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## I.

### Rules of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

#### I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

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

#### II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

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

#### III. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### IV. QUESTIONS TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT DEBATE.

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

## II.

### CONFERENCE ROLLS.

#### (a) CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL.

1868 Cornelius W. Prettyman	1886 George E. Wood
	1886 William W. Sharp
1870 Adam Stengle	1886 William R. Mowbray
1870 George E. Reed	1886 Henry S. Dulany
	1886 James T. Prouse
	1886 William P. Taylor
1871 Levin W. Layfield	
1871 Franz O. B. Wallin	1887 James H. Wilson
	1887 Harvey W. Ewing
1872 John P. Otis	
	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	
1876 Wilbur F. Corkran	1889 Vinal E. Hills
1876 John M. Collins	1889 Truston C. Smoot
1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker	
	1890 George W. Bounds
1878 Robert K. Stephenson	1890 Melvin D. Nutter
1879 Olin S. Walton	1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan
1879 Alfred Smith	1891 George A. Cooke
1879 Joshua M. Lindale	1891 George P. Jones
1881 Louis P. Corkran	1892 Theodore F. Beauchamp
1881 Sewall N. Pilchard	1892 Clarence W. Strickland
	1892 Francis B. Short
1882 Allison P. Prettyman	1893 John P. Outten
1882 Charles H. Williams	1893 James T. Richardson
1883 William B. Guthrie	1894 Henry G. Budd
1883 George L. Hardesty	1894 John H. Beauchamp
1883 Vaughan S. Collins	
	1895 Edward H. Collins
1884 William A. Wise	1895 Daniel J. Givan
1884 Edmund H. Derrickson	1895 Thomas R. Van Dyke
1884 Thomas N. Given	
1884 William F. Dawson	1896 Luther E. Poole
	1896 Leolan Jackson
1885 James W. Easley	1897 John W. Prettyman
1885 James D. Reese	1897 Thomas S. Holt
1885 George W. Bowman	1897 William O. Bennett
1885 Daniel H. Willis	1897 Harry Taylor
1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield	

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  
 1908 Albert J. Croft

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

1911 Oren B. Rice  
 1911 David J. Moore  
 1911 Charles W. Spry

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

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. Hervis  
 1918 Robert S. Hodgson  
 1918 Willard V. Moore  
 1918 John T. Rowlenson  
 1918 John W. Wootten  
 1918 August F. Zimmerman

1919 Earl M. Shockley  
 1919 John H. Whedbee

1920 John C. Bolton  
 1920 William L. Hess  
 1920 Joshua B. McCabe

1921 Milton S. Andrews  
 1921 Charles E. Davis  
 1921 Sylvanus T. Hamblin

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

1923 Walter G. Barlow  
 1923 Disston A. Stockely

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

1927 John A. Clark  
 1927 Roscoe W. Campbell  
 1927 John R. Diehl  
 1927 Conrad Hamer  
 1927 Harvey O. Hufnal  
 1927 James H. McRill  
 1927 Rufus W. Mills  
 1927 Paul E. Reynolds

**(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 Asbury (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	5
1888 Anderson, J. F.	R 2122 Gillis St., Wilmington, Del.	6
1921 Andrews, M. S.	E Lewes, Del.	4
1917 Atkins, C. H.	E Concord (P. O. Hobbs, Md.)	6
1924 Bailey, H. N.	D Crapo, Md.	1
1926 Baker, F. A.	P Millington, Md.	2
1923 Barlow, W. G.	E Georgetown, Del.	2
1926 Barrett, J. I.	P Henderson, Md.	1
1924 Bartley, O. A.	D Hebron, Md.	3
1902 Baynard, O. T.	E Quantico, Md.	2
1892 Beauchamp, T. F.	E Georgetown, Del.	3
1894 Beauchamp, J. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	7
1897 Bennett, W. O.	E Princess Anne, Md.	2
1914 Benson, N. C.	E Frederica, Del.	2
1907 Bicking, J. R.	E Scott (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1920 Bolton, J. C.	E Pittsville, Md.	2
1890 Bounds, G. W.	E Kingswood (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	8
1885 Bowman, G. W.	R Laurel, Del.	22
1926 Bradley, S. B.	P Crumpton, Md.	1
1926 Branford, C. W.	P Ocean View, Md.	1
1926 Branford, H. V.	P Marion, Md.	1
1907 Briggs, W. H.	Sy R.R. # 3, Vancouver, Washington	1
1915 Broadway, L. M.	E Perryville, Md.	2
1904 Buckson, J. A.	E Millsboro, Del.	4
1894 Budd, H. G.	E Greensboro, Md.	2
1909 Bunting, J. J.	E Crisfield, Md.	3
1927 Campbell, R. W.	P Magnolia, Del.	1
1888 Chaires, W. W.	R Bozman, Md.	8
1915 Clark, C. W.	E Still Pond, Md.	2
1927 Clark, J. A.	E Hopewell (P.O. Port Deposit, Md.)	1
1876 Collins, J. M.	R 1607 W. 13th St., Wilm., Del.	23
1883 Collins, V. S.	E Delaware City, Del.	1
1895 Collins, E. H.	E Harrington, Del.	4
1924 Collins, O. J.	D Charlestown, Md.	4
1902 Colona, J. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	5
1912 Connelly, O. H.	E Epworth (P. O. Wi'm., Del.)	1

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1891 Cooke, G. A.	E Frankford, Del.	5
1876 Corkran, W. F.	E Chestertown, Md.	2
1881 Corkran, L. P.	R Church Hill, Md.	11
1908 Croft, A. J.	E Salisbury, Md.	1
1918 Cummings, W. H.	E Parsonburg, Md.	3
1899 Dashiell, E. H.	E Salisbury, Md.	5
1900 Davis, Howard	E Cape Charles, Va.	1
1921 Davis, C. E.	E Cherry Hill (P.O. Elkton, Md.)	1
1884 Dawson, W. F.	E Hurlock, Md.	3
1899 Dawson, G. W.	E Cecilton, Md.	3
1884 Derrickson, E. H.	R Odessa, Del.	7
1927 Diehl, J. R.	P Greenwood, Del.	1
1886 Dulany, H. S.	E Grace (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)	1
1885 Easley, J. W.	R Wilmington, Del.	9
1902 Eldridge, J. S.	E Milton, Del.	3
1887 Ewing, H. W.	R Newark, Del.	4
1900 Faulkner, F. N.	R Delmar, Del.	2
1905 Ford, D. J.	E Wyoming, Del.	3
1915 Frye, A. B.	E Fruitland, Md.	1
1902 Gardner, J. H.	E Whitesville, Del.	2
1922 Gehman, G. T.	E Ebenezer (P. O. Newark, Del.)	4
1891 Geoghegan, J. H.	E Kenton, Del.	1
1895 Givan, D. J.	E Clayton, Del.	2
1884 Given, T. N.	R Cheswold, Del.	5
1917 Godwin, W. F.	Sy Beverly Court Apt. # 42, Atlantic City, N. J.	2
1903 Goodhand, A. W.	E Phoebus, Va.	3
1917 Grant, W. S.	E Rock Hall, Md.	1
1925 Grande, J. W.	D At School	3
1888 Gray, J. W.	R Landover, Md.	5
1873 Greene, W. M.	R Milton, Del.	24
1900 Greenfield, W. E.	E Brandywine (P.O. Wilm., Del.)	10
1903 Gunby, W. E.	E Dover, Del.	5
1883 Guthrie, W. B.	R Kenton, Del.	7
1903 Habbart, W. E.	E Cambridge, Md.	3
1910 Hallman, E. C.	E Berlin, Md.	4
1921 Hamblin, S. T.	E Rehoboth, Del.	2
1927 Hamer, Conrad	P Ellendale, Del.	1
1883 Hardesty, G. L.	R 2506 No. Madison St., Wilm., Del.	14
1906 Harris, W. G.	E Elkton, Md.	5
1916 Harris, C. C.	E Preston, Md.	3
1914 Harrison, W. E., Jr.	E McCabe (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1900 Hastings, G. W.	E Mt. Vernon (P.O. Pr. Anne, Md.)	2
1917 Hearn, W. A.	E Middletown, Del.	3
1918 Henvis, E. W.	E Sudlersville, Md.	1
1909 Herson, Frank	E Milford, Del.	1

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1920 Hess, W. L.	E Hillcrest (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	1
1889 Hills, V. E.	E Mt. Pleasant (P.O. Edge Moor, Del.)	3
1918 Hodgson, R. S.	E Townsend, Del.	1
1876 Hoeffcker, E. L.	R Easton, Md.	10
1897 Holt, T. S.	R Federalburg, Md.	16
1900 Hudson, J. A.	E Westover, Md.	1
1922 Hudson, C. H.	E Seaford, Del.	2
1927 Hufnal, H. O.	P Zoar Ct. (P. O. Dover, Del.)	1
1896 Jackson, Leolan	E Madeley (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1913 Jacobs, D. W.	E Newark, Del.	1
1907 James, O. E.	R Cambridge, Md.	4
1926 Jefferson, O. P.	P Crumpton, Md.	2
1906 Johns, B. M.	E Grace (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	5
1899 Johnson, J. L.	E Harrison St. (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1891 Jones, G. P.	E 600 Ford Bldg., Wilmington, Del.	1
1898 Jones, J. W.	E Pocomoke City, Md.	2
1898 Jones, O. E.	E Middletown, Del.	5
1900 Jones, C. N.	E Ocean City, Md.	2
1903 Jones, C. T.	E Chester-Bethel (P.O.Boothwyn,Pa.)	2
1905 Jones, E. W.	E Dover, Del.	2
1915 Jones, R. C.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1898 Kelso, H. B.	E Claymont, Del.	3
1904 Kelso, J. M.	E Dover, Del.	5
1871 Layfield, L. W.	R Greenwood, Del.	4
1913 Leach, J. A.	E Union (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	4
1879 Lindale, J. M.	R Chestertown, Md.	9
1912 Lindhorst, F. A.	E Dover, Del.	3
1920 McCabe, J. B.	E Federalburg, Md.	2
1905 McCoy, J. C.	E Rising Sun, Md.	3
1905 McDade, H. R.	E Kent Is. (P.O.Stevensville, Md.)	1
1906 McDowell, E. W.	E Eastlake (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	3
1917 McGuire, W. T.	E Odessa, Del.	3
1927 McRill, J. H.	P Bayside (P O. Sherwood, Md.)	1
1873 MacSorley, F. C.	R 2209 Boulevard, Wilmington, Del.	2
1914 Marine, M. W.	E Selbyville, Del.	3
1902 Marshall, E. H.	R Salem, Va.	3
1900 Martin, O. L.	R Salisbury, Md.	4
1902 Matthews, W. E.	R Smyrna, Del.	6
1927 Mills, R. W.	P St. Peter's (P. O. Oriole, Md.)	1
1905 Moore, C. W.	E St. Michaels, Md.	2
1898 Moore, F. X.	R New Freedom, Pa.	7
1911 Moore, D. J.	E Ridgely, Md.	1
1918 Moore, W. V.	E Mt Salem (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1905 Morgan, L. B.	E Richardson Park, Del.	4
1886 Mowbray, W. R.	R Lewes, Del.	2
1912 Newton, G. F.	E Newark, Md.	1
1907 Nichols, R. P.	E Easton, Md.	2

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1890 Nutter, M. D.	E Church Hill, Md.	1
1872 Otis, J. P.	R Marshallton, Del.	9
1893 Outten, J. P.	E Camden, Del.	3
1924 Parker, J. E.	D Felton, Del.	1
1925 Parks, H. M.	D Mt. Lebanon (P.O. Rockland, Del.)	1
1881 Pilchard, S. N.	R Hillsboro, Md.	7
1896 Poole, L. E.	E Centreville, Md.	2
1900 Poole, W. C.	E St. John's (P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	5
1868 Prettyman, C. W.	R Orange City, Fla.	12
1882 Prettyman, A. P.	R Galena, Md.	11
1897 Prettyman, J. W.	E Zion Ct. (P. O. North East, Md.)	5
1909 Prettyman, E. C.	E Wilmington, Del.	13
1908 Price, J. T.	E Deal Island, Md.	1
1886 Prouse, J. T.	R Edge Moor, Del.	15
1870 Reed, G. E.	R Harrisburg, Pa.	6
1910 Reed, H. E.	E Cheswold, Del.	2
1916 Reed, O. B.	E Hockessin, Del.	1
1885 Reese, J. D.	R Houston, Del.	9
1907 Revelle, W. H.	E Trinity (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	1
1927 Reynolds, P. E.	P Vienna, Md.	1
1911 Rice, O. B.	E St. Georges, Del.	2
1893 Richardson, J. T.	E Chesapeake City, Md.	4
1873 Roe, Robert	R Trappe, Md.	16
1918 Rowlenson, J. T.	E Chincoteague, Va.	3
1910 Sard, T. J.	E Crisfield, Md.	2
1886 Sharp, W. W.	R Ocean Grove, N. J.	3
1919 Shockley, E. M.	E North East, Md.	2
1892 Short, F. B.	E New York City	7
1922 Short, W. D.	E East New Market, Md.	2
1879 Smith, Alfred	R Camden, Del.	11
1907 Smith, Tilghman	E Marshallton, Del.	2
1889 Smoot, T. C.	R Dover, Del.	4
1906 Sparklin, J. L.	E Newport, Del.	5
1926 Spence, P. W.	P Christiana, Del.	2
1911 Spry, C. W.	E Blades, Del.	1
1888 Stallings, G. W.	R Lovettsville, Loudoun Co., Va.	6
1870 Stangle, Adam	R Wilmington, Del.	13
1878 Stephenson, R. K.	E Smyrna, Del.	3
1912 Sterling, G. E.	E Bridgeville, Del.	3
1923 Stockely, D. A.	E Upper Fairmount, Md.	1
1892 Strickland, C. W.	E Tangier, Va.	4
1885 Sunfield, E. C.	R Barnegat, N. J.	6
1908 Sutton, J. W.	E St. Thomas (P O Bishops H'd. Md.)	2
1886 Taylor, W. P.	E Hillsboro, Md.	3
1904 Taylor, E. B.	E Onancock, Va.	2
1897 Taylor, Harry	E Red Lion, Del.	1
1916 Thawley, R. T.	E Tilghman, Md.	1



Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1903 Thomas, G. S.	E Dagsboro, Del.	2
1914 Thomas, E. P.	E Laurel, Del.	5
1876 Townsend, G. W.	R Ridley Park, Pa.	13
1914 Truitt, P. P.	E Sharptown, Md.	2
1895 Van Dyke, T. R.	E New Castle, Del.	1
1871 Wallin, F. O. B.	R Sweden	27
1879 Walton, O. S.	R Red Lion, Del.	22
1910 Wheatley, M. E.	E Denton, Md.	3
1919 Whedbee, J. H.	E Bethel, Del.	2
1908 White, Leonard	E Delmar, Del.	2
1914 White, Frank	E Snow Hill, Md.	2
1882 Williams, C. H.	R Snow Hill, Md.	14
1885 Willis, D. H.	R Cambridge, Md.	15
1912 Willis, Ivanhoe	E Galena, Md.	2
1887 Wilson, J. H.	R Mt. Lebanon (P.O. Rockland, Del.)	1
1906 Wilson, Daniel	R Centreville, Md.	3
1916 Wilson, J. P.	Sy. Salisbury, Md.	1
1916 Windsor, L. E.	E Seaford, Del.	2
1884 Wise, W. A.	E Port Deposit, Md.	1
1886 Wood, G. E.	E Trappe, Md.	2
1907 Woodard, A. S.	E St. Paul's (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1905 Woodell, W. R.	E Roxana, Del.	1
1918 Wootten, J. W.	E Somerset (P. O. Chance, Md.)	2
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Barrett, T. S.	Piney Neck (P.O. Rock Hall, Md.)	5
Buckson, W. C.	Lincoln, Del.	1
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Carr, D. E.	Cordova, Md.	2
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Friedel, Oliver	Secretary, Md.	1
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Layton, J. E.	Holly Oak, Del.	1
Lightner, G. S.	Claremont, Va.	2
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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, Treasurer Conference Claimant Endowment Commission.
2. **Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?**  
Albert J. Croft, Nebraska.
3. **Who have been Readmitted?**  
None.
4. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**  
John A. Clark from Primitive Methodist Church.
5. **Who have been Received on Trial?**
  - (a) **In Studies of First Year.**  
Roscoe W. Campbell, John R. Diehl, Conrad Hamer, Harvey O. Hufnal, James H. McRill, Rufus W. Mills, Paul E. Reynolds.
  - (b) **In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.**  
None.
6. **Who have been Continued on Trial.**
  - (a) **In Studies of First Year.**  
Joseph I. Barrett, Sidney B. Bradley, Otis P. Jefferson, Preston W. Spence.
  - (b) **In Studies of Second Year.**  
Frank A. Baker, Charles W. Branford, Harry V. Branford.
  - (c) **In Studies of Third Year.**  
None.
  - (d) **In Studies of Fourth Year.**  
John W. Grande.

7. **Who have been Discontinued?**  
None.
8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
  - (a) **Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.**  
Oliver J. Collins, Henry M. Parks.
  - (b) **Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.**  
None.
  - (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.**  
Oliver J. Collins, Henry M. Parks.
  - (b) **Admitted into Full Membership previously.**  
None.
10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**  
Harry N. Bailey, Oler A. Bartley, John E. Parker.
11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
  - (a) **Elected and Ordained Elders this year.**  
Gilbert T. Gehman, Disston A. Stockely.
  - (b) **Elected and Ordained Elders previously.**  
None.
  - (c) **Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.**  
None.
  - (d) **Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.**  
None.
  - (e) **Ordained Elder, having been previously Elected by \_\_\_\_\_ Conference.**  
None.
  - (f) **Ordained Elder elsewhere under our Election.**  
None.



- 12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
- (a) As Local Preachers.  
William L. McClintock.
- (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.  
None.
- (b) Under Missionary Rule.  
None.
- (c) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.  
None.
- 14. Who have been left without Appointment to Attend One of our Schools?**  
John W. Grande.
- 15. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**  
It was.
- 16. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**  
Hamilton P. Fox, Nebraska; Benjamin W. Gilbert, Newark.
- 17. Who have Died?**  
Robert Watt.
- 18. Who have been Located at their own Request?**  
James C. Steen.
- 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?**  
George S. Allen, under Complaints; Harry W. Gallion, under Complaints; Zach W. Wells, under Complaints.
- 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 H. Briggs (1); William F. Godwin (2); Joseph P. Wilson (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. Hoffecker, 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, C. H. Williams, D. H. Willis, Daniel Wilson, J. H.  
Wilson.
- 27. Who have been Granted Leave of Absence?**  
None.
- 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?**  
\$130,523.
- (b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**  
\$15,699.
- 34. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**  
For Annuity distribution, 2414¼ year multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$26 per year, \$62,770; For Necessitous distribution, \$4000: Total, \$66,770.
- 35. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?**  
From The Book Concern, \$4452; From the Chartered Fund, \$40; From Pastoral Charges, \$41,017; From Other Sources, \$8591. Total, \$54,100.
- (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?**  
Union M. E. Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

## VIII.

## APPOINTMENTS.

## DOVER DISTRICT.

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

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

## MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

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

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

## SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

✓ Annessex, (Sup.) Ray Kirwan P. O. Crisfield, Md.	Claremont, Va., (Sup.) G. S. Lightner ✓
Ayres Chapel, (Sup.) A. T. Hudson P. O. Onancock, Va.	Crisfield, Md., Asbury, T. J. Sard
✓ Berlin, Md., E. C. Hallman	Immanuel, J. J. Bunting
Bishopville, Md., (Sup.) R. H. Wilson	Dagsboro & St. Georges, G. S. Thomas
Cape Charles, Va., Howard Davis	P. O. Dagsboro, Del.
✓ Chincoteague, Va., J. T. Rowleson	Deal's Island, Md., J. T. Price
	Delmar, Del., Leonard White

Fairmount, P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.	D. A. Stockely	Powellville, (Sup.) Roland Nelson ✓ P. O. Pittsville, Md.
✓ Frankford, Del.	G. A. Cooke	Princess Anne, Md., W. O. Bennett
Fruitland, Md., A. B. Frye		Quantico, Md., O. T. Baynard ✓
✓ Girdletree, Md., (Sup.) J. T. Graham		Roxana, Del., W. R. Woodell ✓
✓ Gumboro, (Sup.) Roy Tawes P. O. Frankford, Del.		St. Peter's, R. W. Mills P. O. Oriole, Md.
✓ Hebron, Md., O. A. Bartley		Salisbury, Md.: Asbury, A. J. Croft
Mardela Springs, Md., (Sup.) J. C. Hanby		Grace, H. S. Dulany
Marion, Md., H. V. Branford		Selbyville, Del., M. W. Marine
Mt. Vernon, G. W. Hastings		Sharptown, Md., P. P. Truitt ✓
P. O. Princess Anne, Md.		Smith's Island, A. F. Zimmerman P. O. Ewell, Md.
Nanticoke, Md., (Sup.) Grason Wheatley		Snow Hill, Md., Frank White
✓ Newark, Md., G. F. Newton		Somerset, J. W. Wooten P. O. Chance, Md.
✓ Ocean City, Md., C. N. Jones		Stengle, Supplied by Pastor of Grace, Salisbury
Ocean View and Millville, C. W. Branford		Stockton, Md., (Sup.) D. B. Prettyman
P. O. Ocean View, Del.		Synepuxent, Md., (Sup.) E. M. Byrd
Onancock, Va., E. B. Taylor		Tangier, Va., C. W. Strickland ✓
Parsonburg, Md., W. H. Cummings		Venton, Md., Supplied by Pastor of Princess Anne
✓ Phoebus, Va., A. W. Goodhand		Westover, Md., J. A. Hudson ✓
✓ Pittsville, Md., J. C. Bolton		White Haven, Md., (Sup.) W. F. Atkinson
Pocomoke City, Md., J. W. Jones		Whitesville, Del., J. H. Gardner
Pocomoke Circuit, (Sup.) C. S. Larrimore		
P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.		

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

Bethel & Town Point, (Sup.) C. D. Sharpless P. O. Elkton, Md.	Claymont, Del., H. B. Kelso
Cedars, (Sup.) John Galloway	Colora, Md., (Sup.) Thomas Pardee
P. O. Marshallton, Del.	Delaware City, Del., V. S. Collins
✓ Charlestown, Md., O. J. Collins	Ebenezer, G. T. Gehman ✓
Cherry Hill, C. E. Davis	P. O. Newark, Del.
P. O. Elkton, Md.	Edge Moor, Del., (Sup.) W. E. Fosnocht
✓ Chesapeake City, Md., J. T. Richardson	Elkton, Md., W. G. Harris
Chester-Bethel, C. T. Jones	Hockessin, Del., O. B. Reed
P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.	Holly Oak, Del., (Sup.) J. E. Layton
Christiana, Del., P. W. Spence	Hopewell, John A. Clark
	P. O. Port Deposit, Md.
	Marshallton, Del., Tilghman Smith

Mt. Lebanon,	H. M. Parks	Brandywine,	W. E. Greenfield
P. O. Rockland, Del.		Brack-Ex, (Sup.)	R. H. Adams
Mt. Pleasant,	V. E. Hills		P. O. Elsmere, Del.
P. O. Edge Moor, Del.		Cookman,	J. H. Wright
Newark, Del.,	D. W. Jacobs	Eastlake,	E. W. McDowell
New Castle, Del.,	T. R. Van Dyke	Epworth,	O. H. Connelly
Newport, Del.,	J. L. Sparklin	Grace,	B. M. Johns
North East, Md.,	E. M. Shockley	Harrison Street,	J. L. Johnson
Perryville, Md.,	L. M. Broadway	Hillcrest and Belle Font,	
Port Deposit, Md.,	W. A. Wise		W. L. Hess
Red Lion, Del.,	Harry Taylor		P. O. Edge Moor, Del.
Rising Sun, Md.,	J. C. McCoy	Kingswood,	G. W. Bounds
St. George's & Summit,	O. B. Rice	Madeley,	Leolan Jackson
P. O. St. George's, Del.		McCabe,	W. E. Harrison, Jr.
St. John's,	W. C. Poole	Mt. Salem,	W. V. Moore
P. O. Lewisville, Pa.		Richardson Park,	L. B. Morgan
Stanton, Del. (Sup.)	F. C. Louhoff	Scott,	J. R. Bicking
Zion Circuit,	J. W. Prettyman	Silverbrook,	R. C. Jones
P. O. North East, Md.		St. Paul's,	A. S. Woodard
Wilmington:		Trinity,	W. H. Revelle
Asbury,	G. T. Alderson	Union,	J. A. Leach

- 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, Treasurer, 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.
- F. A. Lindhorst, Director of Religious Education, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.
- J. W. Grande left without appointment to attend school.
- Miss Rosa Santee, Superintendent, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.
- Miss Elizabeth Hall, Epworth Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.

## IX.

## JOURNAL.

### DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

#### FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—The Wilmington Annual Conference assembled for its Fifty-ninth Session in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Salisbury, Md., on Wednesday morning, March 23, 1927, at nine o'clock, Bishop Francis J. McConnell presiding.

**LORD'S SUPPER.**—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Pastor of Asbury Church and the District Superintendents.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE.

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

The memoir of Robert Watt, written by G. P. Jones, was presented and read.

The memoir of James L. Derrickson, supply pastor, was presented and read by G. F. Newton.

W. Vaughn Moore presented and read the memoir of Mrs. Nellie M. Fogle; G. P. Jones that of Mrs. Frances A. Hurst, and E. W. McDowell that of Mrs. Elva C. Talley.

The memoirs as read were then adopted and ordered published in the minutes, together with that of George C. Williams as printed in the minutes of the Holston Conference.

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

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

The Secretary called the name of Robert Watt, deceased.

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

**Statistician.**—The Statistician, N. C. Benson, nominated the following assistants and they were confirmed: L. E. Windsor, O. A. Bartley, S. T.

Hamblin, D. A. Stockely, R. W. Mills, L. M. Broadway, G. E. Sterling, W. T. McGuire, W. L. McClintock, G. T. Gehman, R. W. Campbell and C. W. Clark.

**Treasurer.**—V. E. Hills was elected Treasurer and nominated as his assistants, W. A. Hearn, A. B. Frye, R. T. Thawley, J. L. Sparklin, O. H. Connelly, O. J. Collins, T. J. Sard, A. F. Zimmerman and F. C. Louhoff, and they were confirmed.

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

**Conference Program.**—The program of the Conference as printed was made the official program, subject to changes 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 made the committee on courtesy.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—On motion of G. W. Dawson, an Executive Session was made the order of the day for Thursday morning, following the reading of the journal.

**QUESTION 16.**—The Sixteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of H. P. Fox to the Nebraska Conference.

**QUESTION 2.**—The Second Question, "Who have been received by Transfer and from what Conferences?" was taken up. Bishop McConnell announced the transfer of A. J. Croft from the Nebraska Conference and he was introduced.

**SUNDAY LAWS.**—On motion of E. H. Dashiell the following Resolutions were adopted and ordered sent to the Honorable Orlando Harrison of the Maryland State Senate. A similar set of Resolutions was ordered sent to the Honorable William H. Alderson of the Maryland House of Delegates:

WHEREAS, There are pending in the General Assembly of Maryland Bills amending Maryland's Sunday law to legalize Sunday Motion Pictures, to legalize Sunday Bowling and Basket Ball and to legalize Sunday Commercialized Sports except Prize Fighting and Horse Racing; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church with a lay membership of 25,698, as of March 24, 1926, and a constituency of at least 50,000 persons, that we enter our

unanimous protest against all these Bills or any other legislation having for its purpose the weakening of Maryland's Sunday law; be it further

RESOLVED, That by this action we represent not only our own position but what we believe to be the sentiment of the great majority of voting citizens resident in the 9 counties of the Eastern Shore of Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this action be sent to Honorable Orlando Harrison with the request that he have it read in the open session of the Senate and printed in the Senate Journal.

FRANCIS J. McCONNELL, President;  
DISSTON W. JACOBS, Secretary.

**BUREAU OF SESSIONS.**—The following were nominated by G. T. Alderson as members of the Bureau of Sessions to serve for a term of three years, and they were elected: T. F. Beauchamp, R. K. Stephenson and George E. King.

**STATISTICAL CALL.**—The call for pastors' reports was made the order of the day for eleven o'clock.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—The following were nominated by the District Superintendents as ministerial members of the Conference Board of Stewards: Dover District, E. W. Jones; Middletown District, G. P. Jones; Salisbury District, J. W. Jones; Wilmington District, W. E. Greenfield, and, on motion, they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot.

**DRAFTS.**—The Bishop presented a draft from the Chartered Fund amounting to \$40, and one from the Methodist Book Concern for \$4452, and they were ordered in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

**QUESTION 15.**—The Fifteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was taken up. W. E. Gunby, Superintendent of the Dover District, was called, his character passed and he read a report of his work.

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

**QUESTION 15.**—The Fifteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was resumed. O. E. Jones, Superintendent of the Middletown District, E. H. Dashiell, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, and J. W. Colona, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, were called, their characters passed, and they read reports of the work on their respective districts.

**CHECKS.**—On motion of J. W. Colona, the Treasurer was requested to ask every Pastor who has turned in cash to get it and exchange it for a check so that all monies in the hands of the Treasurer shall be in check form.



**EXCUSED.**—E. W. Jones and Walter Hearn were excused from attending Thursday morning's session.

**TIME EXTENDED.**—On motion, time was extended.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS.**—On motion of G. T. Alderson, the District Superintendents were requested, in making nominations for the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, to so divide them into groups that their terms will expire at the end of one, two, and three years respectively, as is done now in the case of the members of the Conference Relations Committee.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Robert A. Brooks, representing the Methodist Book Concern, and Charles R. Oaten, Business Representative of the Board of Pensions and Relief, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

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

### SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at two-thirty o'clock, Bishop McConnell presiding and conducting the devotions. After the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," was sung, Bishop Berry led in prayer.

**QUESTION 16.**—The Sixteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?" was resumed. The Bishop announced the transfer of Benjamin W. Gilbert to the Newark Conference.

**NEW PENSION PLAN.**—Charles R. Oaten, Business Representative of the Board of Pensions and Relief, addressed the Conference on the subject of the New Pension Plan. After discussion, Conference adjourned, Bishop McConnell pronouncing the benediction.

### THIRD SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

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

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

**PUBLIC LEDGER.**—On motion of Leonard White, amended by E. H. Dashiell, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Editor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, protesting against the published statement

that this Conference was favorable to Sunday Commercialized Sports and requesting the Editor to correct the error by publishing our real attitude in this matter.

**BOXING BILL.**—On motion of Alfred Smith, the following resolutions, as amended, were adopted and ordered sent to the Honorable W. F. Allen, President Pro. Tem. of the Delaware State Senate:

WHEREAS, We have learned that the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Delaware has passed by a small majority the bill known as the "Boxing Bill"; and

WHEREAS, It is our solemn conviction that the enacting into law of this measure, or any such measure, would result disastrously to the morals of the State; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Members of the Wilmington Annual Conference, representing 40,000 people in the State of Delaware, now in session at Salisbury, Maryland, do most earnestly urge upon your honorable body the duty of defeating the said "Boxing Bill" when it comes before your body for adoption;

RESOLVED, That this action of the Conference be conveyed through the Secretary of the Conference to President Allen, with the request that he lay the matter before the Senate, and that the name of our Presiding Bishop and the Secretary be attached thereto.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—Conference went into executive session, Leolan Jackson and C. C. Harris being designated doorkeepers.

