts for the maintenance of the Goodwill program, but more by the building record for 1925. About \$575,000 have been invested in Goodwill Industrial buildings and Goodwill Churches during the past year.

In most investments people are looking for dividends in money. In our work of service for humanity, we do not look so much at the money received as to the service rendered. The following paragraph will give you a brief summary of the work in our Wilmington Goodwill Industries for 1925:

3794 effective calls were made which resulted in gathering 3494 bags of clothing, shoes, etc., and 366 pieces of furniture. From these materials, 28,000 hours' labor were furnished and 14,336 customers were served.

From these sales \$8931.57 were received with donations and membership fees amounting to \$2561.38, making the income for the year reach the gratifying total of \$11,492.94.

If the real service could be tabulated, the relief from suffering, hunger and want, which would be shown, as well as the stimulation of new hope and interest in life, it would bring satisfaction to those who made these things possible by the use of their cast-off materials and donations.

"He being dead, yet speaketh," can be wonderfully true of people who interest themselves in Goodwill work; and remember it in your will would be preaching by word and practice the two great commandments: "Love to God," and "Love to man."

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

In closing, I wish to record my deep felt sense of gratitude to my Heavenly Father for the strength he has given me for the duties involved. I wish also to thank my brethren for their hearty co-operation in the Goodwill work.

J. H. BEAUCHAMP, Superintendent.

## (c) SPECIAL AND FINANCIAL.

## CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

## Treasurer's Report.

March 30, 1926.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 30, 1925 .....	\$ 367.02	
Interest on Savings Balances .....	20.37	
Account, Rose Caruth Fund .....	106.95	
Earnings on Investments .....	390.92	
E. H. Dashiell, Sale Church Box Iron .....	256.00	
		\$1141.26

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Milton, from the Carey Fund .....	\$ 120.00	
Parsonburg, from the Wimbrow Fund .....	45.00	
Beckwith, from the Thomas Fund .....	109.00	
Clayton, from the Clifton Fund .....	25.00	
Rent of Safe Deposit Box .....	4.00	
Postage and Stationery .....	4.00	
Balance, March 31, 1926 .....	834.26	
		\$1141.26

## Barratt's Chapel Fund.

March 31, 1926.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 30, 1925 .....	\$ 178.54	
Interest on Investments .....	60.00	
		\$ 238.54
Balance, March 31, 1926 .....		\$ 238.54

R. K. STEPHENSON, Treasurer.

## WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

## RECEIPTS.

	General Fund	Riddle Fund
1925		
March 23, To Balance .....	\$ 922.40	\$1029.86
April 1, To Check, Int. on Mortgage .....	22.50	
April 15, To Check, Security Trust & Safe Dep. Co. . . . .		421.53
June 1, To Check, Int. Savings Account .....		23.51
June 3, To Check, Board of Education, N. Y. ....	150.00	
July 1, To Check, Int. on Mortgage .....	22.50	
July 7, To Check, Board of Education, N. Y. ....	200.00	
Oct. 2, To Check, Int. on Mortgage .....	22.50	
Nov. 27, To Check, Board of Education .....	250.00	
Dec. 1, To Check, Int. Savings Account .....		27.37
1926		
Jan. 2, To Check, Int. Savings Account .....	62.50	
Jan. 2, To Check, Int. on Mortgage .....	22.50	
Jan. 18, To Check, Board of Education .....	62.50	
March 11, To Check, Board of Education .....	62.50	
March 11, To Check, Board of Education .....	9.16	
	<u>\$1809.06</u>	<u>\$1502.27</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1925		
April 16, By Loans to Students .....	\$ 425.00	
April 16, By Loan to Hiram H. Tsui .....		\$ 100.00
Dec. 3, By Loans to Students .....	512.50	
1926		
March 11, By Loan to Hiram H. Tsui .....		100.00
	<u>\$ 937.50</u>	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
March 20, By Balance .....	\$ 871.56	\$1302.27
	<u>\$1809.06</u>	<u>\$1502.27</u>

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

## MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

Received of W. A. Wise, former Treasurer .....	\$1430.97	
May 8, 1925, V. E. Hills, Conference Treasurer .....	312.00	
Received from Charges .....	238.68	
Interest on deposits .....	9.97	
	<u>          </u>	<u>\$1991.62</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Checks 1 to 14 on Cabinet order .....	\$1050.00	
Conference for printing notices .....	3.75	
Postage and stationery sending receipts .....	2.40	
	<u>          </u>	<u>\$1056.15</u>
Balance in Treasury .....		\$ 935.47

R. K. STEPHENSON, Treasurer.

## BUREAU OF SESSIONS.

## RECEIPTS.

1925		
March 18, To Balance .....	\$3524.21	
April 8, To Check Conference Treasurer .....	2000.00	
May 13, To Check Conference Treasurer .....	565.00	
June 1, To Check Interest Savings Account .....	55.80	
June 3, To Check T. B. Ely returning excess payment for entertainment Conference 1925 Session .....	194.82	
Dec. 1, To Check Interest Savings Account .....	46.90	
	<u>          </u>	<u>\$6386.73</u>
Total Receipts .....		\$6386.73

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1925		
March 28, By Check T. B. Ely, Chairman Entertain- ment Committee .....	\$1000.00	
April 8, By Check T. B. Ely, Chairman Entertain- ment Committee .....	2000.00	
April 30, By Check Rev. G. T. Alderson, Expense Com- mittee Meeting .....	18.50	
1926		
Jan. 16, By Check, Rev. R. P. Nichols, Expense At- tendance Committee Meeting .....	6.05	
	<u>          </u>	<u>\$3024.55</u>
Total Disbursements .....	\$3024.55	
March 20, By Balance .....	\$3362.18	\$6386.73

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

## Chairman Ely's Account Expense 1925 Conference Session.

## ASSETS.

Cash .....	\$3000.00	
Tickets Returned .....	328.65	\$3328.65

## LIABILITIES.

Expense for Preachers . . . . .	\$2695.45	
Tickets for Laymen . . . . .	138.60	
Rooms for Laymen . . . . .	73.65	
Meals for Preachers 3-24 . . . . .	69.70	
Printing for tickets 3-24 . . . . .	4.50	
Postage . . . . .	9.52	
Rev. R. P. Nichols expenses to Washington . . . . .	11.36	
Hotel duPont for J. M. M. Gray . . . . .	6.50	
Rev. J. M. M. Gray . . . . .	75.00	
Rev. Clarence True Wilson . . . . .	25.00	
Merrill Price, Stenographer . . . . .	25.00	
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$3133.83</b>	
Cash . . . . .	\$ 194.82	\$3328.65

## DELMARVIA EPWORTH LEAGUE INSTITUTE.

Receipts from all sources in 1922 . . . . .	\$1072.70	
Disbursements . . . . .	\$1008.64	
<b>Balance . . . . .</b>		<b>\$ 64.06</b>
Receipts from all sources in 1923—		
From Balance in 1922 . . . . .	\$ 64.06	
From Board and Registrations . . . . .	\$ 900.00	
<b>Disbursements . . . . .</b>	<b>\$1094.33</b>	<b>\$ 964.06</b>
Deficit . . . . .	\$ 130.27	
Receipts from all sources in 1924 . . . . .	\$1254.50	
Disbursements . . . . .	\$1124.87	
<b>Balance . . . . .</b>		<b>\$ 129.63</b>
Receipts from all sources in 1925—		
From Balance in 1924 . . . . .	\$ 129.63	
From Registrations and Board . . . . .	\$1272.00	\$1401.63
Disbursements—		
To H. G. Budd for Board, etc. . . . .	\$ 862.71	
To W. G. Harris for Travelling expenses, postage and other items of expense . . . . .	106.00	
For Postage and Stationery . . . . .	20.00	
Miscellaneous expense . . . . .	10.00	
Faculty expense . . . . .	73.50	

Balance on trip to Barratt's Chapel . . . . .	16.00	
To Cummins for Institute Pictures . . . . .	10.00	
To Cummins for Institute Lantern Slides . . . . .	14.85	
For "Tattler" expense . . . . .	19.50	
For Recreational Requisites . . . . .	15.75	
To Davis Co. for Rotospeed . . . . .	43.00	
To Stowell for Printing . . . . .	34.75	
To G. E. Sterling for travelling expense . . . . .	20.00	
<b>Total expenses . . . . .</b>		<b>\$1246.06</b>
<b>Balance . . . . .</b>		<b>\$ 155.57</b>

## INSTITUTE PROPERTY—

One hundred Army Cots at \$3.75 each . . . . .	\$ 375.00
One Rotospeed . . . . .	43.00
Fifty Lantern Slides at 35 cents each . . . . .	17.50

GEORGE E. STERLING, Manager.

March 30, 1926.

## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

## RECEIPTS.

1925	
April 23, To Check Conference Treasurer . . . . .	\$1793.00

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1925	
April 23, By Check Rev. J. W. Colona . . . . .	\$ 555.00
April 23, By Check Rev. Omar E. Jones . . . . .	419.00
April 23, By Check Rev. W. E. Gunby . . . . .	425.00
April 23, By Check Rev. E. H. Dashiell . . . . .	394.00
	<u>\$1793.00</u>
	<u>\$1793.00</u>

W. O. HOFFECKER, Trustee.

## CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.

When the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund Commission presented the proposition of raising \$150,000 to the Conference held at McCabe Church, Wilmington, in 1925, it was voted that none of the moneys previously raised by the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund Commission should be used to defray expenses in regard to this present campaign. Therefore, it was necessary to raise the initial money necessary for expenses through a note. A note was signed for \$3000 by ten of the laymen

of the Conference, and \$3000 was borrowed on this note from the Wilmington Trust Company, Wilmington, and deposited to the credit of the Commission.

The Commission desired that its money should be handled in the following way: Checks are received by G. P. Jones, Treasurer, and entered on his books, and then forwarded to the office of Caleb E. Burchenal, Secretary, for deposit, and entered in the Secretary's books and then deposited in the Wilmington Trust Company, the separate account for these funds. No checks can be drawn from these funds except said checks are signed by the Secretary and Treasurer. Money is to be deposited in this way until sufficient money is in this account when it is to be drawn out and turned over to the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which Board invests the funds of the Conference Claimants.

Below is a statement of the Treasurer's account to date of the opening of the Conference Session:

## RECEIPTS.

11-24, Borrowed on note, Wilmington Trust	\$3000.00	
12-2, Grace Church friend	25.00	
3-25, Rev. Chas. C. Harris, personal	10.00	
3-25, Rev. Harry Taylor, personal	50.00	
3-25, J. H. Geoghegan, personal	11.66	
3-25, Ladies' Aid, Stevensville, Md.	20.00	
5-11, Mt. Pleasant, Rev. V. E. Hills, Pastor	120.00	
5-11, Port Deposit	25.00	
5-11, Salem Circuit	5.00	
7-1, Crapo, Ebenezer Sunday School	20.00	
7-8, Mrs. Annie V. S. Sharp, personal	50.00	
8-12, Sarah R. Taylor, personal	15.00	
10-12, Dr. E. P. Simpson, personal	70.00	
12-23, Harrington Charge by Sunday School	100.00	
1926		
3-13, Henderson Charge	25.00	
3-13, Stockton Charge	50.00	
3-13, Seaford	288.00	
3-20, Harrington	141.00	
Interest on Account, Dec. 31	4.11	
Total Receipts		\$4029.77

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1925		
12-8, Chas. H. Gray, printing	\$ 120.00	
12-8, Hubert A. Roop, printing	21.50	
12-8, Lelia M. Northrup, typewriter	80.00	
12-8, Ladies' Aid, Asbury, Salisbury, dinners	22.50	

12-8, Ladies' Aid, Seaford, dinners	25.00	
12-8, Geo. P. Jones, expenses	38.05	
12-8, Geo. P. Jones, account salary	700.00	
12-31, Wilmington Trust Co., Int. to 12-31	18.50	
1926		
12-6, Geo. P. Jones, account salary	300.00	
3-1, Geo. P. Jones, account salary	500.00	
3-1, Burchenal, Borton & Melson, ledger	1.25	
Total Disbursements		\$1826.80
3-27, Balance in account at Wilmington Trust		\$2202.97

GEORGE P. JONES, Treasurer.  
CALEB E. BURCHENAL, Secretary.

March 27, 1926.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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

V. E. Hills, Conference Treasurer.

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

W. E. Gunby, Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

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

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

R. K. Stephenson, Treasurer of Conference Trustees, Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.

HUGH B. KELSO, Auditor.

## CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.

One outstanding, if not overmastering, idea pervaded the business meeting of the Commission one year ago. It was no vague or idle dream. It was Saturday. Reports were all in. The Conference Treasurer's report showed in the column, "Total Paid for Ministerial Support," a glaring deficiency of \$9,120 for Conference Claimants. It was pathetic as well as depressing. Mr. Gambrill, that princely layman, was there. A heart to heart discussion followed. The meeting adjourned with a conviction and a resolution. At the earliest possible opportunity both the conviction and the resolution were presented to the Conference by Mr. Burchenal, the Secretary. It embodied, in principle, the positive recognition on the part of the Church of its responsibility to her ministry in toto and not in



part. The Conference heard. The resolution was accepted. Your man-in-the-field is here to tell the Conference what was done.

The campaign was inaugurated. To some, in its nature and conception, it was disappointing. No mass meeting or big speeches. No blare of trumpets. No public exploitation of our Methodist debts or obligations. Your messenger's business was not to advertise an epidemic, but rather find a way to cure these inequalities of long standing and growing worse each year. Somebody passed to my hand, "Dear Family" by Peggy Ann. It is a charming book. She says "The kingdom of heaven doesn't come by romance, but by doing what has to be done, and out of that come the personal contacts, and steadiness of purpose that settle us down and fit us in to the big task and the long pull." She also says, "If anybody needs a steady heart with something sunshiny inside of it every day, it's a missionary. This is no psychic cure for sickly souls; it's training camp for spiritual giants." And again, "I wonder what makes life MOST worth living. I suppose everybody has to find his own answer, but it seems to me that the best things come back to us from the folks we have helped a little to better living. And the surprises are all the more inspiring. And the big thrill is not so much what other people do for us as in seeing what we have been able to do for them." And so these trite sayings suggested a face to face and heart to heart visitation evangelism, with the thought in mind that if you wish to gain a friend ask for a favor. If your cause is worthy, you get a friend and favor also.

Your Commission well knew that the Churches of this peninsula were tired of "drives," "campaigns," and "programs;" all over-worked terms. So nobody was very anxious to give this newly born child a name. We knew that we needed money to relieve a Conference wide embarrassment. CO-OPERATION seemed to be the key word. We began with the Commission. From its ranks we selected three able and experienced laymen from each District of the Conference. These men were duly confirmed by each successive District Conference and they consented to serve, and thereby the organization of the Conference territory by Districts with laymen at the head of each District was consummated and everybody agreed. That of itself was Co-Operation with a capital "C." I submit the list:

Dover District: Frank M. Jones, Chairman; Edson C. Lodge, Vice-Chairman; Victor C. Hitchens, Secretary.  
 Middletown District: L. M. Price, Chairman; C. Norman Jefferson, Vice-Chairman; H. H. Nuttle, Secretary.  
 Salisbury District: W. T. Dashiell, Chairman; Rev. E. C. Hallman, Vice-Chairman; Ralph O. Dulany, Secretary.  
 Wilmington District: E. C. Hardesty, Chairman; C. E. Burchenal, Vice-Chairman; I. Elmer Perry, Secretary.

We solicited from the District Superintendents their Group Divisions. Here are the grand divisions: Four districts, twenty-seven groups, one hundred ninety-eight pastoral charges, three hundred sixty-three churches. This outline made each District, each Group, each Church, a unit of itself,

with pastoral leadership as we found it. Each pastor, whether supply or Conference member, was first recognized as the most potent factor in the working out of this plan. While this may be true, one can easily see the value of outstanding lay leadership as outlined above, presenting a uniform and acceptable combination of ministerial and lay activity. This plan of organization and subsequent procedure, with the consent of the District Superintendents and their delightful and wholesome support, was presented by your Field Secretary to each District Conference, at the earliest possible opportunity and was accepted.