**QUESTION 15.**—The Fifteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was resumed. The Effective Elders of the Dover District were called and their characters passed, with the exception of E. W. Jones. On motion of G. T. Alderson the case of E. W. Jones was referred to a Committee of Seven to determine whether the situation is sufficiently grave to warrant the formulation of charges, and the following men were appointed: G. T. Alderson, J. W. Easley, R. K. Stephenson, J. B. McCabe, G. W. Dawson, J. J. Bunting and L. B. Morgan.

The Effective Elders of the Middletown District were called and their characters passed, with the exception of G. S. Allen. On motion of District Superintendent, O. E. Jones, Conference voted to enter the name of G. S. Allen under Question 22, "Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?"

The Effective Elders of the Salisbury District were called and their characters passed, with the exception of H. W. Gallion and P. P. Truitt.

On motion of G. T. Alderson the report of the Committee of Investigation into the discrepancy in the accounts of the Conference Treasurer was read by J. W. Colona. On motion of V. S. Collins, the report was adopted, the committee given a vote of thanks for their painstaking work, the Secretary instructed to file the report in the Conference records and print in the minutes the part read by Doctor Colona. (See Financial Re-

ports.) On motion of G. W. Bounds, the statement of the Treasurer that no cause had suffered financial loss by this discrepancy was ordered printed in the journal.

On motion of District Superintendent Dashiell, Conference ordered the name of H. W. Gallion to be entered under Question 22, "Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?"

On motion of E. C. Hallman, the case of P. P. Truitt was referred to a Committee of Seven, with the object of determining whether there is reason for formulating charges. The following committee was appointed: H. G. Budd, Leonard White, L. E. Poole, G. E. Sterling, Leolan Jackson, J. W. Jones and J. L. Johnson.

The Effective Elders of the Wilmington District were called, and their characters passed, with the exception of Z. W. Wells. On motion of District Superintendent Colona, Conference ordered the name of Z. W. Wells to be entered under Question 22, "Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?" On motion of V. S. Collins, the Secretary was instructed to inform Brother Wells that his request for the return of his credentials was heard through the District Superintendent, but it could not be granted under the law of the Church.

**OPEN SESSION.**—Conference resumed its open session.

**SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.**—The order of the day was taken up and announcement made that Dr. G. E. Reed would preach his semi-centennial sermon. A hymn was sung, after which G. L. Hardesty led in prayer and Dr. G. E. Reed preached, having as his theme, "An Interview with Paul." On motion of John Kelso, a rising vote of thanks was given Doctor Reed for his inspiring sermon.

**CORPORATE SESSION.**—The Conference went into Corporate Session for the purpose of electing ministerial trustees of the Wesley Collegiate Institute, W. O. Hoffecker, President of the Board, presiding. The following were nominated and elected trustees of said Institute for a term of three years, Secretary Magee casting the ballot: G. T. Alderson, V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran, L. B. Morgan and T. F. Beauchamp.

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

**ADDRESS ON MEXICO.**—On motion of F. C. MacSorley, the Bishop was requested to make an address on the subject of "Mexico," at such hour as could be conveniently arranged.

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

#### FOURTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop McConnell presiding and conducting the devotions. Doctor Harvey W. Ewing led in prayer.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—On motion of Tilghman Smith, an Executive Session was ordered to be held in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at three o'clock this afternoon.

**STATE-WIDE ENFORCEMENT BILL.**—On motion of Leonard White, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, There has been introduced into the House of the Maryland Legislature by Delegate Coburn, of Harford County, a state-wide enforcement bill prohibiting the sale, giving away or otherwise disposing of intoxicating liquor, and also prohibiting the transportation of and solicitation of orders for intoxicating liquor within the State of Maryland; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the ministers of the Wilmington Conference, which includes all the territory of the Eastern Shore, earnestly petition the House of Delegates to pass this measure, which will remove an intolerable reproach from the fair name of the State of Maryland; be it further

RESOLVED, That we particularly urge the Delegates from the nine Eastern Shore Counties, every one of which is dry from conviction, and has been for many years, to register a one hundred per cent. vote in favor of this bill; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**—E. C. Hallman presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Methodism has no richer historical field than that contained within the borders of the Wilmington Conference; and

WHEREAS, Valuable documents and interesting historical facts are being lost for the want of attention; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we organize this Wilmington Conference into an Historical Society by electing a President at large and one Vice President for each District; be it further

RESOLVED, That we request each pastoral charge to appoint an historian to write a history of the charge and send to the Historical Society, and with the history, copies of any valuable historical documents that may be in their possession; be it further

RESOLVED, That we request each pastoral charge to locate and



mark the grave of any Methodist Itinerant Preacher, who may be buried within the borders of the charge, sending to the Historical Society as accurate a description of the location as possible; be it further

RESOLVED, That all historical documents so collected be kept in a fireproof box, similar to the one used by the Secretary of the Conference, and said box be stored in some fireproof vault, the expense of box and storage to be paid by the Conference Trustees.

On motion of E. H. Dashiell, Conference elected E. C. Hallman as President of the Historical Society.

**QUESTION 11.**—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Gilbert T. Gehman and D. Arthur Stockely were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and on motion, they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elder's Orders.

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

**QUESTION 10.**—The Tenth Question, "What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. Harry N. Bailey, O. Ammon Bartley and John E. Parker were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and on motion, they were advanced to the Studies of Fourth Year.

**QUESTION 8.**—The Eighth Question, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Oliver J. Collins and Henry M. Parks were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented, they were elected to Dacon's Orders, advanced to Studies of Third Year, and Conference voted to admit them into Full Membership on condition they answer satisfactorily\* the usual Disciplinary questions.

**QUESTION 6.**—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Frank A. Baker, Charles W. Branford and Harry V. Branford were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and on motion, they were Continued on Trial and advanced to Studies of Second Year, the first being conditioned in one subject.

Joseph I. Barrett, Sidney B. Bradley, Otis P. Jefferson and Preston W. Spence were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and on motion, they were Continued on Trial in Studies of First Year.

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

**QUESTION 5.**—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. The recommendations were received in due form for Admission on Trial of James H. McRill, Conrad Hamer, Harvey O. Hufnal, John R. Diehl, Roscoe W. Campbell, Paul E. Reynolds and Rufus W. Mills and they were introduced to the Conference, and requested to retire.

In the cases of Conrad Hamer, Harvey O. Hufnal, Roscoe W. Campbell and Paul E. Reynolds, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendents represented, and they were Received on Trial and placed in Studies of First Year.

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

In the case of James H. McRill, the Registrar reported, the Committee did not recommend, the District Superintendent did recommend, and on motion, by a two-thirds vote, he was Received on Trial and placed in Studies of First Year.

In the case of Rufus W. Mills, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended he be not admitted, the District Superintendent recommended he be admitted, and on motion, by a two-thirds vote, he was Received on Trial and placed in Studies of First Year.

**AGE LIMIT.**—On motion of G. T. Alderson, the following was adopted: The Committee on Ministerial Qualifications unanimously recommends that it be the sense of the Conference that the District Superintendents discourage all applicants for membership in the Conference who are over forty years of age.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Doctor Allan MacRossie, Director of the Commission on the Conference Course of Study, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.**—On motion of T. F. Beauchamp, Conference confirmed its action of four 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.

**EXPENSE OF SUMMER SCHOOL.**—A motion by T. F. Beauchamp requesting Conference to direct the Bureau of Sessions to finance the attendance of our undergraduates and instructors at a Summer School of Theology was referred to the Bureau of Sessions, by motion of J. W. Colonna, with the request that they report their recommendation back to the Conference.

**COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.**—On motion of their District Superintendents, the following cases were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations: George A. Cook, who requests the Retired Re-

lation; Joseph P. Wilson, who requests the Supernumerary Relation; J. H. Wilson, who requests the Retired Relation by virtue of having reached the legal age of retirement; J. C. Steen, who requests to be Located; John Clark, who desires to be admitted to our Conference on Credentials from the Primitive Methodist Church, and W. H. Briggs, who requests the Supernumerary Relation.

**CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDY.**—On motion of John J. Bunting, the following was adopted: We, the Members of the Wilmington Conference, knowing the progressing and intensive work of the Commission on the Conference Course of Study under the leadership of Doctor Allan MacRossie, endorse the program of this Commission and highly commend the efficiency of Doctor MacRossie and pledge him our co-operation.

**WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.**—On motion of R. K. Stephenson, the consideration of the report of the President of Wesley Collegiate Institute was made the order of the day for Saturday morning at eleven o'clock.

**INTRODUCTION.**—W. F. Sheldon, representing the Wesley Foundation, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**WESLEY FOUNDATION, NEWARK, DELAWARE.**—On motion of J. W. Colona, the following committee was appointed to make a survey of our Newark Church's opportunity at the seat of the University of Delaware, in connection with the Wesley Foundation work, to report its findings at the 1928 session of this Conference: J. W. Colona, District Superintendent; the Pastor of Newark Church, Harvey W. Ewing, Henry G. Budd, W. E. Gunby, A. J. Croft and F. A. Lindhorst.

**NEWARK CHURCH.**—On motion of J. W. Colona, the following committee was appointed to co-operate with the finance committee of Newark Church for the further solicitation of funds for the erection of a new Church plant: B. M. Johns, Frank Herson, F. B. Short, G. P. Jones and A. S. Woodard.

**WESLEY FOUNDATION, CHESTERTOWN, MD.**—On motion of W. F. Corkran, the following committee was appointed to make a survey of our Chestertown Church's opportunity at the seat of Washington College, in connection with the Wesley Foundation work, and to report its findings at the 1928 session of this Conference: O. E. Jones, W. E. Gunby, R. P. Nichols, L. E. Poole and W. F. Corkran, Prof. C. A. Short, C. Norman Jefferson, Prof. A. H. Humphries, Ralph Dulany and Col. Clarence Hodson.

**JOINT SESSION.**—On motion of F. A. Lindhorst, twelve o'clock, Noon, Saturday, was fixed as the hour for the joint session of the Older Boys' Conference with the Annual Conference.

**LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.**—On motion of O. E. Jones, the following

were appointed to convey the greetings of the Conference to the Laymen's Association: G. P. Jones, T. R. VanDyke and H. W. Ewing.

**GREETINGS.**—Greetings were received from the Philadelphia Annual Conference and announced, and the Secretary was instructed to return the greetings of this Conference.

**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, and Conference expressed its appreciation of his splendid work.

**PRINCESS ANNE ACADEMY QUARTETTE.**—On motion of W. F. Corkran, the quartette from Princess Anne Academy was introduced and sang several negro spirituals.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Dr. John R. Edwards, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions; T. H. Kiah, Principal of Princess Anne Academy, and Dr. C. W. Baldwin of the Baltimore Conference, representing Morgan College, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

**TIME EXTENDED.**—On motion, time was extended.

**MORGAN COLLEGE.**—On motion of V. S. Collins, Conference re-enacted the following, which was adopted last year,—

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.

**LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.**—Dr. W. W. Davis, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland, was introduced and addressed the Conference. On motion of J. W. Easley, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, There is found great difficulty, amounting to a handicap, in the gaining of Sabbath observance in Delaware, owing to the lack of centralized Church organization and authority; and

WHEREAS, Maryland has a Lord's Day Alliance which is a great power for good in conserving every feature of home, community and commonwealth in which the Lord's Day is a necessity; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Conference appoint a committee on the Lord's Day observance to confer with the proper person or persons of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland for the purpose of getting an extension of that organization so as to include Delaware.

(See Monday morning's session for Committee.)

**MEXICO.**—On motion of Dr. Croft, the hour for the address of Bishop McConnell on "Mexico" was set for two o'clock, Saturday afternoon.

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

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

#### FIFTH SESSION—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened in Executive Session at three o'clock in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Bishop McConnell presiding and leading in prayer.

**DOORKEEPERS.**—O. A. Bartley and W. S. Grant were appointed doorkeepers.

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

**CASE OF E. W. JONES.**—G. T. Alderson made the report of the Committee in the case of E. W. Jones, after which formal charges were preferred against E. W. Jones by E. H. Dashiell. On motion of O. E. Jones, by a majority vote, Conference refused to entertain said charges. The following named persons, at the time of approving this record on Saturday morning, March 26, 1927, requested their votes be registered in the negative in this case and their names printed in the minutes: W. A. Wise, J. Harry Wright, H. G. Budd, G. A. Cooke, Tilghman Smith, J. P. Otis, C. W. Moore, W. L. Hess. (See minutes of Saturday morning's session.) All papers in the case were ordered preserved in the custody of the Secretary.

**CASE OF P. P. TRUITT.**—H. G. Budd made the report of the Committee in the case of P. P. Truitt. Conference requested the Committee to prepare formal charges, which were presented on behalf of the Committee by H. G. Budd. On motion of E. H. Dashiell, Conference refused to entertain said charges by a count vote of fifty-three (53) for the motion to refuse to entertain charges and thirty-four (34) against. The following named persons, at the time of approving this record on Saturday morning, March 26, 1927, requested their votes be registered in the negative in this case, and their names printed in the minutes: E. C. Hallman, C. W. Moore, C. W. Clark. (See minutes of Saturday morning's session.) All papers in the case were ordered preserved in the custody of the Secretary.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—On motion, Conference adjourned, Bishop McConnell pronouncing the benediction.

#### SIXTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop McConnell presiding and conducting the devotions. D. W. Jacobs led in prayer.

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

On motion of G. T. Alderson, it was ordered that the count vote in the case of P. P. Truitt be recorded in the journal, the count vote being 53 for the refusal to entertain charges and 34 against.

On motion of W. F. Corkran, it was voted that all men who wish to record their vote in the case of E. W. Jones be permitted to do so.

On motion of J. W. Colona, each man was permitted to have his vote recorded in the journal or filed in the official records as he so desires. (See minutes of Friday afternoon's session.)

The journal of the Executive Session was then approved.

**CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.**—G. P. Jones, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, read his report. On motion of O. E. Jones, Conference accepted this report and adopted the recommendations made therein. On motion of O. E. Jones, Conference requested the Bishop to appoint G. P. Jones Treasurer of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, without salary.

E. F. Melson, Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, was granted the privilege of the floor and made his report, which was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

The following report of the Special Committee of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission (see page 71 of 1926 minutes) to confer with the Board of Pensions and Relief was made by D. W. Jacobs, and on motion of J. W. Colona, this report was accepted and the committee continued, the name of E. F. Melson being substituted for that of C. E. Burchenal, deceased:

We believe the plan proposed by the Board of Pensions and Relief, known as the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund, to be the solution of adequate support for the present as well as the future claimants on our Conference funds, and we recommend same as our ultimate goal.

We also hereby recommend that this committee together with the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission and the Board of Stewards in consultation with the Board of Pensions and Relief give this matter their further serious consideration and bring to the annual session of our Conference in 1928 the most feasible plan looking toward the commutation of our present obligations of accrued liabilities to the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund.



We further recommend that every effort be made to bring to a successful conclusion our present campaign for \$150,000, by having all pledges paid in full on or before the Conference session of 1929.

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

**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.

On motion of J. W. Colona, Conference requested the District Superintendents to apportion \$5000 to the Churches of the Conference, according to the program of last year.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**—On motion of E. H. Dashiell, the following were elected Vice-Presidents of the Conference Historical Society: Dover District, John M. Kelso; Middletown District, S. N. Pilchard; Salisbury District, H. S. Dulany; Wilmington District, W. G. Harris.

**GOODWILL INDUSTRIES.**—J. H. Beauchamp, Superintendent of Goodwill Industries, read his report and on motion of J. W. Colona, Conference accepted the report, ordered it published in the minutes and Conference requested his re-appointment.

**COMMITTEE ON CONF. RELATIONS.**—On motion of E. H. Dashiell, the name of G. A. Cooke was recalled from consideration by the Committee on Conference Relations.

**WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.**—Prof. C. A. Short, President of the Wesley Collegiate Institute, was introduced and addressed the Conference on the progress of the Institute.

**INTRODUCTION.**—F. H. Clapp, Endowment Secretary of Drew Theological Seminary, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.**—H. G. Budd read the report of the Committee on Education, which was adopted.

**COMM. ON CONF. RELATIONS.**—Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, the credentials of John A. Clark from the Primitive Methodist Church were accepted, he was recognized as an Elder, and he was elected to Full Membership in the Conference on condition that he answer satisfactorily the usual disciplinary questions.

Upon recommendation of the Committee, J. H. Wilson was granted the Retired Relation, at his own request, on the grounds of age and physical disability.

**DELMARVA SUMMER SCHOOL.**—At the request of W. F. Corkran, an announcement concerning the Delmarva Summer School at Washington College, Chestertown, Md., was read.

**CONF. EDUCATION SOCIETY.**—C. W. Prettyman, M. E. Wheatley, D. W. Jacobs, W. O. Hoffecker, E. B. Dennis and A. C. Humphries were nominated and elected members of the Board of Managers of the Conference Education Society, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

**COMM. ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.**—On motion of E. H. Dashiell, it was ordered that the report of the Committee on International Relations be heard immediately following the Bishop's address this afternoon.

**STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS.**—G. W. Bounds presented the report of the Strawbridge Home for Boys, which was ordered printed in the minutes without reading. On motion of O. E. Jones, the following were elected Trustees of the Strawbridge Home for Boys: T. J. Sard, J. W. Colona and Dr. C. Wilson Hughes.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.**—The report of the Treasurer of the Conference Trustees was read and adopted, and the following were nominated and elected Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference for a term of three years: J. T. Richardson, Leolan Jackson and H. S. Dulany, and W. A. Hearn was elected to fill the unexpired term of W. H. Briggs, the Secretary casting the ballot.

**CONFERENCE RELATIONS COMMITTEE.**—On motion of Howard Davis, the following were nominated and elected members of the Committee on Conference Relations for a term of three years, the Secretary casting the ballot: G. P. Jones, J. J. Bunting, J. W. Jones, and L. M. Broadway.

#### JOINT SESSION.

The Older Boys' Conference, led by its President and F. A. Lindhorst, Director of Religious Education, came down the centre aisle of the Church and took their seats within the bar of the Conference.

Henry Graves of Lewes Methodist Episcopal Church, President of the Older Boys' Conference, was introduced by F. A. Lindhorst, and addressed the Conference.

Bishop McConnell introduced Bishop F. W. Warne of India.

Bishop McConnell welcomed the boys on behalf of the Conference and made a brief address.

Musical selections were rendered by the boys' orchestra.

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

**SEVENTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.**

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at two o'clock, Bishop McConnell presiding. W. E. Gunby led in prayer.

**ADDRESS ON MEXICO.**—The order of the day having arrived, Bishop McConnell delivered an illuminating address on the subject, "Mexico," which the Conference greatly appreciated.

**PROF. C. A. SHORT.**—Prof. C. A. Short, President of Wesley Collegiate Institute, delivered an address on the "Evidences of Deity from the Book of John, or Why I Believe."

**QUARTETTE.**—Several selections were sung by the Middletown District Preachers' Quartette.

**QUESTION 28.**—The Twenty-Eighth Question, "Who are the Triers of Appeals?" was taken up. The following were nominated by the Bishop and 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.

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

**SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.**—On motion of R. T. Thawley, R. K. Stephenson was invited to preach a semi-centennial sermon at one of the regular sessions of the 1928 Conference.

**MINIST. CONT. RELIEF FUND.**—R. K. Stephenson, the Trustee of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, read his report, which was adopted.

**SUPERNUMERARY RELATION.**—On motion, W. F. Godwin was continued in the Supernumerary Relation for the second year.

**COMM. ON CONF. RELATIONS.**—On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, Joseph P. Wilson was granted the Supernumerary Relation, at his own request; and J. C. Steen was Located, at his own request.

**COMM. ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.**—J. B. McCabe read the report of the Special Committee on International Relations which, on motion of G. W. Dawson, was recommitted to the Committee for revision, to be submitted again on Monday.

**CONF. EDUCATION SOCIETY.**—The report of the Managers of the Conference Education Society was read by F. C. MacSorley, and, on motion, it was accepted and Conference confirmed the nominations contained therein.

**AUDITOR.**—H. B. Kelso, Conference Auditor, made his report, which was accepted, and, on motion of D. W. Jacobs, he was re-elected.

**COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.**—The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by W. A. Hearn and adopted.

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

**EIGHTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.**

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

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

**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.**—The congregation joined heartily in singing the hymn, "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing." Bishop McConnell then spoke a word of greeting to the members of the Older Boys' Conference, then explained the disciplinary questions asked all persons seeking admission into full membership of an Annual Conference, after which Oliver J. Collins, Henry M. Parks and John A. Clark gave satisfactory answers to same.

**Ordination Service.**

**Deacons.**—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders, and Oliver J. Collins, Henry M. Parks and William L. McClintock were ordained as Deacons, the last named being elected to said orders under the Local Rule.

**Hymn.**—Congregation joined in singing, "In The Cross of Christ I Glory."

**Elders.**—Those elected to Elder's Orders were called and presented by the Secretary, and the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, ordained Gilbert T. Gehman and D. Arthur Stockely as Elders.

The credentials of John A. Clark as an ordained Elder in the Primitive Methodist Church were recognized and accepted at the session of the Conference on Saturday morning, March 26, 1927.

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

**CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.**

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

Oliver J. Collins  
Henry M. Parks  
William L. McClintock

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

Gilbert T. Gehman  
D. Arthur Stockely

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

FRANCIS J. McCONNELL,

Salisbury, Md.

Bishop.

**NINTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.**

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

**CHANGE OF RELATIONS.**—On motion of G. W. Dawson, Conference granted W. H. Briggs the Supernumerary Relation.

**CHARACTERS PASSED.**—The names of the Effective Elders in special appointments were called and their characters passed. Conference requested the re-appointment of F. A. Lindhorst, as Director of Religious Education, and E. C. Prettyman as Superintendent of the Peninsula District of the Maryland-Delaware Anti-Saloon League.

**CHAIR.**—At the request of the Bishop, R. K. Stephenson assumed the chair.

**WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.**—On motion of W. E. Gunby, the following was adopted: That the sum of three hundred dollars needed by the Liquidation Committee as the share of this Conference of the \$2300 needed from the Area to meet the remaining obligations against the Washington Christian Advocate, be apportioned to the Churches of the four Districts, with the request that it be raised within sixty days, if possible, that the business may be closed without delay.

**JOURNAL.**—The journal of Saturday morning's session was read and approved, with the insertion of the count vote in the case of P. P. Truitt. The journals of Saturday afternoon's session and Sunday's session were read and approved.

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

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.**—Reports of Committee on State of Church and Social Service, the Board of Church Schools, and the Board of Epworth League were read and adopted.

**METHODIST DOCTRINE.**—The following resolutions were presented by G. A. Cooke and, on motion of V. S. Collins, were laid on the table:

WHEREAS, The Doctrines of Methodism are permanently fixed in the constitutional law of the church. The First Restrictive Rule in Article X of the Constitution says: "The General Conference shall not revoke, alter, nor change our Articles of Religion, nor establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine," and

WHEREAS, All our ministers including Bishops, Professors in Theological Seminaries, and Pastors, have covenanted with the Church and with their brethren to preach, maintain and defend these precious doctrines, as against both superstition and rationalism; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we disapprove of all books in the courses of study for our ministry that teach doctrines contrary to our standards of doctrine as taught in our Articles of Religion and in the standard doctrinal sermons of John Wesley. We have a right to demand and do demand that this abuse of authority shall be speedily corrected. It is hereby ordered that copies of these resolutions be sent to the Bishops of our Church, and that the Bishops be respectfully requested to take appropriate action to rectify this evil. We believe that our doctrines are sufficiently clear, solid and sound from the standpoint of scripture, experience and scholarship to meet the needs of this practical age.

**BUREAU OF SESSIONS.**—G. T. Alderson made the following report for the Bureau of Sessions on the matter of financing the Summer School of Theology referred to the Bureau during Friday morning's session:

The Bureau of Sessions has carefully considered the matter referred to it, and begs leave to report as follows:

1. We recommend that the expense of the Summer School for undergraduates, not to exceed \$600, be paid by the Bureau.

2. We further recommend that we change the functions of the Bureau and that the name usually used, viz., "Conference Entertainment," be changed to "Conference Expense Budget," and that it be understood to include all expense for the organizations of the Con-



ference, the expense for the Summer School for undergraduates, and the expense of entertaining the Conference.

3. We recommend that the Bureau be instructed to make such assessments from year to year as the demands of the fund may require.

After a motion to amend the report by eliminating the statement of any amount to be expended for the Summer School of Theology, which motion was laid on the table by a count vote of thirty-eight to twelve, and after considerable discussion, a motion by G. W. Dawson requesting the District Superintendents to apportion to the respective charges an amount equal to one per cent. of the Pastors' cash salary for Conference entertainment and also a separate apportionment covering the necessary expense incident to the attendance of our undergraduates at a Summer School of Theology was adopted as a substitute for the report of the committee and the entire matter under discussion at the time.

**CHAIR.**—In the midst of the discussion referred to above the Bishop resumed the chair.

**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.

**STATISTICAL REPORT.**—The report of the Statistician, N. C. Benson, was read and adopted, and, on motion of W. E. Gunby, he was nominated and elected Statistician for the ensuing year.

**RESOLUTION.**—The following resolutions were presented by N. C. Benson and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Statistician and Treasurer are limited in time in which to complete their reports; be it, therefore,

RESOLVED, That any report not in the hands of the Statistician and Treasurer by Thursday night shall not be included in reports of that year.

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

**WORLD SERVICE.**—J. W. Jones presented the report of the Committee on World Service and it was adopted without reading.

**SALE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.**—On motion of O. E. Jones, District Superintendent, he was authorized to sell our Church properties at Claiborne and at Massey on Millington Charge.

**MINIST. CONT. RELIEF FUND.**—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, R. K. Stephenson was re-elected Trustee of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.

**LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.**—The following were elected to co-operate with the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland: F. A. Lindhorst, at large; Dover District, T. F. Beauchamp; Middletown District, W. T. McGuire; Salisbury District, M. W. Marine; Wilmington District, G. T. Alderson.

**QUESTION 40.**—The Fortieth Question, "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" was taken up.

Through its Pastor, J. L. Johnson, Harrison Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, invited the Conference to hold its next annual session in said Church on Plan No. 3, or the paid plan.

Through its Pastor, J. A. Leach, Union Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, invited the Conference to hold its next annual session in their Church on Plan No. 3.

On motion of V. S. Collins, Conference reverted to the three Plans of Entertainment as printed on page 57 of the journal of 1926.

On motion, Conference accepted the invitation from Union Church, which acceptance was made unanimous.

**COMM. ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.**—J. B. McCabe presented the report of the Committee on International Relations and read the following resolutions, which were adopted:

The Committee appointed by the Cabinet of the Wilmington Conference for the purpose of considering our relation to those nations now in a period of transition or in the turmoil of war desire to make the following report:

WHEREAS, The friendly relations which have existed between the United States and Latin America are being seriously strained especially with Mexico and Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, The Republic of Mexico is confronted with very important internal questions involving the supremacy of her national constitution and respect for and obedience to her laws; and

WHEREAS, Certain parties in Mexico are apparently resisting the enforcement of the constitution and laws of that nation; and

WHEREAS, These same parties appear to be using money and influence to engender in the American mind bitterness against Mexico; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we protest against allowing American Corporations and others who are exploiting the natural resources of Mexico to incite a feeling of ill-will between Mexico and the United States which might become an excuse for the use of force.

RESOLVED, That we respectfully request our President and the Secretary of State to assure the government of Mexico of our sympathetic interest in all that makes for their peace and prosperity.

RESOLVED, That we assure President Calles that our Church in Mexico is there for the sole purpose of helping the Mexican people into a better spiritual life and all that makes for good citizenship.

WHEREAS, There is being waged in the Republic of Nicaragua a civil war between rival claimants to the office of president; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we respectfully request our President to make it clearly understood that American forces are being sent to Nicaragua only to insure protection and safety to such of our citizens as may be in that country and our legitimate interests in that country.

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WHEREAS, China is now in the grip of civil war, groping her way to a stable government; and

WHEREAS, Many of her important cities and ports are under the control of foreign nations; and

WHEREAS, The people of China are endeavoring to regain control of their own territory; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy to China in her aspirations for autonomy, affirming our conviction that the nations holding concessions should not claim exemption from the operation of Chinese law.

RESOLVED, That we petition our government not to use our naval and marine forces other than for the protection of our citizens and others who are now resident in China.

RESOLVED, That we appreciate the delicate position in which our missionaries are placed in the present crisis in China, and assure them of our utmost confidence in their wisdom in dealing with all the questions which may arise affecting their work, and we will ever pray that they may be protected and that their work may so commend itself to all parties in China that it may be used of God to bring peace.

RESOLVED, That we sympathize with Chinese Christians in their desire for greater responsibility in the building of their Church, and that we will welcome the day when the Church in China shall be under their control.

On motion of V. S. Collins, the Secretary was requested to send a copy to President Coolidge and Secretary of State Kellogg.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—The report of the Board of Stewards was read by T. N. Rawlins and adopted, together with the recommendations contained therein.

**HOME FOR THE AGED.**—On motion of G. T. Alderson, the Committee on Home for the Aged was continued and Ivanhoe Willis added to the committee. (See page 59 of 1926 minutes.)

**COLLECTION.**—A collection, amounting to \$114.58, was taken to cover incidental expenses as announced to the Conference by the Secretary.

**METHODIST BUILDING.**—On motion of V. S. Collins, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It is increasingly apparent that no Church or building on the Delmarva Peninsula is sufficiently commodious to properly care for the annual session of the Wilmington Conference; therefore,

RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed consisting of one minister and one layman from each district to consider the question of a Methodist Building, with an audience room of 5000, and to report to the next session of the Conference.

(Conference adjourned without this Committee being appointed.)

**EDIT MINUTES.**—On 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 report of the Committee on Thanks, and the reading of the appointments, Conference be adjourned.

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

**APPOINTMENTS READ.**—Announcements were made, a hymn was sung, the appointments were read, Bishop McConnell 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.

FRANCIS J. McCONNELL,  
President.

DISSTON W. JACOBS,  
Secretary.

## X. REPORTS.

### (a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

#### DOVER DISTRICT.

W. E. GUNBY, District Superintendent.

On March the 16, 1910, the 42nd Session of the Wilmington Annual Conference met within this then-thriving and hospitable southern town, under the Presidency of Bishop John W. Hamilton. Now, after seventeen years have passed, we are again assembled within the hallowed walls of this same beautiful Temple of Worship, the honored guests of this fair and enterprising city, the disputed rival with Cambridge, as being the metropolis of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, highly favored section of the glorious Delmarva Peninsula.

Many of our brethren, who were the "Giants" of that day and did daring exploits for God, have passed to their high reward, and their vacant places on the firing line have been filled by other valiant Heroes of the Faith, who have enlisted with the militant hosts of righteousness, who follow in the train of our invincible Captain, going forth to certain victory in His pacific conquest over sin. As we look in retrospect over the way by which we have come since last we met here, we have fresh reason to take renewed courage and to press with vigor on, for the story of the years between, told in terms of work accomplished and progress achieved, is a story of worthy and triumphant endeavor passing into honored history.

Now, after another year of labor and toil, in honored fellowship with these faithful servants of God, with whom, in the name of the all-glorious King, it has been my high privilege to work, I come to make a partial and imperfect report of some of those things, which during the year have engaged our minds and hearts. It is a temptation to tell in detail this living story of these, who, through faith undaunted, have helped to stem the tides of worldliness and evil and to usher in the new and better Day of the Lord, but the work before us admonishes brevity.

1. **Changes in Pastoral Relations.**—Through a conspiracy of untoward circumstances the year began with Church Creek and Vienna without pastoral supply. Brother H. W. Ralph was at once secured for Church Creek, and in June Brother James O'Neil was graduated from the Wesley Collegiate Institute and went straightway to take charge of the work at

Vienna. In June, also, Brother Earl Hoxter left Canterbury for an appointment in Baltimore, and Brother David F. Collins completed the year. Early in the summer Brother Charles H. Mead left Greenwood, and Brother Alfred Smith of Philadelphia was secured to fill the vacancy.

2. **Sickness and Deaths.**—Not once during the year has death invaded the ranks of our ministers, active or retired. In a rather remarkable manner has the health of our Pastors been preserved, enabling them to prosecute their tasks with a high degree of physical comfort and efficiency. The regrettable exception in the matter of health is that of the wife of Brother J. H. Whedbee, of Bethel, Delaware, who, after some weeks of serious indisposition, is reported to be improving. Added to their burdens, caused by sickness, is the sorrow entailed through the loss of their one-month old child, Kenneth Roger, on April the 21st. May the God of all consolation and comfort satisfy their every need in these trying days and bring them to brighter days ahead!

Sister Nellie May Fogle, the loving and helpful wife for many years of the Rev. J. W. Fogle, of honored memory among us, died in that "House of Mercy," the Methodist Hospital, in Philadelphia, on May 17th, bringing to a radiant close a life of rare and helpful ministry. Three days later she was tenderly laid to rest by her Pastor, Rev. L. E. Windsor, assisted by Rev. G. W. Bounds and Rev. G. L. Hardesty.

3. **Buildings, Improvements and Payment of Debts.**—A very creditable parsonage has been built at Crapo, replacing the one destroyed by fire a year ago. The total cost is about \$3000 of which \$1600 has been paid and the remainder provided for within the next year. Salem Church on the Vienna Charge is in the midst of extensive improvements costing approximately \$1500 of which \$775 has been paid. Laurel has beautified the interior of their auditorium and made other improvements to the value of \$3500, provided for before the work was begun. Mt. Pleasant Church, near Laurel, has undergone repairs and renovation at a cost of about \$1700, and closes the year without debt. Camden has spent about \$1500 on improvements, and paid more than \$400 on the parsonage debt. Wesley, Dover, has expended nearly \$4000 this year for improvements. Seaford Circuit has completed the payments on the new parsonage bought a year ago, paying \$1900 this year. Lewes has about completed a troublesome debt of some years standing, paying \$700 this year. Hurlock has paid \$900 more on the parsonage recently erected. St. Thomas has reduced the indebtedness against the parsonage by \$450. Hooper's Island has spent for improvements \$950; Bethel, \$500; and Beckwith and Spedden has completed the payment for a Community House. Many other charges have made minor improvements and paid old debts, the aggregate of which would make a fine showing for the year.

4. **Religious Education.**—The new day is on in this increasingly important branch of our work. The necessity for trained leadership is seen



as never before. Our people have caught the enthusiasm for this work in a way that promises great things in the days ahead. More and more, our churches are building their programs around childhood. Equipment and organization and efficiency are being studied in the light of the child. Our Sunday Schools were never so well conducted as today. Graded lessons are in common use, and, where it is possible, schools are being departmentalized. The work being accomplished under the leadership of Rev. Frank A. Lindhorst is of a high order, and has caught the attention of the General Church. Already this work has begun to bear splendid fruit and in its far-reaching consequences can hardly be overestimated.

Standard Training Schools have been held in three places on the District: Cambridge, with a registration of 116; Georgetown, with a registration of 195,—the largest school yet held in the Conference; and Dover, with a registration of 132; a total registration for the District of 443; one-third of the total registration for the Conference. Thirty-six of the forty-seven charges of the District were represented in these three schools, and many charges were represented in more than one school.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held at Wesley (Dover), Laurel, and at East New Market in conjunction with Secretary, with highly satisfactory results. Schools of Week Day Religious Instruction, Junior Church organizations, and Standard Training Classes, are springing up all over the District. This District furnished just about one-half of the total number of students from this Conference attending Dickinson Summer School of Religious Education last July. Your Superintendent has tried to be helpful in all these things, finding time to attend for two weeks the Dickinson Summer School, and to teach the course on "Church Administration" in the Cambridge School, and the course on "The Message and Program of the Christian Religion" in the schools of Georgetown and Dover of this District, and in the Salisbury School of that District, giving forty-six lectures, and requiring a transportation of more than 1800 miles. Mrs. Gunby also attended Dickinson and taught in the schools at Denton and Georgetown.

The Epworth League Institute was held at Dover in July and was a season of rare helpfulness and profit to the increasing numbers who availed themselves of this high privilege.

5. **Washington Christian Advocate.**—Doubtless we all share in the common regret that our "Official Paper" had to be discontinued last August. I still feel like one who has lost a friend. Representing the Conference on both the Advisory Committee and the Finance Committee, I make the report that, after exhausting all available ways and means, we found it impossible to finance the project further, even though we could collect in full all the guarantee funds promised by the patronizing Conferences. Unwilling to pile up a huge deficit to be settled in the future, the only alternative was to discontinue the publication. This was done forthwith and plans immediately formed for the honorable settlement of every existing obligation. The work of liquidation is nearly complete. If each Confer-

ence pays in full its guarantee funds we shall need \$2000 additional. Of this our share is about \$400, and it is my suggestion that it be not again apportioned to the Churches and thereby require another year before these obligations be met, but that it be divided equally with the Laymen's Association, with their consent, and that we have a collection among ourselves and raise it "spot cash" and let the matter be closed. This District has again shown its loyalty in that on a pledge of \$350 it has paid \$585, an overpayment of \$235.

6. **Endowment Campaign.**—Of the \$26,000 asked from this District we report as underwritten \$26,080. It is pleasing to note from the reports that a large number of the churches are paying on their pledges this year.

7. **World Service.**—The claims of the General Church have been faithfully presented in all of the charges. Many of our people seem to have little concern for our connectional interests, and fail to see in what vital way the progress of our Lord's Kingdom is linked up with the giving of World Service dollars. Most of the charges made small advances last year but these advances were absorbed by decreases in a few of the larger churches. Special cultivation has been given the field this year. Dr. Swartz and Dr. Bernhardt, under the Foreign Board, toured the District for a week, holding group meetings among the Pastors and addressing congregations at strategic centers. We have called upon every charge to make this year a definite advance of at least 5 per cent., and the reports would seem to indicate that this goal may be reached.

8. **Other District Agencies.**—Only words of highest commendation can fitly express the work being done by the untiring efforts and consecrated devotion of the splendid women of our Foreign and Home Missionary Societies. The high standards of recent years are being carried steadily forward. The W. C. T. U. is unceasing in its power for good, speaking out in no uncertain terms and making war on the enemies of "God and Home and Native Land." The Dover District Preacher's Meeting, recently organized and holding monthly meetings, fills a long-felt need in ministering to the devotional, intellectual and social enrichment of our people. Not to be outdone in any good thing, the Preacher's Wives have formed a kindred organization, meeting simultaneously, contributing to the program and enriching the fellowship. Incidentally, they have just raised and turned over \$225 toward the furnishing of the new Carroll Building of the Strawbridge Home.

9. **Evangelistic Efforts.**—Almost without exception special meetings for the saving of souls have been held within every church. Pastors and other helpers have given themselves to this work in a devoted and earnest spirit. In many churches the revival fires have burned and altar places have been baptized afresh with penitential tears. Meetings with rather marked success were conducted at Ellendale, Church Creek, Crapo, Houston, Mt. Pleasant, Milford, Nassau, St. Thomas, and Seaford Circuit. Plans



are formulated for Decision Days and special evangelistic services during Palm Sunday, Passion Week and Easter. Methodism must never lose the burning heart, the tongue of fire and that evangelistic passion that both desires and expects to see souls converted and that agonizes in prayer when the revival delays to come!

10. **Pastoral Support.**—As a mother turns first to her sickest child, the administration has put much stress and given much attention to this item. A poorly paid ministry begets temptation, calls for needless and painful sacrifice and fosters pastoral unrest and inefficiency. It is a hopeful sign that many churches are beginning to see the utter necessity for better support and to realize that the right to a living-wage inheres in the Gospel Ministry.

The following charges have increased their pastoral support this year: St. Thomas, \$350; Crapo, \$350; Cambridge, \$300; Bethel, \$400; Beckwith and Spedden, \$200; Milford, \$200; Laurel, \$300; Hooper's, \$100; Frederica, \$100; Millsboro, \$100—a total increase for the year of \$2400. I confess to a degree of pardonable pride that during these four years of the present incumbency this item of pastoral support alone shows an advance of \$12,125.

11. **Special Items.**—I make bold to claim your indulgence for just two small items submitted for the common good.

Through the generous bounty of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand O. Gammons of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, the Stewardship Division of the World Service Commission recently closed a prize Essay Contest on Stewardship. A class of six was organized by the Pastor of St. Thomas Church, and were entered into the contest under section "B" for Sunday School scholars. Five months were taken for the mastery of subject matter and one month for preparation of the written work. Each of the six submitted papers of a high order. One of the contestants, Miss Jennie R. Jones, took the first prize of \$50 and Miss Ruth W. Pritchett, the second prize of \$25, these being all the prizes offered in that division.

That the mid-week services are not necessarily the lifeless institutions that they are reputed to be and that they have not outlived their usefulness and popularity, I want to show from this statement taken from an accurate record covering the present Conference year—omitting the month of August—of Centenary Church, Laurel Delaware:

1. Number of meetings held .....	42
2. Number of services lasting above an hour .....	0
3. Smallest attendance during the year (hard rain storm) .....	61
4. Attendance below 100 .....	1
5. Attendance below 200 with fair weather .....	7
6. Total attendance .....	8,688
7. Average attendance for previous Conference Year .....	186
8. Average for this Conference Year .....	206
9. Number times the Pastor was absent (to attend a funeral) .....	1

12. **Personal Word.**—This partial and imperfect report is submitted with expressions of gratitude for the abounding goodness of God, Who has given me strength to meet every engagement during the year; to drive more than 22,000 miles in the prosecution of my duties; to preach 206 times besides other forms of public speech; and to do the routine work required of this office; and with expressions of gratitude also to my Brethren, both of the ministry and of the laity, who, through kindly sympathy and uniform courtesy and unwearied patience, have helped to make my tasks easy and my burdens light.

Life has been rich and full and wonderful through all the year. To Him be all the glory!

#### MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

O. E. JONES, District Superintendent.

With gratitude to God for His love and care through the year, I bring this report of the work of the Church on Middletown District. And I should like to make it a report, if I may, of the work of the Church.

It does not seem, now, to me that I will be doing that to tell you of the money that has been paid to the preachers on the district this year, or of the improvements made to church and parsonage. We are supposed to pay our preachers and keep our property in shape and meet our bills. That isn't the work of the Church, that belongs to the Church itself, that is just getting the Church ready to work.

As a matter of fact, we have been doing that this year as always. With but few exceptions the preacher has gotten his support in full, and, in some cases, an increased support over last year. Where the preacher has not been paid in full, I think you will find that it is because the Conference Claimants' collection, that item of pastoral support as real and obligatory as preacher's salary, has not been met in full, and the preacher and the District Superintendent have been pro-rating the deficiency. The following charges have advanced in pastor's support: Cordova, \$25; Easton, Millington, Still Pond and Betterton, \$100 each; Odessa and Townsend, \$200 each; Chestertown, \$250; Kent Island, \$300; Centreville, \$400—a total of \$1675.

Property has been improved by remodelling, painting, papering, new lighting fixtures, new heating plants, and in many other ways at many points on the District. Galena began to remodel the parsonage but ended with a new building, beautiful and comfortable, conceded by all to be a triumph almost solely of the leadership of the pastor. Chestertown has a remodelling program, one that will equip them for modern church work and make their church, they claim, one of the most beautiful on the Eastern Shore. Money has been laid out in improvements as follows: Chester-

town, \$14,900—that is not the total cost, you will understand, they have only begun their work; Galena, \$5000; Crumpton, \$1,307; Townsend, \$1,164; Bozman and Neavitt, \$1,154; Clayton, \$800; Odessa and Friendship, \$785; Pomona, \$725; St. Michaels, \$671; Hillsboro, \$650; Greensboro and Kenton, \$500 each; Cecilton, \$450; Bayside and Marydel, \$400 each; Cheswold, \$337; Centreville, \$331; and other churches, smaller amounts. Cecilton has gone forward, steadily working away at the debt that two years ago was simply paralyzing all the life of the Church. This year they have sliced off \$2,700, making a reduction in two years time of \$7,200. When you take into account their unfamiliarity with the program of a community house, the heavy blows to the farmers of this whole section through the repeated failures of the factory to which they sold their milk, the drain of former years for this same purpose, this is an achievement fairly stupendous, not to be explained by the leadership of man, but betokening the presence and help of God. The total for improvements and old debts for the District is \$41,595.

But all this, I repeat, is not the work of the Church. It is simply to get us ready to work. I do not think that any one would suggest that our Lord founded His Church to pay debts and build Churches and repair and recondition churches and parsonages. May I mention some items of the work that, I think, our Lord would have His Church attend to and that have been our work on our District this year.

#### Worship.

First, there is the Worship of the Church. That is really the great business of the Church. I like a beautiful church if it will help me to worship God. If it does not, I would rather worship in a school house, and twice this year I have done that, and it was worship because we met God. That is the work of the Church—through song and prayer and the Word and sermon and fellowship of human souls quickened by the Divine, to bring human hearts into contact with the Divine and human lives under the gracious, mysterious, but comforting and saving influence of God's Spirit.

I am glad to report that this work of the Church has been going on this year. On this District there are 42 charges that comprise some 82 churches. These 82 communities cover three counties and a part of another county in one state and parts of two counties in another state. As a part of my report I want to record that over this large territory the Church has been engaged in this great work of worship. There is not one of these 82 churches but, if you were to ask what special work has been done this year, I might reply that this work—worthy of all emphasis and all praise—this special and notable work of worship has been going on. There is not a church on the district but might be singled out and spoken of because of this beautiful and wonderful work of worship. I have worshipped this year in every one of these churches but three, and in the case of these three the attempt was made to reach them the second and even the third

time, and never have I felt the presence of the Divine in worship as I have this year. A dear old retired Presbyterian minister who lives within the bounds of my District and who was made a member of our Preacher's Association this month, in his little word of appreciation, said that he loved to come with us, that he especially enjoyed our prayers. I know the worship is not perfect, it is not what we should like to have it and what we are trying to make it, but I thank God for what the Church has done for many lives in the worship of God this year.

#### Salvation of Souls.

Then the Church has been engaged in the work of bringing others to appreciate and understand and share her ministry and fellowship of worship because she has been bringing them to know and love God. The beloved disciple speaks of the "first love" of the child of God, and that first love, you ministers well know, is love for God's house and God's people and God's worship, as well as God's service. It seems odd that the term "saving souls" should be dropped almost altogether out of our phraseology when no less an authority than our Lord said, "I am come to seek and to save the last"; but saving souls is the work of the Church, the great work the Church is set to do in the world, and that work has been going on this year on our District.

Not one, I think, of these 42 charges, has been without some definite work set to this great purpose of saving souls. Revivals have been held, decision day services observed in the Sunday School, the visitation evangelism campaign conducted, sermons have been preached, and personal work done by Pastor and people for this purpose. Again and again I have given the invitation after preaching, or the pastor has given it, at the morning service as well as in the evening, and I have seen the forward movement of the people of the Lord, and something of the gladness and happiness of other days have come upon us as we sang and prayed about the altar. Notable meetings have been held, some of them with the assistance of an evangelist, but many with the pastor his own evangelist. Centreville, I really think, leads the list, for, while she does not report so many conversions as some others, the accessions into the Church on preparatory membership are largest, and together with the accessions into full membership by letter and confession of faith make a total increase of over 100. Conversions have been reported to me as follows: Easton, 125; Queenstown, 118; Denton and Tilghman, 60 each; Centreville, 55; Galena and Millington, 58 each; Clayton, 39; Crumpton, 36; Chestertown, 35; Preston, 28; other churches, smaller numbers, making a total for the district of 842.

We are planning to hold special services during Passion Week in many of our churches, culminating in a great offering and dedication of hearts and lives to God on Easter Sunday. We hold no brief for any distinctive plan or method in doing this work. We are for any plan, any method, for anything but for the days and months to slip away and the Church bring no converts to her Lord and Master. We cannot stand that. We are consider-

ing the visitation evangelism that has met with such a marked success in the city of Wilmington for our district next year. Indeed, we have considered in the cabinet making a Conference-wide campaign in visitation evangelism. I do not know that it will work in entirely rural fields. But, whatever the method or plan, we want to see souls saved. That is what the Church is for and when that work ceases among us we shall cease being a Church.

#### Service.

There is, too, the work of service. The Church has not just been worshipping God and trying to save souls in its own immediate neighborhood, but all that worship and salvation stand for the Church has been trying to do in all the world.

The benevolences and World Service represent some of the definite forms of service the Church has been rendering to the world. There are some, I know, who look upon these as a sort of necessary evil in the administration of the Church. The great thing is to get the preacher's salary and local budget cared for and they are pretty well satisfied. They really think that they could get along pretty well if they were not bothered with all these collections that go away from home. Well, they might; but they wouldn't have a Church; that is, a Church with the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ and doing His work in the world. "As my father hath sent me, even so send I you." That is His word. His Church must do its work and its great service of salvation in all the world.

It is pretty difficult, to be sure, to tell just what we have done this year. The reports that have come to me have been largely estimates. The figures that have been set down, I understand, do not always represent the exact amount of money in hand, but are given in the faith that the amount by Conference time will be that much. And some reports have not come at all. With all my efforts at this writing I am four reports lacking. Of those in hand there are some eleven that represent every item of the apportionment in full. Perhaps I had better qualify that by saying that I do not refer now to the World Service apportionment but to the goal for World Service selected by the Quarterly Conference. These honor charges are: Bozman and Neavitt, Centreville, Cheswold, Easton, Fairlee, Middletown, Millington, Odessa and Friendship, Smyrna, Still Pond and Denton.

There are some items of this work that I do know definitely. Our District was apportioned \$350 subsidy for the Washington Christian Advocate. When it was found that we had to suspend publication I appealed to the preachers of the District for this collection and every preacher responded and all in full but three. Then, when a special call was made for \$180 from the District for the deficit I sent out personal letters asking 35 laymen of the District to join me in giving \$5.00 each to end this matter in an honorable fashion. Of these, 32 responded with \$5.00 and one with \$3.00. This made a total of \$545.50 to cover the \$530 asked from the District. I mention this at length simply to show the mighty fine spirit of our people when the call of the Church is brought to them personally.

The ladies of the parsonages of the District have raised and sent in the \$200 asked of the "Preachers' Wives' Association" for the furnishings for our Strawbridge Home. The ladies have had a very large share in the raising of all the monies reported by the District, but I should like to mention the work of the Women's Missionary Societies. They are reporting to me a total of \$14,691. The Ladies' Aids of the District are reporting a total of \$15,189. I think the Society at Greensboro leads with the very large sum of \$2,206.

I regret more than I can tell you that we have failed to reach in our pledges the full amount for the Conference Claimant Endowment allocated to our District. There are reasons for that—we can always give perfectly good explanations and reasons for our failures. I will not give them, but I will say that I am pleased with the reports of the payments that have come to me. In some instances it is the second year's payment that is being made.

And now, of course, World Service is our great item in the service program of the Church. I do not know just how we are coming out on that. We have a goal for the District of \$20,000. Last year we fell short of that. I do not think we will reach it this year. Good work has been done in cultivation this year on the District. We have had some splendid intensive work by men sent us by the World Service Commission, such as Drs. Sheets, Linzell and Swartz. I think this great program of our Church never had a finer presentation than Dr. Linzell gave in our District Meeting, and I am sure that I never heard our Bishop in any happier, more inspiring mood than on the evening of that meeting. I have talked this great world-work of our Church, and preached it, and prayed over it, and studied it constantly these four years, and yet each year the District has slipped back just a bit. I am convinced that this retreat, for it is a retreat, could be stopped and changed into a triumphant advance. More and more I am persuaded that we need to do at least three things to accomplish this:

1. We must inform the Church about this work. All over my territory other causes are being represented and the people of the Church give to them. There is one very fine and Christ-like work for which, in some of the smaller charges, the offering is almost as large, and I have known it to be quite as large, as for World Service. I am saying nothing against that cause or any good cause, but I am saying that the work our Church is doing in all the world ought to have as good a chance as the work our Church is helping the other Churches do in just one little part of the world, even though that be the spot so sacred because of association with the earthly life of our Lord. I believe it would be just as appealing if it were set before them. That is what we must do. The people must see and know to give.

2. We must reach the Church for World Service. We are not doing it now. We want a canvass, a real canvass for this as for the local budget, and by laymen who believe in it, who are loyal to our Lord in it, and who



will give the time and take the trouble and talk for it as well as for the items of home expense. We should use the duplex envelope and have two treasurers and give World Service a chance and play fair with the people who give it. We simply are not doing that now, and the surprising thing is that so much is being done by so small a part of the Church and in such a haphazard sort of way.

3. We must have more inspiration in our World Service work. I believe with all my heart in trying to do this work in a definite and business-like way—the canvass, as I have just indicated, with regular giving in the envelopes through the whole year. But after all this is no work to be done in a cold, calm, dispassionate spirit. We must have some warmth and glow about it. Men ought to go out after pledges with some enthusiasm and pledges ought to be made under the influence of some inspiration. I think that Sunday by Sunday there should be some feeling when the World Service money is put into the envelopes. And as I see it, we are lacking right there, we haven't that feeling. We have tried to put this whole great business of world salvation on a business basis, and we had to do that or we never could have done what has so wonderfully been done. But we have sort of felt that that settled it and the personal has rather slipped out of it. Well, you can't run even a business without personal interest and enthusiasm, and we have got to get back into our Lord's great world business the personal, the warmth and glow and inspiration of our own love and enthusiasm.

We have got to have it and I believe that the Pastor is the one best of all to kindle it. I am glad to have men like Drs. Linzell and Sheets come to my District, and I should like to arrange institutes this year giving a whole day and evening in each of the six groups of the District, but I do not think that this or anything will take the place of what the Pastor can do. Rather than anything else, or with everything else, I would have my own Preachers on the District kindled in spirit, preaching missionary sermons, pleading with official boards, themselves whole heartedly and passionately given to the cause of World Service. The Preacher is the one—the Preacher who knows his people and loves them and is loved by them, he is the one to feed his people and to fire them with the beauty and glory of the Saviour's vision of a redeemed world. We Preachers have got to do it. And we can do it. Oh, we will do it when our own hearts burn with that vision. And Brothers, Brother-preachers, why shouldn't our hearts be on fire with the love of our Christ and His work in the world!

“I know of a land that is sunk in shame,  
Of hearts that faint and tire;  
And I know of a name, a name, a name,  
Can set this land on fire.  
Its sound is a brand, its letters a flame;  
I know of a name, a name, a name  
Will set this land on fire.”

There isn't any land of which that is not true. He will do it for our own land, and our hearts, and our Churches. I believe He will do it for the whole world. What we want is to do this and all the work of the Church in the glow and power of the fire kindled of His Spirit.

#### The Training Work of the Church.

Then there is the work of training in this life of worship and service. In one of my Standard Training Classes this winter the question was raised as to why we have not gotten along better with this great world program of our Lord. The very definite conviction was expressed that it was because the Church for nineteen hundred years has depended too much upon preaching and not enough upon teaching. I am perfectly willing to grant that we have had too little teaching; but, now, I do not believe that we have had too much preaching. I do not believe that the preaching is to blame for our lack of progress—poor as it is has been sometimes. We do not want less of that but we do want more of the teaching. This is a case where the Master's words are in point, “These ought yet to have done, and not to leave the other undone.”

We are trying to do that teaching these days. Of course, the Sunday School has been the great teaching agency of the Church, and it still is. And, while we are waking up to the fact that it is not enough and we simply cannot do all the training work that needs to be done through the Sunday School, still we can do a great deal, and a great deal more than we are doing if we just have better schools. That is what we are out after. Three Standard Training Schools were held on the District this year, at Denton, Easton and Chestertown. The attendance at these schools of 386, together with the 42 that went the way of the Dover School, making a total of 428 for the District, evidences the interest and the real effort that is being made. This means better schools, better teachers, better teaching, better work all around in our Sunday Schools.

Three Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been held on the District this year, at Still Pond, Kent Island and Greensboro. In the first two, we had the help of a specialist provided by our Board of Home Missions. At Greensboro, the Pastor put the school on himself with the help of his son and daughter and three others from the community as teachers. I should like to tell you, for I know it will be of interest to all of you, largely as the result of this work in the Daily Vacation Bible School, and the summer's work as assistant to the Pastor, regularly engaged by the Quarterly Conference, the son of the Pastor was confirmed in his purpose to preach the Gospel, and has been licensed to preach by his father's Quarterly Conference. He is now in Ohio Wesleyan preparing for the ministry as his life work.

I note a very splendid attempt at Week Day Religious Instruction on our District. Our Pastor at Cordova, assisted by the Lutheran Minister of Easton and by two of the local community as teachers, has a fine Community School meeting once a week with over one hundred enrolled. This is



being done in cooperation with the public school. Special classes in membership training and in missions are in progress at Bayside, Cheswold, Clayton, Galena, Smyrna and Tilghman. The largest Teacher Training Class on the District is at St. Michaels. They have there some 55 enrolled in the course, "How to Teach Religion."

The most promising feature of this work of religious education remains still to be mentioned. The Board of Home Missions of our Church has been anxious to try out this work under trained leadership in the rural churches. A proposition for help in the support of such a leader in a group of country churches was made to our Conference Director of Religious Education and this was entered among the items of our great ten-year Conference program. Dr. Dawber of the Home Board outlined this program at the School for Rural Ministers held at Washington College early last fall of which he was Dean, and we were proud of him. Some of the forward-thinking ministers of my District who were in attendance fairly leaped to meet this proposition. With the backing of their laymen, they came to us with a definite pledge of self help. As a result, in the Sudlersville group, comprising Sudlersville, Galena, Crumpton, Millington, Marydel and Henderson charges, and Barclay of Salem and Barclay charge, we now have such a trained worker in the field. This young lady, Miss Margaret Ilsey, a graduate of the Boston School of Religious Education, an elementary specialist, has not been with us very long, but she has won our people and we are confidently hoping for great things along many lines in the training of our children and youth.

Did I say that this was the most promising feature of this work? I am not sure but that, after all, the most promising thing is the recognition of the importance of this work of training by the Church itself. This has been shown by the attendance at the Standard Training Schools. It isn't only those now teaching who are coming and our young folks who are preparing to teach, but also a large number of officials and members of the Church who are not engaged in this work—though some of them should be—have enrolled. In the Daily Vacation Bible School at Greensboro, the Pastor had a large class of mature members of the Church who came in for his course in "The Teaching Values of the Old Testament." The new Church at Hartley, the old one having burned early in the Conference year, is being planned for modern Sunday School work. The very extensive remodelling enterprise at Chestertown was entered upon in the beginning to provide better accommodations for the modern program of religious education. At least three of the larger Churches of the District are considering like work upon their plants from the same standpoint, one of them having gone so far as to have plans prepared and submitted to the board. All of which goes to show an interest and an appreciation of this work that promises large things for the future. It indicates that the Church is coming to see that this is not some new thing taken up by some Churches, a fad or side issue, but that it is the work of the Church, the very work the Master had upon His heart when He said of old, "Feed my lambs," and sent His disciples into all the world to make disciples of all the nations, teaching

them the things of His Gospel. This means a new day for the Church, and a new day for the world in the new life and power of the Church. Nothing in the work of the Church, since I have been taking part in that work, has held such promise to me of the coming of the Kingdom.

#### Greatness of the Work.

This is something of the work of the Church as we have set it before us on our District this year. It is a great work. In all the world there is nothing that approaches it in beauty and dignity and importance to the world and in hardness and sacrifice and pure joy of heart in the doing of it. The growth of this work of the Church has been brought home to me very vividly by a very interesting and beautiful happening on the District this year.

Near Hillsboro, on my District, is the site of the first Methodist Church of Caroline County. The date is just a bit uncertain, but it was erected somewhere between 1780 and 1784. This old building still stands, at least, in part, as we say sometimes in our Quarterly Conference answers, in the town, no longer as a Church, but the stones that marked the grave of both white and colored still remain near the spot where the old Church stood. Brother Pilchard of our Conference, living in Hillsboro, always a lover of things that have to do with our Church, thought that our Methodism of to-day could not afford to lose altogether this touch of our Methodist beginnings. He brought the matter to the attention of the Churches of the County and has had erected on this old spot a simple and appropriate stone to preserve this memory to Methodism.

Just about this time a friend of mine gave me a copy of the minutes of the old Philadelphia Conference of the session held in Easton, Maryland, in the spring of 1848. It is very small, this pamphlet, small and thin, not big enough to hold Brother Gunby's report; I know it would not hold both his and mine, but it is very interesting. What the Church was one hundred and fifty years ago in its beginning I do not know, but seventy-nine years ago there were just two circuits in this old County—the original charge called Caroline, and Denton. I was not able to attend the unveiling exercises but I have stood on this spot and thought of that Church of small beginnings, and, while I shall never forget its standard of purity and holiness of life, its evangelistic and missionary zeal, its testimony to the living, indwelling presence of God's Spirit, I shall always pray that these may be characteristics of our Church. I look at the Church of today with its diversified and world-preaching work, and I can only wonder and say, "What hath God wrought!"

#### Appreciation of the Workers.

And, now, in closing my report, I should like to speak a word in appreciation of the men who have done the work of the Church with me this year. I thank God not only for His work but for His workers. And never did these men, my brother ministers, stand higher in my pride and love

for the clean, high, noble quality of their life and service, than after this another year's work together. I do not know how it has gone with them at all times this year. There have been times when this work we have done together has taken just about all I had in me to give. I suspect it has not been easy for any of us. Here is one minister among us who has been called upon to conduct forty-one funerals this Conference year. Think what it means when you have to give and give of yourself to poor hearts like that! No one would find that sort of thing easy. But I think I can speak for these men. I know how they feel. I know how you feel, every one of you—just as I do. We have just a deep, humble gladness in our hearts before God that we can give ourselves. Yes, and we will give ourselves for His sake in His work. You could not keep us from doing it.