At the same time and place the proportionate share of the proposed Endowment to be expected from each District, as agreed to by the Commission, was likewise presented and accepted, and reads as follows:—Dover District, \$26,000; Middletown District, \$24,000; Salisbury District, \$30,000; Wilmington District, \$55,000; making the total, \$135,000. This amount must be actually and fully written in on our books in bona fide subscriptions, before we can consider in any sense the assurance of the conditional pledges of \$7,500 each, made by Dr. F. B. Short and Mr. Gambrell. Total amount to be raised, \$150,000.

It required nearly one-half of the year to get this preliminary plan set-up in order to get it before the Churches in concrete form. To this end your Secretary was ably assisted by each of the District Superintendents who extended every possible courtesy and whose enthusiasm for the cause has never waned. Then we began Group work in the twenty-seven group centers, with their respective group leaders and as many of the laymen at any and all meetings as we could find. We found these meetings very profitable and with a series of follow-up letters, encouraging results with increasing momentum came to our knowledge. Many pastors readily agreed and preferred to make the first presentation of the cause themselves to their respective Official Boards. We expected this, for it is well known where pastoral leadership exists and wisely functions, the laymen usually respond and take religious pride in doing so. I know of no Pastor turning a deaf ear to this worthy cause. I wish to say here, that I have a growing admiration for our Supply Pastors, many and most all of whom have taken great pains to have their respective Churches accept their quota.

I hereby wish to express my heartfelt appreciation for willing and valued help rendered by the field staff of lay workers, beginning with Mr. W. O. Hoffecker, Chairman of the Commission, and Messrs. Frank M. Jones, L. M. Price, W. T. Dashiell, and E. C. Hardesty. They have labored faithfully to put this campaign across. Without these big-hearted laymen and the outstanding co-operation of the District Superintendents the plan could not have been successfully carried out. What I really mean to say is that their brotherly hand and willing heart have made possible the results herein tabulated.

Before submitting figures, it is due me to say that if there should seem to be a larger deficiency on Wilmington District than elsewhere, it is not because less work was done there, but rather because some of the

larger Churches have not yet taken action, and some others reported only a partial amount of their quota. We are willing to believe they will all report in full after a more mature consideration of the needs involved, and in view of their splendid record in the past relating to the Church and the kingdom of our Lord.

Your Secretary has tried to be instant in season and out of season. Also, to exercise discretion at all times, so as not to do violence to a cause that has become dear to his heart. He had hoped to report every Church in line this year.

**Dover District.**

Charges having accepted full quota: Beckwith & Spedden, Cambridge, Church Creek, Crapo, Hooper's Island, Hurlock, Secretary & McKendree, Vienna, Williamsburg, Canterbury, Dover (Wesley), Felton, Little Creek, Magnolia & Barratt's, Wyoming, Georgetown, Georgetown Ct., Lewes, Millsboro, Nassau, Rehoboth, Zoar, Ellendale, Farmington, Frederica, Harrington, Houson, Lincoln, Milford, Milford Neck, Bethel, Bridgeville, Federalburg, Greenwood, Laurel, Mt. Pleasant, Reliance, Seaford, Seaford Circuit.

Accepted in part, Blades.

Total amount for District . . . . . \$25,080.00

**Middletown District.**

Charges having accepted full quota:—Chestertown, Fairlee, Galena, Piney Neck, Rock Hall, Still Pond, Centreville, Kent Island, Queenstown, Concord, Denton, Greensboro, Hillsboro, Preston, Bayside, Bozman & Neavitt, Cordova, Easton, St. Michaels, Tilghman, Cecilton, Cheswold, Clayton, Kenton, Middletown, Odessa, Smyrna, Townsend, Crumpton, Henderson, Salem and Barclay.

Accepted in part: Sudlersville.

Total amount for District . . . . . \$21,265.00

**Salisbury District.**

Charges having accepted full quota: Berlin, Newark, Ocean City, Powellville, Cape Charles, Ayres, Onancock, Phoebus, Annamessex, Asbury—Crisfield, Immanuel—Crisfield, Marion, Smith's Island, Tangier, Delmar, Sharptown, Pittsville, Whitesville, Mills Chapel, Deals Island, Fairmount, Mt. Vernon, Princess Anne, Somerset, St. Peters, Venton, Westover, Asbury—Salisbury, Grace—Salisbury, Hebron, Nanticoke, Quantico, White Haven, Fruitland, Parsonsburg, Bishopville, Dagsboro & St. Georges, Gumboro, Ocean View & Millville, Roxana, Selbyville, Chincoteague, Girdle-tree, Pocomoke City, Pocomoke Ct., Snow Hill and Stockton.

Total amount for District . . . . . \$29,565.00

**Wilmington District.**

Charges having accepted full quota are: Eastlake, Kingswood, McCabe, Mt. Lebanon, Trinity, Claymont, Edgemoor, Hillcrest, Holly Oak, Mt. Pleasant, Bethel, Cherry Hill, North East, Zion Ct., Asbury, Grace, Union, Brack-Ex, Christiana, Ebenezer, Hockessin, Marshallton, Delaware City, Madeley, New Castle, Red Lion, St. Georges, Charlestown, Colora, Port Deposit, Cookman, Harrison St., Richardson Park, Newport, Silverbrook, Stanton, St. Paul's.

Charges having accepted in part: St. John's, Epworth, Perryville, Rising Sun, Mt. Salem.

Total for the District . . . . .	\$ 42,210.00
Total for the Conference . . . . .	\$118,120.00
Total askings . . . . .	\$135,000.00
Total pledged . . . . .	118,210.00
Balance unpledged . . . . .	\$ 16,790.00

G. P. JONES, Field Secretary.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**

For the first time in the history of the Wilmington Conference your Board is pleased to report that we are able to pay to each of two of your worthy Claimants an amount just a bit in excess of \$1000. as their annuity. This is due to the fact that these worthy brethren have continued in the Effective relation for 53 years each. And we would pause to call your attention to the fact that these brethren have remained Effective for this long term of years, and to remind you that if, when you come to Retire, you wish to enjoy a like provision for your declining years, it will come to you also if you have continued in the Effective ranks for a like period.

We are pleased to report that we have been able to make the Annuity rate paid this year \$19. as against \$17.50 last year. The legal rate is \$26.00. We are still \$7. short of the desired goal, paying only 73% of the amount due.

We now have a total of 110 on our list; 46 Retired Ministers, 57 Widows and 7 Orphan Children. Of these, one widow and two ministers have relinquished their claims and one minister has relinquished his claim in part.

We are again pleased to report an increase in the total received from pastoral charges; and an increase on each district—except one, as the following table shows:

District	Apportioned	Paid	Increase	Deficiency
Dover . . . . .	\$10,281.00	\$ 8,335.00	\$ 501.00	\$1,946.00
Middletown . . . . .	9,997.00	7,784.00	285.00	2,213.00
Salisbury . . . . .	13,911.00	11,760.00	*292.00	2,151.00
Wilmington . . . . .	15,258.00	12,716.00	745.00	2,542.00
Totals . . . . .	\$49,447.00	\$40,595.00	\$1,239.00	\$8,852.00

\*Decrease.

The report of the Statistical Secretary will show that the total of deficiency in Ministerial Support is \$9431., and that of this total amount \$8852., or 95% of the entire deficiency, is in the column of Conference Claimants. It would appear that some charges have not pro-rated, and the report of the Statistical Secretary will show that the deficiencies are not all chargeable to the weaker charges; but some of the stronger churches, paying the larger salaries, are among the delinquents.

Our receipts for distribution are as follows:

Chartered Fund . . . . .	\$ 40.00
Book Concern . . . . .	3,609.00
Interest, net . . . . .	8,033.00
Balance . . . . .	883.00
Pastoral Charges . . . . .	40,382.00
Total . . . . .	\$52,947.00
Disbursed in 1925 . . . . .	\$50,151.00
Increase . . . . .	\$ 2,796.00

The amount needed to meet all claims for the coming Conference year, according to the present law, is:

Annuity Claims . . . . .	\$63,282.00
Necessitous Cases . . . . .	4,000.00
Total . . . . .	\$67,282.00
After making the legal deduction of . . . . .	\$12,565.00
The sum of . . . . .	\$54,717.00

remains to be apportioned by your Board to the pastoral Charges. Of the sum asked for \$50,717. is to meet Annuity Claims, and, subject to your approval, \$4000. is to meet necessitous cases.

We, therefore, recommend that the sum of \$54,717. be apportioned to the pastoral charges in order that all claims may be met in full.

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

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

R. K. Stephenson for Mrs. Anna D. Chatham and Mrs. Louisa A. Gardner

H. G. Budd for Mrs. Ellen M. Brindle;

Mrs. Pauline N. Murray for Edwin N. Murray;

Mrs. Lulu V. G. Westerfield for Harry G. Westerfield;

E. W. Jones for Mrs. Laura M. Williams and her five children;

Geo. P. Jones for Oden E. Jones.

We wish to include in this report to the Conference the report of the Auditing Committee duly appointed to inspect the securities held by the Treasurer, and to audit his accounts. This report was made to your Board, and is herewith submitted to the Conference.

Dover, Delaware, March 27, 1926.

To the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference,  
Methodist Episcopal Church.

Brethren:

We, the committee appointed by authority of your Board, to inspect the securities held, and to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, would respectfully report the following:

An inspection of the securities held by Rev. George P. Jones, Treasurer, covering the investments of the funds of the said Board, for the benefit of the Claimants of the Wilmington Conference, was held on March 13, 1926.

We found that the funds are invested in seventy-five first mortgages on real estate to a total of \$126,375.00. The investments are protected by insurance policies held by the Treasurer to the amount of \$216,050.00 in addition to the land values of the properties.

The interest was paid to date with the exception of \$319.75, the most of which was only a few days overdue and a larger portion of which has been paid since our inspection.

An itemized list of each mortgage, showing the name of the mortgagor, amount, insurance and interest due, if any, is submitted with this report.

The Treasurer's accounts have been audited and we find all entries properly protected by vouchers with a balance on hand of \$9,523.81, which amount corresponds with the balance certified by the bank. This amount, through a special courtesy granted by the bank to our Board, is drawing four per cent. interest.

JEFFERSON COOPER,

FRANK P. GENTIEU,

Auditing Committee.

We would call attention to the following form to be followed by any persons desiring to remember our worthy 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 1926. They were approved by the Conference.

Table with columns: Date of Claim, Service, Distribution of Conference Funds, CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES, Annuity Claim, Annuity Allowed, Special Fund, Amount Allowed. Includes sections for MINISTERS and CHILDREN.

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**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. Hofferker, Smyrna, Del. . . . .	\$ 500.00
To Margaret Layton Grier, mother. By Drs. G. Layton and Frank L. Grier, Milford, Del. . . . .	\$1,000.00
To Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilson, parents. By Timanus J. Wilson and wife, North Tonowanda, N. Y. . . . .	\$1,000.00
To Rev. John R. Bailey, of the Philadelphia Conference, father. By Henry J. Bailey, Wilmington, Del. . . . .	\$1,000.00
To Eli Saulsbury, former U. S. Senator, and official of Wesley Church, Dover, Del., uncle. By Senator Willard Saulsbury, Wilmington, Delaware . . . . .	\$1,000.00
To Rev. Alfred T. Scott, father. By Henry P. Scott, Wilmington, Delaware . . . . .	\$5,000.00
To Emma Prettyman, wife. By Rev. C. W. Prettyman, Carlisle, Pa. . . . .	\$ 500.00
To Vaughan S. Collins Fund . . . . .	\$ 500.00
To Anna Victoria Collins Fund of Victor, N. Y. By Mary Collins Sprague, Executrix, Claremont, Va. . . . .	\$3,156.26

**XI.****CONFERENCE PLAN OF EXAMINATION.****RULES.**

For General Rules governing Examinations and Courses of Study, see Discipline, 1924, Paragraphs 617, 618, 619 and 620. Local Preachers, see Par. 622, and for Local Orders, read Par. 623.

All examinations shall be in writing, both questions and answers. Each student will be required to furnish his own writing materials. Ten questions must be submitted on each subject, and a choice of ten out of twelve may be allowed. Name, name of examiner, and name of subject must appear on each paper.

Examiners shall report grades of students to Registrar as follows:— For all required written work, on subjects taught at Summer School, by July 15th; for all written work received, and Mid-year Examinations of Local Preachers, by Nov. 15th; all written work received and corrected, Feb. 15th; all other work, both written and examinations, by Wednesday evening after Conference convenes.

All undergraduates who are not students in one of the Theological Schools of our Church, or who do not hold certificates in lieu of subjects taught, are now required by vote of the Wilmington Conference to attend the Summer School of Theology, (unless excused by the Executive Committee) which will be held this year at Asbury Park, N. J., July 19-29. Board and lodging will be paid by the Conference.

No candidate shall be admitted or advanced in classes with conditions, who has failed in more than one study, nor shall he be examined in studies in advance of the class to which he belongs, except as the Discipline provides, and in no case shall a candidate for full admission be received, or a candidate for Elder's Orders be so elected until every requirement shall have been fully met.

All required written work shall be sent direct to the appropriate examiner as per schedule, who will correct, criticise and return direct to the student.

In pursuing their studies, students may feel free at any time to seek help or advice from the examiner, provided, however, that the examiners may not discuss examinations or grades with the undergraduates. The Registrar alone is authorized to do this.

Applications for acceptance of certificates in lieu of examinations should be made to the Registrar by January 1st of each year, who, in concurrence with the examiner of that subject, shall have authority to decide upon the acceptance of such certificate.

An undergraduate failing to pass an examination on any given subject, shall not be given the second examination on the same subject during the Conference year.

Probationers in the Conference are reminded that the discipline allows two years only on probation for purposes of annuity upon retirement. Members in full connection please read discipline, Par. 617, Sec. 4.

#### CONFERENCE STUDIES.

#### MID-YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATES AT SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

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 shall be in the hands of the appropriate examiner on or before July 1, 1926.

#### EXAMINATIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATES AT CONFERENCE.

Tuesday, 2 P. M.

First Year—Evangelism	Leonard White
Second Year—The Pupil and the Teacher	R. P. Nichols
(b) The Graded Sunday School	R. P. Nichols
Third Year—The Church and Industrial Reconstruction	E. C. Hallman
Fourth Year—Freedom and Conduct	J. W. Prettyman

Tuesday, 3:30 P. M.

First Year—The Art of Writing English	T. F. Beauchamp
Third Year—The Religions of Mankind	J. L. Sparklin

The required written work (See Directions and Helps) on above studies must be handed in on or before March 5, 1927.

#### EXAMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL AT CONFERENCE.

Monday, 7:30 P. M.

Doctrines and Discipline	J. A. Leach
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Tuesday, 9:30 A. M.

(a) Christian Perfection	M. D. Nutter
(b) Selections from Wesley	M. D. Nutter

Tuesday, 10:30 A. M.

Life of Wesley	T. F. Beauchamp
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Tuesday, 2 P. M.

American History	E. C. Hallman
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Tuesday, 3:30 P. M.

Bible Biography	V. E. Hills
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Candidates will please send written Sermon to Registrar by March 1st.

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.

#### 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, 1926.

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, 1927.

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-operation in Community Life... W. O. Bennett  
 Good Ministers of Jesus Christ ..... R. P. Nichols

February 15, 1927.

First Year—Wesley's 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

**Examinations 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 on the following books:—

Monday, 7:30 P. M.

The Bible and Life ..... J. J. Bunting

Tuesday, 10:30 A. M.

Outline of Christian Theology ..... E. C. Hallman

Tuesday, 2 P. M.

Good Ministers of Jesus Christ ..... R. P. Nichols

Tuesday, 3:30 P. M.

John and His Writings ..... V. E. Hills

**Examinations for Local Elder's Orders.**

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

Monday, 7:30 P. M.

Francis Asbury, (Tipple) ..... Frank Herson

Tuesday, 10:30 A. M.

The Christian View of the Old Testament, (Eiselen)..... J. L. Johnson

Tuesday, 2 P. M.

Religious Experience, (Mains) ..... Leonard White

Tuesday, 3:30 P. M.