A black poet, the son of a Methodist preacher, in a little book of poems, has a poem, "Simon, the Cyrenean, Speaks." The word this black man of to-day puts into the mouth of that black man of long ago who first bore our Lord's cross, is our word, our word to-day:

"He never spoke a word to me  
And yet He spoke my name;  
He never made a sign to me,  
And yet I knew and came.

"At first I said, 'I will not bear  
His cross upon my back;  
He only seeks to place it there  
Because my skin is black.'

"But He was dying for a dream,  
And He was very meek;  
And in His eyes there shone the Heaven  
Men journey far to seek.

"It was Himself my pity bought;  
I did for Christ alone,  
What all of Rome could not have wrought  
With bruise of lash or stone."

#### SALISBURY DISTRICT.

E. H. DASHIELL, District Superintendent.

It is with no little gratification that we welcome the Conference to Salisbury this year. Asbury Church, in which we are meeting, is one of the oldest Methodist Societies in America—preaching having started here as far back as 1778. Salisbury District has within its borders exceedingly interesting historic sites and data, and has produced outstanding charac-

ters who are still spoken of for their faith and labors of love. Our people of today, for the most part, are worthy descendants of their fathers—dependable old Methodist stock, who love God and their Church. In their name, we welcome you. It is a joy to them to have their ministers in their midst, and you will soon know that nothing they could do to contribute to your comfort has been left undone. This week Salisbury—the gem of the Peninsula—scintillates for your delectation (!), and asks only that you leave in its homes the benediction of Christ.

The records of Christianity are the records of the life of Jesus. HE—in both repose and action—was and is Christianity, and must be forever. Likewise, this record of another year's service to Him is the record of the lives and ministries of the men who have led the District, and those who have followed. I have nothing higher to record. Indeed I question whether there be anything higher. Surely, the archangel, who dips his wing in light and speeds on some celestial errand, is not more divinely occupied than he who grasps a sinking sinner and lifts him to solid footing upon the eternal rock. In this, in all its phases, have these men been engaged; and their accomplishments I now briefly set forth.

Whatever may be true of politics and business, few men in the Christian ministry receive recognition unless such recognition be deserved. In fact, both the Church and the world are slow to accord a minister what he admittedly merits. Therefore, when such recognition comes—when, for instance, salaries increase—it means it has come on the basis of real merit, for there is no field where men merit more and receive less. This District has recorded unusual advances in this respect in the past, and now comes forward to add another year of which it has no reason to be ashamed. The advances follow: Stengle, \$33; Marion, \$100; Pocomoke Circuit, \$100; Stockton, \$100; Fruitland, \$100; Dagsboro and St. Georges, \$200; Parsonburg, \$200; Snow Hill, \$250; Sharptown, \$300; Sinepuxent, \$300; Chincoteague, \$400; Ocean City, \$425; Delmar, \$500—aggregating \$3008. Last year we reported nearly \$5000. in advance, with corresponding amounts preceding that. During four years the advance, if averaged, would mean approximately \$300. for every one of the forty-eight charges. Some fluctuation, of course, has been unavoidable, and these figures constitute no cause for undue congratulation, for there remains "yet much land to be possessed." As the Conference now knows, the policy of this administration has been to so advance ministerial support that certain ends, otherwise impossible, would become attainable. It will be recalled, perhaps, that we began by saying: "Give us men." I wish now to say that only a high type of leadership could, under God, have held this District from a crushing retreat after the Centenary. Even the present year the most unreasonable attitudes toward World Service have developed—in one or two instances, open and even defiant rebellion—and only through sacrificing, sagacious and able leadership has the District as a whole preserved its vision and response. Against what would be humanly considered impossible odds, these men have thrown themselves with monumental faith and determination. I have superintended, directed, encouraged, and

assisted as far as lay in my power, but the pastors have done the work—have done it nobly and well. All honor to these soldiers of Jesus Christ!

At the last Conference there seemed some confusion as to the attitude of Salisbury District toward our retired ministers and widows. Surely, in no man's heart could this holy claim lie more deeply than in mine; and, at the close of last session, a little time was given to figuring the matter out. We had then advanced the support of active men between eleven and twelve thousand dollars. Equal devotion to our Claimants required that we should have advanced for them, during the same period, fifteen per cent. of that amount. The fact disclosed by our inquiry was that, instead of fifteen per cent. we had actually advanced nearly twenty-two per cent. A more than one-third greater advance had been secured for the Claimants than for the active men. However, rather than—in view of this splendid showing—dropping back on our record and resting awhile, both preachers and laymen have joined me in a strong pull for still further advance. Our slogan has been: Conference Claimants in Full; and, while that will not be realized, the District puts itself squarely on record as expecting its realization at no distant date. Most of our preachers have more than pro-rated—some of them under circumstances that would have elicited the applause of angels.

Now comes on the close of our campaign for additional endowment. This District was asked to subscribe \$30,000. I proposed a plan of which the Commission seemed afraid, but Doctor Jones was gracious about it, and it was unanimously adopted, the result being a subscription of \$761. more than the \$30,000. for which we were asked; and I am of the opinion that a few additional hundred can be found. It should be said that \$1070. of this is in personal credits secured by Doctor Jones, and of which I knew nothing until his report was submitted to me. This year there will not, for various reasons, be a heavy CASH return from Salisbury District, but our Churches may be depended upon to play their part well.

Thus do we close the record of the year as to the support of God's ministers, feeling that great blessing has been upon us, and that we have been enabled to do that which will brighten the crown of the King of Kings.

No other activity has been neglected, but all have striven to keep pace.

**Evangelism**, the chief glory of Christian ministry, has been pursued like the wise men followed the Star that led to the cradle of Jesus. Our men have the passion in their hearts. Outstanding revivals have occurred at Tangier and Pittsville, with 109 and 112 conversions respectively. Active revival conditions have prevailed at Immanuel, Marion, Fruitland, Asbury (Salisbury), Whitesville, Bishopville, Stockton, Mt. Vernon, Smith's Island and Pocomoke City, with conversions ranging from 15 to 55. Every man has done his utmost and some who now have a small number of conversions, have in previous years registered heavily. All are rejoicing in some fruit of their ministry.

The great World Service has been on our hearts, and its call in our ears, unceasingly—like the distant thunder of a mammoth organ, whose

thrilling strains sweep the shores of every sea, ascend the sides of every mountain, and flood earth's valleys with promise of that day whose perfect noon shall never fade. Doctors Swartz and Linzell paid the District an inspiring visit in the interest of this unrivaled claim.

The work of the Young People is full of interest. The Epworth League Convention at Cape Charles was bright, spiritual and effective, the organization of that place out-doing itself in pleasing entertainment.

The Women's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies, and the Ladies' Aid Societies, have done their usual high grade work.

Much of debt has been paid, including Newark, \$525; Mount Vernon, \$751; Tangier, \$1500; Pocomoke City, \$1518; Phoebus, \$3000; Asbury (Crisfield), \$26,500.

Much improvement to property has been made, including Whitesville \$100; Mardela, \$150; Girdletree, \$200; Somerset, \$200; Princess Anne, \$308; Hebron, \$385; Phoebus, \$405; Pittsville, \$500; Bishopville, \$500; Marion, \$500; Fruitland, \$600; Cape Charles, \$650; White Haven, \$800; Onancock, \$842; Dagsboro and St. Georges, \$1000; Quantico, \$1000; Stockton, \$1550; Parsonburg, \$2500. Ocean View and Zion of Parsonburg charge have both built useful and attractive Community Halls. In building, however, the most important project is the new Asbury Church at Crisfield. Its dark, yet lurid, story is now well known—a magnificent stone building costing \$150,000. reduced within an hour to twisted steel beams, charred stone, and ashes; and with \$26,500. of its cost unpaid. And this heroic people, with not a murmur, have turned again to building. Within the year what seemed a catastrophe has been changed into an astonishing example of faith and heroism. Today the new walls are complete, the roof is on, the floors laid, the rafters of the galleries in place, and the inside work steadily proceeding. The new building contains improvements over the former one, as splendid as that was, is to cost \$3000. more and should inspire congregations and Building Committees everywhere. Surely such sacrificial love will help erect other Temples than its own!

The Program of Religious Education, being carried out by Rev. F. A. Lindhorst, is increasingly helpful. His report will contain detail.

Our Strawbridge Home for Boys, near Baltimore, has called upon the Ministers' Wives' Associations of Baltimore and Wilmington Conference to furnish its new Carroll Building—asking our ladies to take a thousand dollars. This District was requested to raise \$288. In the absence of the President, the direction of the work devolved upon Mrs. Frank White, Secretary, and Mrs. Dashiell. The ladies have shown promptness, loyalty, and enthusiasm even beyond expectation, reporting \$337. and placing themselves in the lead of the Conference.

Brother James L. Derrickson, one of our faithful supplies, died suddenly in the beginning of the year; Rev. George F. Newton lost his baby girl; and Brother E. B. Taylor of Onancock, has been critically ill for several weeks. Apart from these, our ministers and their families have been free from death or serious illness.



Although pressed beyond measure, we have found time to introduce the old custom of preaching at Quarterly Conferences. This has been done by visiting ministers from various parts of the District. Announcement has been made, attendance has doubled in nearly every instance, in some cases increasing five and ten times. No collections are taken a new spirit has come to the Conferences, the laymen are delighted, and much interest, with no little of consecration, has been added to the life of the District. Many of our Quarterly Conferences, thus conducted, throb with the consciousness of God's presence.

And so we pass along!

This last sentence is used because I am greatly moved in the presence of my own passing—and of your's. Christ, under similar emotion, said: "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." Life! Who can appreciate its sacredness or measure its opportunities! The years are like a journey—indeed, they are a journey. Now we are no the heaving bosom of some wide sea, quieted and subdued by the vastness of our thoughts. Now we are lifted by the sublimity of a huge mountain chain upon which we look. Now we pass "a forest primeval," where vari-colored birds flash their gorgeous feathers and fill the air with song. Now we stand beside some deep, stagnant quag, and take a brother, whose feet have slipped, by the hand. Now we turn to deliver a kid from the paw of a bear, or to strike at a serpent about to sink its fangs in a frightened child. Now we stand in an open plain and watch the gathering storm. Menacing clouds hang low, and, driven by fierce winds scud across the sky. Forked lightning leaps from their black folds, and, with terrific blast, makes lurid the ghastly atmosphere. The face of the sun is hidden, and the deep roll and resounding crash of contending thunders shake the earth.

These are the figures of life. This IS life. This is the journey of the years. As we go, may the grace of God make us to more and more wonderfully triumph over its difficulties, and more and more effectively register in its glorious opportunities!

#### WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

J. W. COLONA, District Superintendent.

The test of our discipleship to Christ and of our ministry for Him is in the fruit we bear. That test was announced by our Lord when He said to His disciples at the Last Supper, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

It was also certainly implied in the Great Commission wherein He said, "Go ye therefore and teach 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 command you: and, lo, I am with you always,

even unto the end of the world." And when we, His disciples and ministers, were sent to our respective charges by appointment of Bishop W. F. McDowell at the close of our last Conference Session, that was a divine commission to the most sublime task on earth of laboring for Him in His vineyard and through the help of His divine presence to the end that we might bear much fruit, and now, we have returned to this session of our Conference to make reports of the fruits of our labors together with Him.

The duty and responsibility of representing justly and adequately in this report the toils, sacrifices and achievements of the forty-eight ministers and the sixty-five distinct congregations on the Wilmington District to this Conference Session together make a very hard task. And this must be performed in as few words as possible.

#### Sickness and Deaths.

Brother H. B. Kelso underwent a very serious operation last December at the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia. His faith in Christ was as firm and comforting under the trials and uncertainty of the outcome as at any time in his health. His recovery has been rapid and complete, so that now he is prosecuting his labors of love as vigorously as ever.

The "grim reaper" has removed from our midst and fellowship during the year Mrs. Elva Talley, Mrs. Frances P. Hurst and Dr. Robert Watt. Suitable memoirs will be presented to the Conference.

#### Ministerial Support.

Our laymen are coming increasingly to see not only the justice of a better paid ministry, but likewise the necessity, if the churches are to have the type of trained leadership required for the progress of the kingdom of Christ in our midst. Consequent to the broadening of their vision in these respects, ten of our Charges have increased their pastoral support this Conference year as follows: Rising Sun, \$100; Claymont, \$200; Delaware City and Glasgow, \$500; Holly Oak, \$100; North East, \$500; Brack-Ex, \$100; Eastlake, \$200; Mt. Salem, \$200; Silverbrook, \$100; Elkton, \$200—the total increase in ministerial support for the year being \$2200.

#### Church Agencies.

The activities of the many agencies in the local Churches over the District have had much to do with the splendid results achieved. Only the briefest mention of them can be made here and that in a very general way.

The more than fifty Ladie's Aid Societies and kindred organizations on the District have again proven themselves well nigh indispensable to the life and work of the Churches. Not only have they faithfully looked after the comfort of the parsonage home, but in many instances have helped financially in the local budgets of their Churches. \$25 011, have been raised and disbursed by these faithful women in helping toward the progress of the work of their respective Churches.

There are nineteen Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies on the Dis-



tract and they report having raised \$7030. for their work in the foreign fields. There are also seventeen Woman's Home Missionary Societies and their reports indicate \$6469. raised for their work in this country.

There are approximately twenty-five chapters of the Epworth League with a membership of more than 1200. The City organization is especially strong. Among their activities have been the Annual District Meeting held in Silverbrook Church; an Institute of Religious Education held in St. Paul's Church, and the Annual Rally held in Grace Church, March 17th, and addressed by Bishop F. J. McConnell. Our Leagues are functioning effectively in devotional services, social fellowship, religious education and works of mercy.

The Ministers' Wives Association of the Wilmington District has raised and contributed \$305. toward helping to furnish the new Carroll Building of the Strawbridge Home for Orphan Boys situated near the City of Baltimore. Rev. Thomas S. Long is the Superintendent. His address is 3303 Westerwald Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

#### Buildings and Improvements.

Several new Church buildings have been erected and old ones repaired and greatly improved so as to serve better the purposes of their existence. Foremost among the new projects has been the completion of the first unit of the new Richardson Park Church which was in process of building at the time of the last session of our Conference. The beautiful stone structure with splendid facilities for religious education of the ever increasing hosts of young people in the Sunday School and Epworth Leagues, and for worship temporarily, stands as a monument to the courageous leadership of the Pastor, L. B. Morgan, and his loyal officials, together with the members and friends of the Church. The cornerstone of this new edifice was laid by Bishop W. F. McDowell, Sunday afternoon, October 17th. The total cost of the new structure is \$68,000. 12,000. have been raised and paid on it by the congregation this Conference year. While there is quite a heavy debt to carry, the faith and courage of the pastor and congregation allow no room for fear or special anxiety for the future.

A new Community House connected with the Church plant and with fine provisions for religious education and varied social functions has been donated to Scott Church, Wilmington by Mr. William H. Todd of New York City, as a memorial to his parents who were among the leading members of Scott Church in their day. A very considerable part of the furnishings has been given by Mr. Todd's children. This splendid monument in the form of a Church building erected by a son to the memory of his parents is certainly and easily one of the most touching and impressive ways to perpetuate paternal and filial love which are among the noblest characteristics of the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ. The total cost of the building was \$20,000. Bishop W. F. McDowell received the new building as a gift from Mr. Todd and dedicated the same Saturday evening, November 27th. Scott Church has now easily one of the best and most commodious church plants in the Wilmington Conference.

Dr. G. T. Alderson will tell elsewhere in detail the story of the Asbury Day Nursery. It will, therefore, suffice to say here that under the leadership of Dr. Alderson and in response thereto, friends, representing almost all faiths in the City of Wilmington, generously contributed to this cause (than which there is none more worthy) so that the building across the street from Asbury Church was purchased, renovated and equipped with every comfort and convenience to take care of and mother, during the day, the babies of those mothers who are compelled, by the force of circumstances, to earn their own living. The total cost of the entire plant is \$10,000., \$7000. of which have already been paid. Bishop W. F. McDowell dedicated the plant to the cause for which it has been brought into existence Sunday, October 24th.

Two community buildings have been provided to meet the growing needs of Zion Circuit. The good people of Ebenezer Church have erected a perfectly beautiful new stone structure providing especially for social functions at a total cost of \$4500, \$3000. of which have been paid. The new building was dedicated Sunday afternoon November 21st. Union Church bought a house with lot near the Church, renovated and adjusted it to meet their needs at a total cost of \$1600, all of which is paid. These fruits of progress on Zion Circuit are the results of the vision and faithful leadership of their pastor, J. W. Prettyman.

North East has made practically a new social hall out of an old building donated to them by a friend. It was moved along side of their Church and thoroughly renovated so that now it is valued at \$5000. Brother Shockley and his people are delighted in the prospect of the added facilities for social, religious and educational functions this building will provide.

In response to the vision and leadership of their Pastor, L. M. Broadway, Perryville has improved their Sunday School facilities by replacing their old seatings with new and more suitable chairs, together with other improvements costing \$1336. Pastor and people have enjoyed a very prosperous year together. Other Churches making special improvements are Brandywine, St. Georges and Charlestown. The total raised and disbursed for new buildings and improvements over the District is \$65,622.

It should be added here also that Claymont will break ground on March 31st for their new addition to the Church for larger facilities for religious education. The new project is to cost \$30,000. Likewise Newark has the plans and blueprints about ready to begin the first unit of their new Church early in the new Conference year. And this Conference will probably be asked to seriously consider the advisability of establishing a Wesley Foundation at Newark, the seat of our State University, about seventy per cent. of whose student body are Methodists. Dr. W. F. Sheldon of Chicago, Secretary of the Foundation, will be present at this Conference to confer with us about the wisdom and possibility of it.

#### World Service.

The visit to Wilmington last May of Bishops Fred B. Fisher of India, Wallace E. Brown of China, and W. F. McDowell of Washington, with their

stirring messages of World Needs, served in a remarkable way to broaden the vision and awaken the interests of many of our people in the missionary needs abroad. These flaming messengers of the Cross brought not only information from the far flung battle lines, but by their spirit, personalities and appeals in His Name, stirred the throngs who heard them to a passion for sacrifice and service. As a consequence, members and friends of Grace Church, Wilmington, have laid \$2500. on the altar of God to maintain a missionary in India, this being in addition to their regular budget for World Service as of last year. Claymont likewise gives for the same purpose \$200. additional to what they did last year. One member of Epworth Church gave Bishop Brown \$400. for his work in China. Other Churches have felt the stimulant of the visit of the Bishops and will reflect the same in their contributions. The field has been cultivated throughout the year in many other ways, and, from the reports received from the pastors to date, I am fully expecting to exceed last year's giving on the District for World Service by from \$2000. to \$4000.

#### Evangelism.

The saving of souls has been our supreme passion this year as always. With this highest end of our ministry in view, our pastors have planned, prayed, preached and labored faithfully. Many of our pastors have held very effective revivals resulting in many accessions to their Churches. In some cases the pastors have been their own evangelists, in others they have been assisted. Dr. George W. Cooke visited the District again and conducted a very successful program at Brandywine. The Church was greatly quickened and many were added to the membership. Brother J. C. McCoy, with the help of H. B. Goff, has had a gracious revival at Rising Sun, while Brother L. M. Broadway, unassisted, at Perryville, has received just fifty new converts. Harrison Street and Cookman together held very fruitful services extending through several weeks with Dr. J. W. Troy as the evangelist.

There is neither time nor space here to tell in detail of the Home Visitation Evangelistic Campaign put on recently in Wilmington under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Earl A. Kernahan. About 600 personal workers representing their respective Churches went two by two to the homes of the prospects secured by a previous religious survey of the City. 1002 decisions were secured in a week of visitation and only a minority of the Protestant Churches of Wilmington participating. Dr. Kernahan may return for another campaign next Fall. And if so we shall hope and pray that every Methodist Episcopal Church in and about Wilmington at least will participate, together with all the churches of the City, in this, our Lord's own method of leading souls to Him. The reports of our pastors show 1320 having been received into Full Membership and 743 on Preparatory Membership.

#### Good-Will Industries.

Only a brief summary of the work of the Wilmington Goodwill Industries can be given here. Dr. J. H. Beauchamp, the Superintendent, says

in his Annual Report to the Directors: "3819 effective calls were made which resulted in gathering 3819 bags of clothing, shoes, etc., and 350 pieces of furniture. From these materials 27,876 hours of labor were furnished and 14,500 customers were served. From these sales \$8761.17 were received with donations and membership fees amounting to \$2108.00, making the income for the year reach the gratifying total of \$10,869.51." It should ever be kept in mind that the Good-Will Industries throughout the Church exist not for profit but service. The detailed report will be made to the Conference by the Superintendent.

#### Wilmington City Missions.

The Wilmington City Missionary Society has been functioning very effectively in the service its workers are rendering to the downtown sections of the City. The reports of the activities at Kingswood, Asbury, Wesley and Sixth Avenue indicate a real contribution the Methodist Episcopal Church is making toward the social, intellectual, moral and spiritual uplift of the peoples in those respective communities. The authorities of our Board of Home Missions regard these sections of Wilmington as both a splendid opportunity and solemn responsibility of our Church to do a peculiar kind of greatly needed missionary work in these sections. And the Home Board is both willing and desirous to assist us in every needed way, if our churches, in the City especially, will cooperate in the discharge of their local responsibility to the extent of their capacity. Dr. G. T. Alderson, the Secretary, will make the detailed report.

#### Religious Education.

The work of religious education has been prosecuted on the District with fidelity and good results. Brother F. A. Lindhorst, our Conference Director, has been instant in season and out of season. Of course, it will take one man a long time to visit every Sunday School in the Conference. But to every School he has yet been able to visit he has imparted valuable information on the reorganization of the School for effective religious education of our youth, and has outlined for all concerned a modern program with definite objectives and sought to inspire teachers and pupils to strive to reach them. Great good is being achieved by the effective leadership of our Director. It will be manifest in the future Church more than today.

Two Standard Teacher Training Schools have been held on the District, one at Elkton with an enrollment of 63, and one at Wilmington with an enrollment of 166. Nine Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held last summer. The total enrollment in these Schools exceeded 1000 children.

#### Conference Claimant Endowment Fund.

The \$55,000. which was our apportioned share of the \$135,000. to be raised by the Conference so that we might claim the \$15,000. involved in the two conditional pledges, and so raise \$150,000. as a greatly needed additional endowment for our Conference Claimants cause has been almost reached. Elkton, Hopewell, Newark and Brandywine have accepted their

apportionments in full. Rising Sun rescinded their former action accepting a part and accepted their full quota. Only one Church on the District has failed to take at least some positive action. Dr. G. P. Jones, the Secretary, will make the detailed report.

#### Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home.

Our Deaconess Home, located at 307 West Street, owned, managed and supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, has had another remarkably prosperous year. Miss Rosa Santee, the Superintendent, reports more than 18,000 having been in the classes taught by the members of the Home family. Children and adults in various groups and classes have received industrial and religious education. 207 were in attendance at the Daily Vacation Bible School. 4257 calls were made in the interest of work. The budget of \$5000. has been raised with comparative ease. The results achieved during the year are unparalleled in the history of the institution.

#### Ministerial Leadership.

Dr. Paul E. Titsworth, President of Washington College, delivered an address in Wilmington recently on "The Menace of Mediocrity." The message produced a profound impression on those present. The hearers were not only stimulated to reflect over the past, but to shape attitudes and form resolutions toward better living and service in the future. The burden of the remarkable message, as interpreted by the writer, was to show the tragedy of being less in character, and doing less in service than the very best of which one is capable. Is not the message especially applicable to the position, privilege and duty of ministers of Jesus Christ. Suppose every one of us should go back from this Conference to our divine tasks, under a divine commission, determined by His presence with us and help pledged unto us, to give absolutely nothing less to Him and His people on this Peninsula than the best that is possible of character and the last full measure of consecrated leadership and service to His cause and the work of His Church, and should do that for one year? "What hath God wrought" would inevitably be the exclamation welling up from the depth of every soul among us at the results achieved in His name. The need of the hour, brothers, is ministerial leadership lifted up to the utmost possible capacity of life and service within us. Then souls will be converted and reforms will be effected not only in law but in practice, and streams of benevolence will flow out like rivers to make rich with sympathy, love, good-will and pure ideals not only our own respective communities but also the desert places of the world.

With gratitude to my Heavenly Father for health and strength with which to prosecute my duties, with the most sincere appreciation of the uniform kindness of which I have been the fortunate recipient from the pastors and people of the Churches throughout this year, I beg to present this my fourth Annual Report as Superintendent of the Wilmington District to this the Fifty-ninth Session of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

## (b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

### EDUCATION.

Since true Methodists believe that the Grace of God is sufficient to save the most ignorant and most vile, and since our Church has always enjoyed a happy approach to both these classes, and since we have always believed that when converted these ignorant and vile must be educated for personal righteousness and efficiency in service, and especially since we believe the entire childhood and youth of the Church and the world should be protected from the unhappy fate of recruiting the ranks of the world's ignorant and depraved, the Wilmington Conference annually recognizes this form of uplift work in its midst.

As a Christian Church we are sympathetic with, but not officially concerned about, the secular education of the municipality, the state and the nation. These educational forces are today stupendous and may safely be left to work out their own problems along secular lines. However, by their own confession and according to the opinion of the Church, they fail woefully in cultivating the moral and religious life of future American citizens and immortal souls.

To supplement their efforts and as far as possible to rectify their errors we and all other Christian Churches maintain our educational activities and institutions. In reporting upon those institutions patronized by our Conference territory we have invited the various executives to represent their own cause, and where the invitation has been accepted they speak in this report. Where the invitation has not been accepted the Committee has tried to properly represent them.

President Clarence A. Short of the Wesley Collegiate Institute reports as follows: The attendance at the present time is 85; 50 boarding students and 35 day students. Many encouraging reports come from all parts of the Peninsula regarding prospects for another year, and it looks bright for an increase in the student body for the year 1927-28.

Every attempt is being made to hold to the high standard in scholarship set by this school in time past, and good reports come to us regarding the standing of those who have entered the several colleges and universities during the past year.

Among the students are 15 taking courses preparatory to the ministry. Five of these entered in September, 1927, taking up work at the beginning of the preparatory course. Three ministerial students will graduate from the Junior College and probably three from the preparatory.

The present plan is to suspend the operation of the Junior College Department for the present and concentrate upon the preparatory work, feel-



ing that there is at present a greater need for the preparatory course than for the Junior College.

If the interest of the ministers of the Wilmington Conference can be actively directed toward the Institute the future prospects are indeed bright, but to secure success will require the united efforts of all interested in Methodism upon the Peninsula.

Dr. J. O. Spencer reports as follows for Morgan College and its Branches:

These schools for our colored youth have long had the interest and support of our Conference. The increased attendance and the widening opportunities merit even larger support than our Conference has yet afforded.

Morgan College is the only school of collegiate grade for the colored young men and women of our Conference area. The enrollment in the college department for the present year is, men 150, women 257—total 407. In the Academy we have, men 22, women 26—total 48, with a grand total enrollment at Baltimore of 455. These figures show an extraordinary development for the school and also represent extraordinary opportunities.

At the Conference session a year ago a resolution was passed commending the work of this school and requesting the Churches of the Conference to take a special offering to assist the management of the College in raising funds to secure the conditional gift of \$50,000 offered by the General Education Board of New York. Only a few Churches have reported compliance with this request and sent in their collections to Morgan College Crusade Office.

We now request this Conference to reaffirm its action of last year and secure an offering from the Churches early in the month of May, sending the same to the Crusade Office, Morgan College, Baltimore, Md. The conditions laid down by the General Education Board mature on June 1, 1927, and a large sum must be raised before that date. Early and enthusiastic attention to this matter will enable this College to reach its goal.

From this College and its branches are drawn many of the ministers, teachers, lawyers, doctors and other leaders of our large and constantly growing Negro population.

#### Princess Anne Academy.

Princess Anne Academy, located at Princess Anne, Maryland, continues to be a powerful agency in the education of the colored youth in this section of the country. As we stated in a previous report, this institution is vitally connected with the Wilmington Conference, for it was the late Dr. J. A. B. Wilson, then a presiding elder in this Conference, who sold the land to the Morgan College Corporation, for a nominal fee, for the establishment of this institution.

For seventeen years the school has been under the leadership of Dr. T. H. Kiah, a member of the Delaware Conference. These years have been marked by continual development. Educational experts, even representa-

tives of the Federal Government, report that it is a well managed school. Dr. Kiah is ably assisted by a corps of sixteen efficient teachers.

The departments are Junior College, High School and Industrial. The industries include Agriculture, Blacksmithing, Carpentry, Horticulture, Poultry Husbandry, Printing and Home Economics.

The Princess Anne Academy Male Quartet has done much to spread the fame of the institution in the last two years. These young men, only one of whom is of age, have taken a great message to thousands in song, through radio concerts and churches, and are doing a notable work not only for their school but the race.

Here, indeed, is a plant which is a distinct credit to the race it represents and the country at large.

#### The American University.

The American University, located on that strategic spot selected by Bishop Hurst in America's most influential city, The National Capital, is rapidly challenging the attention it deserves. A more beautiful campus could not be desired. Its buildings erected for a Post Graduate University and recently supplemented by others built by the Government during the war and now splendidly adapted to dormitory uses, leave nothing lacking for housing a great College.

The educational and inspirational advantages of the greatest governmental city of the world are theirs for the using. All great men and women, all great patriotic, social, literary and musical events center in Washington. Government libraries, laboratories and museums are freely open to the student and to him who has eyes to see, every street corner commemorates in marble the illustrious deeds of our forefathers.

American University is to be congratulated on the service of a far seeing President, Dr. Lucian Clark, and a scholarly faculty completes the outfit.

The students this year number about 250.

#### 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 the 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.

#### Ohio Wesleyan University.

Ohio Wesleyan University in recent years has become an important factor of Education in our Conference. Located in Central Ohio, in the City of Delaware, this school has two great campuses, one for the men and the other for the women. Its buildings are fully adequate and most of them absolutely modern.

Austin Hall, the new girl's dormitory costing \$400,000, represents the latest ideas of College architecture.

The new Perkins Astronomical Observatory containing the 61-inch reflector is the largest telescope used for undergraduate instruction and is the third largest telescope in the world.

The eight million dollar campaign has already produced nearly four millions of dollars and is eliciting increasing enthusiasm.

The faculty, according to last year's catalogue, numbers 140 among whom are many outstanding educators of National reputation.

The student body numbers about two thousand. Among them are seven graduates of Wesley Collegiate Institute and Dean Smyser reports that of twenty-one students recently sent from our Conference School nineteen have graded in the first 15% of their classes.

It will be interesting to know that our Area Bishop and also our Presiding Bishop are graduates of that great School.

#### Drew Theological Seminary.

The Trustees and Faculty of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, greet you in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

The Seminary has now entered upon its sixtieth year of service to the Church. Founded in 1866, the Centennial of American Methodism, Drew

has become an increasingly important training center for spiritual leadership, its sole purpose being to prepare its students for efficient service in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

With high standards of scholarship, separate classes for college graduates, and a wealth of specialized courses, Drew is better equipped than ever before to help students face the infinitely complex problems of the Christian Church in the present age.