Modernism and the Christian Faith ..... E. W. Henvis

**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.

NOTE: All students in the Local Preachers' Course of Study will be required to state, year by year, in writing, over their own signatures, that they have carefully and studiously read all the books "to be read" in this course of study (Paragraph 622 of the Discipline).

**Examinations for Local Preachers at Conference.**

Tuesday, 2 P. M.

First Year—The Pastoral Office . . . . .	J. W. Prettyman
Second Year—Life of Christ . . . . .	R. P. Nichols
Third Year—History of the Christian Church . . . . .	E. M. Shockley
Fourth Year—Prophets in the Light of To-day . . . . .	Leonard White

Tuesday, 3:30 P. M.

First Year—Discipline . . . . .	J. A. Leach
Second Year—Human Behaviour . . . . .	Frank Herson
Third Year—The Church and Industrial Reconstruction . . . . .	E. W. Jones
Fourth Year—Christianity in Doctrine and Experience . . . . .	E. W. Hervis

Mid-Year Examinations will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 1926, for all Local Preachers in the Local Preachers' Course, (place to be given by Registrar, consult him) on the following subjects—

First Year—The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice . . . . .	E. M. Shockley
John Wesley, the Methodist . . . . .	T. F. Beauchamp
Second Year—The Work of Preaching . . . . .	V. E. Hills
Third Year—Paul and His Epistles . . . . .	J. L. Johnson
Fourth Year—The Religions of Mankind . . . . .	J. L. Sparklin

**For Local Deacon's Orders.**

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

**For Local Elder's Orders.**

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

E. W. McDOWELL, Registrar,  
2919 Tatnall St., Wilmington, Del.

T. F. BEAUCHAMP, Chairman,  
Georgetown, Del.

**XII.****MEMOIRS.****JULIUS A. BREWINGTON.**

A few days after the adjournment of this Conference in 1925, Julius A. Brewington terminated his earthly journeys; now the weary itinterant rests. Dying at Hebron on April 5th, he breathed out his life within a few miles of Salisbury, where he was born on September 5, 1856. His boyhood was spent in the town of his birth and in White Haven. His father, Henry Brewington, the taylor, and his mother, Sarah White Denson, having moved to this latter mentioned village in the boyhood days of our preacher friend. Here in the community that is purely English in its antecedence and in an old colonial, story and half house, with dormer windows, that reminds one of a cottage in the Downs, Julius Brewington lived and grew—

Such episodes as are characteristic of village life furnished the background and experience of the growing boy. The thunders of a Civil War near at hand filled the lad with awe and wonder as he listened to the strange and stirring tales told him by returning soldiers. The isolation and frugality of life at that place and period gave the Church a position of unrivalled eminence, and it is to the Church, with its ministry of comfort and its message of hope, that we find the expanding of the soul of the boy drawn. By that fine magnetism with which the son of man is ever wont to draw aspiring youth.

At seventeen he joined the Church and immediately sought a place of useful activity. Educated in the poor but only available public schools, he later in life made his way to the Conference Academy at Dover. His was a musical soul and he rejoiced to help with the singing at the camp meetings of his day. His interest deepening with the years, he felt himself called to the ministry of the Christian Church, and in 1890 was admitted into the fellowship of this Conference.

In 1883 he married Marianna Beauchamp of Fairmont, who preceded him on the eternal pilgrimage a good many years ago. Four children survive, Carl W. of Girdletree, George L. of Wilmington, Mrs. A. H. Holloway of Salisbury, and Mrs. J. C. B. Hopkins, whose husband is a member of the Colorado Conference. In 1902 he married Miss Ida Wood, who tenderly cared for him during the days of his feebleness, and who survives him, living in their home at Hebron.

From the time of his admittance into the Conference until his triumphant exit, he faithfully served with singleness of purpose in every charge to which he was sent. His ability and sincerity qualified him for the old-time revival, and his ministry was blessed in this wise. There are a



number of men in this Conference who gladly testify to the wholesome influence of his life as it touched theirs in other days.

His well worn Greek Testament and Hebrew Lexicon are mute but mighty evidence of intellectual labor. They are especially significant when we think of the limited educational opportunities of fifty years ago. Out of the scanty resources of his retirement he bought the latest books, and while he sat in an invalid's chair, he read them with zest.

I was with him at the time of Sunset and saw in the glow that suffused his face the exemplification of that poetic cry, "At evening time there shall be light," as feebly but bravely he whispered, "My body is mighty sick but my soul is well." Hail and farewell we follow on. The District Superintendent, assisted by several brother ministers, conducted the funeral services in the Hebron Church, and the mortal dust of Julius Brewington sleeps in Denton Cemetery.

H. P. FOX.

#### THOMAS E. TERRY.

Thomas Elmer Terry was born September 22, 1844, on a farm near Magnolia, Delaware. He was reborn, born of the Spirit, 19 years later, and passed to the fellowship of the Saints in Light on June 25, 1925. He came of sturdy Kent County stock, his parents being Timothy and Elizabeth D. Terry. When still hardly more than a youth he purchased a sloop and as captain and owner, sailed her up and down the Delaware River and Bay, where he became a familiar figure. In a few years, however, he left the water and took up the profession of teaching, and for several years taught in the schools of Kent County. But teaching was not to be his life work. God had other plans for him. There came upon him a deep conviction that he should preach the Gospel, a conviction so vivid and compelling that it was a veritable, "Woe is me if I preach not." In 1876, when 32 years of age, he presented himself to the Wilmington Conference, then in session in Union Church, Wilmington, and was Admitted on Trial. After the usual four years he was graduated from the Course of Study and ordained an Elder by Bishop E. G. Andrews at Dover, Del., in 1880. Thus began a conspicuously useful and devoted ministry, which continued for 39 active and fruitful years. Starting at Leipsic, he advanced steadily to the front rank appointments. Beckwith, Seaford, Centreville, New Castle, Wesley—Dover, St. Paul's—Wilmington, Harrington, Elkton, Asbury—Crisfield, Laurel, Easton, Federalsburg, were one after another blessed by his unusually rich ministry.

Dr. Terry was twice married and was extremely fortunate in both of his helpmates. His first wife, whom he married in 1865, was Sarah Jane Carter. There were two children by this marriage, Mrs. Margaret Terry Fisher, of Salt Lake City, Utah, who survives, and Sarah Pauline, who died in infancy. His first wife died in 1888. In February, 1892, he mar-

ried Lydia Amanda Gilbert, a native of New Castle, and for many years a teacher in the schools of Wilmington, but who had moved to Dover during Dr. Terry's pastorate at Wesley Church. Never strong, the last few years of her life she was an invalid, suffering intensely, until on the morning of September 19, 1922, she passed to her heavenly home, repeating just a few moments before her translation Fanny Crosby's beautiful words—

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

One brother and three sisters also survive.

Dr. Terry's day was a day of brilliant preachers. The men who made the reputation of the Wilmington Conference as a Conference of great preaching were then in their prime. But Thomas E. Terry soon took high place in this group and maintained himself to the last. His preaching was vigorous, direct, positive, dynamic. He knew where he wanted to go and went there. No one was ever left in any doubt as to the points he was trying to make. They might not agree with him, but everyone knew before he was through just what the preacher thought and believed. He had strong convictions and the courage to state them and stand by them. He had an unshakeable faith in the great evangelical truths. God was very real to him. He saw Him in the face of Jesus Christ, who was to him a living Saviour, the propitiation for his sins and his hope of a blessed immortality. His sermons were enriched by a plentitude of Scriptural quotations and descriptions of Biblical scenes, and further illumined by apt illustrations drawn from every conceivable source. Dr. Terry's early schooling was limited, but he was an omnivorous reader and deep student. His mind ranged widely over the fields of religion, philosophy, science, poetry, and he was at home in them all. His book, "Men Wanted," written during his retirement, reveals his versatility and the wide range of his attainments. He was oftentimes extremely dramatic in his preaching, and could describe a scene so vividly that it would seem to those in the audience as though the actual event was transpiring before their eyes.

But Dr. Terry was more than a preacher. He was a Christian gentleman of the old school, and though a man among men, he was pure in heart, clean in mind and without reproach in his daily life. What Ten-nyson wrote of his friend Hallam was true of our sainted brother—

Best seemed the thing he was, and joined,  
Each office of the social hour  
To noble manners, as the flower  
And native growth of noble mind.

Nor ever narrowness or spite,  
Or villain fancy fleeting by  
Drew in the expression of an eye  
Where God and nature met in light.

And thus, he bore without abuse,  
The grand old name of gentleman,  
Defamed by every charlatan  
And soiled with all ignoble use.

It was said of one who preached well and lived ill that when out of the pulpit it was a shame that he should ever go into it and when in the pulpit it was a pity that he ever should come out of it. Not so Thomas E. Terry. He did not diminish but rather gained in stature as he stepped down from the pulpit and moved among men. A prophet of God with lips touched with live coals from off the altar—thus he seemed when in the pulpit. That same prophet of God and ambassador for Christ, but also lovable brother and friend—thus all felt him to be when he stepped down from his pulpit throne. He was a man's man, but women trusted him and little children loved him and no one ever had to apologize for him. "He had a beautiful, noble soul clear through, and his every thought seemed tinged with it."

Never was Dr. Terry's character so beautiful, never his faith so strong, never his hope so radiant as during the years of his retirement. The very sight of him as he walked the streets of Bridgeville, where he made his home, or during his long illness moved about in his wheel chair, was a benediction to the people. And we have glad and grateful testimony from his pastor, W. L. White, the writer's uncle, as to the inspiration which he received from Dr. Terry's presence in the Church, whose services he attended almost to the very last, having himself carried in that he might hear uncle's last sermon as Pastor at Bridgeville.

It is said that Burne Jones went to the funeral of Robert Browning in Westminster Abbey but came away profoundly dissatisfied with the service—it was so flat and dull and sad. "I would have given something for a banner or two," he wrote, "And much I would have given if a chorister had come out of the triforium and rent the air with a trumpet." That is the Christian way of meeting death—with banners and the trumpet. That is the way Dr. Terry met it. During a critical illness, which it was feared would be the last, at Bridgeville, his Pastor was with him until a late hour in the night. As he parted from him at last, Dr. Terry took his hand and with face illumined by the light not seen on sea or land, said, "Brother White, if I am not here in the morning, you will know where to look for me." He did not die at that time but a few months later, from the home of his sister, Mrs. Clark M. Mensch at Magnolia, he went to claim his heavenly and eternal inheritance for which he had lived so nobly and fought so well.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Mensch in charge of Rev. C. W. Spry, Pastor of Magnolia Charge, and were attended by a throng of friends and brother ministers. Prayer was offered by the writer, and tributes were pronounced by Dr. R. K. Stephenson, Rev. W. L. White, and District Superintendent W. E. Gunby. Interment was in the family plot in Odd Fellow's Cemetery at Camden, Del.

"Call him not dead when he, indeed, hath gone  
Into the company of the ever-living,  
High and most glorious poets. Let thanksgiving  
Rather be made. Say: 'He at last hath won  
Rest and release, converse supreme and wise,'  
Music and song and light of immortal faces;  
Today, perhaps, wandering in starry places,  
And listening still  
To enchanted hymns that sound from the heavenly hill."

In the closing paragraph of the last chapter of his book, a chapter entitled, "The Coming Man," Dr. Terry gives this description of last things, with which we close this memoir: "I imagine that day for which all other days exist, and to which they are sending up their records, is come. The great drama of human life on earth is enacted and the curtain is rolling down never to rise any more. The music of the spheres is hushed. The machinery of the universe stands still. The stars that, since the day when first they sang together their Maker's praise, have kept their ceaseless vigils in the skies, now, like weary sentinels released from duty, march away and disappear forever, and the stars no longer radiant with light of sun or star, are mantled in mottled midnight. Impenetrable gloom has settled on high noon. Day has gone out forever. The end of all things earthly is at hand. \* \* \* But standing yonder, unmoved by the wreck and ruin that everywhere meets his gaze, with his eye fixed on the great white throne; conscious of his own integrity, the Conqueror, the wonder of the angels and perfect in the sight of his God; with nothing to fear from the issues of the approaching judgment, waiting, almost impatient, stands God's ideal and the fulfillment of our highest hopes, our utmost desire, the PERFECT MAN: and he answers the challenge of the Eternal Judge, 'Even, so, come, Lord Jesus, come.'"

Thus redeemed and perfected, rejoicing in the love of God and in communion with the ones loved long since and lost awhile, is Thomas E. Terry, Christian gentleman, lover of his fellows, minister of Christ, servant of God.

LEONARD WHITE.

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WILLIAM L. WHITE.

William L. White began his earthly journey in Duncannon, Pa., March 15, 1853, and closed it in Easton, Md., Thursday, July 23, 1925. For this purposeful and intrepid soul, the years between these dates were years of intellectual and spiritual, as well as physical, growth. As he had lived well past the average length of human life we can properly call his a long life.

But length is not the only measure of a man's life, for, as an ancient writer tells us, "The measure of a man's life is the well-spending of it,

and not the length." According to this rule the life of W. L. White has a measure beyond our power to estimate. For truly,

"We live in deeds, not years, in thoughts, not breaths;  
In feelings, **not in figures on a dial.**

**He most lives**

Who **thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.**"

That is, human life at its best, is not a commodity to be weighed and measured as we weigh and measure things in the market, but is rather a spiritual force whose value can be estimated only in spiritual terms.

W. L. White was a brotherly man. No member of this Conference enjoyed the fellowship of his brethren more than he; few as much. The whole-heartedness of his greeting was seen in the flash of his eyes, was heard in the clear tones of his voice, and felt in the tight grip of his strong hand. His friendship, flowing free as a river, brought life to others while it enriched itself by its unstinted giving. That rank weed of degenerate humanity, selfishness, had no chance to grow in the garden of his soul. What someone says of the angels was true of him, "Angels from friendship gather half their joys."

To this friend and brother of us all, an Annual Conference Session was a continual love feast. While he was ever ready with a word of encouragement for a disheartened brother, he gathered strength to himself by fellowship with men who could tell of spiritual victories won for our Lord during the preceding year.

As a preacher, Brother White excelled in rich and clear expositions of spiritual truth. He neither cumbered his sermons with superficialities, nor burdened them with the discussion of non-essentials. As a messenger of God he could not offer to the hungry people in the pews that which had cost him nothing. Only the "finest of the wheat" was good enough for his mill; and there was no adulteration of the finished product. He was in the Christian ministry because he had heard a voice very clearly speaking to him, and saying: "Go, preach my Gospel." And the Bible, which he believed to be the word of God, was his authority in all his preaching. He read books, and knew them; but he saturated himself with "THE BOOK." While its revelation of sin appalled him, its message of salvation from sin through "repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ," inspired him with a great hope for himself and for others, making his mind a mental furnace out of which flowed streams of thought seething with the white heat of a holy passion. With him the pulpit was a throne of spiritual power, and himself a messenger of God with a message of mercy to the penitent, but of condemnation to the impenitent. Wherever he met a Judas Iscariot selling his Lord for silver, or an Esau, his soul for sensual pleasure, he was ready to cry, "The soul that sinneth it shall die." But, what was his joy, when the basest sinner penitently asked "What must I do to be saved," but to answer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

And what magnificent courage this man possessed! The banter of any Goliath of sin was to him a call to arms; and the skill with which he selected the smooth stones of truth was like unto the unerring aim with which he sought and found the unguarded joints in the armor of the champions of sin. He was an inveterate foe of the legalized liquor traffic. Nor did he wait in his trenches to be attacked; he made war upon that "mother of all villainies." When fully aroused upon this, or upon any other public evil, his invective was often terrific. To him sin in any form was "exceeding sinful," not simply a human weakness that might be excused, but a deliberately cultivated perversity of spirit, defying the authority of God and trampling upon his everlasting love as expressed in the life and death of, "The Man of Galilee." Yet he could plead with a sinner like unto a father pleading with a wayward son, or a mother comforting her frightened child.