There have been important accessions to the faculty. The Rev. John Newton Davies, B.A., B.D., S.T.D., who has been with us as visiting professor in New Testament Greek since 1919, has transferred his membership from the British Wesleyan Conference to a Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has been elected to the Chair of New Testament Greek Exegesis. Since coming to this country seven years ago he has become widely known for his eloquence as a preacher, his distinction as a scholar and his rare ability as a teacher. In addition to the election of Professor Davies several new instructors have been appointed.

We have recently unveiled a new equestrian statue of Francis Asbury given by Mr. William S. Pilling of Philadelphia, Pa., as a memorial to his brother, the late Rev. Edward Stellwagon Pilling of the Class of 1885. The figure of this pioneer itinerant preacher, executed by Augustus Lukeman, will be both a summons and a challenge to all who gaze upon it and should do much to keep alive the spirit of sacrificial service.

Drew Theological Seminary is seeking one million and a half dollars for permanent endowment in order to maintain the school on an effective basis. The annual budget is \$150,000 and the assured income is only \$65,000. The difference of \$85,000, counting a grant by the Board of Education, must be raised each year by special appeals. This is too precarious a basis for an institution of such importance to the ministry and the Church. No tuition is charged and every increase in enrollment means, not added revenue, but increased expense. This additional endowment is imperative.

Two new buildings also are greatly needed; a new library at an estimated cost of \$300,000, and a dormitory to cost \$200,000, for furloughed missionaries and married ministers seeking additional training.

The formal beginning of the effort to raise this total of two millions for endowment and buildings has been set by the Trustees for November 7th, 1927, which will be the Sixtieth Anniversary of the founding of the Seminary. The Trustees are counting on the hearty cooperation of pastors and Churches to save expense to the Seminary and to create good will among the people.

#### Boston University School of Theology.

The Boston University School of Theology has this year an attendance of 381, of whom 75 are Specials. This is perhaps as large a body of graduate students of Theology as is to be found in America. They come from 55 states and foreign countries, and from 135 colleges and universities.

Professor C. M. McConnell was added to the faculty last year, and

next year Dr. G. Bromley Oxman will become Professor of Practical Theology and City Church.

A new dormitory housing twenty-five students has been added to the equipment during the past year, and upwards of \$50,000 added to the endowment.

#### Conference Director of Religious Education.

Last but not least is that Christian Education which must be done before the child reaches any of the Colleges and Seminaries. Rev. F. A. Lindhorst, our efficiency Director of Religious Education, speaks of that work as follows:

In the final analysis, whatever is done in Christian Education must affect the individual's living, to be worthy of the name of Christian Education. The beginning of this life influence is not in the College nor Preparatory School, but rather in the home and the local Church. The local Church School, therefore, has the possibility of becoming a very vital factor in the program of character building. We are realizing more and more that "as the twig is bent," so the full grown tree.

That the home and Church School have not produced the results desired is apparent. One church of considerable size in this Conference reports that after a careful study they find only 10% of their Church School are members of the Church. How long can we continue on this basis?

We likewise know that wherein the Church School in the average Church is not as effective as it should be, that it CAN BE made more so by better organization, further training on the part of the teachers, deeper consecration of all the workers, and more constant recognition that whatever is done in its program must be determined by the needs of the particular aged child being taught. More Christlike character will come when the workers with youth more successfully open the way and lay the foundations for right living in the hearts and minds of the child. Christ's spirit will dwell more permanently where His co-workers do their part to "make straight the highways of our God."

Thus the Conference Program of Religious Education finds its place in the great movement for Christian Education by seeking to grasp the opportunity of childhood and youth, and to foster young Christians through every period of their development—yea, even to the end of life.

We close this report as we begun it, with a solemn exhortation to evangelize those whom we educate. The cultivation of keen minds, even minds that are keen about God and His word but without a personal acquaintance with God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, and without an indwelling Holy Spirit and without a supreme devotion to His Coming Kingdom, will only produce Leopolds and Loeb's and will add to the list of student suicides.

#### CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Board of Managers of your Education Society is pleased to report that, during the present school year, we have given financial aid to fourteen students, thirteen young men and one young woman.

Of these young men two are students in the College of Liberal Arts of American University, Washington, D. C.; two are students in Dickinson College; two are students in Drew Theological Seminary; and in the Wesley Collegiate Institute seven young men and one young woman. All of these young people are preparing for the Christian ministry.

There were other young people who desired to secure help from our Society, but as they were not in one of our Church Schools their requests had to be refused.

We call special attention to the two young men at Drew. Both are Chinese. While Dr. Tipple of Drew strongly recommends both of these young men he gives a very high rating to one of them, describing him as a preacher of unusual power, and as a student whose scholarship is already giving him rank among scholars. These young men will return to their homeland and engage in Christian work.

Application for aid from the funds of the Society should be in the hands of the Secretary by the beginning of the second week of October. For application blanks write the Secretary of the Society at 2209 The Boulevard, Wilmington, Del.

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#### EVANGELISM.

"Go ye into all the world" was the message divine. To the Church of today this means not only all the surface of the earth, but the heights and depths, the length and breadth of all human experiences. God save us from thinking that our message is to only a part of the world. We are to go until every highway and byway is a way of salvation, and every heart a messenger of the great commission. The world of amusements, the world of industry, the world of politics, the world of international relationships—all avenues of human knowledge, relationships and experience are to be filled with the spirit of the Evangel. Evangelism must aim at and sacrificially strive to attain the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. It is a message of salvation to all mankind individually and collectively.

Why this call to the followers of Christ? In God's message to men we read, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "There is none that is righteous, no, not one." "There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God." "They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." The Church proves her right to live by her ability to turn men to God. If she fails in this she has failed in all. This then is her task. "Not more than a century ago men rose up purposing to carry the

Gospel to the heathen. Other men of the church interposed and rebuked them saying, 'sit down. When God wants the heathen converted, He will do it, and without your help.'" We are thankful to our heavenly Father that today such is not the Church's conception of her task. The Church is making an effort to evangelize the world. Now we are following the injunction of our Lord more closely than ever before. **Ours must be a message to men that will compel them to come in.** Are we able to say, "Come, for all things are now ready?" Christ is ready. Are we ready? All things essential to the salvation of men have been prepared. We are assured "All that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." He who hears the words of the Master and believes on Him is already evangelized. "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

How are we to present Christ to this age? Naturally we first challenge ourselves to a more healthy and hearty service for the Master. Until the ministry itself is consumed with a passion for the salvation of men there will be no widespread, progressive, upward move toward God. The minister who would win souls and thus prove true to his calling must be possessed with "a spiritual passion which is as rare as any other form of genius." Do we as ministers show that we possess and are possessed of it? We are called upon to manifest a quality of devotion and enthusiasm that is not common in human relationships. "There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting." Without fear of cant, without professional piousness, with a prayer life that is real and intense, with lives that are transparently pure, with tempers that are sweet, with love that embraces all men, with the moral emphasis of ancient saints, with a love for the Faith that is fervid though tolerant, with a message that exalts the Church though probing its abscesses and defects, with a winsomeness that lifts men and wins their consent to follow the Master without prostituting that power to ambition and success, with a ministry that has consecrated all its talents and powers to the service of a loving Saviour, we are to preach the Gospel as the only message for the life that is here and now, and the only hope of life everlasting.

We would recommend the following program for every local Church as was recommended for one of the Districts:

1. Family prayer in every home.
2. The first Sunday in each month set apart for the reception of new members.
3. Every Sunday evening an evangelistic service.
4. Decision Day in the Sunday School twice every year; preferably in November and Palm Sunday.
5. A systematic use of the Lenten period for the spiritual quickening of the Church and the salvation of men.
6. Personal Visitation Evangelism.

We rejoice in the victories of the past year. Our hearts are inspired

by reports that come from some of our Churches. Others have labored faithfully whose labors are not self evident. Especially are we encouraged by the gratifying reports of the campaign conducted in the City of Wilmington. May God hasten the hour when the ministry and laity, inspired with the Holy Spirit, shall use every possible method that will lead people, "That they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent," and thus come to eternal life.

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#### STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Church is in the world today, this day which furnishes the greatest opportunity and at the same time to present the most serious problems and must not and will not evade or shirk its duty.

The question of prohibition is agitating the public mind as is no other question. There are gigantic forces closely organized which are carrying on a propaganda of deception mightily backed by very many great newspapers. The educational program on prohibition must be pressed. From every quarter we should endeavor to influence the young mind.

The Churches must cry aloud and spare not. We must take a fresh stand close up to the proposition that prohibition is the policy of our land and our demand should be for a strict and complete enforcement of the law.

We call upon not only the officers of the law to impartially enforce existing legislation but we call upon our people to take such pronounced attitude that the authorities may know they have public backing.

#### Amusements.

Notwithstanding the fact that the General Conference did not lower the standards of our Church in the matter of amusements, there has been in some places, at least, an alarming increase in the number of young and old alike who are acting as though the "ban had been lifted."

The world, Delilah-like, is making a subtle appeal and many are the blind Sampsons who are yielding to her fond embrace.

We call upon our ministers everywhere to speak out in no uncertain terms against all questionable amusements and faithfully warn of their evil tendencies.

#### Divorce.

We are in complete accord with the high position taken by our Church on divorce.

This evil in our midst is growing with alarming rapidity and should be courageously opposed.

We are pained at the apparent disregard by some ministers of the law of the Church on this matter, which finds expression in the frequent per-



formance of the marriage ceremony for persons divorced on other than Scriptural grounds.

We believe the Lord's day should be a holy day and not a holiday and are in hearty accord with all agencies for the preservation of such a day.

We pledge our cooperation with the Lord's Day Alliance and recommend the educational program of this organization be accepted by our Churches and Schools and make it a part of their regular work. We also recommend that all our Churches and Schools and members take some one of the memberships in the Lord's Day Alliance.

#### Our Faith.

It is imperative in these days of apostacy that we be constantly on our guard lest the language of our Christian Church be perverted and corrupted to mean something quite the contrary to that originally given and implied.

The great terms of the Gospel, "Redemption, Incarnation, Justification, Regeneration, Atonement and Resurrection," are all still in our faith and preaching.

We believe the trouble with the world today is sin—not anything other than sin. Roger Babson declares, with no uncertain sound, that only a revival of genuine, old-time religion can save the world. What the world needs is an almighty, all loving, all-sufficient Saviour, who bears His own credentials and conveys to every needy soul the divine life and power to be the God-like being that he ought to be, and who said on the eve of His atoning death for all mankind, "Without Me ye can do nothing." A nominal Christianity may fail, but Christ—never! Isaiah declares, "He shall not fail nor be discouraged."

We believe genuine Christianity is a living power, infinite in its capacity to meet all needs of of the human soul, and this because its source is the living Christ of the Cross, Resurrection and Ascension. We believe in no emasculated creed.

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#### WORLD SERVICE.

World Service are big words. None too big, however, to fitly represent the work committed to the care of the Christian Church and to the people in it called "Methodists." Anything less would fall short of Christ's great commission, "Go Ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," and of Mr. Wesley's vision of service when he declared, "the world is my parish." Therefore, when our leaders took the seven great Mission and Benevolent Boards of our Church, drew a circle around them and wrote across the face of all, "World Service," they were in accord with Christ, the great Head of the Church, and with Mr. Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Episcopal Church. With those who love their Lord

there can be no East or West, no North or South, but the world for Jesus Christ.

The very bigness of the name lends enchantment to the task. Big things have a fascination all their own. They challenge the best in us. We all like to have a part in doing the big thing whether it be in war, in business, or in religion. World Service, through these seven great Boards, covers the work in the home fields and reaches to the ends of the earth with its ministry. The work of all of the great Boards is included in World Service. Each Board has its own particular work, and that work is worthy of our fullest confidence and of our most generous support.

But it is the work of the Board of Foreign Missions that especially claims our attention. This Board receives only about 38½ per cent. of the total receipts of the World Service money, nevertheless, in much of our thinking and speaking World Service and Missions are almost interchangeable terms. This is not fair. It places too much of the burden on Missions. And yet the increasingly pitiful need for funds to carry on the work already begun in foreign lands forces much of the emphasis on foreign missions. Of that need, this report need not speak because we are all apprized of it. But the thing that has troubled all of us is the enforced cuts and near cuts in appropriations to the foreign fields because of the decrease in World Service receipts. We do not like to think about this, much less to speak of it, and it may seem an ungracious thing to do when men have toiled earnestly all during the year in behalf of World Service now to speak about a decrease. But, then, on the other hand, since they have toiled earnestly it is only fair that they should have the facts. The World Service year closes May 31st. Since May 31st, 1926, the receipts for World Service, month by month, show the following:

June, decrease . . . . .	\$ 48,000.00
July, decrease . . . . .	22,000.00
August, decrease . . . . .	16,000.00
September, decrease . . . . .	109,000.00
October, decrease . . . . .	395,000.00
November, increase . . . . .	25,000.00
December, increase . . . . .	22,000.00
January, 1927, decrease . . . . .	6,000.00,

or a total decrease of more than One-half Million Dollars from June 1st to January 31st. This falling off in income is very seriously affecting the work of the several Boards represented. After two serious decreases in appropriations to the foreign field in 1924 and 1925, aggregating 40%, the Foreign Board at its annual meeting was obliged to take a venture of faith in making its appropriations that the income for 1927, for that Board alone, would be at least \$200,000 in advance of the income for the preceding year.

It is only fair also to know the relation that our Conference sustains to the decrease. During the present World Service year from June, 1926, to March 1, 1927, but not including any of the March collections at all, our Conference has paid a total of \$45,096.78, a decrease of \$2,301.70 as com-



pared with the corresponding period of 1925 and 1926. It is earnestly hoped that the March returns, which go in through the Conference reports, will wipe out this decrease. So far as we have been able to ascertain the forecast is that the receipts for World Service will be in advance of last year. May it be so. Hitherto Methodism on this Peninsula has known no retreat. Her battle cry has been onward, ever onward. In many of our communities financial conditions have been flat. Still our people have the money if only it can be claimed for Jesus Christ. In one of the isolated portions of our territory, where Methodism has her share of Church patronage, the Church has given in the last two years \$1700. for World Service, while the people in that community have purchased between forty and fifty automobiles at an average cost of \$1000. per car. When this was repeated last week to a business man he replied, "yes, but they were bought on the installment plan." And I said, "Good enough, if systematic payments will purchase automobiles, then systematic contributing will wipe out World Service deficits."

Your committee recommends a faithful every member canvass for World Service in every Church during the month of May, excepting in those Churches where the canvass is made in March. We recognize the duplex envelope system as the ideal, but do not recommend it in all cases. In many of our Churches there should not be a simultaneous canvass for the home Church and World Service. A separate canvass and a separate pledge will be to the interest of both causes.

We cannot stress too strongly the importance of the educational campaign preceding the canvass. If our people are to give they must have the information and all of the information available. Through the years we have been proclaiming the principles of missions, now the time is ripe for the facts of missions. These must go to the people through sermon, through paper, through institute, through District Conference, and through inspirational meetings such as were held in Dover and Wilmington last May.

In the educational campaign the Sunday School should have special cultivation. It is the richest soil in the Church. By timely coaching, by heart to heart talks with the Sunday School Board, and an occasional presentation of the facts to the organized classes in their monthly meetings, in many cases it is quite possible to increase the yearly offering from one to two hundred dollars. And in addition to this it will prepare the heart of the youth to serve the Church in a larger capacity in the future. Besides, through the personal touch in the adult classes many can be reached and interested for World Service who could never be touched in the public congregation.

Lastly, we recommend that the principles of Christian Stewardship be faithfully and lovingly presented to our people. Stewardship will increase the offering and stabilize the income, when our people come to recognize God's inherent right to a part of the things that we possess. Their giving will have a new joy and the Kingdom's work a support that will be ample, sacred and sure.

### THANKS.

As the Conference Session draws near to its close and your Committee assembles to formulate these resolutions, it finds that we are indebted to numerous folk who have so thoughtfully cared for our comfort during the past week. Although our "bread and butter" letter must to some degree be formal, nevertheless it is intended to carry with it the fullest expression of gratitude.

To our brother beloved, the Rev. A. J. Croft, his Official Board, his untiring sexton and trustworthy helpers, to the organist, chorister and choir, we are not unmindful of your unselfish interest in us.

To Brother E. E. Twilley, Chaiman, and the other members of the Entertainment Committee, to the Pastors, members and friends of the respective Churches of this city who have so kindly opened their pulpits and their homes to us, we shall thank God upon every remembrance of you.

To the Mayor of Salisbury and the President of the local Ministerial Union for their words of welcome; how graciously were they given!

To the Director of the local Y. M. C. A., the Directors of the National Bank of Salisbury, and to the representatives of the press who have been among us, we thank you for your every courtesy.

While our own Bishop McDowell has been absent from us, he is not forgotten and we continue to register our love and esteem for him.

But we have hailed with growing delight Bishop Francis J. McConnell, and we desire to express our love and good will for the untiring and thorough manner in which he has given himself to all the administrative affairs of this Conference. We pray God's speed for him, and trust that he will at some time come again to us.

### EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Board of Epworth League of the Wilmington Conference makes the following report. Every department of the League has been progressing during the year. District Conventions, with most excellent programs and of unusual attendance, have been held on each District, with Spring and Fall Rallies on the Wilmington District in the City of Wilmington. The one recently held and addressed by our Presiding Bishop is well worthy of our notice. An enthusiastic crowd that nearly filled Grace Church greeted the Bishop and went out to be better understood and to make the purposes of Methodism better understood in a broken world.

The results of the Winter Institute held in Grace Church cannot be underestimated. If this did nothing more than unite the youthful forces of Methodism in the City of Wilmington the effort would be well worth while, but it does more than that in harmonizing our young people with the great educational and spiritual programs of the Church.

As in the past the big feature of your Board's work has been the Summer Institute at Dover, Del. This you have recognized in the past nine

years as a mountain top of vision for our Young People. We had a registration last Summer of nearly two hundred and a faculty that would be difficult to surpass in Methodism. The type of young people are the best the Eastern Shore can afford—this means they are the best in the world. Seven definite decisions for Life Service were made in the hour of Consecration. A number of others consecrated for part time service. In the nine years we have eleven who are already at their task, some honored members of this Conference. We have fifty-three who are in our very best schools of learning. If left to the Board only the very best schools are recommended.

We continue to ask for your favor in sending your young people to the Institute. The best program ever is being framed and the outlook is for the best Institute ever. The date for the Institute is July the ninth. The terms are ten dollars for the week. This includes all expenses pertaining to the Institute. Since we are reaching each year our limitations in registration it is very important that all registrations should be sent in at an early date to avoid disappointment.

We thank you for your support and pledge ourselves to the very best service possible.

#### CHURCH SCHOOLS.

The report of our Director of Religious Education, which has been presented to you, gives in clear outline the character and extent of the work which we are doing.

It also shows the remarkable development of this work within the last two years. And doors of most inviting opportunities are opening to us, some of which we cannot enter because of financial limitation. Whatever Macedonian calls we may receive we are resolved to proceed carefully that we may build permanently. It is impossible to continue to meet the demands of this expanding work without increased financial support. Two years ago we asked for \$2500, which we thought ample at that time to meet our needs. Last year we did not see how we could finance the work with less than \$3300. This year, after carefully estimating the need of the work, as we see them now, and anxious to keep our asking at the lowest figure possible, we are under the necessity of asking for \$3600, this sum to be apportioned to the several pastoral charges by the District Superintendents according to their judgment.

We rejoice in the quite general and full response which this cause has received in the past from our Churches. However, the Conference minutes of 1926 show that 34 charges failed to make any financial offering for the work. If the several amounts apportioned to the charges for the ensuing year are turned into the treasury of our Board this year will mark a further extension of the great task committed to us.

The Board requests of our presiding Bishop the reappointment of the Rev. Frank A. Lindhorst as the Director of Religious Education for our Conference.

#### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Bishop McConnell and Brethren of the Conference:

One year ago, this Annual Conference accepted a ten-year program of Religious Education. We are now entering upon our second year of that ten-year program. During the past twelve months progress has been made in every item mentioned in that program with the exception of two. We rejoice with you that God has blessed us with greater interest among our people in the welfare and Christian nurture of our children and youth, and a deeper consecration on their part to make a reality the Kingdom of Heaven in their Churches of the future. We call your attention to the "high spots" of the program as carried out this year.

I. **Leadership Training** has been our major emphasis. Eleven Standard Training Schools have been held with a total registration of 1,316, a growth in the last four years of from 143 to 1,316; and a growth in the number of schools from two to eleven. This is an increase over last year of four schools and 595 registrations. The individual registrations in these schools have ranged from 63 at Elkton to 195 at Georgetown. This latter is the largest registration in any school in our Conference to date. Eight of the eleven schools registered more than 100. Denton Church gave us the largest registration from any one Church, having approximately 45 to 50 registered in the school held there. A total of 780 credits in the Standard Training course have been awarded.

In addition to these Standard Training Schools, at least 17 local Church classes have been held with a total registration of 190. Again, in addition, 35 of our Conference registered in the Dickinson Summer School of Religious Education last year, making a grand total of 1,541 in Teacher Training Classes of the Standard course this year.

Some of the results of our Training program are beginning to show themselves: A pastor reports that those teachers who have been taking training are doing at least 100 per cent. better teaching in his School than are the teachers who did not take the training. One student remarks on a paper recently received in one of the Schools, "I am going home to bring about some drastic changes for better work in our School within the next month." One woman went home from the Training School, and although she had done very little heretofore, she took the responsibility of an Intermediate Department and is now carrying it forward with a successfully planned program of worship and instruction. One Pastor remarked that as a result of the Training Program he had been able to bring about some very difficult reorganization in his school.

As we look ahead to the development of these great agencies for the training of our present and future leadership we, first, urge every charge that is at all near to one of these schools to register as many students as possible. There are a number who did not register students this year: Dover District, ten charges; Middletown District, twelve charges; Salisbury District, twenty-seven charges; Wilmington District, eighteen charges.

Some of these we recognize to be too far from our centers to attend. This, however, is not true of all. The majority of these charges in every District with the exception of Salisbury could have had registrations. Brethren, we appeal to you. Let us, ourselves, get a vision of the possibilities through this great movement and then give it to our people. Life is too precious, youth grows too rapidly, spiritual nurture is too vital, for us to allow one opportunity to slip, by which we may make more sure the development of Christian character in the lives of the people for whom we are responsible. Those Churches which are too far from centers to attend still have the possibility of a local training class.

Second, we note with satisfaction the increasing number of ministers who are taking advantage of these courses. We urge that more do so not only for their increased efficiency but for the sake of leading their people to do so.

Third, the growth of this phase of the work brings with it several problems: (1) The further training of our faculty. It is important that they keep up with the movement in their field. This means regular work in the Seminar Courses at Dickinson. (2) The maintaining the Standards of our teaching staff. The Conference Board has decided that the basis of selection for instructors in the future shall be (a) Scholastic Training of College grade; (b) Special Training in the field in which they are to teach; and (c) Experience in the local church in the department of work for which they are an instructor. (3) There is a demand on the part of some Churches for the establishment of additional Schools to those now held. In order that the present Schools shall not be crippled in registrations and thus their effectiveness lessened, the Conference Board has authorized no additional Schools other than Cape Charles for this next year.

Fourth, Dickinson Summer School has played an important part in our program. As a result of the Seminar courses for prospective instructors offered there, we have a faculty for next year's work **every member** of which is a resident of our Conference territory. We believe this is a definite step forward. In the first two Schools which we personally directed, two and a half years ago, the faculty, with the exception of one in one School and two in the second, were supplied from outside of the territory. We continue our policy of **building upon local leadership**. We have set our goal at not less than 50 in attendance at Dickinson this summer. Several charges have already indicated their intention of sending students.

Fifth, but Dickinson cannot meet the needs of our own Conference territory for a Summer School of Religious Education. Therefore, the Wilmington Conference Summer School of Religious Education has been authorized by the Conference Board, as well as by the Division of Leadership Training in Chicago. In all probability, it will be established in the summer of 1928. We seek 100 registrations for the first year.

Sixth, the Board of Education of our Church has just recently passed a resolution setting the standard for our local Church School teachers, beginning September, 1928, as having completed at least the subject in "Principles of Teaching" and one specialization subject in their particular field of the Standard Training Course. This means, for example, that the Stand-

ards for a teacher in the Junior Department will require her to complete "Principles of Teaching" and one of the Junior specialization courses. In view of this fact it is with considerable gratification that many of our teachers will by that time have met these standards.

Seventh, we propose as our goal in the year 1927-28 a total of 1,800 registrations in this Conference in our agencies of Standard Training work.

Two more have completed their twelve subjects and will graduate from this course and receive their diplomas at this Conference session: namely, Mrs. W. B. Thornburgh of Seaford, and Mrs. A. A. Hearn of Dover.

II. The Conference Board has authorized a **Camp for Boys and one for Girls** of the Intermediate ages, 12 to 14, for this coming Summer. A committee is at work and it is definitely hoped that we will soon be able to announce to you the certainty of these camps and the place where they will be held. No attempt will be made to buy a camp site this year. We hope to be able to lease a camp already established for our purpose the first year. We call your attention to the fact that when these camps are developed, we will have a continuous program of special effort in our Conference to train our leadership. The camps will care for the boys and girls 12 to 14, the Epworth League Institute for High School ages, and our Standard Training program for the older folks.

III. **The Older Boys' Conference**, the third of which assembles tomorrow, is another phase of our leadership training program. A closer follow-up of these boys who attend will be attempted during 1927. Our program this year has as its goal a definite decision on the part of these young men to some forward steps in their Christian activities.

IV. **High School Age Leadership Conferences**. The Epworth League Presidents of the Dover and Salisbury Districts and I have been talking over the possibility of a cooperative High School age training conference program through the year at centers. We want to hold at least one in each of those two Districts this year as an experiment. We do not believe that our leadership training with High School age can be done for the whole District in one Conference as before tried.

V. **The Local Church's Program of Religious Education** has received much attention this year. In the last analysis, what we do in Religious Education must affect the youth. Schools are not established to train teachers and teach knowledge to boys and girls except as they thus help youth to live more like Christ. The local Church School has the immediate contact with youth. Thus, the local Church program must be effective. The need in our Churches for a more modern program of teaching which incorporates instruction, worship, service, and recreation, is appalling. To answer this call we depend upon a definite program of procedure. (1) Training Schools which are bringing results. (2) Personal visits to the Church for the purpose of making suggestions and guiding the local program. Since April 1, 1926, 82 such visits have been made excluding Training Schools.

Two years ago we suggested to the Conference Board the selection of certain demonstration centers. But we found that some of these were not



ready. Thus, we conclude demonstration centers become so by the nature of the local situation rather than by arbitrary selection. Several such centers are now to be observed. Week-day schools, Vacation Schools, Training Classes, or a well-organized school, make a charge a demonstration center for that particular phase of the work. Most creditable advancement has been made by a number of our Churches in the way of new departments, reorganization to meet modern standards, introduction of Standard lesson materials, establishment of Daily Vacation Bible Schools, etc., as a result of these visits and the follow-up of the Pastors and the local workers.

Space will permit only two examples: St. Paul's, Wilmington, for instance, has recently organized separate Junior, High School, and Adult Departments, in addition to Beginner and Primary Departments which they previously had. This means separate worship programs for these groups. Mrs. Dressner, Superintendent of the new Junior Department, writes that since the organization of that group there has been NO discipline problem, and there has been a reverent attitude by scholars, responses from the boys and girls in class as well as worship session, pride in the possession of the room for their own special use, and reports from parents of the eagerness of children to be present each Sunday. The Pastor, Dr. Woodward, writes that the High School group is entering reverently into the Worship Program of their Department in a manner in which they did not do previously. The Director spent two Sundays, a prayer meeting—Sunday School Board night, and held several group conferences in developing these new steps with the Pastor and his staff.

Rockawalking on Quantico Charge, an open country Church, recently organized a Young People's Department in a Community Hall across the road from the Church. A program of Worship, Instruction, Recreation, and Service in this group is being launched. The second Sunday of the new arrangement the attendance by this group had actually doubled. When we meet the needs of youth we can expect response from them. In preparation for this advance, the Director spent two Sundays and held with our Director of Elementary Work a Saturday and Sunday Institute at this Church. A close follow-up will be made. The policy of the Conference Board of Church Schools is, give, after a project is once started, sufficient supervision to assure a certain degree of permanence. We stand ready to give assistance alike to small and large churches.

(3) **Church School Advance Campaigns.** Thirty-two Churches registered in this campaign this year. Those leading in their respective classes are: Class A. Schools—enrollments under 150, Rockawalking Church on Quantico Charge and Hillsboro tie for first with 75 points each. St. Paul, Oxford, third with 35 points. Class B Schools—enrollment 150-299, Hebron and Mt. Salem (Wilmington) tie, 125 points each. Wesley, Dover, third, 120 points. Class C. Schools—enrollment 300 or over, Eastlake (Wilmington), first, 125 points; Grace (Salisbury), second, 85 points and McCabe (Wilmington), third, 75 points.

Next year no Church will be required to register in this campaign to be a part of it. All Churches will be considered registered and will be asked to return a report at the end of the year noting their activities. We trust that this will be an encouragement to many of our Schools not now taking part to actively participate in the campaign.

Through the help of the Board of Home Missions, Department of Rural Work, three special workers were made available for us in this Conference for **Daily Vacation Church School** work last Summer. These three workers directed schools in the following places: Beckwith-Spedden, Delmar, Dover, East New Market, Kent Island, Still Pond, and Tangier Island. In addition to these, twelve other Vacation Schools were held, a total of 19, being an increase of six over last year. We will have similar workers this year. Some of the charges have already spoken for help this year, providing it can be secured. Any charge wanting such a worker should make application at once.

**Week-day Schools.** Three experiments are now under way in Week-day Schools, on Public School time, on the Peninsula: Newark, Md., Salisbury, Md., and Cordova, Md. This work is sure of development, though perhaps slowly for a few years. In the immediate future we look for special advance in the Sudlersville group of charges where Miss Ilsley is local Director of Religious Education. Before asking state-wide action by the Delaware State Board of Education we will seek to develop one community as an experiment with an appeal to them to try out the plan. We believe this will be a more satisfactory plan of procedure.

There are three real needs for making these modern programs permanent. (1) Longer pastorates. (2) Close follow-up from the office. This is being done more carefully than heretofore, although lack of time is our greatest difficulty. (3) Supervisors or local Directors. Several of our larger Churches have such directors; others are contemplating them. Our rural sections must also be provided. (4) Closer supervision of the Church School by our Pastors. Our Church School Superintendents should insist with his Board that the Pastor not teach a class but be left free to properly supervise and make contacts with the whole School.

VI. **Local Directors of Religious Education.** Our ten-year program calls for four local Directors of Religious Education who shall be in charge of a group of Churches in each District, giving very close supervision with children and young people and at the same time shall have a conference-wide relationship as a specialist in some particular phase of the work. The plan for our first addition to our staff has matured. The Board of Home Missions, Department of Rural Work, has made it possible. Miss Margaret L. Ilsley has been secured. She holds her degree in Religious Education from Boston and comes with a fine experience for the work. Her task is two-fold: (1) Conference Director of Elementary Work. As such she will be able (a) to give us much needed valuable assistance in local Church institutes; (b) Teach in Standard Training Schools; and (c) Direct the Elementary Work in the Conference. (2) Local Director of the Sudlersville Group of seven charges on the Middletown District; namely, Sudlers-



ville, Galena, Millington, Crumpton, Marydel, Henderson, Salem and Barclay.

We welcome with much enthusiasm Miss Ilsley to our field as a co-worker. She will mean new advances for the Conference.

With this help for the Director of Elementary work, Daily Vacation Church Schools, Leadership Training, etc., through the Department of Rural Work and the Department of Church Schools, this Conference has received in actual cash for the furtherance of the program, in addition to what our own Churches have paid into the Treasury of our Conference Board, approximately \$3650.00. This is World Service money that comes back home. All the more reason why we should have no slumps in our World Service giving.

VII. **Better Equipment.** Just as truly as our public schools must have more adequate equipment in the way of building and contents, so likewise must the Church School. Separate class rooms, Departmental rooms, Worshipful auditoriums, Recreational facilities and solid partitions are no longer experiments. They are scientifically sound and established principles of Church architecture. Our hearts rejoice at the improvement made in this item the last few years and the prospects that seem to be assured in buildings in contemplation of construction. No longer do we build merely four walls. Many of our Church building committees are seeking the best guidance and direction available. The Bureau of Architecture stands ready to lend its assistance at all times to large and small enterprises alike.

VIII. Underlying and permeating this program has been the one idea of developing better Christians, and the preparing the way for the Spirit of God as manifested in Jesus Christ to so possess the life of our youth that their thoughts, speech and actions may be such as God can approve. **Evangelism**, therefore, is at the very center of this work. By sane, fair and practical, straightforward methods of approach and guidance we must bring youth into closer fellowship with Christ. Decision days have increased in number and quality with more thorough preparation and follow-up and many gratifying results. We must continue to study this problem of helping people to be permanently Christian. Religious Education affords one valuable and tried method.

IX. With the close of the Washington Christian Advocate we have been puzzled as to how we were to successfully keep the people informed of the work in this Department. The Conference Board has finally decided upon a **Quarterly Bulletin of Religious Education** to be mailed free to Pastors and Superintendents of Church Schools. To all others it will be mailed for one year for 15c to cover the cost of postage and printing. We want at least 500 such subscriptions this year.

X. **Office Secretary.** You very graciously granted us half time office help last year. We have had since Conference four different people on this plan. Students are unsatisfactory as a group for such work. Few people out of school want part-time work. We have been able to secure Miss Elva Hall, graduate of Beacom Business College, for full time. She is much in-

terested in the work, and plans to enter a school of Religious Education in a year or two. The Conference Board asks that you authorize the employment of this young woman on full time. It is only with such help we can hope to continue such a program as outlined above.

XI. To make possible this program the coming year, the Conference Board asks you to authorize an assessment upon the churches of the Conference of \$3700.00.

Our gratitude to the ministers and laymen of the Conference for their splendid cooperation and encouragement and their enthusiastic support of this program cannot be measured. We seek your continued cooperation and your earnest prayers that the coming year may bring such vast returns for investment of time, energy and money, that even further advancement may be made and the need met more completely for the spiritual welfare of the young life of our Churches. With the help of the Divine, we continue to push "forward and upward," believing that this is a Holy cause and therefore deserves everything we can put into it.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. LINDHORST.

#### THE STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS, INC.

There is no law on our statute books compelling men to share their homes with orphan and dependent boys, but there is a law of love which God has written on our hearts, and but for this law there would be no Strawbridge Home for Boys. We were two years old December 16, 1926, and the early history of the Home with its pioneer and foundation laying is a record of struggle as the beginning of all other like institutions. And yet it was not only the raising of money to carry on, for we have no endowment, but the making of a program and policy to guide and direct the management of the Home itself. When you realize each boy represents a broken home, comes to us untrained and in some cases almost rebellious to any kind of government, you may appreciate the greatness of the task to train them as Bishop McDowell well says, "As Sons."

Those who have attended our religious service at 6:30 each evening at the Home will testify as to the results of the religious training of the Home. Almost all of our boys lead in public prayer and at one of our recent services three of our older boys publicly announced that they desired to be ministers of the Gospel. Our religious service is open to the public and many organizations have attended in a body and gone home to tell the story of our work.

Our summer pavilion built for the free use of our Church organizations desiring to picnic on the grounds has been used extensively Summer and Winter, and has proved our greatest advertiser.

A swimming pool was built and paid for by one of our trustees during the Summer of 1926—a much needed "swimming hole" for the boys.

Our boys are sent to the public school at Sykesville in our own bus and this year the transportation has been paid by the Carroll County Board of Education. This Board has made two important decisions: First, that our boys are Carroll County boys and are entitled to be educated by the County; and, second, that the School Board is responsible for their transportation to and from school. This has been the result of two years of earnest and persistent effort.

The cornerstone of the Carroll Building was laid June 20, 1926, by Rev. Edwin T. Mowbray, D. D., President of the Board of Trustees of The Strawbridge Home for Boys, and John W. Sherwood a Trustee of the Strawbridge Home and also President of the Carroll Board of Trustees. Addresses were made by Joseph D. Baker of Frederick, Maryland, Reverend Chesteen Smith, D. D., Pastor of Grace M. E. Church, Baltimore, Maryland, John W. Sherwood, and Thomas S. Long, the Executive Secretary of The Strawbridge Home. John L. Alcock was the presiding officer. On the same day a beautiful stone gateway was dedicated by Rev. J. M. Gillum, D. D., in memory of Robert L. Reamy, an ordained Local Preacher of Franklin Street M. E. Church, who had provided sufficient funds for its erection.

The Carroll Building just completed is a memorial to David H. Carroll, through whose beneficence a sum of money was left for the founding of a Boys' Home. This fund by careful investment amounting to \$25,000.00 was given to The Strawbridge Home for Boys towards the erection of this new dormitory. This building, with our present one, will house fifty-two boys. The Preachers' Wives Association of the Baltimore and Wilmington Conferences are raising money to furnish it. Our trustees estimate our property and buildings at \$125,000.00, and so far there is no indebtedness, and this is equally true of the maintenance fund, thanks to the splendid cooperation of our Bishop, his cabinets, our ministers and people.

We have issued the first and second publications of "Our Boys," a quarterly periodical published in the interest of the Home with a circulation of three thousand copies. Already it has been a valuable agency in inspiring many to make generous gifts to the Home.

Our Christmas offering is vital to our maintenance as also the care of a number of the boys by individuals and Bible Classes at two hundred dollars a year. The work of our Strawbridge Circles has been an important factor in furnishing hand made clothing and other necessities for the Home.

We have a great many visitors at the Home and they are profoundly impressed with the neatness of the boys' rooms and dormitories. The boys are the bed makers and room cleaners, this being a part of their training.

Ever since Jesus called a little child unto Him and said, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," the world has been a better place for children, and they have learned to know that the Kingdom of Heaven rightly belongs to them. We are realizing today more forcibly than ever the importance of this truth. Our apparent indifference has lost to us thousands of orphan and dependent boys whom we could have saved to our Church and faith.

More than sixty boys await the opening of the Carroll Building—Shall they enter?

We want to record our gratitude to the Father of us all for His watchful care, and for the generous and hearty co-operation of all those who have made the Strawbridge Home for Boys what it is today—a going and well-founded institution.

We are planning the grading of the campus, the laying of concrete walks and the building at once of the Gambrill Highway through our grounds, a memorial to the late Melville Gambrill of Wilmington, Delaware.

We are asking this Conference:

- I. That a Christmas offering be taken in each Church for the maintenance of the Home.
- II. That a Strawbridge Circle be organized in each Church to represent us.
- III. That each Pastor co-operate in securing annuities and wills as a permanent endowment.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS S. LONG,

Executive Secretary.

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

When Jesus mingled with the multitudes, and "saw" them, it is recorded that "He was moved with compassion on them." That fellow-suffering took him where he willingly paid the full measure of sacrifice to establish a fold for shepherdless sheep and provide means whereby they may enter it.

In a very peculiar sense all who follow in His steps must match the Master's spirit to "see" and His disposition to do. And if we would drink from His cup, we cannot do so by expressing our devotion in sentimental song, but must make it a fundamental principle of conduct to "go with Him all the way."

Those whom the Church sent afield this year to represent the City Missionary Society have had an ample chance to be among the multitudes. But well do we know that one may be in the crowd, and a part of it, and not see the profound need of his fellow man. Ours, however, has been a different kind of association. Going for our Lord, we have undertaken to look with His eyes and feel with His heart, and the rest of it, to suffer with sheep that have no shepherd, has been just an absolute necessity.

The field of our toil, like all such parts of city life, has been the downtown regions. Of course, this is so, else there would be no reason for our being at all. Here is the city's native poor, its foreigners and also its criminals. Here are four hundreds of children, of every nation, almost

wholly without even the semblance of religious training at home, and frequently undernourished.

The Protestants in our midst, who are Americans, unfortunately are, for the most part, a downright menace to the foreigner. The lesson constantly impressed upon the foreigner by his American neighbor rather intensifies the difficulty of the community worker than helps to solve his problems.

But with courage undaunted we have been in this field another year. Seven full time workers, with one on part time, and two regular ministers, have planned much, launched numerous enterprises and achieved some things. These faithful toilers would have me boast of but one thing. Others cannot possibly know our failures as well as we, and it is not of success that we sing. But this is our boast: As we have gone forth we have sought always to have His spirit who "saw" the multitudes and suffered with them.

Two years ago when Wesley Church came to our Society and we found ourselves without adequate funds to project a program, we sought the counsel and assistance of Dr. Forsyth. He immediately sensed the opportunity we had, gave us counsel and assistance and, until the day of his death, was to us more than a church official; he was a brother beloved, a wise counselor and indeed a co-laborer. The whole Church mourns his all too early translation, as it seems to us. But I am convinced that no limited field in the nation-wide Church feels more keenly his going than do we.

This year found us, through the cooperation of the Home Board, launching an enlarged and unified program with Miss De Maris directing. And the working of the policy during the year has established the wisdom of it.

One vital item in this larger program was the coming of Mr. Carli to give his time to groups of boys at all points in our field. Mr. Carli, a collegiate graduate, came from the state of Washington. He is taking up some post-graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. He is with us by the grace of our Home Board and has been a blessing to many groups of boys.

Another worker, without cost to the Society, was secured in a providential way. The Society called "Friends," having discontinued kindergarten work at the People's Settlement, due to the close proximity of the new Bancroft school which put in a kindergarten department, sought a needy place for a like service in another part of the city. Miss De Maris was not slow to invite their consideration of the Wesley field. After satisfying themselves of the need and opportunity of our field, they kindly offered to underwrite the full expense of a kindergarten worker. Miss McCracken, a graduate teacher, was secured and beautifully has she thrown herself into our entire program. And in this public way I wish to thank the Friends, our friends, for this kindly aid.

The poor health of Mrs. Biddison, who for so many years has directed the work at Sixth Avenue or Browntown, necessitated her being permitted

to take a part-time position. This immediately required the employment of some one to take up the kindergarten work and assist in other activities. Again the Home Board came to our assistance, aiding us in the selection of a worker and underwriting nearly half of the salary. Here again it seemed a good God was especially guiding. Miss Bartkiewicz, a beautiful Christian Polish woman, was secured. And when it is remembered that possibly ninety per cent. of the Wesley community is Polish, one can quickly discern the great value of such a woman in our work.

Miss Collins, who took the kindergarten at Wesley last year, was released for other tasks this year by the coming to us of Miss McCracken. She has thrown her energy into Browntown, and with Miss Bartkiewicz, has given impetus to this interesting work.

Right here I might speak somewhat in detail of this field. In my report three years ago I said, in speaking of the work south of Wesley, including the Brownton region: "Methodism ought to immediately acquire a site in that community \* \* \* I am persuaded that the imperative next step is to furnish your Society with adequate means and authority to get behind the essential program for that needy field." As a matter of fact, for more than a dozen years this has been the conviction of the City Missionary leaders.

The first move in this direction has now been made. After most careful consideration, five lots at the Corner of Broome and Banning Streets have been purchased at a cost of \$5,000. This location will enable us to make provision for our Browntown work and also care for the new development in that charming community.

Is there need for it? Let these several items answer the inquiry. Here we have a growing Sunday School with an enrollment of 114, and this School has raised and asked the privilege of paying the first \$100 on the new site at Broome Street. Here during the year was held a splendid Daily Vacation Bible school with an enrollment of 74, 49 of whom were Catholics. Here daily is being conducted a vigorous kindergarten and various other clubs and classes of boys and girls which meet weekly. Three hundred and forty-five persons are enrolled in the various activities, divided nationally as follows: Americans, 155; Italians, 119; Polish, 39; Swedes, 8; Germans, 8; Irish, 14; and French, 2. Eliminating all duplications, we have had registered in our work there 261 different children. If any one imagine that the Church can do justice to a responsibility like that in a room 14 by 22, certainly his reasoning proceeds along strange and erratic lines. But, please God, a better day is dawning and that day shall see some adequate provision to discharge our responsibility to this community.

In August of last year we received the resignation of Miss Lynam, who gave up her work in order to attend school. Her many years of faithful service in the Asbury field gave her large acquaintances and devotion to our polyglot people. She was succeeded by Miss Grubb, a trained worker, who is a graduate of the Lucy Webb School in Washington. Miss Grubb took up the activities in this busy field and in a few months has gripped the situation and won genuine devotion for herself and work.



Possibly no part of our wide field has more children and a larger range of nationalities than Kingswood. Miss Campbell is literally overrun with numbers all the while. Three nationalities are represented in the Sunday School. Eighteen Italians and eight Polish children are enrolled in its Junior League, in addition to the Americans. The kindergarten, with an enrollment of 85, is attended by six nationalities. The Daily Vacation Bible school, with an enrollment of 78, had representatives from six different nations. This field greatly needs an additional worker.

Wesley continues to be a busy center, with many activities. The kindergarten has had enrolled 55, while the Junior League has 20 and the Sunday school 123, with literally hundreds enrolled in clubs and classes for other activities.

Wesley parsonage has become a Mission home. Here the workers all live, except the two which are to the manner born and live with their families; here they keep their own house, employ a housekeeper, and in good apostolic style, have a community of goods at the table. This arrangement required much improvement upon the house. A new heating plant was installed by fitting out the house with radiators and attaching it to the Church plant. This cost \$588. Papering, painting and extra plumbing was done, which cost \$362. The maintenance bill for coal, light, 'phone, repairs, janitor, gas, taxes, insurance, interest and various supplies has aggregated \$878. These bills, totaling \$1828, have been paid by the Society as a part of our mutual agreement with the Home Board. Of this amount \$215 has come in through the various groups in Wesley and donations of friends.

It should be noted that the Society has had no expense of maintenance at any other point, these all being taken care of by the local Church or Mission.

It cost \$175 to supply extra teachers for the Daily Vacation Bible Schools, but \$115 was raised and paid by Kingswood and Asbury, making the direct cost to the Society only \$60.

There have been paid out during the year for salaries \$7,700. Of this amount \$5,400 came directly to us from the Home Board.

No finer piece of work has been done this year than that accomplished by our Daily Vacation Bible Schools. This recent innovation in the Church, not only in mission fields but in great Churches as well, is growing in favor. We had three Schools, with an enrollment of 242. In this enrollment were Americans, Italians, Poles, Swedes, Austrians, Greeks and Jews. Eight teachers were employed and they taught the Bible. Who will undertake to measure the abiding value in the lives of 240 odd boys and girls sitting for five weeks under those godly teachers, learning hymns, psalms and gospel stories? I repeat it, there is no work that we are doing that seems to furnish such large opportunity to reach with direct Christian teaching such a variety of people. The very message that they would not come to Sunday School to learn is easily imparted in the Daily Vacation Bible School. And if funds were available for teachers, this enrollment could easily be increased at least 50 per cent.

One year ago I reported that the Asbury Day Nursery for Babies had been projected. While it is in no sense a child of the Society, yet it is a part of our expanding work and is serving a worthy purpose in the Asbury center.

The old building which we had acquired one year ago had to have extensive renovation. Much alteration and rebuilding was essential to fit it for the Nursery. The work was greatly delayed, but was finally completed and dedicated October 24th by Bishop Wm. F. McDowell. Because of an intense storm, the major portion of the service was held in Asbury Church. On the pulpit platform besides the Bishop and Dr. Colona, the District Superintendent, and taking part in the service, were the Mayor of the City, Dr. Forrest, Peter J. Ford, an outstanding Roman Catholic, and David Snellenburg, a leading Jewish merchant.

The Nursery was open for service the last week of November, and every day since we have had children applying for admission. It is indeed an altruistic institution. Our first child was of foreign parentage. All classes of people without regard to national distinction or religious affiliation have generously contributed and make this work possible. The toll and exacting tax on your Secretary in promoting such an enterprise are quickly forgotten in the thought that it is now a going institution, serving the people for whom it was projected.

The total cost has been over \$10,000. More than \$7,000 of this has been subscribed and most of it paid. Efforts are now being made to raise the unpaid balance and free the Nursery of all encumbrance.

My dear brethren, we, your servants, have been afield for you. We have faced the tasks, sometimes under great discouragement; nevertheless, with joy have we wrought for Him who Himself went about doing good. Well do we know that ours is the kind of story that figures cannot tell. But the Conference may be interested to know that in our work we have had 1096 different children registered in our activities. Whither can we find scales to measure this kind of service? Only the tomorrows of this thousand boys and girls can disclose whether we have wrought well.

We wish to give acknowledgment to the Epworth Leagues of Wilmington which placed at the disposal of our Society about 250 pairs of generously filled Christmas stockings. These, when placed in homes scattered over our field, carried a bit of good cheer where poverty is an abiding state.

Our profound gratitude is hereby expressed to the Home Board without whose cooperation and generous support we could not have wrought as we have. We are greatly indebted to those Churches who so readily responded to our call to forward their offerings during the year. The press of other claims, urgent, God knows, but not more so than the field at our door, has likely prevented many others from responding.

Two things should command our attention and elicit the hearty support of all our people. Our field is just dripping with opportunity. So thought the lamented Forsyth and right royally did he throw himself into it.



Then, too, the program seems a commanding one. Over and over again we have heard it said when the City Society puts on a forward-looking program that looks like real business, then the Churches will all rally to its support.

Then, my brethren, it is time to rally. Your prescribed conditions are met. We have taken you at your word. We have gone forward in the faith that \$5,000 would be raised according to your order. We can go on with our larger work only by the continuance of the Home Board's backing and that backing can be hoped for only on the condition that the Conference express genuine interest in its own missionary work.

Brethren, the field is indeed white unto harvest, and, but for the fact that my Lord did it, I would feel humiliated to plead for reapers sufficient to garner the sheaves. Our Churches do have the means and it is our conviction that when these Churches are in possession of adequate knowledge of the imperative need, they will generously respond with necessary funds to promote the work. We shall go forward in this faith, believing that confidence reposed will not be abused. Our faith in man is because we have faith in God, and that faith enables us to sing with Whittier:

"I have not seen, I may not see,  
My hopes for man take form in fact,  
But God will give the victory  
In due time; in that faith I act.  
And he who sees the future sure  
The baffling present may endure  
And bless, meanwhile, the unseen  
Hand that leads  
The heart's desire beyond the halting  
step of deeds."

G. T. ALDERSON,

Secretary.

#### GOODWILL INDUSTRIES.

We bring you the report of the Goodwill Industries this year to show you what is being saved.

You can see nearly one million homes carefully saving all the material they no longer need and sending it to the Goodwill Industries in 34 cities of America in order that the great waste of human life and character may be saved.

During the last year enough filled Goodwill bags were collected to fill more than five hundred freight cars, and furniture enough to furnish four thousand homes complete.

In these 34 cities you can see eleven thousand people in needy circumstances making their way to the Goodwill centers, who are given employment and have received in self-respecting wages nine hundred and forty-three thousand dollars. Who are they? They are the blind, the deaf, the crippled in wheel chairs and on crutches, those whose strength has been sapped by disease, the epileptic, the rheumatic; some come from jails and prisons to begin life anew, others mentally retarded, others environmentally handicapped, still others cast off because of old age, and some of whom have come from the very jaws of death by suicide, and still others who are just up against it—no job—no friends—no hope—no nothing. To see these multitudes representing every race, nationality, creed and need, trudging to the Goodwill centers reminds us of that most familiar sight that we read about when the halt, the blind and the lame sought out the Man of Galilee and in Him found relief in their time of need. So in His name and in the name of the Church, the Goodwill Industries is today continuing His ministry to these needy ones. Then, looking again, you would see the hundreds of thousands of people of limited means who make the 1,400,000 purchases of renovated materials sold for small prices in the Goodwill stores. Here they are not only able to supply their physical needs, but also find Christian sympathy and understanding in their time of distress. Then, again, we would see in the procession the 14,000 men, women and children enrolled in the various character building and service activities, such as day nurseries, kindergarten, classes, clubs, men's homes, women's settlements, fresh air farms, etc. The following paragraph will give you a brief summary of the work in our Wilmington Goodwill Industries for the year.

3819 effective calls were made which resulted in gathering 3819 bags of clothing, shoes, etc., and 350 pieces of furniture. From these materials 27,876 hours of labor were furnished, and 14,500 customers were served.

From these sales \$8761.17 were received with donations and membership fees amounting to \$2108.00, making the income for the year reach the gratifying total of \$10,869.51.

J. H. BEAUCHAMP, Superintendent.

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CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Treasurer's Report.

March 31, 1926.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 30, 1926 .....	\$ 834.26	
Interest on Savings .....	32.21	
Earnings on Investments .....	966.90	
		\$1833.37

DISBURSEMENTS.

Distribution, Rose Caruth Fund .....	\$1000.00	
Beckwith, from the Thomas Fund .....	110.00	
Parsonburg, from the Wimbrow Fund .....	45.00	
Milton, from the Carey Fund .....	115.00	
Clayton, from the Clifton Fund .....	28.00	
Expense, Administration Rose Caruth Fund,		
Postage and Stationery .....	16.64	
Balance, March 30, 1927 .....	518.73	
		\$1833.37

Barratt's Chapel Fund.

Balance, March 30, 1926 .....	\$ 238.54	
Interest on Investments .....	60.00	
		\$ 298.54
Balance, March 30, 1927 .....		\$ 298.54

R. K. STEPHENSON, Treasurer.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

	General Fund	Riddle Fund
1926		
March 20, To Balance .....	\$ 871.56	\$1302.27
April 1, To Chk. Interest Cottingham Mortgage ....	22.50	
April 12, To Chk. Board of Education, N. York .....	55.83	
June 1, To Chk. Int. Savings Acct. Fruit G. Bank ...		27.37
July 9, To Chk. Interest Cottingham Mortgage .....	22.50	

Oct. 11, To Chk. Interest Cottingham Mortgage ....	22.50	
Oct. 11, To 6 Chks. Board of Education, N. York ....	335.00	
Oct. 13, To Chk. Security Trust Co. ....		449.20
Nov. 4, To Chk. Board of Education, New York ....	55.83	
Dec. 1, To Int. Svgs. Acct. Fruit Growers Bank .....		28.07
Dec. 9, To Chk. Board of Education, New York .....	55.83	
1927		
Jan. 19, To Chk. Board of Education, New York ....	55.83	
Jan. 19, To Chk. Int. Cottingham Mortgage .....	22.50	
Jan. 19, To Chk. Ralph L. Minker, Payment acct. loan	100.00	
Feb. 5, To Chk. Lester F. Johnson, payment acct. loan	25.00	
Feb. 18, To Chk. Board of Education, New York ...	55.83	
March 8, To Chk. Board of Education, New York ...	55.83	
	\$1756.54	\$1806.91

DISBURSEMENTS.

1926		
May 8, By Loans to Students .....	\$ 512.50	
June 15, By Loan to J. Elwood Taylor .....	60.00	
Nov. 5, By Loans to Students .....	337.50	
Nov. 15, By Loan to Chu Hang Kim .....		\$ 100.00
Nov. 15, By Loan to Yao Tsung Wu .....		100.00
Dec. 8, By Loan to Samuel C. Bilbrough .....	37.50	
Dec. 8, By Loan to J. Courtney Hayward .....	37.50	
	\$ 985.00	\$ 200.00
1927		
March 21, By Balance .....	\$ 771.54	\$1606.91
	\$1756.54	\$1806.91

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 31, 1926 .....	\$ 949.21
Received, May 22, 1926, V. E. Hills, Treasurer .....	300.00
Received from Charges .....	196.87
Interest on Deposits .....	42.86
Correction in Report, March 30, 1926 .....	11.20
	\$1500.14

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Checks 15 to 18 .....	\$ 250.00
Conference Secretary for Printing .....	3.65
Postage and Stationery .....	1.40
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	\$ 255.05
Balance, March 31, 1927 .....	\$1245.09
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	\$1500.14

R. K. STEPHENSON, Trustee.

## BUREAU OF SESSIONS.

## RECEIPTS.

1926	
March 20, To Balance .....	\$3362.18
March 30, To Check Rev. McDade .....	10.00
March 30, To Check Goodwill Industries .....	20.00
March 30, To Check, Conference Treasurer Hills ...	2000.00
April 7, To Check W. H. Warrington, returning excess payment .....	371.50
June 1, To Check Interest Savings Account .....	24.86
Dec. 1, To Check Interest Savings Account .....	2.36
1927	
March 3, To Check Conference Treasurer, Hills ....	770.00
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Total Receipts .....	\$6560.90

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1926	
March 25, By check W. H. Warrington, Treasurer Entertainment Committee .....	\$2300.00
March 29, by check W. H. Warrington, Treas. Entertainment Committee .....	1700.00
April 6, By check Rev. W. E. Greenfield, expense ...	2.75
June 15, By check Rev. J. W. Colona, sundry expense	215.60
1927	
Feb. 18, By check Rev. G. T. Alderson, expense ....	26.44
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Total Disbursements .....	\$4244.79
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March 21, By Balance .....	\$2316.11

## Dover Entertainment Committee Account of Expense, 1926 Conference Session.

## ASSETS.

Checks, Bureau of Sessions .....	\$4000.00
Amount returned .....	371.50
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Total Expense .....	\$3628.50

## LIABILITIES.

Entertainment of 207 Ministers .....	\$3534.75
Hotel Richardson bills for Bishop and Cabinet .....	59.75
Index Publishing Co. ....	2.75
Acct. Book, Ink and Postage .....	1.25
Services W. H. Warrington .....	30.00
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	\$3628.50

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

## TRUSTEE DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

## RECEIPTS.

1926	
May 21, To Check Rev. V. E. Hills, Conf. Treasurer ..	\$1765.00

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1926	
May 20, By Check Rev. J. W. Colona, D. D., Wilmington District .....	\$ 539.00
May 20, By Check Rev. W. E. Gunby, D. D., Dover District .....	456.00
May 20, By Check Rev. Omar E. Jones, D. D., Middletown District .....	421.00
May 20, By Check Rev. E. H. Dashiell, D. D., Salisbury District .....	349.00
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	\$1765.00
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	\$1765.00

W. O. HOFFECKER, Trustee.

## BOARD OF CHURCH SCHOOLS.

March 15, 1926-March 21, 1927.

## RECEIPTS.

On hand March 15, 1926 .....	\$1249.31	
Refunds, Training Schools and Books .....	460.70	
From Older Boys' Conference, 1926 .....	19.73	
Borrowed, People's Bank .....	884.72	
Received from Churches .....	1049.66	
		\$3664.12

## PAID OUT.

Dickinson Fund .....	\$ 100.00	
Refund Older Boys' Conference fees .....	12.00	
Salary to Director .....	499.94	
Travel .....	942.39	
House Rent .....	600.00	
Supplies and postage .....	298.23	
Printing .....	205.23	
Telephone and Telegraph .....	157.71	
Slides .....	9.35	
Stenographer .....	474.30	
Office rent and equipment .....	285.55	
Miscellaneous .....	28.08	\$3612.78
		\$ 51.34
Balance March 21, 1927 .....		\$ 51.34

## ASSETS.

Bond .....	\$ 500.00	
Expense Fund .....	50.00	
Filing Cabinet .....	28.05	
Furniture .....	19.87	
Files .....	17.50	
Typewriter .....	84.00	\$ 699.42
		\$ 241.52
Dickinson Fund, March 21 .....		\$ 241.52
		\$ 940.94
Total Assets .....		\$ 940.94
Liabilities—Notes, March 21—\$910.00.		

F. A. LINDHORST, Director.

## REPORT OF AUDITOR.

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

W. O. Hoffecker, Treasurer and Trustee of Domestic Missions, Bureau of Sessions, Wilmington Conference Education Society.

W. E. Gunby, Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

Omar E. Jones, Treasurer, Washington Christian Advocate Fund, Summer School for Conference Undergraduates, Domestic Missions, World Service Maintenance.

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

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

HUGH B. KELSO, Auditor.

## THE BISHOP'S RESIDENCE.

The mortgage indebtedness on the Bishop's Residence is \$27,000 carried at 5½ per cent. Up to March 24, 1927, 199 charges in the Washington Are have paid their apportionments in full, distributed as follows:

Baltimore Conference .....	82
Central Pennsylvania Conference .....	47
Washington Conference .....	32
Wilmington Conference .....	38

Two hundred, seventy-five (275) charges have paid nothing to date, distributed as follows:

Baltimore Conference .....	68
Central Pennsylvania Conference .....	59
Washington Conference .....	50
Wilmington Conference .....	98

The interest on the present indebtedness for one year is \$1485.00. Not until the principal is reduced to \$18,000 will the interest charge be less than \$1000 per year. It must be apparent to all that the pace of payment must be quickened. The cost of the residence is being abnormally increased by the carrying costs. Many Charges are planning to complete payment of their obligations the coming year. Let us make it unanimous.

MORRIS E. SWARTZ,

Financial Secretary.



To the members and friends of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, be it known that, we, the undersigned Committee, raised at the recent session of the Conference held in Dover, Delaware, to audit the reports of the pastors of the Conference Treasurer and the accounts of the Treasurer have completed the work.

The work was done by employing Mr. Clifford E. Iszard and staff, Certified Public Accountants. The Committee desires to assure the public that the clerical work of the Treasurer's office was found to be in perfect form—barring a single error. We were also able to account for the entire reported \$3,200.00 deficit. The following items from Mr. Iszard's report to the Committee disclosed the sources of the deficiency.

We discovered that one check for \$636.00 and another for \$325.00 given to cover reports for these amounts had not passed into the Treasurer's hands at all. Both checks have been made good. We also found another check drawn by mistake for \$14.52 to cover a report of \$1,452.00. The difference was immediately paid and the mistake rectified.

In addition to these there were two other checks totaling \$825.00 from H. W. Gallion which were never in the Treasurer's hands, but were subsequently sent to the Committee to verify his report. The checks were found by the Accountant to be fraudulent. The amount of these checks has since been made good by Mr. Gallion. These items thus accounted for aggregate \$3,223.48.