Brother White was received on trial into the membership of the Wilmington Conference at the session held in Middletown, Del., 1893. He was of a class of five, only one of whom is with us today. His first charge was Cookman Church, Wilmington, Del. Leaving Cookman he served the following charges in the order named: Federalsburg, Lewes, Seaford, Chestertown, Mt. Salem, Dover, Easton, Bridgeville. It was during the third year of his pastorate in Bridgeville that he suffered an illness which left him so weakened in body that he decided to retire from the active ministry at the close of that Conference year, and he so informed the Church he was serving. But his strength so improved within a few weeks that he decided to continue in the work, and, yielding to the urging of the people of Bridgeville, he consented to be their Pastor for another year. It was during the next year, however, the fourth year of his pastorate in Bridgeville, that the condition of his health as well as that of his wife admonished him that the time for him to retire had indeed come. The writer sought to persuade him that, as he was needed so much in the work, he should keep on. But he answered, "No; I must retire." This he did at the session of our Conference held in McCabe Church, one year ago. His reluctance to the step, however necessary he knew it to be, did violence to the passion with which he answered the call, "Go, preach my Gospel." Like a captain who has successfully commanded his ship for years, steps down from the bridge for the last time, so our brother stepped out from among the "effectives" and took his place among the "retired."

He and his wife located in Easton, Md., in the midst of many friends. Here they hoped to rest through the twilight years of life until the sunset of mortality should usher in the sunrise of immortality. But where, this side the gates of heaven, can a messenger of God escape from the Macedonian call? The pulpit of our Church in Oxford, Md., had become vacant, and he was asked to take the place. This he did, going there for the mid-week and Sunday services. The people of Oxford were greatly delighted with his pulpit work, for he spoke out of a rich experience, and with a mind well furnished with sermonic material. But the period of his ser-

vice there was short. The strong man was nearer the end of his journey than his friends thought.

During the third week of July, 1925, there came upon him a sudden illness that seriously affected his heart. He was taken to the hospital in Easton where skillful efforts were made to restore normal action to the heart, but its condition defied the skill of man. Loved ones who stood about his bedside dimly saw him entering the valley "of the shadow," but they could not hear a voice that was speaking to him. Clearly he heard some one in kindest tones speaking to him saying, "Servant of God, come with me." "Who are you?" he asked in surprise. "They call me death here, but yonder they call me life." "What would you with me?" he asked eagerly. "I would take you to Him whose you are, and whom you have served faithfully these many years." "Is he ready for me? Does he want me to come now?" "Yes, he wants you to come now, and he is waiting to give unto you that crown of righteousness which he has promised to all who love him." "I COME." The throbbing heart became still; a last breath escaped his lips, which, to watching loved ones, seemed like a sigh of relief, but, to the waiting hosts yonder, was a shout of victory, and W. L. White was amid the white-robed throngs before the throne of God.

On Sunday afternoon, July 26, the body was carried into Ebenezer Church, Easton, the Church wherein he had preached the Gospel for seven years, from 1914 to 1921. Here a largely attended service was held, conducted by the Pastor, the Rev. W. H. Briggs, and participated in by members of the Conference, the writer of this paper making the address. On Monday following, the body was taken to Wilmington, Del., and another service was held in Mt. Salem Church, which was attended by a large number of Ministers as well as others. As most of the years of his boyhood and young manhood were spent in Wilmington, so to Riverview Cemetery, in that city, was committed the keeping of his body, there to rest until wakened to life eternal by the call of the angel of the resurrection.

F. C. MacSORLEY.

#### GEORGE PATCHIN SMITH.

The subject of this memoir was born among the hills of Cecil, near Elkton, Maryland, March 26, 1853, and passed from his earthly home in Dover, Delaware, to answer the summons to his everlasting rest, Wednesday, September 30, 1925.

A man, to outward seeming, in manners and conversation, as plain and homespun as his name, who held unshaken from youth to old age, the confidence, the respect and affection of all sorts of people; the rich, the poor and the low; the learned and the unlearned; peoples of all parties and of all religions.

If character is the accumulation of little deeds, and makes its impression when these deeds have been observed by great numbers of people

during a long period of time, then George Patchin Smith was the very soul of that fundamental virtue. Other men have been and are as genuinely good as he, but my friend occupied a place in the hearts of fellow-citizens which belonged to him alone. His generosity of heart, his manly independence of spirit, his natural nobility of mind, marked each turn of his life and were strongly evidenced in his last days.

He was thoroughly human, and his whole being was dominated by a faith so real, so earnest, that the object of his life was the entire surrender of himself to work out whatever he believed to be the will of God. Even in his period of retirement, he willingly placed himself where that state in a minister's life might be in the providence of God, a kindly help for service.

He never gave the world a soiled thought, or planted a seed in any mind whose flower and fruit were not good. And so felt those of us who laid him down to rest that day under the green sward of Lakeside Cemetery, and likewise those who shall visit again that sacred spot and pause in thought by his graveside amid the vines and roses of balmy Spring time.

He touched all life to make it better, and humanity will ever be grateful to Heaven that he lived so long to bless and comfort mankind.

"I count myself in nothing else so happy,  
As in a soul remembering my good friends."

The writer was a school boy when he first made the acquaintance of this worthy man of God, who was in the beginning of his ministry and then junior preacher on the old Princess Anne Circuit. I remember his visits as a Pastor and guest in the home of my parents. His personality made a lasting impression for good upon my boyish mind, and although he was full ten years my senior, the comradeship of Smith and Jones was set up and remains unbroken by his death, for, "He being dead, yet speaketh."

Our lives again strangely touched when he was Pastor at Holland's Island, and I a teacher in the "little red school-house," situate between the East and West divisions of that little isle, now in name only. With mind critical and soul unregenerate, I sat for that Conference year under his faithful ministry, wherein he preached Jesus as friend and final authority. It was during that time, largely due to his personal fellowship, that I decided to become a Christian, which finally culminated in my full surrender later, on a beautiful Sunday morning in June, on that same spot of earth, under the pastorate of his successor, the Rev. Robert Roe, who, God be thanked, still abides with us in the flesh.

Ten years later, I was assigned to the pastorate at Selbyville, Delaware, where I found him residing, having married Mrs. Mary Catherine Blades, who, with her young daughter, now Mrs. Carroll W. West, Wilmington, Delaware, made home for him an ideal place in which as step-father and husband he demonstrated the full orbit of his devotion and piety. What surprising and even hidden magnetism of personality was the possession of this reticent, undemonstrative and sometimes aloof man!

On July 7, 1907, he was united in marriage to Miss Lida J. Crow of Dover, Delaware, who, throughout the remainder of his life, proved herself a faithful help-meet in the ministry as well as in his personal life. After his retirement a few years ago, they made for themselves a comfortable home in Dover, and lived joyously in the midst of their many life-long friends.

Now our comrade of the Cross has slipped away from us to the Eeternal City, whose builder and maker is God. During his last hours, when eyes were more vocal than tongue, those present could witness a sure calm, full of restful meaning, as if anxious to assure them that while the remnant of breathing time was difficult, he felt an ocean of peace beneath him.

"Nothing is here for tears, nothing to wail  
Or knock the breast, no weakness, no contempt,  
Dispraise or blame; nothing but well and fair,  
And what may quiet us, in a death so noble."

So these closing days of his life brought out in bold relief the splendid resignation and undaunted faith of this loyal and faithful servant of God. The funeral services were held in Wesley Church, Dover, Delaware, on Friday afternoon, October 2nd. The pastor, Rev. Leonard White, and District Superintendent, W. E. Gunby, in charge, assisted by several other visiting ministers. In accordance with the expressed wish of the deceased the writer made the address for the occasion, and brothers of the Masonic fraternity bore his body to the grave and there offered the usual last sad rites.

A vast number of his sorrowing friends from the nearby and distant charges he had recently served, viz., Ellendale, Houston, Wyoming, Clayton, Kenton, Millington and Cheswold, were there to pay an affectionate tribute to his useful life, as well as to attest that he could not be forgotten in his death.

G. P. JONES.

#### J. M. S. VAN BLUNK.

Rev. J. M. S. VanBlunk was a product of Philadelphia Methodism. Both his grandparents and parents were leading members of the old Wharton Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in the vicinity of which he played as a boy, and at the altars of which, at ten years of age, he was converted to God. This conversion was of the genuine New Testament type—deep, radical, satisfying, ennobling, completely changing his life, and affecting it, through sunshine and shadow, to the end.

Soon after conversion he became sensible of the touch of that greater Servant, leading him to a life of special service. The same divine personality that charmed Peter from his nets, allured Brother VanBlunk

to wide waters where men are to be caught—waters often tempestuous, but bearing amid their waves lives more precious to Christ than the glory of His Father's Throne.

In those early years he was moved, not only to preach, but to preach in Africa. This seems to have been a definite conviction which never left him until he had discharged the responsibility by fulfilling it. His training and studies from the beginning were directed to that end. While a Local Preacher at Tabernacle Avenue Church, Camden, New Jersey, he experienced several distinct intimations of the Divine will concerning this ministry. Not, however, until he had married and reached maturity did the way open. In the year 1896, he united in matrimony with Miss M. Louise Burnite, who was a faithful wife and efficient co-laborer in all he undertook. Not a great while after marriage (1899), they embarked for the dark continent, where they did a really wonderful itinerating work among the wild tribes of the Metopa Mountains. This work was filled with exposure, danger, spiritual romance, striking results, remarkable answers to prayer, and many other evidences that they were "under the shadow of the Almighty." But his work in Africa was not to be of long duration. After a few years he seemed forced home by fever, coming with heavy heart because of the necessity of abandoning a work to which he felt so manifestly called.

He entered the Wilmington Conference in 1905, and took up the duties of the regular itinerancy. Two pleasant and profitable pastorates were spent at Kingswood, Wilmington, and Charlestown, Maryland. Then he removed to Lemmon, South Dakota. Afterward he returned to become Assistant Pastor at Asbury, Wilmington, from which point he went to Quantico. Two years were spent at the last place, when a door he had not dreamed of in his early years opened—opportunity to lecture throughout the Church on Africa. Here he met large, appreciative audiences, and was enabled to inspire many with deeper love and zeal for the evangelization of that heathen people. He now saw his work in Africa as a preparation for this even larger task, and was able to rejoice in the great truth that

"God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform."

Five years saw his activity as a lecturer about completed; and then at the urgent solicitation of the Quantico Charge, he settled there for what proved to be his last seven years of pastoral service.

Brother VanBlunk was excellently educated. Graduation at Pennington, New Jersey, and two years at Yale, gave a good foundation on which he persistently built throughout life. Those who did not know him intimately may be surprised to learn that he was nearly always pursuing some systematic course of study. As one was finished, another was taken up—courses in theology, philosophy, science. These studies were not irksome to him, but a delight. He frequently spoke to the writer about the

pleasure they afforded him. He was also a constant student of the Bible, holding it absolutely supreme in the realms of both mind and heart.

This faithful messenger of Christ's cross was not physically strong, but was, nevertheless, an almost ceaseless worker. A note from his wife says: "As I look back over Mr. VanBlunk's life, I see nothing but hard work, self-sacrifice, and a beautiful character."

He was quiet, unobtrusive, efficient, patient, and full of love. There was nothing at which he would halt to reach a man and affect him for God. As a preacher, he was deliberate, clear, thoughtful, varied—always, however, hindered and embarrassed by a trying impediment in speech, due to lock-jaw in early life. Nine years on his last charge bear eloquent testimony to his hold upon that people.

Death was unexpected. Being rapidly poisoned by a carbuncle, he was taken to the Peninsula General Hospital at Salisbury, and, after everything possible had been done for him, died there at five A. M., Sunday, November 29th. On the day of the funeral, December 1st, his body laid in the stately little Quantico Church, guarded by two of his Masonic brothers. At noon, despite inclement weather, the largest assemblage for a funeral ever seen in that community gathered. Many from surrounding communities, including ministers of his own and other denominations, were present. The service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. H. S. Dulany, Rev. C. N. Jones and Rev. R. L. Shipley, Methodist Protestant. The Preachers' Meeting of the Salisbury District presented a floral tribute, with appropriate resolutions read by Rev. R. T. Thawley. The text was Daniel 10-19: "O man greatly beloved." This was followed by an impressive ceremony in charge of the Knights Templar. Then all that was mortal of our brother was reverently borne to the train, interment taking place in Camden, New Jersey. He is survived by his wife.

Thus ends a life—a life redeemed to high and holy purpose. What greater evidence of immortality! There is no darkness here. Everything is bathed in the effulgence of Eternal Day. The dark waters and the dark valley, about which we are accustomed to speak, disappear. We see only a City radiant with the splendor of God.

E. H. DASHIELL.

#### ETTA PILCHARD.

Who is able to inventory all the rich treasures of character, the gracious influences for good, that lie written on the mysterious pages of an affluent and immortal soul?

This brief memoir offers but a glimpse of a few fragments of a whole life's history.

Mrs. Etta Pilchard, the second daughter of William and Mahala Wilkinson, pioneer settlers in the Sixth District of Caroline County, Maryland, was born in Hillsboro, October 30, 1859.

On September fifth, 1925, from the same town, she quietly yet bravely passed on to the life triumphant, and "her own works praise her in the gates."

Her childhood, with its wise education, is very much the key to her subsequent life. Being possessed with an intellectual mind, an unusual accurate memory, a taste for music, instrumental and vocal, and a deeply affectionate heart abounding with love for all that is true and beautiful and good, it is no wonder that she was admirably fitted for life's exigencies, wheresoever her lot should be cast.

On April 3, 1883, she was happily united by marriage to the Rev. Sewall N. Pilchard, then as now a worthy and beloved brother of this Conference. She married the man she loved and each succeeding year deepened her early affection into a reverence and pride which elevated into consecration.

There are to the writer's knowledge, few homes in which a greater variety of interests and responsibilities were more systematically promoted and efficiently developed, or in which there was more exquisite blending of hard thinking with the enjoyment of the fine arts and the blessed and abounding fullness of loving family happiness.

In later years when the delicate walls of her tenement of clay began to reveal marked evidences of that which is "natural," at every turn of day or season she reveled in the devotion and companionship of her faithful husband and her two loving sons, in whom medical skill and filial duties found their rich counterpart, which altogether ministered to her physical needs with the gentleness of a woman, and upon whom she confidently leaned in hours of illness with complete and satisfying trust in their wise judgment.

Her library was well selected and she lived in company with the best of authors. Her literary tendencies did not overrule her keen sense of adaptability to all classes of people and made many friends in both civil and army life. In every varied sphere of activity incidental to the pastorate, she is favorably known as being plain, unassuming and unpretentious. Her religious experience began in childhood. Her personality, purified and made incandescent through the steady flame of a love for her Lord, was an invaluable asset to her minister-husband. Hear his own words spoken to the writer, "Her faith in her Saviour was strong and constant. She was not afraid to die. She said the Twenty-third Psalm was good enough for her. The dear girl was my superior. I was always proud of her."

Two living, loving sons, S. Norris Pilchard, Doctor in Medicine and Specialist, Salisbury, Maryland, and Paul W. Pilchard, graduate at law, and at the present time the constant companion of the bereft father in their Hillsboro home, survive, and in whose affection and memory Christian Motherhood must forever hold first place.

Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent, Omar E. Jones, and her Pastor, the Rev. W. P. Taylor. The floral tributes of sympathy were numerous and beautiful. Many friends from various parts

of the peninsula and also many ministers and their wives, expressed sympathy and love. Interment was made in the Episcopal Church yard at Hillsboro. Brothers, as we pause for one brief moment with this bereaved family to listen to this bare fragment of an incomplete outline of a life possessed with inestimable forces for good, which like precious ointment poured forth, makes the world a better place in which to live, because she lives also, we are reminded of that inscription to be found on a simple monument in the Southland, to be seen and read in that lovely old garden which marks the last resting place of Andrew Jackson and his beloved wife by his side. It was written by Jackson himself. I wish to read in this memoir the exact words as apropos to this occasion, and also as a reminder to the younger men of this age, what a noble and chivalrous gentleman and great American thought of his wife in the long age when this Republic was still young.

"Her face was fair, her person pleasing, her temper amiable, her heart kindly. She delighted in relieving the wants of her fellow creatures and cultivated that divine pleasure by the most liberal and unpretending methods; to the poor she was a benefactor; to the rich, an example; to the wretched, a comforter; to the prosperous, an ornament; her piety went hand in hand with her benevolence, and she thanked her Creator for permitting her to be good. A being so gentle and so virtuous that slander might wound but could not dishonor. Even death, when he bore her from the arms of her husband, could but transport her to the bosom of God."

G. P. JONES.

#### SARAH AUGUSTA OTIS.

Sarah Augusta Otis was the daughter of Daniel T. and Susan A. Smith, and was born in Orange, then known as North Orange, New Jersey, August 26, 1850.

Her mother's family name was Beach, and her father's family resided in that region from Colonial times. In 1853 her husband's family took up their residence in Orange, and relations of friendship there arose which continued through all the after years. Both families became active members of the old First Methodist Episcopal Church of Orange, and about twelve years of age sister Otis, also joined it, and continued a faithful member all her remaining years. On April 27, 1875, she was united in marriage to Rev. John P. Otis in the old home in Orange, New Jersey, the ceremony being performed by the Pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. J. J. Reed, assisted by Rev. Henry White Warren, D. D., afterward Bishop, but then Pastor of St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, New York, from which Brother Otis had entered the ministry, and also by Rev. William Day, a former Pastor of the First Church.

The bridal tour consisted of a journey to Richmond, Virginia, where Brother Otis had been appointed a year previous to be Pastor of our struggling Church there. Three children blessed this happy union: Isaac L. Otis of Jessups, Md.; Susan S. Long, of Cedars, Del.; and Charlotte D. Groveman of Kenmore, N. Y., who with their father survive to cherish her memory. While of a quiet and retiring disposition, Sister Otis had a bright social nature, and in the earlier years of her married life she engaged actively in church work and the benevolent movements of the times; she served as organist, teacher of a Bible Class, helping to organize Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and gave much thought, time and labor to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and greatly helped to forward its interest.

While stationed at Sharptown, Maryland, she was attacked by diabetes, and while a valiant struggle was prolonged for about twelve years, she finally yielded to its inroads and infirmities of age, and on January 3, 1926, she passed from the scenes of her earthly life, to her home in the skies, as quiet and peaceful as her life had been, and she left the fragrance of both as a rich inheritance to her family. Sister Otis was a good Christian mother. It was in her own home, where her consistent Christian life had its strongest influence. Her children were not only converted and brought into the church and so trained that they are all active Christians, and also she lived to see eight grandchildren, nearly all of them, too, active Christians, and one, a fine boy in his sixteenth year, preceded her a short time to the better land. She was not only a devoted mother, but as a companion of an itinerant minister for a half century, she shared the trials and triumphs with her devoted husband. An incident of the closing months, that gave her great delight but which her family did not then realize was so near the end of their journey together, was the celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home at Cedars, Delaware. A large number of the members and friends from the Churches which they had served, with a number of the brethren of the Conference attended. Brother and Sister Otis were recipients of numerous remembrances, evidences of love and esteem. The funeral services were conducted by her Pastor, Rev. C. W. Moore, assisted by Revs. J. W. Colona, J. W. Easley, T. R. VanDyke, Frank Herson, R. H. Adams, and the writer. A touching incident was the singing of a solo, by Mrs. William W. Hagans, of Kennett Square, Pa., "I will sing you a song of that Beautiful Land." Mrs. Hagans had often been entertained in the home of the family, and sang there to the delight and comfort of Sister Otis. The bearers, at the request of the family, were selected by the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Preacher's Association, and were, Revs. G. T. Alderson, L. E. Poole, J. L. Sparklin, G. W. Bounds, J. A. Leach, W. E. Greenfield. Her body was laid to rest in Silverbrook Cemetery, Wilmington, Delaware, in the full assurance of a blessed immortality.

W. E. GREENFIELD.

## SARAH JANE WHITE.

"Long after a beautiful life has gone  
To the fairer world on high,  
Our lives are bright with its lingering light,  
For a true life cannot die."

Mrs. Sarah Jane White, widow of the Rev. William L. White, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., April 2, 1852, and, on January 15, 1926, from the fire-side of her second-born son, Charles C. White, in Pittsburgh, Pa., quietly exchanged scenes terrestrial for those celestial, where, in joyous reunion with those having gone before, she remains "forever with the Lord."

So closely related was the time of her translation to that of her companion, that something more than mere sentiment seems breathed by the brief verse:

"Death never takes one alone, but two,  
When he enters in at the door.  
Under roof of gold, or roof of thatch,  
He always leaves it upon the latch;  
And comes again ere the year is o'er.  
Never one of a household only."

On Monday, January 18th, last, at the home of her nephew, William P. White, in Wilmington, Delaware, funeral services were held in charge of the Rev. J. W. Colona, assisted by Revs. Adam Stengle, J. A. Leach, G. W. Bounds, and the writer, interment being made in the family burial plot in Riverview Cemetery.

Sister White was the daughter of Ezekiel and Joanna Fisher, who, shortly after her birth, changed residence from Philadelphia to Wilmington, where the family promptly identified itself with the best social and industrial interests of the City's east-side life, and soon became well and favorably known. Here the subject of this memoir spent her girlhood days, together with the first twenty years of her wedded life, and, by virtue of her amiable disposition, her genial spirit, and her winning personality, together with the perfectly impartial character of her early life's ministries, she won for herself a wide circle of lasting friendships, consisting of Wilmington's best citizenship, who, through prayers and precious memories, consistently followed her throughout all her subsequent years.

In October, 1875, during the pastorate of the Rev. A. D. Davis at Epworth Church, Wilmington, she sought and found Christ, and from that day on personally regarded this choice of her Lord's abiding fellowship to be the most important and profitable act of her life, never thereafter questioning the fact of her Divine acceptance, nor doubting the sufficiency of His grace to keep what she had committed to His care.

June 20, 1876, at the altar of old Ebenezer Church in Philadelphia, Sarah Jane Fisher became the bride of William L. White, and their nearly

half century of uninterrupted happy married life abundantly evidences the fitness of that union.

The Lord honored their home with four noble sons, for each of whom these fond parents quite properly cherished a pardonable pride; the lives of these young men fully attesting a becoming appreciation of their parental heritage, by neither "despising the instruction of their father, nor forsaken the law of their mother." William P., having thirteen years ago preceded his parents to the heavenly home, just one-half of the original circle survive: Charles C. of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Leroy G. of Brooklawn, N. J.; and George A. of London, England; all, well connected and honorably established in life, are heirs of an inheritance that forbids them "sorrow as those who have no hope."

For seventeen years, Mrs. White shared with her husband the services and honors incident to Wilmington's civic and Church activities, and, when in 1893 his name was entered upon the roster of this Conference, she cheerfully accepted the enlarged responsibilities, and diligently sought to adjust herself to the duties and varied consequences involved by this new relation. How well she succeeded, may not be made a record here, sufficeth it to say that is reasonably certain that she helped very largely to make him what he was, for to her tact and personality he owed no small measure of his exceptional popularity and ministerial success.

Religion to her meant something more than a mere name, or a fitful, accommodating sentiment. Not a convenient cloak with which she might robe herself when in presence of those piously disposed, and readily discard when her environment or company was of opposite mould of mind; but rather, with her, it proved to be a tremendous, vital force, a controlling principle, a compelling power, a constant and constraining experience, a daily living, and to this she gave such full right-of-way that it very early became the dominating, determining factor that influence and shaped her whole life.

Desirous, as she was, of becoming well "rooted and grounded in the faith once delivered to the saints," hence, in company with her like-minded husband, she daily sought and found time to carefully read, prayerfully ponder, and accurately familiarize herself with many of the "deep things of God," making her own personal experience to be the certain test and satisfactory proof of the cardinal and precious truths of the scripture. Surely, for her, "The Word" was spiritual "meat and drink-manna from heaven" upon which she feasted and flourished until, with high hope in heart, she came to believe and confidently expect to behold and enjoy the Word's fulfillment both here and hereafter.

Those who knew her well, however, would hardly say that her religious life savored aught of the super-sanctimonious, long-faced, funereal type of piety, for, blest as she was with a fine fund of pleasing humor, she lived much of her time on "life's sunny-side," and in most attractive fashion, learned just how to make herself a welcome guest whether at a feast, or at an evening's social function, as much so as in the midweek prayer meeting, or at the Sabbath services in the Lord's house. Hence it might be said of her:



"Our dreams are but mirrors of ourselves:

We shape in thought what soon we dress in deeds;

And what we daily do within the heart,

We grow to be."

Next to her Lord, in matters of love and devotion, came her husband and children, and around this best loved circle her affections gathered and clung even to her latest hours. Steadfastly believing that woman's chief sphere was that of her own home, consequently, in constant and loving solicitude, she never failed to give practical evidence of this conviction there. Within these sacred precincts, by timely and telling kindness and service, she showed herself to fine advantage. Self-sacrificing to a fault; self-forgetful, oftentimes even of her own sheer needs, she might have been found urged forward by her high ideas of that care and solicitude to which loved ones, or the visitor who happened to be within her door, were entitled, while, with genuine and generous hospitality, she welcomed and impartially ministered until those who crossed her threshold were made conscious of a feeling akin to that known in the presence of one's own family. Thus she made and kept her host of friends by the goodness of her own big heart.

Unlike that of her husband, her's was a frail body, which, at best, was never endowed with strength quite equal to her ambitious and courageous spirit; nevertheless, she did her utmost to contribute her part to the busy move of things about her. Her's was not a listless or inactive life, but, linked with a tender and sympathetic heart, she met duty and privilege alike with uncomplaining spirit, performing her task with a fidelity and fullness utterly shorn of all flourish or display; an accomplishment possible only to those whose hearts have been touched, renewed and filled with energy Divine.

Her life was neither immune to disappointment nor free from sore testing; yet, with her usual tireless energy, she continued her work in the different relations she from time to time assumed and sustained, brightening and bettering the lot of all those coming within her reach, until just about three years ago, when tokens of failing health gave unmistakable warning that she should step aside for needed respite, ere the summons come, "it is enough, come up higher," and it was out of regard for these "signs of the times" that her devoted companion asked and received the Retired Relation, just twelve months ago.

They turned aside to rest a while at Easton, Talbot County, Md., where three years previously they had spent the longest, and in some respects, happiest term of their ministry, little dreaming that their period of rest would prove so surprisingly brief; for, like a flash out of a cloudless sky, came the "one clear call" for him, and "the strong man bowed himself," and, (presently) "went to his long home." His death laid heavy toll on her, for her already greatly reduced vitality suffered materially from the shock. Her much depleted strength from that day on was rapidly sapped; yet, with her many fond hopes so quickly shattered by an unlooked-for sorrow and separation, and every prospect of rest and

possible recuperation thereby blighted, still her faith in God remained unshaken, her testimony rang clear and was of no uncertain tone, as frequently in the presence of those who loved her dearly and sought to soften the hard blow her hopes had sustained, she was every ready to rehearse her very heart story quite in keeping with those familiar words:

"I will not doubt, though sorrows fall like rain,  
And troubles swarm like bees about to hive;  
I will believe the heights for which I strive  
Are only reached by anguish and by pain;  
And though I groan and writhe beneath my crosses,  
I yet shall see through my severest losses,  
The greater gain."

In September last, she bid farewell to the friends at Easton, tearfully and wearily wending her way to the comfortable home of her son Leroy in Brooklawn, N. J., where she lingered for but a few weeks, and thence turned her tired footsteps toward Pittsburgh, to spend her last holiday season on earth with others of her life's love. The New Year had but barely been ushered in, ere, on the night of January 14th, with a mother's good-night spoken to those who had just "tucked-her-in," she closed her eyes in peaceful slumber. Sometime in the early gray dawn of the following day, doubtless in that "land of light and song—(God's) beautiful isle of somewhere," she awoke, and her familiar voice in its usual greeting, "good-morning," fell upon the ears of those who there awaited her coming, those she had "loved long since, and lost awhile."

Today as with sobered mind and softened tread we gather within these hallowed walls, this earthly house of the Lord, all radiant with the after-glow of faces here once seen, and, now by memory's subtle faculty still seeing; all vibrant with strong voices here once heard, and now by eternal echoes, still hearing; although in familiar physical form our translated ones be missing, yet, somehow, we cannot help thinking of them as other than—

"Just laid aside from our sight  
To slumber undisturbed through one long night  
Instead of many brief ones such as fall  
In swift recurrence o'er us one and all."

But, also, as,

"Not far, no, no, not far, just hidden from our eyes  
Which wide would open with a glad surprise  
Could we but have for one moment the power  
Elisha's servant had on Dothan's tower,  
To see how near us are the hosts unseen  
Guarding our lives, Whose bucklers held between  
Serve day and night to foil the quivering darts  
A wanton world flings at our aching hearts."

Our eyes are holden and we cannot see  
 How near our loved ones in the shadows be;  
 Through cloudless days and days without a star  
 Close by our sides like sentinels they stand  
 Keeping the promise of the last command:  
 'Lo, I am with you alway,' Near—  
 Not far—not far."

W. A. WISE.

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**ANNA EMMA ANDERSON.**

Anna Emma Anderson was born at Bozman, Talbot County, Maryland, in 1854. Very early in life she was converted and joined the Church at that place and remained a faithful and consistent member of her home Church until her marriage to the Rev. John F. Anderson, retired member of our Conference, who was, at the time of this union, in the active ministry.

This marriage to Brother Anderson took place on August 17, 1914, and from this date to the time of Brother Anderson retired in 1922, Sister Anderson was a real help in the ministry. Those who knew her, including a host of friends and neighbors of her late residence, loved her. They said that she was a good woman. Through the many weeks of her last illness she was patient, kind and trustful. Her religious life was very definite; she believed in God and showed her belief by her life. She was ready to suffer His will and go at His call.

The end came on Monday morning at 8 o'clock, February 22, 1926. The funeral services were held Wednesday morning of that week from her late residence, 2122 Gilles St., Wilmington, Del., by the writer, assisted by Dr. James W. Colona, District Superintendent of the Wilmington District. The interment was made at St. Michaels, Maryland, the Rev. Tilghman Smith officiating at the grave.

R. C. JONES.

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**HARRIET E. CONAWAY.**

Mrs. Harriet E. Conaway, widow of the late Rev. Geo. S. Conaway of precious memory, and a member of the Wilmington Conference from its organization until his death in 1922, was the daughter of Benjamin G. and Eliza Hearn, and was born in 1845, near Salisbury, Md. She was converted in girlhood and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Rockawalkin, Md.

She was educated at the public schools near her home, and at the Wesleyan Female College, Wilmington, Del.

In March, 1868, she was married to Rev. Geo. S. Conaway, and for 38 years shared with him the sacrifices and victories of the itinerancy. A sincere Christian, she loved God with all her heart, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ was, indeed, precious to her.

Going to her appointments, which were often in difficult fields, resolved to do her best for the advancement of her Master's Kingdom, her name and memory are as ointment poured forth.

After the death of her husband in 1922, Sister Conaway made her home with friends and waited patiently for her welcome to a mansion above. Her last days were spent in the home of Mrs. Minnie Steel Pettyjohn near Georgetown, and nothing that a devoted friend could do for her was left undone.

Besides her husband, a son and a daughter had preceded her to their Father's House, and on July 12, 1925, she went to be with them. On July 14th, funeral services were held at the parlors of Undertaker Faires of Smyrna, in charge of the writer, assisted by Revs. R. K. Stephenson, D. D., and W. E. Matthews, and her remains interred in Smyrna Cemetery by the side of her husband, there to await the resurrection of the just.

T. F. BEAUCHAMP.

XIII.

ROLL OF HONORED DEAD.