We find that there is a further shortage in "cash" of \$176.85 which we have not yet been able to verify, due to our utter dependence on verbal statements from those who placed cash in their report envelopes handed to the Treasurer at Conference. The investigation upon this item is being continued.

The Committee wishes to record its appreciation of the condition of the tabulated reports from the Treasurer's office. With a single exception, these were found correct. A complete and detailed report will be made at the next session of the Annual Conference. At an early date all cancelled checks and other papers in our hands will be returned to the persons from whom they came.

J. W. COLONA, Chairman,  
J. J. BUNTING, Secretary,  
W. E. GUNBY,  
O. E. JONES,  
E. H. DASHIELL,  
E. P. THOMAS,  
G. W. DAWSON,  
G. T. ALDERSON.

#### CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.

On March 28, 1925, the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, which was a hold-over Commission from a previous campaign to raise and collect subscriptions, held a meeting at McCabe Memorial M. E. Church in Wilmington, Delaware. At that time the members who were present passed the following motions:

First. That further solicitation on the present fund cease.

Second. That the Commission endorse the action of the Annual Conference in regard to endowment plans for ministers, and cooperate with the Conference in any subsequent action looking forward to putting the endowment plan in operation.

Third. That the Commission make the following recommendations to the Annual Conference, which was then sitting at McCabe Memorial M. E. Church at Wilmington:

a. That the Commission be continued for a period of four years.

b. That the Conference authorize the Commission to inaugurate a plan to raise \$150,000; the term of payments to be extended over a period of four years.

c. That the raising of this money be undertaken looking forward to the adoption of a permanent plan for taking care of our retired ministers through the Board of Pensions and Relief, as has already been approved by this Annual Conference.

d. That a Field Secretary be employed for the purpose of conducting this campaign; said Field Secretary to receive as compensation \$3500 annually with the understanding that he is to pay his own house rent and his own traveling expenses out of his salary.

e. That the Wilmington Annual Conference give to the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund Commission the right to add to its membership during the interim of Conference such persons as it thinks might add to the efficiency of the work of raising the above fund of \$150,000.00.

These various recommendations were approved by the Annual Conference of 1925. At that time Caleb E. Burchenal was Secretary, and continued as such until the date of his death, which occurred May 18, 1926. The Commission decided that it would use none of the funds heretofore pledged or paid in for the payment of its current expenses. It, therefore, began operations on the twenty-fourth day of November, A. D. 1925, by borrowing from the Wilmington Trust Company the sum of \$3000 on a note signed by ten (10) laymen of the Wilmington Conference. All receipts since that time have been in payment of pledges under the new plan, or by purely personal subscription.

It was decided by the Commission that the moneys received should be entered on the books of the Field Secretary and Treasurer, your own Brother, George P. Jones, then forwarded to the office of Caleb E. Burchenal, who was Secretary, for deposit, entered in the Secretary's books and then

deposited in the Wilmington Trust Company in a separate account. No checks were to be drawn from this fund except they be signed by both the Secretary and Treasurer of the Commission. Money so received was to be deposited until sufficient money had been received with which to pay the expenses of the Commission and of the Field Secretary's salary, and then when all expenses of the Commission were retired, monies thereafter were to be drawn out and turned over to the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference to reinvest.

Meetings of the Commission were held at Wesley M. E. Church, Dover, Delaware, on March 27, 1926; June 3, 1926; at which time your humble servant was elected a member of the Commission, and Secretary to succeed Mr. Burchenal; on September 2, 1926; December 2, 1926; and on March 3, and 24th, 1927. All of the meetings of the Commission were well attended and were enthusiastic. I personally feel that the friendly relations which have grown up between the members of the Commission, due to these optimistic and enthusiastic meetings, have been, in part at least, recompense for the effort.

Your Commission was appointed for the purpose of securing the pledges from Churches and individuals within the confines of this Conference amounting to \$150,000. Through the unselfish and untiring efforts of your Brother, George P. Jones, this seemingly stupendous task has been fully accomplished. A short summary of the financial transactions of the Commission to date might be set up as follows:

Total receipts from charges and personal subscriptions.....	\$5315.73
Borrowed from Wilmington Trust Company .....	3000.00
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Total receipts from all sources .....	\$8315.73
Disbursements to date, including all incidental ex- penses and payments on the Field Secretary's salary .....	\$7130.68
In reduction of note .....	500.00
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Total disbursements .....	\$7630.68
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Balance in bank .....	\$ 685.05

The Commission owes Wilmington Trust Company balance on note of \$2500; and a balance on Dr. Jones' salary of \$500.00.

In conclusion, your Commission desires to say that it has been happy in this work, which it considers to be the business not only of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but as well the business of the King of Kings.

Respectfully submitted,

ELWOOD F. MELSON, Secretary.

#### CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.

Your Commission begs to report that the proposed Endowment of \$150,000 for the better care of our Retired Ministers, Widows, and Children, inaugurated two years ago, has been pledged IN FULL, and partial payments are now being made as indicated in the statement herewith submitted.

The efficiency of the plan, as outlined and presented by the Field Secretary, has been fully verified. Each District Conference accepted its proportionate share of the entire amount and uniformly apportioned it to the Churches, except that Salisbury District decided to use a different basis of apportionment than that recommended by the Commission. After a thorough canvass of the field it is gratifying to know that only eight charges in the entire Conference are on the non-participating list. Five of these were not unwilling, but local conditions made it difficult to accept. Twelve Churches did not accept the suggested allotment and substituted modified amounts instead, which, when added to the non-participating list, left a deficit approximating \$10,000 for the Field Secretary to find elsewhere. To this unexpected task he set himself a-going with undaunted hope that generous hearts of Methodists would respond. The result herein tabulated in personal subscriptions, cash from legacies and bonds and cash from long standing subscriptions to the former Endowment, more than covers the above mentioned deficit. These various contributions have been placed as credits to the District wherein they originated.

Dr. S. N. Pilchard of Salisbury, Md., desires that his gift be accepted as a memorial to his beloved but deceased mother, Mrs. Etta Pilchard.

The Commission at its last meeting appointed an auditing committee to audit all the accounts of the Field Secretary. This has been done and their findings will be submitted to this Conference by Elwood F. Melson, Esq., Secretary. The same report has been placed in the hands of Mrs. M. Gambrill and Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Executive Secretary of the J. C. Penney Foundation, showing the total amount pledged to be equivalent to the amount required to procure their respective pledges of \$7,500 each, and sum total aggregating more than \$150,000. In due time a favorable response from these generous donors is anticipated.

The Field Secretary, having successfully completed the task assigned him, relinquishes his activities in that capacity at this session of the Conference, and for the purpose of conserving and collecting the outstanding pledges, respectfully submits the following recommendations for your indorsement:

1. The District Superintendents are hereby authorized and requested, when and where there may be need, to supervise the collection of the Endowment in their respective Charges, until all pledges shall have been paid in full, using their best judgment as to procedure and method, and each Pastor hereby pledges himself to assist in making these payments possible in the shortest period of time.

2. If, in the judgment of the District Superintendent, a key layman

from each Church or Charge, to be known as Endowment Steward, could materially aid in stimulating sympathy and sentiment for the cause, we recommend the election or appointment of such at the First Quarterly Conference of each year.

3. That sufficient space be allowed in the Conference Minutes for District representation of the Endowment pledges, showing debits and credits for each charge and the same to be continued from year to year until all accounts are balanced.

4. The Field Secretary is requested to present his report with the foregoing recommendations to the Laymen's Association for concurrent action, so that the Churches at large may know that a united Methodism stands back of this most worthy cause.

An itemized report and summary is herewith attached and respectfully submitted.

GEORGE P. JONES,  
Field Secretary.

**Statement Showing Pledges Made by the Respective Districts in Behalf of the New Endowment Launched at the 1925 Conference, and Credits Given to Each Contributing Charge as of April 1, 1927.**

DOVER DISTRICT.

Charge	Pledge	Paid
Beckwith and Spedden . . . . .	\$ 225.00	\$
Bethel and Mt. Zion . . . . .	100.00	
Blades and Epworth . . . . .	262.50	70.00
Bridgeville . . . . .	1000.00	
Cambridge . . . . .	2500.00	178.90
Camden . . . . .	430.00	53.00
Canterbury . . . . .	140.00	46.33
Church Creek and Taylor's . . . . .	150.00	
Crapo and Lakesville . . . . .	265.00	
Dover: St. Pauls' . . . . .	38.00	
Wesley . . . . .	2200.00	
East New Market . . . . .	260.00	
Ellendale . . . . .	200.00	12.00
Elliott's Island . . . . .	40.00	12.00
Farmington and Epworth . . . . .	160.00	54.00
Federalburg . . . . .	1400.00	
Felton . . . . .	400.00	133.00
Frederica . . . . .	475.00	10.00
Galestown . . . . .	30.00	
Georgetown . . . . .	1700.00	425.00
Georgetown Circuit . . . . .	240.00	29.00
Greenwood . . . . .	160.00	
Harrington . . . . .	640.00	370.00
Hooper's Island . . . . .	200.00	

Charge	Pledge	Paid
Houston . . . . .	250.00	40.00
Hurlock . . . . .	1200.00	100.00
Laurel . . . . .	1800.00	450.00
Leipsic . . . . .	40.00	
Lewes . . . . .	1400.00	466.00
Lincoln . . . . .	175.00	
Little Creek . . . . .	60.00	
Magnolia and Barrett . . . . .	225.00	
Milford . . . . .	3200.00	1067.00
Milford Neck . . . . .	30.00	20.00
Millsboro . . . . .	275.00	275.00
Milton . . . . .		
Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	250.00	50.00
Nassau . . . . .	275.00	
Rehoboth . . . . .	250.00	83.00
Reliance . . . . .	150.00	
Seaford . . . . .	1500.00	488.00
Seaford Circuit . . . . .	350.00	180.00
Secretary and McKendree . . . . .	100.00	2.00
St. Thomas . . . . .	665.00	50.00
Vienna . . . . .	150.00	
Williamsburg . . . . .	100.00	
Wyoming . . . . .	275.00	10.00
Zoar Circuit . . . . .	100.00	10.00

Totals . . . . .	\$26035.50	\$4684.23
Ebenezer S. S. (Crapo), Bal on old pledge . . . . .	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Cash, Mrs. H. Bertrude Lewis . . . . .	25.00	25.00

Total for District . . . . . \$26080.50 \$4729.23

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

Charge	Pledge	Paid
Bayside . . . . .	\$ 275.00	\$
Bozman and Neavitt . . . . .	275.00	69.00
Burrsville . . . . .		
Cecilton . . . . .	600.00	
Centreville . . . . .	1000.00	
Chestertown . . . . .	1500.00	
Cheswold . . . . .	200.00	50.00
Church Hill . . . . .	300.00	
Clayton . . . . .	500.00	
Concord . . . . .	300.00	
Cordova . . . . .	100.00	10.00
Crumpton . . . . .	200.00	
Denton . . . . .	1200.00	300.00
Easton . . . . .	2000.00	

Charge	Pledge	Paid
Fairlee . . . . .	220.00	55.00
Galena . . . . .	250.00	
Greensboro . . . . .	875.00	
Henderson . . . . .	100.00	50.00
Hillsboro . . . . .	200.00	32.00
Kent Island . . . . .	600.00	
Kenton . . . . .	200.00	
Marydel . . . . .	200.00	
Middletown . . . . .	1400.00	466.00
Millington and Dulany . . . . .	300.00	
Odessa and Friendship . . . . .	500.00	125.00
Oxford . . . . .	200.00	
Piney Neck . . . . .	50.00	13.00
Pomona . . . . .		
Preston . . . . .	600.00	122.00
Queenstown . . . . .	120.00	
Ridgely . . . . .	300.00	5.00
Rock Hall . . . . .	300.00	32.00
Royal Oak . . . . .		
St. Michael's . . . . .	650.00	
Salem Circuit . . . . .	80.00	40.00
Smyrna . . . . .	3000.00	750.00
Still Pond and Betterton . . . . .	800.00	
Sudlersville . . . . .	400.00	200.00
Tilghman Island . . . . .	640.00	158.00
Townsend . . . . .	700.00	9.00
Trappe . . . . .	200.00	
Wye Mills and Starr . . . . .		
Totals . . . . .	\$21335.00	\$2486.00
Emma R. Merritt, Est. . . . .	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Old Pledges . . . . .	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Total for District . . . . .	\$21485.00	\$2636.00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Charge	Pledge	Paid
Annamesssex . . . . .	\$ 408.00	\$ 102.00
Ayers Chapel . . . . .	345.00	
Berlin . . . . .	735.00	366.00
Bishopville . . . . .	440.00	183
Cape Charles . . . . .	1000.00	549
Chincoteague . . . . .	766.00	183
Claremont . . . . .		
Crisfield: Asbury . . . . .	1084.00	732
Immanuel . . . . .	1300.00	
Dagsboro and St. Georges . . . . .	566.00	

Charge	Pledge	Paid
Deals Island . . . . .	900.00	
Delmar . . . . .	866.00	216.00
Fairmount . . . . .	550.00	
Frankford . . . . .		
Fruitland and Siloam . . . . .	675.00	125.00
Girdletree . . . . .	550.00	
Gumboro . . . . .	433.00	
Hebron . . . . .	466.00	
Mardela Springs, Zion Church . . . . .	100.00	
Marion . . . . .	450.00	75.00
Mt. Vernon . . . . .	600.00	
Nanticoke . . . . .	466.00	
Newark . . . . .	583.00	
Ocean City . . . . .	526.00	
Ocean View and Millville . . . . .	583.00	
Onancock . . . . .	566.00	
Parsonsborg . . . . .	500.00	70.00
Phoebus . . . . .	800.00	
Pittsville . . . . .	666.00	
Pocomoke City . . . . .	813.00	
Pocomoke Circuit . . . . .	389.00	
Powellville . . . . .	441.00	
Princess Anne . . . . .	700.00	
Quantico . . . . .	375.00	
Roxana . . . . .	566.00	
St. Peter's . . . . .	880.00	
Salisbury: Asbury . . . . .	2000.00	
Grace . . . . .	580.00	
Selbyville . . . . .	766.00	256.00
Sharptown . . . . .	600.00	
Smith's Island . . . . .	550.00	68.00
Snow Hill . . . . .	834.00	150.00
Somerset . . . . .	666.00	
Stockton . . . . .	550.00	100.00
Tangier . . . . .	883.00	
Westover . . . . .	300.00	8.00
White Haven . . . . .	326.00	40.00
Whitesville . . . . .	550.00	
Totals . . . . .	\$29691.00	\$1576.00
Araminta Merrill, Est. . . . .	500.00	500.00
Old pledges . . . . .	70.00	70.00
Pilchard Memorial, Dr. S. N. Pilchard . . . . .	500.00	
Personal, by "Friend" . . . . .	250.00	
Total for District . . . . .	\$31011.00	\$2146.00



WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Charge	Pledge	Paid
Bethel and Town Point	\$ 160.00	\$
Charlestown	200.00	50.00
Cherry Hill	260.00	65.00
Chesapeake City	100.00	20.00
Chester-Bethel		
Christiana	240.00	54.00
Claymont	800.00	200.00
Colora	100.00	
Delaware City	200.00	50.00
Ebenezer	450.00	56.00
Elkton	2500.00	
Hockessin	350.00	175.00
Hopewell	400.00	
Marshallton & Cedars	650.00	
Mt. Lebanon	200.00	25.00
Mt. Pleasant	550.00	50.00
Newark	2000.00	50.00
New Castle	1100.00	112.00
Newport	300.00	75.00
North East	800.00	200.00
Perryville	500.00	
Port Deposit	850.00	100.00
Red Lion	260.00	
Rising Sun	1000.00	
St. Georges and Summitt	500.00	
St. John's	260.00	
Stanton	200.00	100.00
Zion Circuit	475.00	160.00
WILMINGTON:		
Asbury	900.00	262.00
Brandywine	1600.00	
Brack-Ex	250.00	62.00
Cookman	400.00	
East Lake	1100.00	275.00
Epworth	1050.00	400.00
Edge Moor & Holly Oak	200.00	50.00
Grace	12282.00	
Harrison Street	2638.00	500.00
Hillcrest and Bellefonte	200.00	50.00
Kingswood	350.00	
Madeley	800.00	
McCabe	2500.00	100.00
Mt. Salem	800.00	
Richardson Park	900.00	

Charges	Pledge	Paid
Scott	800.00	200.00
Silverbrook	800.00	200.00
St. Paul's	6000.00	
Trinity	600.00	
Union	2200.00	
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	\$51775.00	\$3641.00
Old pledges	216.66	216.66
Cash collected	85.00	85.00
Caruth Est. residue	1300.00	1300.00
Personal pledges	200.00	
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Totals for District	\$53576.66	\$5242.66

Endowment Summary.

From all sources:	
Dover District	\$ 26080.50
Middletown District	21485.00
Salisbury District	31011.00
Wilmington District	53576.66
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	\$132153.16
Rev. G. W. Townsend, Annuity Bond	\$ 3000.00
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Total	\$135153.16
Conditional pledges:	
J. C. Penney Foundation, by Dr. F. B. Short.	\$7500.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. Gambrill	7500.00 \$ 15000.00
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Grand total	\$150153.16

GEORGE P. JONES. Field Secretary.

Investments as of April 1, 1927.

First Mortgages at 6% as per Audit Conference, 1926	\$126275.00
Invested:	
Proceeds, Caruth legacy	\$1300.00
Part of Annuity Bond	2500.00
Rebate by Board of Stewards	200.00 \$ 4000.00
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Total	\$130275.00

GEORGE P. JONES, Treasurer.

## BOARD OF STEWARDS.

As we come to you with our annual report we are pleased to be able to again report an increase in the receipts for disbursement among our worthy Claimants.

We now have a total of 107 on our list—46 retired Ministers, 55 Widows and six orphan Children.

The receipts from the several Districts as reported by the Conference Treasurer are as follows:

District	Apportioned	Paid	Increase	Deficiency
Dover . . . . .	\$10281.00	\$ 8210.00	\$ 125.00*	\$2071.00
Middletown . . . . .	9997.00	8359.00	575.00*	1638.00
Salisbury . . . . .	13911.00	11698.00	62.00*	2213.00
Wilmington . . . . .	15258.00	12795.00	79.00	2463.00
Totals . . . . .	\$49447.00	\$41062.00	\$ 467.00	\$8385.00

\*Decrease.

Our receipts for distribution are as follows:

Balance . . . . .	\$ 130.00
Chartered Fund . . . . .	40.00
Book Concern . . . . .	4452.00
Interest . . . . .	8591.00
Pastoral Charges . . . . .	41017.00
Total . . . . .	\$54230.00
Disbursed in 1926 . . . . .	\$52947.00
Increase . . . . .	\$ 1283.00

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

Annuity Claims . . . . .	\$62770.00
Necessitous Cases . . . . .	4000.00
Total . . . . .	\$66770.00
After making the legal deduction of . . . . .	\$13083.00
The sum of . . . . .	\$53687.00

remains to be apportioned by your Board to the pastoral Charges. Of the sum asked for, \$49,687.00 is to meet Annuity Claims, and, subject to your approval, \$4,000.00 is to meet necessitous cases. We, therefore, recommend that the sum of \$53,687.00 be apportioned to the pastoral Charges.

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;
- E. W. Jones for Mrs. Laura M. Williams and her five children, and, also, for Mrs. Martha H. Swain;
- G. P. Jones for O. E. James;
- Mrs. Pauline N. Murray for Edwin N. Murray.

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 of the Board and also to audit his accounts. It is the purpose of your Board to properly safeguard and protect every interest committed to our trust. This report was duly made to your Board and is herewith submitted to the Conference for your information.

## Report of Auditing Committee.

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

Brethren:

The Auditing Committee appointed by authority of your Board to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make an inspection of the securities covering the investment of the funds under the control of this Board would respectfully report the following:

On Dec. 7, 1926, by request of your Board, we inspected a large number of properties on which funds had been invested in Wilmington and vicinity and on which it was desired to ascertain if there was a good margin of value. On all of the properties visited we found the amount of our investment was very safely covered and the value far in excess of the investment.

The balance of the properties on which investments had been made are carrying an insurance so far in excess of the amount of our investment that we did not feel it necessary to make an inspection.

An inspection of the securities held by Rev. George P. Jones, Treasurer, covering the investments of the Board for the benefit of the Claimants of the Wilmington Conference, was held on Mar. 12, 1927. We found the funds are invested in seventy-six first mortgages on real estate to the value of \$130,275. The investments are protected by insurance policies held by the Treasurer to the amount of \$221,500. in addition to the land value of the properties. An itemized list of each mortgage showing the name of the mortgagor, amount and insurance on same, is submitted herewith.

The Treasurer's accounts have been audited and we find all entries properly protected by vouchers and a balance on hand of \$8,799.94, which

amount has been certified by the bank. This amount by special courtesy is drawing four per cent. interest.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFERSON COOPER,  
FRANK P. GENTIEU,  
Auditing Committee.

Salisbury, Md., Mar. 25, 1927.

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, Widows, and Orphans.

Very respectfully submitted,

THOS. N. RAWLINS, Chairman.

**MEMORIAL FUNDS FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT.**

To William A. Clash, husband; Eben E. Payne, father; and Maria Coke Payne, mother—By Mrs. William A. Clash, Cambridge, Md. . . . .	\$5,000.00
To Mrs. Eliza P. Clark, Milford, Del. By action of the Conference in recognition of bequest . . . . .	\$7,100.00
To Mrs. Annie C. West, Middletown, Del. By action of the Conference in recognition of bequest . . . . .	\$3,254.35
To William Chance, father; and Susan Chance, mother. By Charles B. Chance, Sudlersville, Md. . . . .	\$ 150.00
To Rev. John Hough, father, and Rebecca E. Hough, mother. By Mrs. James P. Hoffecker, Smyrna, Del. . . . .	\$ 500.00
To Margaret Layton Grier, mother. By Drs. G. Layton and Frank L. Grier, Milford, Del. . . . .	\$1,000.00
To Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilson, parents. By Timanus J. Wilson and wife, North Tonowanda, N. Y. . . . .	\$1,000.00
To Rev. John R. Bailey, of the Philadelphia Conference, father. By Henry J. Bailey, Wilmington, Del. . . . .	\$1,000.00
To Eli Saulsbury, former U. S. Senator, and official of Wesley Church, Dover, Del., uncle. By Senator Willard Saulsbury, Wilmington, Delaware . . . . .	\$1,000.00
To Rev. Alfred T. Scott, father. By Henry P. Scott, Wilmington, Delaware . . . . .	\$5,000.00
To Emma Prettyman, wife. By Rev. C. W. Prettyman, Carlisle, Pa. . . . .	\$ 500.00
To Vaughan S. Collins Fund . . . . .	\$ 500.00
To Anna Victoria Collins Fund of Victor, N. Y. By Mary Collins Sprague, Executrix, Claremont, Va. . . . .	\$3,156.26
To Etta Pilchard, mother. By Dr. S. N. Pilchard, Salisbury, Md. . . . .	\$ 500.00

**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 1927. They were approved by the Conference.

Date of Claim		Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.			
			Annuitant Claim	Annuitant Allowed	Special Fund	Amount Allowed
CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.						
MINISTERS.						
1922	34	Anderson, J. F., 2122 Gillis St., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	\$884	\$646		\$646
1906	17	Bowman, G. W., Laurel, Del. . . . .	442	323		323
1920	23	Chaires, W. W., Bozman, Md. . . . .	598	437	\$413	850
1905	27	Collins, J. M., 1607 W. 13th St., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	702	513	187	700
1917	36	Corkran, L. P., Church Hill, Md. . . . .	936	684		684
1921	37	Derrickson, E. H., Odessa, Del. . . . .	962	703		703
1919	34	Easley, J. W., 2103 Bayard Ave., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	884	646		646
1924	37	Ewing, H. W., Newark, Del. . . . .	962	703		703
1926	23	Faulkner, F. N., Delmar, Del. . . . .	598	*		
1923	34	Given, T. N., Cheswold, Del. . . . .	884	646	129	775
1925	35	Gray, J. W., Landover, Md. . . . .	910	665	135	800
1904	22	Green, W. M., Milton, Del. . . . .	572	418	207	625
1921	37	Guthrie, W. B., Kenton, Del. . . . .	962	703	222	925
1914	31	Hardesty, G. L., 2506 N. Madison St., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	806	589	11	600
1918	42	Hoffecker, E. L., Easton, Md. . . . .	1092	798		798
1911	10	Holt, T. S., Federalsburg, Md. . . . .	260	*		*
1924	16	James, O. E., Y. M. C. A., Baltimore, Md. . . . .	416	304	96	400
1924	53	Layfield, L. W., Greenwood, Del. . . . .	1378	1007		1007
1919	40	Lindale, J. M., 1106 Greenhill Ave., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	1040	760		760
1926	53	MacSorley, F. C., Federalsburg, Md. . . . .	1378	1007		1007
1925	23	Marshall, E. H., Salem, Roanoke Co., Va. . . . .	598	437		437
1924	16	Martin, O. L., Salisbury, Md. . . . .	416	304	296	600
1922	20	Matthews, W. E., Smyrna, Del. . . . .	520	380	420	800
1921	23	Moore, F. X., New Freedom, Pa. . . . .	598	437		437
1926	40	Mowbray, W. R., Lewes, Del. . . . .	1040	760		760
1919	47	Otis, J. P., Marshallton, Del., Cedars, R. D. . . . .	1222	893		893
1921	40	Pilchard, S. N., Hillsboro, Md. . . . .	1040	760		760
1917	35	Prettyman, A. P., Galena, Md. . . . .	910	665		665
1916	48	Prettyman, C. W., Carlisle, Pa. . . . .	1248	912		912
1913	26	Prouse, J. T., Edge Moor, Del. . . . .	676	494	281	775
1922	52	Reed, G. E., 3008 2nd St., Harrisburg, Pa. . . . .	1352	**		450
1919	34	Reese, J. D., Houston, Del. . . . .	884	646	79	725
1912	38	Roe, Robert, Trappe, Md. . . . .	988	722		722
1925	39	Sharp, W. W., 93 Heck Ave., Ocean Grove, N. J. . . . .	1014	741		741
1907	38	Smith, Alfred, Camden, Del. . . . .	988	722		722
1924	35	Smoot, T. C., Oxford, Md. . . . .	910	665		665
1922	33	Stallings, G. W., Lovettsville, Va. . . . .	858	627	273	900
1915	40	Stengle, Adam, 407 W. 21st St., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	1040	760		760
1922	37	Sunfield, E. C., Barnegat, N. J. . . . .	962	703		703
1915	38	Townsend, G. W., Ridley Park, Pa. . . . .	988	722		722
1901	24	Wallin, F. O. B., Alefors, Alingsis, Sweden . . . . .	624	456		456
1906	21	Walton, O. S., New Castle, Del., Route 2 . . . . .	546	399	401	800
1904	31	Williams, C. H., Snow Hill, Md. . . . .	806	589		589
1913	28	Willis, D. H., Cambridge, Md. . . . .	728	532		532
1925	19	Wilson, Daniel, Centreville, Md. . . . .	494	361		361
1927	39	Wilson, J. H., Newport, Del. . . . .	1014	741	59	800
*Relinquished. **Part relinquished.						
CHILDREN.						
1916	44	Murray, Edwin N., Pauline N. Murray, Trustee . . . . .	\$286	\$ 52		\$ 52
1923	10	Williams, Bristol W. . . . .	65	48		48
1923	10	Williams, Grace . . . . .	65	48		48
1923	10	Williams, Maleta } E. W. Jones, Trustee, Dover, Del. . . . .	65	48		48
1923	10	Williams, Sherman } . . . . .	65	48		48
1923	10	Williams, Hugh } . . . . .	65	48		48

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.	CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.	Annuity Claim	Annuity Allowed	Special Fund	Amount Allowed
WIDOWS.							
1915	43	Adams, Mary R., Rehoboth Beach, Del. ....	\$839	\$613	\$ 37	\$650	
1903	21	Avery, Lydia M., 1st National Bank, 7th & Spring Sts., Los Angeles, Calif. ....	410	299		299	
1881	8	Bain, Sarah B., 709 Sixth Ave., Juniata, Pa. ....	156	114	286	400	
1903	9	Bovie, Selma C., 37 Red Road, Chatham, N. J. ....	178	128	172	300	
1909	40	Bolton, Mary J., 307 S. Rouan St., New Haven, Conn. ....	780	570		570	
1926	18	Brewington, Ida V., Hebron, Md. ....	351	257	218	475	
1895	4	Brindle, Ellen M., H.G.Budd, Trustee, Greensboro, Md. ....	78	57	243	300	
1915	30	Burke, Laura F., 811 West St., Wilmington, Del. ....	585	428		428	
1918	31	Burke, Margaret, Newark, Del., care Dr. Burke ....	605	442		442	
1924	30	Burr, Ella E., 3 Nassau Place, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y. ....	585	428	37	465	
1925	33	Carpenter, Annie V., Seaford, Del. ....	644	470	200	670	
1909	31	Chandler, Mary E., Crumpton, Md. ....	605	442	43	485	
1890	8	Chatham, Anna D., R. K. Stephenson, Trustee, Smyrna, Del. ....	156	114	286	400	
1922	5	Cochran, Nora B., 517 Bellevue Ave., Hammonton, N. J. ....	98	71		71	
1922	6	Compton, Blanche E., 1333 W. Redfield St., Phila., Pa. ....	117	85	615	700	
1925	4	Esgate, Judith Madeline, 1735 W. 53rd St., Los Angeles, Calif. ....	78	*		*	
1891	17	Foreman, Mary E., 614 W. 20th St., Wilmington, Del. ....	332	242	108	350	
1914	39	Fosnocht, Bessie B., 67 Putnam Ave., New Haven, Conn. ....	761	556		556	
1891	20	Gardner, Louisa A., R. K. Stephenson, Trustee, Smyrna, Del. ....	390	285	215	500	
1906	16	Graham, Annie M., Clayton, Del. ....	312	228	172	400	
1893	25	Gregg, G. Anna, Kenton, Del. ....	488	356		356	
1908	27	Grise, Mary E., Pocomoke City, Md. ....	527	385		385	
1919	33	Jaggard, Annie M., Millsboro, Del. ....	644	470		470	
1924	12	Jester, Georgia, 1617 W. 4th St., Wilmington, Del. ....	234	171	154	325	
1919	17	Kenney, Mary J., Selbyville, Del. ....	332	242	83	325	
1925	20	Koons, Clara W., Rising Sun, Md. ....	390	285		285	
1917	9	Lewis, H. Bertrude, Laurel, Del. ....	176	128		128	
1917	23	Martindale, Sallie W., Salisbury, Md. ....	449	328		328	
1920	31	Mitchell, Jennie S., Denton, Md. ....	605	442	43	485	
1917	24	Morgan, Minnie S., 1101 Delaware Ave., Wilm., Del. ....	468	342		342	
1921	38	Neese, Elizabeth F., 221 Geddes St., Wilmington, Del. ....	741	542		542	
1916	10	Murray, Pauline N., 1329 Washington St., Wilm., Del. ....	195	143		143	
1909	35	Nelson, Evelyn J., 1321 West St., Wilmington, Del. ....	683	499		499	
1924	28	Northrup, Lella M., 1101 Delaware Ave., Wilm., Del. ....	546	399		399	
1917	32	O'Brien, M. Cornelia, 117 N. Franklin St., Delaware, O. ....	644	456		456	
1918	7	Poole, Maria O., 1540 N. 60th St., Philadelphia, Pa. ....	137	100	225	325	
1882	8	Prettyman, Emma, Salisbury, Md. ....	156	114	211	325	
1921	24	Quigg, Carrie V., 28 Wyoming Ave., Haverford, Pa. ....	468	342		342	
1919	29	Roberts, Mary B., 143 W. Cedar Ave., Merchantville, N. J. ....	566	413		413	
1893	14	Robinson, Martha R., Perryman, Md. ....	273	200	250	450	
1884	15	Shilling, Emma F., 600 Delaware Ave., Wilm., Del. ....	293	214	46	260	
1905	12	Sidell, Sarah D., 5434 Ella St., Olney, Philadelphia, Pa. ....	234	171	329	500	
1926	25	Smith, Lida J., Dover, Del. ....	488	356	44	400	
1901	12	Swain, Martha H., Dover, Del. ....	234	171	329	500	
1906	30	Todd, Alice C., 122 E. Main St., Elkton, Md. ....	585	428		428	
1924	22	Tomkinson, Julia E., 503 W. 19th St., Wilmington, Del. ....	429	314		314	
1926	15	Van Blunk, M. Louisa, 1244 N. 33rd St., Camden, N. J. ....	293	214		214	
1918	21	Westerfield, Lulu V. G., Port Deposit, Md. ....	410	299	301	600	
1878	12	Weston, Laura E., 2315 Ridgway Road, Wilm., Del. ....	234	171	69	240	
1927	39	Watt, Martha S., 17 Horner St., Worcester, Mass. ....	761	556		556	
1924	16	White, Belle V., Salisbury, Md. ....	312	228	222	450	
1913	43	White, Elнора, Millington, Md. ....	839	613	37	650	
1923	10	Williams, Laura M., Bethel, N. C. ....	195	143	577	720	
1923	19	Williams, Kate, Georgetown, Del. ....	371	271		271	
1920	31	Wyatt, Elmira P., Laurel, Del. ....	605	442		442	

\*Relinquished.