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

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EFFECTIVE
1859	John E. Elliott	Nov. 8, 1868	Snow Hill, Md.	30	10
1836	Thos. J. Quigley	Oct. 19, 1870	Laurel, Del.	65	44
1850	Daniel Titlow	Feb. 7, 1871	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	4
1867	Amos A. Ewing	Jan. 19, 1872	Cecil County, Md.	30	4
1848	Alfred Cookman	Nov. 13, 1872	Newark, N. J.	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey	July 9, 1871	Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct. 3, 1872	Frankford, Del.	34	13
1825	T. J. Thomason	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
1870	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
1835	Joseph Robinson	Feb. 18, 1893	Perrymans, Md.	68	45
1843	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

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EFFECTIVE.
1859	Thomas E. Bell	Mar. 21, 1895	Easton, Md.	58	
1868	James Conner	Sept. 10, 1896	Selbyville, Del.	59	28
1862	Merritt Hulburd	Oct. 10, 1896	Wilmington, Del.	54	34
1873	Newton McQuay	May 2, 1887	St. Michaels, Md.	57	21
1896	William G. Chance	Sept. 13, 1897	Quantico, Md.	33	2
1848	Wm. B. Walton	June 21, 1898	Salisbury, Md.	77	43
1850	John B. Quigg	July 30, 1898	Wilmington, Del.	72	46
1845	John H. Caldwell	Mch. 11, 1899	Dover, Del.	79	45
1860	Andrew D. Davis	Apr. 13, 1899	Georgetown, Del.	72	35
1845	Henry Sanderson	Aug. 16, 1899	Ridley Park, Pa.	80	34
1859	Edwin H. 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 Sypherd	Sept. 3, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	69	39
1872	John D. Kemp	Sept. 21, 1902	Chestertown, Md.	65	30
1856	William F. Tabbot	Feb. 26, 1903	Dover, Del.	73	27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard	Apr. 13, 1903	Frankford, Del.	65	41
1843	Thos. H. Haynes	May 23, 1903	Smyrna, Del.	81	51
1853	Geo. A. Phoebus	May 28, 1903	Brooklyn, N. Y.	74	33
1868	Jonathan S. Willis	Nov. 24, 1903	Milford, Del.	74	43
1867	John D. Rigg	Dec. 16, 1903	Hockessin, Del.	65	27
1869	Edward Davis	Jan. 9, 1904	Newark, Md.	84	28
1856	John France	Mar. 10, 1904	Wilmington, Del.	69	48
1879	E. K. Creed	Apr. 24, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	58	25
1890	E. R. Sidell	May 14, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	43	14
1853	J. B. Merritt	July 8, 1904	Fairlee, Md.	78	32
1872	G. W. Wilcox	Dec. 15, 1904	Salisbury, Md.	62	20
1889	James E. Graham	July 13, 1905	Seaford, Del.	52	16
1853	Robert W. Todd	Jan. 18, 1906	Baltimore, Md.	75	52
1858	S. T. Morris	Apr. 13, 1906	Roselle Park, N. J.	73	45
1879	C. A. Grise	Apr. 12, 1907	Berlin, Md.	51	28
1868	W. R. MacFarlane	Feb. 18, 1908	Hockessin, Del.	71	40
1898	F. E. Bloxton	Mar. 5, 1908	Nanticoke, Md.	40	10
1869	W. R. Gwinn	Mar. 13, 1908	Baltimore, Md.	67	34
1876	Albert Chandler	June 22, 1908	Bethel, Del.	58	32
1870	E. H. Nelson	Oct. 27, 1908	Delaware City, Del.	62	39
1860	H. W. Bolton	Jan. 8, 1909	Camden, Del.	69	
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow	Feb. 3, 1909	Dover, Del.	81	42
1869	E. H. Miller	Jan. 22, 1911	Sharptown, Md.	66	43
1876	W. L. P. Bowen	Mar. 11, 1911	Newark, Md.	77	17
1866	E. E. White	Dec. 26, 1912	Oxford, Md.	69	46
1853	W. M. Warner	Apr. 16, 1913	Millington, Md.	83	41
1897	J. W. Talley	Aug. 9, 1913	Near Wilm., Del.	42	9
1868	I. G. Fosnocht	Dec. 3, 1913	Smyrna, Del.	65	45
1858	H. S. Thompson	Apr. 1, 1914	Smyrna, Del.	79	52
1865	G. W. Burke	Apr. 30, 1914	Smyrna, Del.	78	42
1872	R. H. Adams	Sept. 11, 1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	71	42
1869	T. B. Hunter	Nov. 12, 1914	Monrovia, Cal.	77	42
1876	E. C. MacNichol	Oct. 18, 1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	60	38
1880	J. R. Cannon	Feb. 8, 1915	Chance, Md.	56	34
1865	James Carroll	Apr. 15, 1915	Milford, Del.	91	34
1871	William L. S. Murray	Feb. 26, 1916	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1901	R. H. Lewis	Aug. 30, 1916	Fishing Creek, Md.	41	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. Westfield	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
886	Clinton T. Wyatt	Feb. 7, 1920	Denton, Md.	56	34
884	Daniel F. McPaul	Mar. 6, 1920	Wilmington, Del.	82	34
1878	Howard T. Quigg	Apr. 4, 1920	Newport, Del.	61	42

Entered Ministry	Name	Time of Death	Place of Death	Years Age Effective
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	Feb. 24, 1922	Lincoln, Del.	86 28
1869	Phillip H. Rawlins	Nov. 11, 1921	Seaford, Del.	87 39
1887	Zach H. Webster	Dec. 10, 1921	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 23
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 5
1888	Frank F. Carpenter	Jan. 7, 1925	Cambridge, Md.	58 37
1871	Thomas H. Harding	Feb. 8, 1925	Wilmington, Del.	84 35
1890	Julius A. Brewington	April 5, 1925	Hebron, Md.	68 30
1876	Thomas E. Terry	June 25, 1925	Magnolia, Del.	80 39
1893	William L. White	July 23, 1925	Easton, Md.	72 31
1896	George P. Smith	Sept. 30, 1925	Dover, Del.	72 26
1905	Jos. M. S. Van Blunk	Dec. 6, 1925	Salisbury, Md.	57 15

## XIV.

## CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

No.	Date	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1	March 17, '69	Wilm'ton—Asbury	M. Simpson	S. L. Gracey
2	" 16, '70	Port Deposit	E. S. Janes	S. L. Gracey
3	" 8, '71	Dover	L. Scott	S. L. Gracey
4	Feb'y 21, '72	Laurel	E. R. Ames	T. E. Martindale
5	March 5, '73	Easton	L. Scott	T. E. Martindale
6	" 4, '74	Salisbury	L. W. Wiley	T. E. Martindale
7	" 17, '75	Smyrna	E. S. Janes	T. E. Martindale
8	" 15, '76	Wilm'ton—Union	L. Scott	T. E. Martindale
9	" 7, '77	Milford	E. R. Ames	T. E. Martindale
10	" 13, '78	Chestertown	R. S. Foster	T. E. Martindale
11	" 19, '79	New Castle	M. Simpson	T. E. Martindale
12	" 17, '80	Dover	E. G. Andrews	T. E. Martindale
13	" 16, '81	Lewes	Thos. Bowman	John D. Rigg
14	" 8, '82	Middletown	J. F. Hurst	John D. Rigg
15	" 7, '83	Cambridge	M. Simpson	John D. Rigg
16	" 5, '84	Wilm'ton—Asbury	W. L. Harris	John D. Rigg
17	" 12, '85	Snow Hill	S. M. Merrill	John D. Rigg
18	" 4, '86	Elkton	W. F. Mallalieu	John D. Rigg
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield	H. W. Warren	John D. Rigg
20	" 7, '88	Wilm'ton—Union	C. D. Foss	John D. Rigg
21	" 20, '89	Easton	R. S. Foster	John D. Rigg
22	" 26, '90	Milford	Thos. Bowman	John D. Rigg
23	" 19, '91	Centreville	C. H. Fowler	John D. Rigg
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray
25	" 15, '93	Middletown	S. M. Merrill	A. S. Mowbray
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury	J. H. Vincent	A. S. Mowbray
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna	J. F. Hurst	A. S. Mowbray
28	" 18, '96	Dover	H. W. Warren	A. S. Mowbray
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown	J. M. Walden	A. S. Mowbray
30	" 23, '98	Lewes	J. P. Newman	A. S. Mowbray
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge	C. D. Foss	A. S. Mowbray
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray
33	" 20, '01	Wilm'ton—Grace	Daniel A. Goodsell	A. S. Mowbray
34	" 19, '02	Crisfield	I. W. Joyce	A. S. Mowbray
35	" 18, '03	Easton	Earl Cranston	A. S. Mowbray
36	" 16, '04	Dover	J. M. Fitzgerald	A. S. Mowbray
37	" 15, '05	Wilm'ton—Grace	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise
38	" 14, '06	Pocomoke City	C. C. McCabe	W. A. Wise
39	" 20, '07	Smyrna	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
40	" 18, '08	Wilm'ton—Asbury	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise
41	" 17, '09	Milford	D. H. Moore	W. A. Wise
42	" 16, '10	Salisbury	J. W. Hamilton	W. A. Wise
43	" 15, '11	Wilm'ton—Asbury	T. B. Neely	W. A. Wise
44	" 13, '12	Wilm'ton—St. Pauls	L. B. Wilson	W. A. Wise
45	" 26, '13	Crisfield	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
46	April 1, '14	Berlin	Earl Cranston	W. A. Wise
47	March 24, '15	Laurel	R. J. Cook	W. A. Wise
48	" 29, '16	Wilm'ton—Union	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
49	" 28, '17	Seaford	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
50	" 28, '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
58	" 24, '26	Dover	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs

## XV.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

1872. J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney, Charles Hill. Reserves—  
J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd.
1876. L. C. Matlack, W. E. England. Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.
1880. L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby, Charles Hill. Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R.  
W. Todd.
1884. J. H. Caldwell, Charles Hill, J. B. Quigg. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, J.  
A. B. Wilson.
1888. Jacob Todd, J. A. B. Wilson, N. M. Brown. Reserves—W. S. Robinson.  
John France.
1892. W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, R. H. Adams. Reserves—T. E. Martin-  
dale, T. E. Terry.
1896. Merritt Hulbert, L. E. Barrett, Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran. Reserves—  
W. E. Avery, V. S. Collins.
1900. Robert Watt, T. E. Martindale, W. F. Corkran, C. S. Baker. Reserves—  
A. S. Mowbray, J. D. C. Hanna.
1904. A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, Adam Stengle, C. S. Baker. Reserves—  
C. T. Wyatt, W. G. Koons.
1908. A. S. Mowbray, Adam Stengle, W. G. Koons, S. M. Morgan. Reserves—  
C. T. Wyatt, Robert Watt.
1912. C. A. Hill, R. K. Stephenson, Robert Watt, G. P. Jones. Reserves—E. L.  
Hoffecker, C. W. Prettyman, G. T. Alderson.
1916. Robert Watt, E. L. Hoffecker, R. K. Stephenson, T. A. H. O'Brien. Re-  
serves—G. T. Alderson, C. T. Wyatt.
1920. W. A. Wise, Robert Watt, H. G. Budd, W. R. Mowbray. Reserves—G. T.  
Alderson, V. S. Collins, J. W. R. Sumwalt.
1924. G. T. Alderson, E. H. Dashiell, T. F. Beauchamp, F. C. MacSorley. Re-  
serves—J. W. Colona, E. W. Jones, W. E. Gunby.

## LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

## MORNING SESSION.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Laymen's Association of the  
Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held in  
Murphy Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dover, Delaware, March 26, 1926.

The morning session began at nine o'clock with a Love Feast led by  
Professor W. B. Thornburg of Dover.

At ten o'clock the President, W. Harry Jones, of Sudlersville, Mary-  
land, called the meeting to order, and requested Brother William T. Haupt  
of Wilmington to address the "Throne of Grace."

## WELCOME.

The Reverend G. A. Burslem, D. D., Pastor of Murphy Memorial  
Presbyterian Church, was introduced, who welcomed the delegates in a  
most cordial manner in behalf of his congregation and the Churches of  
Dover, expressing his delight in having the Association meet in the new  
Church.

I. Elmer Perry of Wilmington, made the response to the address of  
welcome in a very happy and fitting manner.

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

President Jones in his annual address recalled the last happy and  
successful meeting of the Association held in Dover, 1923. The object  
of the Association, he said, was to strengthen the bonds of sympathy be-  
tween Churches. He asked these two questions: "What does it mean to  
represent our charges?" "How are we going to make the Association  
count most for the Kingdom of God?" The solution he gave was "Chris-  
tian influence, builders of Christian character, confidence and loyalty."  
He said the charges were depending on the Laymen to represent them,  
and that God was depending on the Laymen to represent Him, and that  
He needed men who were not afraid to do something. He closed by say-  
ing the three things most needed in the home were the Bible, Church  
papers and family altar.

## ROLL CALL.

The roll of Officers and Delegates was called to which six Officers  
and one hundred and ten Delegates responded. The Delegates being di-  
vided as follows:—From Dover District, 29; Middletown District, 23;  
Salisbury District, 32; Wilmington District, 26; which was a forty per  
cent. increase in attendance over that of the last session. The names of  
the delegates follow:

**Officers Present:** W. Harry Jones, President; Vice-Presidents—Prof.  
W. B. Thornburg, Prof. W. T. Dashiell, Rual S. Loomis; Secretary, Victor  
C. Hitchens; Treasurer, M. Edward Culver.

**Roll of Delegates.—Dover District:**—Cambridge, Granville Hooper;  
Camden, Dr. L. S. Conwell; Canterbury, J. M. Lynch; Dover, Wesley, Prof.  
W. B. Thornburg; Federalsburg, L. F. Covey; Felton, John W. Killen;  
Frederica, Lawrence E. Cain; Georgetown Circuit, E. W. Sammons;  
Greenwood, C. H. Kinder; Harrington, L. T. Jones; Houston, H. R. Moore;  
Hurlock, Mrs. Emma Carroll; Laurel, Howard H. Dickerson; Lincoln, R.  
H. Derrickson; Little Creek, I. M. Burris; Milford, W. G. Abbott; Milford  
Neck, Harvey Clifton; Millsboro, George S. Williams; Mt. Pleasant, Har-  
lan Hill; Nassau, E. T. Vaughan; Rehoboth, T. W. Palmer; Reliance, W.  
C. Russell; Seaford, J. A. Morgan; Seaford Circuit, J. T. Kinder; Wil-  
liamsburg, R. Poole; Wyoming, J. H. Hudson; Zoar, F. W. Lawson; Lew-  
es, G. W. Robinson; Magnolia & Barratt's, Howard Hudson.

**Middletown District:**—Burrsville, G. L. Blades; Centreville, J. M. Arringdale; Chestertown, M. A. Toulson; Cheswold, J. H. Anderson; Crumpton, J. T. Smith; Easton, C. Norman Jefferson; Fairlee, B. F. Rash; Galena, Walter T. Hadley; Greensboro, J. W. Thawley; Henderson, W. H. Goodwin; Hillsboro, G. C. Moore; Kenton, H. B. Clark; Oxford, David Pritchard; Queenstown, W. H. Bishop; Rock Hall, James T. Taylor; Smyrna, L. M. Price; Sudlersville, John W. Smith; Townsend, B. B. Jones; Trappe, H. L. Slaughter; Wye Mills & Starr, M. M. Price; Cordova, J. W. Wood; Odessa & Friendship, J. E. Latta; Preston, W. H. Alderson.

**Salisbury District:**—Annessex, H. I. Powell; Berlin, Wm. M. Ennis; Bishopville, F. M. Moore; Cape Charles, Ira Carmean; Chincoteague, Wm. D. Steelman; Crisfield—Asbury, James B. Tawes; Immanuel, I. Samuel Lawson; Deal's Island, Fred J. Webster; Delmar, W. S. Melson; Fairmount, Harry B. Miles; Girdletree, W. S. Townsend; Gumboro, R. E. Jones; Mardela Springs, Edgar L. Venables; Nanticoke, Paul Hamburg; Ocean City, Winfield Wallace; Onancock, James T. Parker; Parsonburg, Everett Hearn; Pittsville, Southy G. Truitt; Pocomoke, T. D. Riley; Pocomoke Circuit, W. V. Taylor; Powellville, J. T. Jones; Roxana, G. W. Derickson; Salisbury—Asbury, Jay Williams; Grace, Mrs. Annie Howie; Selbyville, Wm. A. Law; Sharptown, Wm. R. Robinson; Snow Hill, A. C. Humphries; Somerset, Dr. E. P. Simpson; Stockton, C. C. Pilchard; Tangier, Carey Crockett; Westover, E. R. Fooks; Whitesville, N. B. Ward.

**Wilmington District:**—Cherry Hill, Lyman A. Spence; Claymont, H. L. McMinn; Delaware City, Harry C. Webb; Ebenezer, Franklin Ferguson; Elkton, H. T. Kepler; Holly Oak & Edge Moor, T. H. Dorman; Hopewell, H. H. Kirk; Marshallton & Cedars, W. H. Wingate; Mt. Pleasant, John T. Talley; Newark, George M. Phipps; Newport, A. M. Craig; North East, Abel C. Cameron; St. Georges, John Carrow; Stanton, John M. Lacey; Wilmington—Asbury, Mrs. Ida Leonard; Brandywine, Rual S. Loomis; Brack-Ex, J. W. Owens; Cookman, C. C. Lynch; Epworth, Willis L. Overdeer; Harrison Street, I. Elmer Perry; Mt. Salem, J. R. Kendall; Richardson Park, H. B. Walker; Scott, Charles P. Harvey; Silverbrook, Thomas R. Winkler; St. Paul's, Albert Daugherty; Trinity, C. W. Cook, Jr.

#### COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following committees:

**RESOLUTIONS:**—George S. Williams, Millsboro; W. H. Anderson, Preston; A. C. Humphries, Snow Hill; Willis L. Overdeer, Wilmington.

**FINANCE:**—D. B. Jones, Townsend; Granville Hooper, Cambridge; William A. Law, Selbyville; Rual S. Loomis, Wilmington.

**NOMINATIONS:**—Dr. L. S. Conwell, Camden; L. M. Price, Smyrna; H. B. Miles, Fairmount; Mrs. Ida Leonard, Wilmington.

**FRATERNAL GREETINGS:**—Jay Williams, Salisbury; William G. Abbott, Milford; M. A. Toulson, Chestertown; I. Elmer Perry, Wilmington.

#### PROPOSED NEWARK, DELAWARE, CHURCH.

Dr. E. B. Crooks, Professor at the University of Delaware, and Chairman of the Building Committee of the proposed new Church at Newark, was introduced, who told of the project of the congregation to construct a building adequate to serve the needs of the Methodist students attending the University of Delaware.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dover, Delaware, March 26, 1926.

Wilmington Conference Laymen's Association:

As your Treasurer, I submit the following report:

Balance last Report . . . . .	\$ 35.21	
Received from Association . . . . .	82.00	
Received from C. A. Short . . . . .	35.26	
		\$ 152.47

#### Amount Paid Out:

W. Harry Jones, Travelling Expenses . . . . .	\$ 12.30	
H. Harry Jones, Janitor . . . . .	4.00	
J. A. Prettyman, Printing . . . . .	10.50	
R. P. Nichols, for Stereopticon . . . . .	50.00	
D. W. Jacobs, Printing Con. Min. . . . .	25.00	\$ 101.80
		\$ 50.67

Fraternally,

MINOS E. CULVER, Treasurer.

On motion, the report of the Treasurer was adopted.

Collection was then taken which amounted to Ninety-six Dollars and Forty-two Cents (\$96.42).

At twelve o'clock the meeting adjourned until 1.30 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "My Jesus I Love Thee," after which Brother I. S. Lawson of Crisfield, led the prayer, and after singing, "How Firm a Foundation," the meeting again went into business session.

## CONFERENCE VISITORS.

George W. Crabbe of the Anti-Saloon League, addressed the Conference on Temperance and Law Enforcement, and declared there could be no compromise with the forces against prohibition.

Rev. F. A. Lindhorst of Dover, Director of Religious Education of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, spoke on, "Our Conference Program of Religious Education," and presented items, showing the work accomplished during the year. He stressed youth evangelism and declared that in the early years of life ideals are fixed. He urged greater activity among the Churches as to teacher training courses and preparation in schools of religious education. His work, he said, had touched 37% of the charges this Conference year, and in order to more fully carry on the work, a worker was needed in every District.

On motion, the Association went on record, approving the work of the Religious Director and pledging support.

Rev. W. W. Davis of Baltimore, General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland, spoke of the work and needs of the society and urged the carrying out of Sabbath Day programs in the Churches and Sunday Schools.

On motion, the Delegates stood and went on record, approving the work of the Alliance and pledging continued support.

Dr. Morris E. Swartz, Editor of the Washington Christian Advocate, spoke in the interest of the Advocate. He stated that the number of subscribers had been increased from 7400 one year ago to 13,000, and that the goal was 20,000. Following his address, the following resolution was adopted and ordered sent to the Wilmington Annual Conference:

"RESOLVED, That the Laymen's Association suggest to the Wilmington Annual Conference that they accept the proposition of the Washington Christian Advocate, in asking the Methodists of this Conference for the sum of One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the Conference year, in order to reduce the debt and running expenses of said paper, and approve the plan for this amount to be apportioned among the various Churches in the Conference."

Dr. Charles Baldwin, representing Morgan College, Baltimore, was introduced and spoke in behalf of that Institution.

Rev. George P. Jones, Field Secretary of the Conference Endowment Fund, made an eloquent address, portraying the needs of the Conference Claimants, and gave an account of the work done during the year.

On motion, the following bills, having been approved by the Finance Committee, were ordered paid:

W. Harry Jones, Travelling, etc. . . . .	\$29.10
J. A. Prettyman, Printing . . . . .	6.00
Sexton, Presbyterian Church . . . . .	5.00

## NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

For President—W. Harry Jones, Sudlersville, Maryland.

Vice Presidents:—

Dover District—Prof. W. B. Thornburg, Seaford, Delaware.

Middletown District—H. H. Nuttle, Hobbs, Maryland.

Salisbury District—Prof. W. T. Dashiell, Salisbury, Maryland.

Wilmington District—C. A. Cook, Jr., Wilmington, Delaware.

Secretary—Prof. John Shilling, Dover, Delaware.

Treasurer—M. Edward Culver, Laurel, Delaware.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the nominees were unanimously elected.

## RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following, with the exception of Resolution No. 1, which was offered at the morning session by Thomas N. Rawlins, a former President of the Association.

The Resolutions and action thereon follow:

**Resolution No. 1.**—WHEREAS, There was, prior to the year 1919, a statute in the State of Delaware, compelling the giving of scientific temperance instruction to the school children of the State; and

WHEREAS, The new school laws of Delaware do not now contain the said provision; and

WHEREAS, The present law provides that the State Board of Education shall have power to make and fix the curriculum of the schools of the State, and that the resolutions of the said State Board of Education, when published, shall have the force of law; and

WHEREAS, We are persuaded that there is now immediate and urgent need that the youth of our State be taught the evils and the menace of the use of alcoholic drink; No, Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference, assembled at Dover this Twenty-sixth day of March, 1926, that we do earnestly urge the State Board of Education of the State of Delaware to require that there be given in the schools of the State regular and thorough instruction concerning the harmful and disastrous physical and moral effects of the use of alcoholic liquors as beverages; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the said State Board of Education by a committee of this Association.

Adopted, and a Committee, composed of Thomas N. Rawlins, Dr. L. S. Conwell and L. M. Price, was appointed to present same to the State Board of Education.

**Resolution No. 2.**—RESOLVED, By the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference, that we do not approve the retention of a paid

Field Secretary for the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, but that we recommend that the District Superintendents assume the full responsibility for the completion of the plan to raise the \$150,000.00 Endowment Fund; and

RESOLVED, That we, as a Laymen's Association, pledge them our full co-operation and support; and

RESOLVED, That our Secretary be instructed to send this resolution to the Ministerial Conference.

On motion, laid on the table.

**Resolution No. 3.**—BE IT RESOLVED, By this Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference, that we extend to the Pastor and Official Board of Murphy Memorial Presbyterian Church of Dover, Delaware, our sincere thanks for the use of their beautiful new Church for this session of our Association, and that our Secretary be requested to send copy of this resolution to the Pastor, Rev. G. A. Burslem, D. D.

Adopted.

**Resolution No. 4.**—We have heard with pleasure the representation of Rev. Dr. Charles W. Baldwin, concerning Morgan College.

We most heartily endorse the campaign for increase of the endowment of the College.

We commend the action of the Wilmington Annual Conference taken at Barratt's Chapel this morning, setting apart the third Sunday in May as Morgan College Day, when the needs of the College shall be presented in our Churches and a cash offering taken to increase the endowment fund of Morgan College.

On motion, laid on the table.

**Resolution No. 5.**—BE IT RESOLVED, By the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, that we pledge our co-operation to the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland in its continued endeavor to conserve the Lord's Day; we further recommend its Educational program to all our Churches and Sunday Schools, and suggest that they make it a part of their regular work; and that we further pledge our co-operation to the Lord's Day Alliance in its Membership program by recommending that all our Churches, Sunday Schools and members take some one of the memberships in the Lord's Day Alliance.

Adopted.

**Resolution No. 6.**—WHEREAS, There seems to be at the present time considerable trouble to meet all of our Church obligations; and

WHEREAS, There seems to be so little systematic giving to meet these obligations; and

WHEREAS, There is so little said in these times regarding the stewardship of tithing; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference, now in session assembled, that we petition the Sunday School Board to give us one lesson each year in their periodicals, dealing with stewardship and tithing.

Adopted.

**Resolution No. 7.**—We renew our opposition to the Beverage Liquor Traffic, and pledge ourselves anew to the principle embodied in the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, and urge the present Congress to take no backward step on law enforcement, but to pass such needed remedial legislation to carry out the prohibition law.

We further declare that there must be no compromise with that element of the lawless liquor traffic, which advocates the return of the saloon under the plea for beer and wine.

On motion, unanimously adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to forward a copy to the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate.

**Resolution No. 8.**—Your Committee on Resolutions believed that our Laymen's Association should endorse the project of our congregation in Newark, Delaware, to construct a building adequate to serve the needs of the Methodist students attending the University of Delaware, and that this cause should be favorably recommended to our people, especially to the Methodists of Delaware.

Adopted.

**Resolution No. 9.**—RESOLVED, That this Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference extend our thanks to the Public Press for their report of our proceedings.

Adopted.

**Resolution No. 10.—Report on Fraternal Greetings.**—The Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference extends greetings to the Wilmington Conference in session at Dover.

We assure you that we are interested in the program of the Conference as outlined, in resolutions presented, and especially in the resolution passed upon the subject of Temperance and Law Enforcement, and the Conference Claimant and Endowment Fund, and all matters of interest to the progress of the Church and the cause of the Gospel of Christ on earth.

Adopted.

**Resolution No. 11.**—RESOLVED, That we, the Finance Committee, appointed by the Chairman of the Laymen's Association, do recommend that for the maintenance of this organization One Dollar (\$1.00) per year be contributed by each charge, for the ensuing year.



We also recommend that Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) be paid on the outstanding indebtedness of The Washington Area Laymen's Association.

Adopted.

#### CLOSING.

There being no further business claiming the attention of the Association, on motion, the meeting adjourned to meet in 1927.

W. HARRY JONES, President.

VICTOR C. HITCHENS, Secretary.

#### OFFICERS OF LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

- 1872—President, John F. Williamson; Secretaries, Dr. W. T. Collins, I. T. Matthews.  
 1876—Pres., R. J. Jump; Secretaries, I. T. Matthews, J. H. Bell.  
 1880—Pres., John F. Williamson; Secy's, P. F. Causey, Dr. R. J. Price.  
 1884—Pres., Henry F. Pickles; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, Henry S. Dulaney.  
 1888—Pres., H. C. Dodson; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, W. H. Dashiell.  
 1892—Pres., I. T. Matthews; Sec'y, Joseph Smithers.  
 1896—Pres., H. F. Pickles; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. W. Coley.  
 1900—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. S. Collins.  
 1904—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, Wesley Webb.  
 1908—Pres., W. O. Hoffecker; Secy's, C. A. Short, A. R. Spaid.  
 1912—Pres., R. D. Jones; Secretaries, C. A. Short, H. R. Moore.  
 1916—Pres., E. J. Winder; Secretaries, C. A. Short, A. Galt Starr.  
 1920—Pres., H. C. Conrad; Secretaries, C. A. Short, V. C. Hitchens.  
 1921—Pres., H. C. Conrad; Secretary, 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.  
 Alternates, T. J. Truxton, G. F. Jones.  
 1900—Delegates, Chas. B. Lore, G. E. Hukill, Jos. E. Holland, Geo. A. Cox.  
 Alternates, 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.  
 Alternates, A. W. Sisk, Geo. C. Moore, L. S. Melson.  
 1908—Delegates, J. P. Holland, I. T. Parker, W. O. Hoffecker, R. D. Jones.  
 Alternates, John G. Townsend, Jr., Joseph W. Coley, J. C. Mullikin.  
 1912—Delegates, Chas. H. Jefferson, John G. Townsend, Wm. Saulsbury, Joseph W. Coley.  
 Alternates, Mrs. Jeannie M. Field, A. W. Sisk, Wm. T. Records.  
 1916—Delegates, E. J. Winder, Thos. H. Bock, Melville Gambrill, Martin B. Burris.  
 Alternates, 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,      S. T. Hamblin.

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT

G. E. Sterling,      W. I. Donohoe,      W. L. McClintock.

SALISBURY DISTRICT

D. A. Stockely,      H. N. Bailey,      R. W. Mills.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

G. T. Gehman,      J. I. Barrett,      R. W. Campbell.

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V. E. HILLS, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'y Mem., Full Members), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, etc.), and various financial metrics. Rows list various churches and their associated data.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishop, Support Conf. C'mnts), and Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized). Rows list churches, pastors, and their financial and baptismal data.

\*\$300. paid District Parsonage Trustees as rental.

STATISTICAL  
DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: List No., Schools on Charge, Pupils Enrolled (Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Young People, Adults, Home Department), Total Enroll't in all Depts., Average Attendance of all Grades, Pulpits incl. Home Dept., Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S., Paid by Sunday School to World Service, Paid for Sunday School Supplies, Senior Members, Junior Members, Epw'th League.

TREASURER'S  
DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference, Benevolences as ordered by the Annual Conference (World Service, Children's Day Fund, etc.), Other Cash Items, Miscellaneous.

### STATISTICAL MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership							Church Property								
	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
	Received During Year	Now on Roll	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	Deaths									
1 Bayside.....	10	6	10	2	113	4	2	\$15000	1	\$2000		\$300	\$700	\$800	\$215	
2 Bozman and Neavitt..	6	7	10		124	2	2	10000	1	2000			308	900	425	
3 Burrsville.....		1	1		113	11	4	6500	1	2000					50	
4 Cecilton.....	2	2			178	30	2	35000	1	3000		500	6500	9530	1100	
5 Centerville.....				10	258	4	2	15000	1	4500	1000	530	415	130	800	
6 Chestertown.....	11	2	12	6	387	12	2	20000	1	8000					1250	
7 Cheswold.....	8	1	18	5	213	19	2	7500	1	2300		280		267	326	
8 Church Hill.....	9	9		1	201	9	5	15000	1	3000		125			450	
9 Clayton.....					216		2	8000	1	3500					616	
10 Concord.....				4	232	65	19	13000	1	2100	900	324	120	1050	25	
11 Cordova.....			7		128	46	1	10000	1	2000		50			75	
12 Crumpton.....	1	1			171		7	8000	1	3000		150	50		175	
13 Denton.....			4	2	290		1	10000	1	10000		200			775	
14 Easton.....	12	5			375		4	30000	1	8000		300			1400	
15 Fairlee.....	7	4	4	2	100		1	10000	1	4000		555			150	
16 Galena.....			3	2	142	15	3	11000	1	2000		44	68		150	
17 Greensboro.....			7	2	291	23	10	12000	1	4000	1200	900	100	950	368	
18 Henderson.....	3			3	136	8	3	6000	1	2000					83	
19 Hillsboro.....	56	56			150	5	3	8700	1	4000		226	140		175	
20 Kent Island.....	56	44	12	1	362		7	20000	1	5000		150	425		260	
21 Kenton.....	15	8	8	1	113	20	1	12000	1	2000		7174		4392	320	
22 Marydel.....	8	8			140		7	7000	1	2500		300			250	
23 Middletown.....	58	17	56	17	447	22	6	18000	1	6000		542			1527	
24 Millington & Dulaney		4	4	2	260	31	3	10000	1	2000					318	
25 Odessa and Friendship				1	169	48	5	14500	1	2500		600			300	
26 Oxford.....				1	79	6	2	3500	1	2500		204			180	
27 Piney Neck.....	6		9		26	14		4000	1	2000		10			158	
28 Pomona.....	3	10	6		95	20	2	6000	1	1500	500	108			120	
29 Preston.....	20	19	1	4	191	25		15000	1	3000		617			187	
30 Queenstown.....	9	2	9	7	139	20	1	12000	1	3000		325	350	1185	400	
31 Ridgely.....				3	170	10	1	15500	1	2000		150	600	1800	200	
32 Rock Hall.....					214		3	12000	1	6000				2000	350	
33 Royal Oak.....			2	7	111		2	8000	1	3000					150	
34 St. Michael.....	14	14	24	4	288	16	5	30000	1	3000	3000		189	1764	1104	
35 Salem Circuit.....					60		3	6000				35			50	
36 Smyrna.....	7	31	9	10	563	77	12	25000	1	3500		401	1675		1424	
37 Still Pond & Betterton	2	2	2		230	3	2	22000	1	3000		485			600	
38 Sudlersville.....			11		236	30	5	10000	1	5000		1037		200	270	
39 Tilghman Island.....		35		4	150	10	2	12000	1	2000			350	1500	600	
40 Townsend.....	15	25	5	2	304	3		19500	1	4000		86			403	
41 Trappe.....		11		5	190	11	2	4000	1	2500		300			113	
42 Wye Mills and Starr...		7			57			4000	1	2500		150			90	
Total.....	338	325	236	112	8422	613	139	540700	41	139900	6600	17058	11990	26438	17984	

### STATISTICAL MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Bap-tisms		
		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 Includ-ing House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Par-sonage			Total Claim incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Total Paid incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.					Claim	Paid
1 Bayside.....	F. A. Baker.....	\$1200	\$1200	\$100	78	78	22	22	165	100	1400	65	14	
2 Bozman & Neavitt	J. P. Kelley.....	1300	1300	150	97	97	22	22	187	187	1606		3	
3 Burrsville.....	E. N. Wright.....	1200	1200	120	75	75	20	20	180	5	1300	175	10	
4 Cecilton.....	G. W. Dawson.....	2150	2150	150	150	150	37	37	323	323	2510		15	1
5 Centerville.....	Frank White.....	2200	2200	400	126	126	38	38	333	333	2697		9	
6 Chestertown.....	T. J. Sard.....	2750	2750	500	157	157	48	48	413	413	3368		8	1
7 Cheswold.....	O. P. Jefferson.....	1200	1200	150	89	89	21	21	157	157	1467		7	
8 Church Hill.....	W. S. Grant.....	1650	1650	150	105	105	29	29	248	220	2004	28	6	
9 Clayton.....	C. W. Clark.....	1900	1900	300	112	112	15	15	285	125	2152	87	7	
10 Concord.....	C. H. Atkins.....	1300	1300	100	102	102	23	23	195	55	1480	140		
11 Cordova.....	J. H. McRill.....	1150	1150	150	70	70	20	10	172	77	1307	105	6	
12 Crumpton.....	J. H. Gardner.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	29	29	255	150	1984	105	7	
13 Denton.....	M. E. Wheatley.....	2300	2300	300	140	140	42	42	315	315	2797		4	
14 Easton.....	W. H. Briggs.....	2800	2800	400	168	168	49	49	420	420	3437			
15 Fairlee.....	S. L. Hanby.....	1400	1400	200	84	84	25	25	210	210	1719		7	
16 Galena.....	O. T. Baynard.....	1950	1925	200	123	123	34	32	300	240	2340	87	4	
17 Greensboro.....	W. O. Bennett.....	2000	2000	200	126	126	39	39	300	200	2365	100	14	
18 Henderson.....	Samuel Cawman.....	1050	1050	100	67	67	18	18	157	41	1176	117	10	
19 Hillsboro.....	W. P. Taylor.....	1550	1550	250	91	91	25	25	218	180	1896	38	12	
20 Kent Island.....	G. S. Allen.....	1700	1850	200	105	105	30	30	255	255	2240		22	
21 Kenton.....	J. E. Parker.....	1350	1350	150	84	84	21	21	203	40	1495	163	8	2
22 Marydel.....	R. W. Campbell.....	1175	1175	75	77	77	25	25	191	110	1387	40	5	
23 Middletown.....	W. A. Hearn.....	2500	2500	300	154	154	44	44	375	375	3073		10	4
24 Millington & D'l'y	J. I. Barrett.....	1250	1250	150	77	77	22	22	187	165	1514	22	10	2
25 Odessa & Friend'p	W. T. McGuire.....	1450	1450	150	91	91	26	26	203	203	1770		7	
26 Oxford.....	T. C. Smoot.....	1250	1250	200	73	73	22	22	187	100	1448	87		
27 Piney Neck.....	T. S. Barrett.....	775	775	75	49	49	14	12	116	40	876	78	4	
28 Pomona.....	W. L. McClintock.....	950	950	100	60	60	17	17	142	50	1077	92	9	
29 Preston.....	C. C. Harris.....	2000	2000	200	126	126	35	35	300	300	2461			
30 Queenstown.....	D. E. Carr.....	1300	1300	200	77	77	22	22	177	60	1459	117	4	
31 Ridgely.....	Leolan Jackson.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	34	34	255	255	2094		2	
32 Rock Hall.....	W. H. Revelle.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	30	30	255	100	1935	155	10	
33 Royal Oak.....	A. S. Scarborough	850	850	150	53	45			135		895	158	4	
34 St. Michael's.....	Tilghman Smith.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	21	21	255	255	2081		4	2
35 Salem Circuit.....	L. P. Corkran.....	650	650		46	46	11	11	82	82	789		2	
36 Smyrna.....	R. K. Stephenson.....	3250	3250	250	210	210	57	57	488	488	4005		24	3
37 Still Pond & Btrn	E. M. Shockley.....	1700	1700	200	105	105	30	30	255	255	2094		7	1
38 Sudlersville.....	R. S. Hodgson.....	1800	1800	200	112	112	32	32	270	270	2214		4	
39 Tilghman's Is.....	J. W. Wooten.....	1700	1700	100	112	112	31	31	255	200	2043	55	12	
40 Townsend.....	O. H. Connelly.....	1600	1600	200	98	98	28	28	240	240	1966		33	4
41 Trappe.....	W. D. Short.....	1350	1350	150	84	84	24	24	203	150	1608	53	7	
42 Wye Mills & Starr	R. L. Kirby, Jr.....	1000	1000	100	59	59	14	14	135	40	1113	95	4	
Total.....		67450	67575	7870	4232	4119	1148	1132	9997	7784	80638	2162	335	20

STATISTICAL

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

List No.	Schools on Charge	Pupils Enrolled										Total Enrollment in all Depts. Inc. Cradle Roll, Home Dept. Offs, Teachers, Pupils	Average Attendance of all Grades	Pupils incl. Home Dept. who are Church Mem- bers or Preparatory Mem- bers to Church from Membership of S. S.	Paid by Sunday School to World Service	Paid for Sunday School Supplies	Epw'th League				
		Schools Using Graded Les- sons	Officers and Teachers	Cradle Roll	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	Young People	Adults						Home Department	Senior Members	Junior Members		
1	2	33	50	22	26	22	11	13	38	58	228	105	7	75	115	50	70				
2	2	33	5	22	26	22	11	13	38	58	228	105	7	75	115	50	70				
3	2	33	5	22	26	22	11	13	38	58	228	105	7	75	115	50	70				
4	2	33	5	22	26	22	11	13	38	58	228	105	7	75	115	50	70				
5	2	33	5	22	26	22	11	13	38	58	228	105	7	75	115	50	70				
6	1	23	14	26	20	42	20	20	12	55	257	140	140	215	135	40	40				
7	1	25	39	27	30	32	46	22	35	140	462	184	218	348	101	82					
8	1	28	20	11	25	17	29	19	26	116	311	117	150	204	71	38					
9	2	28	20	11	25	17	29	19	26	116	311	117	150	204	71	38					
10	3	43	20								386	70	280	136	60						
11	2	22	30								158	60	70	5							
12	3	44									200	150		75							
13	1	36	25	20	15	36	12	50	35	64	321	132	150	4	273	71	61				
14	1	(28)									290	150		500	275						
15	2	20	18	20	10	21	18	20	15	23	167	110	140	6	60	20	15				
16	2	21	7	17	19	21	20	16	23	38	185	89	160	3	114	35	28				
17	1	30	51	24	48	52	27	12	29	65	359	165	223	11	350	309	30	60			
18	3	30									225	85		17	60	20	15				
19	2	33	18	15	20	22	11	16	59	2	214	125	75	40	123	140	19	25			
20	3	45	44	30	35	50	40	40	50	126	460	296	12	260	225	35	15				
21	2	(35)	17	15	15	22	20				210	90	15		85						
22	3	20									129	75	60	8	50	65	20	15			
23	1	24	37	28	19	19	25	44	32	31	271	103	121	27	300	126	54	33			
24	1	12	10	10	18	8	30	28	14	20	150	60	104	104		30					
25	2	25	20	15	15	20	15	15	20	30	175	75	76		110	20					
26	1	13	30	6	15	10	20	15	10	12	141	50	21	54	90						
27	1	13	9	10	12	31	20	18	8	19	140	65	19	2	30	31		25			
28	2	19	30	10	8	15	8	10	15	20	135	60	65	3	60	40		15			
29	2	32	6	23	12	22	17	27	14	64	217	103	100	19	115	25		25			
30	3	45									255	150	7	50	70						
31	1	16									156	80			75			23			
32	1	30									250	175	150	15	125						
33	2	19									80	40	60	25	25	19		15			
34	1	36	20	27	24	30	19	58	46	65	339	135	230	32	300	120	135				
35	3	15									60	30			35						
36	3	35	16	21	29	37	33	26	33	28	309	181	150	7	400	340	60	12			
37	2	30	26	23	30	26	15	20	7	88	283	115	103	1	321	182	165	70			
38	1	22	10	14	15	17	22	12	6	20	138	85	100		100	100	63	15			
39	2	37	75	30	25	23	31	30	50	11	394	200	140		300	200					
40	2	28	20	21	42	36	28	25	24	49	283	111	131	10	150	164	113				
41	1	22	20	15	12	14	17	15	12	32	160	56	65		107	72		15			
42	2	24									100	75	40	7	25	40					
		79	35	1161	713	498	597	663	619	621	626	1429	301	9794	4708	3694	281	5415	5499	1480	809

TREASURER'S

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference				Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference						Other Cash Items		Miscellaneous					
	World Service	On Apportionment	Specials, Annui- ties, Legacies, etc.	Fund	Hospitals and Homes	City Missionary or Chu'h 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 Advo- cates	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society	
1 Bayside.....	200		5		205	5	5	10	11	8	102	141		16	5	1280		
2 Bozman.....	225				225						64	64				24	194	
3 Burrsville....	41		8		49			10	10	6	5	31				42		
4 Cecilton.....	400		5		405			20	20	19	60	139		10	100	1000		
5 Centreville..	600			61	745	14		20	18	19	243	314			23	600		
6 Chester to'n	2362			306	2881			25	22	20	427	514		12	1	42	43	
7 Church Hill ..	325		11		336	10	8	10	10	10	28	76		5	2	24	140	
8 Church Hill ..	250		5		260	5	4	3	15	12	6	45		1	10	375		
9 Clayton.....	305		5		305				16	12	22	50					237	
10 Concord.....	100				105	32	5	15	12	2	12	90		4			150	
11 Cordova.....	200				205	5	5		10	10	32	52	10		4		200	
12 Crumpton....	200				205	5	5		15		42	67			1		190	
13 Denton.....	1000		20	52	1097	35	18	10	20	19	185	287		9				
14 Easton.....	1200	50		432	1936	20	24		25	24	22	82	197				72	
15 Fairlee.....	250		26		276	22	3		10	12	8	126	184		1	14	213	
16 Galena.....	224				224	2		10	2	17	15	112	158		2	10	900	
17 Greensboro ..	465		5	177	647			10	18	15	80	133			16		100	
18 Henderson....	70		2		72			2	5	10	7	22	46	25	2	1	50	
19 Hillsboro....	156		6		162	44	5	5	12	13	173	265	5		10	350		
20 Kent Is.....	356				356				8	15	13	69	105		3	20	50	
21 Kenton.....	100				100	10			12	12	10	50	94		4	4	300	
22 Maryland....	159		5		164	6			11	11	5	22	55			5	620	
23 Middle to'n ..	1206		10	194	2135	45	20	11	25	22	20	212	355	12		37	41	
24 Millington..	506		5	58	655			7	10	8	61	86		2				
25 Odessa.....	550		6	29	654	34	10	15	12	13	13	171	268	25	6	7	200	
26 Oxford.....	175		17		205			10	5	10	10	59	104		8	1	5	328
27 Piney N'k. ..	46				46		3		5	6	5	10	29		1	17	389	
28 Pomona.....	100		5		105			6	5	8	7	30	64			4	540	
29 Preston.....	127			44	171	20	16	6	20	18	18	95	193			6	244	
30 Queensto'n ..	95				190				10	11	3	24				12	150	
31 Ridgely.....	112		12		152	20		5	15	13	47	105			10	776		
32 Rock Hall...	170		5		175	21			10	15	10	103	159			5		
33 Royal Oak...	65				65				5	5	12			1		375		
34 St. Michael's	514		5		519	33	12		15	13	50	138			10	263		
35 Salem Ct...	70				70		4		5	6	30	50	20	4	1	100		
36 Smyrna.....	2892			212	3336	25	25	10	30	22	232	374			1	508		
37 Still Pond...	1002		5	175	1182	73	15	2	16	15	15	95	231		5	28	630	
38 Sudlersville	518		6	2	526	40	15	5	16	16	17	78	187	100	14	2	278	
39 Tilghm'n's ..	400				400	21			16	15	47	99	158			26	350	
40 Townsend...	575				575			5	14	14	10	166	209		9	17	47	
41 Trappe.....	107				107			5	10	12	30	57			1	14	440	
42 Wye.....	50		10		60	5			9	7	19	50			1	2	200	
Total.....	18270	50	199	1747	1729	21995	547	279	130	441	583	460	3506	5942	343	13616	558	13065

STATISTICAL

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'ry Mem., Full Members), Church Property (Land and Buildings, etc.), and various financial metrics. Rows list 50 churches including Annessex, Ayres Chapel, Berlin, etc.

STATISTICAL

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support of District Supt., etc.), and Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized). Rows list 50 churches and their respective pastors.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: List No., Schools on Charge, Schools Using Graded Lessons, Officers and Teachers, Pupils Enrolled (Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Young People, Adults, Home Department), Total Enroll't in all Depts., Inc. Cradle Roll, Home Dept. Off'r, Teach'rs, Pu'l's, Average Attendance of all Grades, Pupils incl. Home Dept. who are Church Mem- bers or Preparatory Mem., Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S., Paid by Sunday School to World Service, Paid for Sunday School Supplies, Senior Members, Junior Members, Epw'th League.

TREASURER'S SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference (World Service, Children's Day Fund, Woman's Foreign Mis- sionary Society, Woman's Home Mis- sionary Society, Total Disciplinary Be- nevolences), Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference (Hospitals and Homes, City Missionary or Ch'h Extension Society, Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, Domestic Missions, 1/2 Salary Conference En- tertainment, Director of Religious Ed- ucation, Other Items, Total Benevolences Ord' by Annual Conference, Annual Conf. Investm'ts for Conf. Claimants, Gen- ral Conference Ex- penses, Local Preachers, Subscribers to the Advo- cates, Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society).



STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'y Memb., Full Members), Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Parsonages, etc.), and various financial metrics. Rows list 48 charges including Bethel and Town Point, Charlestown, etc.

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support of District Supt., Support of Bishops, Support of Conf. Cl'mnts), and Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized). Rows list 48 charges including Bethel & Town Pt., Charlestown, etc.





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