## 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 10th; for all written work received, and Mid-year Examinations of Local Preachers, by Nov. 15th; all written work received and corrected, February 15th; all other work, both written and examinations, by Wednesday 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 18-28. 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, 1927.

##### 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, 1928.

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

**Monday, 7:30 P. M.**

- Doctrines and Discipline .....J. A. Leach

**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

**Tuesday, 2 P. M.**

- American History .....E. C. Hallman

**Tuesday, 3:30 P. M.**

- Bible Biography .....V. E. Hills

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, 1927.

- 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. Hennis

January 1, 1928.

- First Year—Citizenship and Moral Reform . . . . . E. W. Hennis  
 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, 1928.

- 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

### 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

#### For Local Deacon's Orders.

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

#### Local Elder's Orders.

- Religious Experience . . . . . 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. Hennis

#### For Local Deacon's Orders.

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

#### Local Elder's Orders.

- Modernism and the Christian Faith . . . . . E. W. Hennis

Mid-Year Examinations will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 1927, 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

**Local Elder's Orders.**

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

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**XII.**

**MEMOIRS.**

**ROBERT WATT.**

Says Longfellow of Lowell in the "Herons of Elmwood,"

"Sing to him, say to him, here at his gate,  
Where the bows of the stately elms are meeting,  
Some one hath lingered to meditate,  
And send him unseen this friendly greeting;

That many another hath done the same,  
Though not by sound was the silence broken;  
The surest pledge of a deathless name  
Is the silent homage of thoughts unspoken."

Should this attempted "friendly greeting" seem altogether too brief, it is because the writer is bound by the solemn conviction that the subject of this memoir must have had in mind these words of the poet, when, in his last conscious moments, he named the writer to be his spokesman for this hour, with the emphatic request that the word should be brief, saying in his usual characteristic manner, "George will understand."

The ancestry of Robert Watt harks back to the rock-bound coast of northern Ireland, and the town of Newtonards is marked as his birthplace. At the age of three years, he was brought by his parents to the "States," and established a home near Albany, New York. Here he grew to manhood, with American ideals and standards permanently ingrafted with his trans-Atlantic inheritances. After graduating from Lansingburg Academy, New York, and while otherwise engaged in the process of building his career, he responded to a specific call to the ministry, and entered Drew Seminary in the Fall of 1883 to qualify for his life work.

After finishing his course at Drew in 1885, through the influence of Dr. John A. B. Wilson, then Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, he was directed to the Wilmington Conference and appointed to Princess Anne. On May 22d of that same year he was married to Miss Martha Saunders of Cohoes, New York, who proved to be a helpmeet of inestimable value to him throughout his long and useful ministry.

At the June commencement of 1896, Washington College, Chestertown, Md., conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. This title was received and carried throughout his entire ministry with honor and dignity to the ministry, the College and the Church.

Robert Watt was endowed with that rare quality of mind, including a singular originality of thought, which enabled him to arrive, at a glance, at inferences which would have occupied the laborious conclusions of most men. But, if his powers of mind were deep and penetrating, his qualities of heart and soul which accompanied them were still more felicitous. He possessed the most singular amenity of disposition with the highest feeling. His chivalric nature and indomitable will impelled him at all times to defend his own convictions of right against all opponents. Quick to resent an injury to himself or another and as equally ready to forgive were outstanding characteristics of this man of many parts.

In the discharge of his multiplied administrative duties covering a period of nineteen years, a tireless and compassionate zeal accompanied his efforts, which oftentimes carried him beyond his strength, and those of us who knew his physical limitations have wondered how a frame naturally weak should have so long endured the wear and strain of such exertion.

His home was to him a "blissful center," and was marked always with radiant cheerfulness, intermingled with innocent and a positiveness suffused with tenderness. In this "haven of rest," a help-meet and daughter adored were always found with willing hearts and ready hands to anticipate his comfort as well as to minister to his needs. It is no wonder that for his years of retirement he had planned to keep that home undivided, and for that reason he chose New England that he might continue to enjoy that united family devotion upon the basis of its former universality and charm. And there he abode, though far away from the scenes of his toil and triumphs, resigned to the will of God, with that sweet melancholy of the soul in that he could no longer in God's cause, "run through a troupe or leap over a wall," yet he awaited in the physical weakness of a recurrent heart trouble the summons to his everlasting rest.

It is the conviction of the writer that an editorial appearing in the Wilmington "Evening Journal," written by the editor, a long-time friend of the deceased, could be appropriately inserted in this memoir, since it reflects expressions of esteem held by others outside the pale of clerical visibility, and is herewith presented:

"Every one on the Delmarva Peninsula, regardless of religious affiliation, regrets the death of the Rev. Robert Watt, D. D., thrice a delegate to the Methodist General Conference, twice District Superintendent of the Wilmington District and once District Superintendent of the Easton District of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference, and for many years one of the most prominent, popular and powerful advocates of Methodism in Delaware and on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia.

But Dr. Watt was much more than a Methodist and a preacher. He was a man among men, full of civic interest and pride and patriotic impulse. When he thought he was right he knew no fear, but raised his voice and regulated his action in line with his conscientious convictions.

His long service in the Methodist ministry; his acute interest in public affairs and sympathetic attitude toward his fellow-men brought him very close to the Delmarva public, and there was widespread regret when, about three years ago, ill health compelled him to relinquish and to retire to the home of his daughter in Worcester, Mass. But that regret was as nothing when compared to the regret that has been aroused by the announcement of his death."

On Monday, December 20, high noon, our brother and co-laborer passed into the Eternal City. Quietly and with characteristic composure he went forth to the Great Adventure. The funeral service was held in Worcester, Mass., in charge of Rev. William S. Mitchell, D. D., Pastor of Wesley Church, assisted by Rev. J. L. Ivey, D. D., District Superintendent, and the Rev. Stephen Callender, Rev. E. S. Dohl, Rev. C. S. Crosby, and Rev. Ralph L. Minker, all personal friends of the deceased. The service was marked with that simplicity as specified in his last request. He was laid away in the nearby cemetery surrounded by the unsurpassed beauty of New England landscape, and where the watchful eye, the tender heart and loving hand of those he loved best could linger about that sequestered spot in fond remembrance.

I will close this altogether too bare and brief outline of a life that burned with unquenchable fire in all its purposes, leaving with your thought a clipping found in his Bible, doubtless placed there by his own hands, which invariably expresses his experience and hope:

"I shall take on my home-going journey  
Sweet memories of things that are past,  
And find on the stormless waters  
The realness of things that shall last.  
I shall see, when freed from the illusion,  
Why made to pass under the rod,  
And, escaped from earth's deafening confusion,  
Shall hear the still voice of my God."

"So I glide on in the silence  
Believing and all unafraid,  
Where I go, there will still be my Father,  
On His arms all my burdens are laid;  
The light of His smile shines above me,  
There's no darkness my soul to appal;  
Since I know that the Infinite loves me,  
I rejoice to follow His call."

GEORGE P. JONES.



The following Memoir was read at the last session of the Holston Conference. It is published here by order of the Conference because most of the ministry of Brother Williams was spent within the bounds of this Conference.

#### GEORGE COOKMAN WILLIAMS.

George Cookman Williams was born on a farm near Federalsburg, Maryland, September 21, 1874, and died in Knoxville, Tennessee, November 12, 1925. For more than a year he had been a patient, silent sufferer, but suddenly the break came at the close of an intensive Sabbath. A speedy removal to the hospital and a hurried operation availed little and after a few days of suffering the end came.

Brother Williams came of sturdy Methodist stock. At the early age of twelve he professed conversion under the ministry of Rev. G. L. Hardesty, of the Wilmington Conference. Within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference he spent most of his ministry. There he was born, educated, married, and became a leading minister of the Conference, filling many of its prominent appointments and building several churches and parsonages.

When the call to preach came to him, he sought his educational equipment in the Wesley Collegiate Institute at Dover, Delaware. His student years here developed for him almost severe studious habits which served him in good stead in after years, making him a reader of all the good and great books and keeping him abreast of the times. Those who sat under his ministry soon discovered that he had communed with the master minds in the great books.

In April, 1902, Brother Williams was married to Miss Louise R. Satterfield of Dover, Delaware. Three children blessed this marriage; namely, Dorothy, Edward and Louise. All of them, with their mother, survive their father.

In October, 1922, Brother Williams was transferred from the Wilmington Conference to the Holston Conference and was stationed at Knoxville, Tennessee. He soon made a place for himself in the city and church life. The church found he was a shepherd worthy and well qualified to lead. His superior pulpit ability was soon recognized. His manifest interest in both church and city life soon endeared him to the people and the general public which held him in high esteem.

This man of God was blessed with large sympathy and unselfish interest for others in a marked degree. No distance was too great and no sacrifice too large, if a chance was furnished to minister to some one in need. His devotion to his parish was only exceeded by his devotion to his family—always solicitous, dreaming of noble things for the tomorrows of those he loved.

This servant of the church had the rarest faculty to reach men. He knew men. They loved him and trusted his leadership. This was shown especially where the Masonic Order gave him notable honors, when in 1914

he was made Grand Chaplain and in 1921 Grand Master of the State, and two years later he was elected Grand Representative.

Those who knew the spirit of this man were not surprised when the World War was on that he offered himself to the Government, went to the training camp to qualify, and was ready to sail for France in the chaplaincy service when the war closed.

The funeral services were conducted in his own church at Knoxville in charge of Rev. W. O. Martin, the District Superintendent. The body lay in state within the altar of his own church for three hours and hundreds of sorrowing parishioners and friends from all walks of life viewed the remains.

After the service in Knoxville the body was taken back to his native heath and another service was held in Dover, Delaware, in charge of Rev. G. T. Alderson, his bosom friend for a quarter of a century. This service was attended by scores of ministers and a multitude of sorrowing friends, assembled from the various charges where Brother Williams had faithfully served for more than twenty years. His body was laid to rest in Silver Lake cemetery near the town.

All too soon his work is finished—so it seems to us, but thus it was. Wherever he wrought, he wrought well. A strong preacher, a faithful pastor, loved of men, trusted by friends, blest of God and adored by his family circle—an achievement worthy of the noblest and best.

“Servant of God, well done.”

#### NELLIE M. FOGLE.

Nellie M. Fogle, the daughter of Wm. H. and Sarah E. Williams, was born near Federalsburg, Maryland, in 1876.

In the year of 1895 she and the late Rev. James White Fogle were united in marriage, while Brother Fogle was Pastor of our Church in Oxford, Maryland. From this union there were born seven children, Paul, Ruth, Esther, Mary, Nellie, James and Catherine, all of whom are living.

To have known Mrs. Fogle was to appreciate her.

To have been associated with her was to see Christianity personified, Christianity in action. The manner in which she moved among her acquaintances could have been motivated and directed from only one source, for as we discover cause many times through effect, even so in her life and ministry one would discern that she had fellowshiped with the One who many years ago “Took a towel,” and that she had heard and heeded the One who said, “For I have given you an example.”

It can be said of her with all possible emphasis, “She went about doing good.”

W. VAUGHAN MOORE.

**FRANCES AMANDA HURST.**

Frances Amanda Price was born the fifth day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, on an estate near Queenstown, Maryland, situated in an area forming one of the most beautiful spots on the Eastern Shore. Four brothers, five sisters, all having reached years of maturity, and father and mother, composed a family living in unbroken number, until December twentieth, 1926, when the subject of this memoir, at the call of her Father in Heaven, took her departure from earthly scenes to mansions in the skies.

After availing herself of all educational advantages offered in the rural sections in her day, she used all diligence in preparing herself for matriculation in the State Normal School of Maryland, from whence she was graduated, and afterward taught in the public schools of her native State until her marriage to the Reverend William Oscar Hurst in Queenstown Methodist Episcopal Church, Jan. 30, 1895.

Born of religious and church-going parents, her spiritual training placed her in the Methodist fold. With that as a lively beginning, and other such qualifications acquired later, she logically became amply fitted for the work of an itinerant, which coupled with the grace and culture of her devoted husband for more than twenty-five years, furnished abundant evidence that the attempt to make their calling and election sure was not in vain.

Her spiritual activities greatly augmented her husband's unquestioned ministerial efficiency, and in happy union they acceptably filled each and every appointment with evident satisfaction. The rather sudden and unexpected death of her husband placed upon her the entire responsibility of providing for herself and the education of William, their only son. To this end she zealously proceeded. In January, nineteen twenty-one, she accepted a position in the Young Women's Christian Association, Wilmington, Del., which she acceptably filled for more than a year. Then Delaware Hospital was needing a matron for Nurse's Home. She was chosen. For three and one-half years following she was happy because she believed, in the Providence of God, her future welfare and ideals were being consummated, and life again began to show the bright side.

But alas! she, too soon, must learn that,

"In the path of duty grows many a thorn,"

when she became aware that an unexpected illness must necessitate special care with a protracted hospital experience. After a lapse of time she returned to her sister's home near Newark, Delaware, where she spent her remaining days in suffering and contending against the invasions of a disease that was to bring to an end her earthly career. Everything possible was done for her comfort under the direction and supervision of her own sisters, who severally and jointly ministered to her needs to the last minute.

It was the writer's privilege to visit her from time to time during

those weary months of uncomplaining helplessness. With fortitude, born of the Spirit, her reservoir of service, used so often and so much in behalf of others, was now needed for herself. How patiently and resignedly she faced the inevitable! How wonderfully she worked out in detail all the delicate phases of her personal relation to the present and future life! How tenderly in her last moments did she summon to her bedside and breathe a Christian mother's blessing upon her only child! And then in the early morn of December twentieth, she calmly committed her soul to the care of her Heavenly Father, peacefully closed her eyes to earthly scenes and went to live with God forever. A beautiful life of precious memory! A coveted heritage for the son of her love to possess and cherish!

The funeral services were held at the home of her brother-in-law, Willard F. Wood, near Newark, Delaware, in charge of Drs. J. W. Colona, District Superintendent, and B. M. Johns, her Pastor, assisted by Dr. J. W. Easley and the writer. Her body was conveyed to Centreville, where additional services were conducted by Dr. Alfred Smith, after which she was laid beside her husband in the cemetery to await the final call of Him "Who knoweth our frame, and remembereth that we are dust."

GEORGE P. JONES.

**ELVA PALMATARY TALLEY.**

Elva Palmatory Talley, widow of the late Rev. James Walter Talley of this Conference, passed into the Heavenly Life from the home of her son near Wilmington, Delaware, Thursday, June 30, 1926.

She was the daughter of Manlove H. and Melvina Palmatory, and was born at Bishop's Corner, near Cheswold, Kent County, Delaware, October 5, 1868.

Becoming a Christian in early life, and attending her Church and Sunday School, she received in this School of Christ the kind of training which helped to make her a most efficient minister's wife.

On September 8, 1892, she was most happily married to the Rev. J. W. Talley, at the home of her parents, then living in Dover, Del., by her Pastor, the Rev. W. L. S. Murray. Entering upon her career at once as an itinerant's wife, she wrought well in every community where her husband and herself were permitted to live. Her loyalty to her Church was never questioned, and in a multitude of quiet but effective ways she did good to those of the household of faith and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. Possessed of a genial disposition, she attracted a large circle of friends. The ministerial work of her husband was never marred by word or deed, but in every pastorate she was a faithful and efficient helper. Gifted with a remarkable sweetness and gentleness of nature, and blessed with an open generous, loving heart, she was a blessing to the home, to the Church and to the community. She was not ambitious to be in the front

rank as leader, but her life was rather like a gentle stream flowing through a valley carrying refreshment to everything it touched.

In the Spring of 1906, when her husband, because of serious throat trouble, was, on the advice of his physician, compelled to retire from the active ministry, she, with her husband and three children, went to live on a truck farm in Brandywine Hundred, Del. Four years later the writer became the Pastor of this Christian family, and found that this home, made for rest and for the regaining of physical health, had not lost interest in Kingdom building. The wife was at that time teaching a Sunday School Class, and soon the husband, though unable to do the work of a minister of Jesus Christ, became Superintendent of the Sunday School at Newark Union. Even after her husband slipped away from her, Aug. 9, 1913, her interest in the Church and Sunday School did not fail as long as her health would permit.

She leaves behind to follow in her footsteps three children, Wilson M., from whose home she was translated; Mrs. Ethel Vanaman and Mrs. Maggie Simon; also her mother, two brothers and two sisters.

The funeral service was held at the home of her son in Brandywine Hundred, Sunday afternoon, July 4, 1926, in charge of her Pastor, the Rev. V. E. Hills, assisted by two former Pastors, the Rev. Hugh B. Kelso and the writer.

Her body was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Cemetery at Newark Union, to await the touch of the Resurrection Angel.

"Another hand is beckoning us,  
Another call is given;  
And glows once more with angel-steps  
The path which reaches heaven.  
  
Fold her, O Father! in Thine arms  
And let her henceforth be  
A messenger of love between  
Our human hearts and Thee."

E. W. McDOWELL.

#### JAMES LUTHER DERRICKSON.

James Luther Derrickson, son of David and Elizabeth Derrickson, and the subject of this memoir, was born near Roxana, Delaware, May 16, 1856. He was married to Livinia B. Hickman, December 17, 1876.

He was converted to God in the very flush of young manhood, and, slowly launching himself out into the deeps of public service for Him, finally joined Methodism's elect company of Local Preachers, receiving ordination to the high office of Local Elder at the hands of Bishop W. P. Thir-

kield, March 29, 1925, at the session of this Conference in McCabe Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

After leaving his carpenter's shop for two or three years of evangelism, Brother Derrickson took work under the then Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, going to Berlin Circuit in 1905; then came Zoar, Pocomoke and Pittsville in their order; Smith's Island, Somerset and Whitesville; to Gumboro, from the last session of our Conference, where he preached but once, dying suddenly at the home of a friend in Salisbury, Maryland, April 21, 1926, just as Sister Derrickson returned thanks to God for the evening meal.

Thus for twenty-one years he wrought in the name of his Lord, and so well that many of us in the travelling Eldership could feel pardonable pride in such a record of achievement. For four new churches in as many different charges, a new parsonage in another, and numerous other property improvements in them all witness to his skill in rallying his people to that important part of the work of the Kingdom among us. While, concerning that that is rightly called "Our Chief Business," the record reads: "Good Revivals Everywhere." For it seemed that no Church nor charge could finally hold out against the call of the Christ he preached.

Surely such workmen deserve better from us than ordinarily they receive. It is quite as certain that the Great Captain Himself has reserved altogether fitting rewards for these so-called "untrained" soldiers of his who fight so gloriously for him upon the more testing fields of battle.

Such workmen need no eulogy at our hands. The conditions under which they toil, the spirit with which they "carry on" and the fruitage of their labors together garland them far beyond our tongue or pen.

But two great little incidents shall go into this memoir to testify to the closeness with which Brother "Jim" came to walk with Jesus, and the victories he found in the way with Him.

"Brothers," he said to two or three of us at Carey's Camp during its 1925 season, "for a long time a certain thing used to bother me continually" (naming a trouble of soul over which the Master had given him such outward victory as probably concealed the inner struggle itself from even those nearest him). "But now (with an emphatic shake of his head) it troubles me no more."

An hour or so later he was in the Camp's pulpit stand preaching the Word of his God and ours. But it takes a much more than ordinary sermon to throw into the shadows such testifying, hence "the word of his testimony" abides of this day as the very last the writer remembers to have heard from his lips.

Then in the morning of the very day he "finished his course," he said to Sister Derrickson: "Mom, if I just had everything fixed for you here as I want it, I'd be in glory in two minutes."

By what studied eloquence, polish of diction and of rhetoric and rounding of our periods can any of us ever hope to surpass the effectiveness of that simple and artless witnessing to the truth of certain of the most cherished doctrines of our faith?



Friends from practically every one of the charges Brother "Jim" had served mingled with those of his youth in the funeral service at our Church in Roxana, Delaware, his District Superintendent, Rev. E. H. Dashiell, and Rev. George A. Cooke assisting the writer, Revs. A. B. Frye and M. W. Marine also being present.

His body was laid to rest in the Roxana Cemetery to await the time when "The earth and the sea shall give up their dead, and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in Him shall be changed and made like unto His own glorious body."

But Brother Derrickson himself doubtless could declare, were he loaned us for the moment:

"Life-embarked, out at sea, mid the wave-tumbling roar,  
The poor ship of my body went down to the floor;  
But I broke, at the bottom of death, through a door,  
And, from sinking, began forever to soar."

G. F. NEWTON.

### XIII.

## ROLL OF HONORED DEAD.

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

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EF- FECTIVE.
1859	John E. Elliott	Nov. 8, 1868	Snow Hill, Md.	30	10
1836	Thos. J. Quigley	Oct. 19, 1870	Laurel, Del.	65	44
1850	Daniel Titlow	Feb. 7, 1871	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	4
1867	Amos A. Ewing	Jan. 19, 1872	Cecil County, Md.	39	4
1848	Alfred Cookman	Nov. 13, 1872	Newark, N. J.	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey	July 9, 1871	Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct. 3, 1872	Frankford, Del.	34	13
1825	T. J. Thomson	Nov. 29, 1874	Wilmington, Del.	71	49
1828	Robert E. Kemp	Mar. 6, 1875	Greensboro, Md.	73	32
1832	Wesley Kenney	June 24, 1875	Smyrna, Del.	70	42
1835	Henry Sutton	Mar. 23, 1876	Philadelphia, Pa.	68	23
1871	George A. Campbell	Sept. 7, 1876	Frankford, Del.	30	4
1862	John W. Weston	Apr. 23, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	38	15
1837	John D. Curtis	July 25, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	61	40
1845	David R. Thomas	Feb. 13, 1878	Wilmington, Del.	58	30
1870	Andrew J. Crozier	Jan. 21, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	41	7
1829	Joshua Humphriss	Jan. 23, 1879	Salisbury, Md.	78	41
1868	Francis M. Chatham	May 29, 1878	Berlin, Md.	41	8
1857	Edward G. Irwin	Mar. 12, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	50	21
1848	John Hough	Mar. 27, 1879	Near Trenton, N. J.	58	31
1857	Thomas J. Williams	Mar. 29, 1879	New Castle, Del.	53	21
1870	William I. Bain	May 13, 1880	Pocomoke City, Md.	36	10
1832	William Urie	Nov. 13, 1880	Smyrna, Del.	67	43
1860	Thomas F. Plummer	Feb. 2, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	44	8
1833	Elijah Miller	Apr. 15, 1881	Sudlersville, Md.	71	49
1836	John W. Pierson	May 6, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1880	Francis B. Quigley	Aug. 19, 1881	Hopewell, Md.	27	2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman	Feb. 27, 1882	Newark, Md.	36	9
1865	Benj. W. Chase	Dec. 11, 1882	Seaford, Del.	48	17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack	June 24, 1883	Cambridge, Md.	67	46
1834	I. T. Cooper	Apr. 12, 1884	Camden, Del.	78	26
1829	Henry Colclazer	Dec. 18, 1884	Philadelphia, Pa.	75	55
1833	John L. Taft	May 30, 1884	Norristown, Pa.	72	41
1869	John Shilling	July 22, 1884	Wilmington, Del.	52	15
1842	Arthur W. Milby	June 13, 1886	Harrington, Del.	71	44
1840	Elon J. Way	July 5, 1886	Baltimore, Md.	75	26
1839	Valentine Gray	Jan. 21, 1887	Gap, Pa.	72	42
1881	Isaiah D. Johnson	Mar. 4, 1887	Bridgeville, Del.	33	6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil	Mar. 9, 1887	Church Hill, Md.	55	28
1854	Joseph Dare	Oct. 22, 1887	Newark, Del.	56	32
1886	Frank M. Morgan	Feb. 11, 1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	34	3
1849	William Merrill	Oct. 23, 1889	Upper Fairmt., Md.	75	28
1873	Isaac N. Foreman	June 12, 1890	Lincoln, Del.	47	17
1841	John Allen	Dec. 13, 1890	Brooklyn, N. Y.	72	33
1855	Samuel T. Gardner	Jan. 3, 1891	Pivot Bridge, Md.	60	33
1889	Samuel J. Baker	Sept. 22, 1891	Laurel, Del.	33	2
1870	Thos. O. Ayres	Oct. 4, 1891	Delaware City, Del.	53	21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer	Jan. 10, 1892	Milton, Del.	45	19
1840	Vaughan Smith	Nov. 21, 1891	Wilmington, Del.	79	43
1845	Charles Hill	June 22, 1892	Salisbury, Md.	70	47
1833	James L. Houston	Sept. 18, 1892	Trappe, Md.	82	32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin	Oct. 17, 1892	Bel Air, Md.	52	24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher	Dec. 12, 1893	Bridgeville, Del.	62	17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg	Jan. 24, 1893	Wyoming, Del.	68	36
1847	Joseph Robinson	Feb. 18, 1893	Perrymans, Md.	68	45
1835	George Barton	Mar. 19, 1893	Church Hill, Md.	84	11
1843	James A. Brindle	Apr. 6, 1894	Greensboro, Md.	73	48
1860	Nicholas M. Browne	Feb. 4, 1895	Middletown, Del.	58	35
1850	James Hubbard	Apr. 4, 1895	Philadelphia, Pa.	76	4
1857	James E. Bryan	Oct. 17, 1895	Baltimore, Md.	64	39
1892	John D. Lecates	Nov. 11, 1895	Wilmington, Del.	41	5



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1859	Thomas E. Bell	Mar. 21, 1895	Easton, Md.	58	
1868	James Conner	Sept. 10, 1896	Selbyville, Del.	59	28
1862	Merritt Hulburd	Oct. 10, 1896	Wilmington, Del.	54	34
1873	Newton McQuay	May 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. Hyvson	July 27, 1899	Smyrna, Del.	64	39
1845	Wm. E. England	Jan. 20, 1900	Philadelphia, Pa.	79	48
1857	Thos. S. Williams	Jan. 20, 1900	North East, Md.	65	41
1888	Chas. P. Swain	May 22, 1900	Deal's Island, Md.	41	12
1874	David F. Waddell	Dec. 20, 1900	Westminster, Md.	48	28
1836	Benj. F. Price	Mar. 22, 1901	Elkton, Md.	84	60
1851	Jas. W. Hammersly	Apr. 19, 1901	Brooklandville, Md.	78	40
1877	Walter E. Avery	Apr. 22, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	50	25
1860	J. Owen Sypher	Sept. 3, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	69	39
1872	John D. Kemp	Sept. 21, 1902	Chestertown, Md.	65	30
1856	William F. Talbot	Feb. 26, 1903	Dover, Del.	73	27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard	Apr. 13, 1903	Frankford, Del.	65	41
1843	Thos. H. Haynes	May 23, 1903	Smyrna, Del.	81	51
1853	Geo. A. 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. Westerfield	June 17, 1917	Port Deposit, Md.	51	23
1886	Asbury Burke	Sept. 4, 1917	Newport, Del.	66	31
1870	John W. Poole	Sept. 30, 1917	Philadelphia, Pa.	91	18
1901	William H. Kenney	Apr. 16, 1918	Selbyville, Del.	69	17
1884	Emerson P. Roberts	Aug. 6, 1918	Middletown, Del.	64	34
1884	Wilmer Jaggard	Nov. 21, 1918	Millsboro, Del.	62	34
1887	Ralph T. Coursey	Jan. 5, 1919	Wvoming, Del.	56	31
1885	James M. Mitchell	Sept. 25, 1919	Millington, Md.	61	32
1878	Charles A. Hill	Oct. 11, 1919	Smyrna, Del.	62	39
1870	Joseph A. Arters	Dec. 14, 1919	Cordova, Md.	86	40
1886	Clinton T. Wyatt	Feb. 7, 1920	Denton, Md.	56	34
1884	Daniel F. McFaul	Mar. 6, 1920	Wilmington, Del.	82	34
1878	Howard T. Quigg	Apr. 4, 1920	Newport, Del.	61	42

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1892	William O. Hurst	Aug. 4, 1920	Phoebus, Va.	54 28
1878	Gordon R. Neese	Feb. 10, 1921	Wilmington, Del.	62 41
1881	Frederick J. Cochran	Oct. 11, 1921	Hammonton, N. J.	71 40
1858	William W. Redman	Feb. 24, 1922	Lincoln, Del.	86 28
1869	Philip 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
1885	Robert Watt	Dec. 20, 1926	Worcester, Mass.	70 38

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CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

No.	Date	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1	March 17, '69	Wilm'ton—Asbury	M. Simpson	S. L. Gracey
2	" 16, '70	Port Deposit	E. S. Janes	S. L. Gracey
3	" 8, '71	Dover	L. Scott	S. L. Gracey
4	Feb'y 21, '72	Laurel	E. R. Ames	T. E. Martindale
5	March 5, '73	Easton	L. Scott	T. E. Martindale
6	" 4, '74	Salisbury	L. W. Wiley	T. E. Martindale
7	" 17, '75	Smyrna	E. S. Janes	T. E. Martindale
8	" 15, '76	Wilm'ton—Union	L. Scott	T. E. Martindale
9	" 7, '77	Milford	E. R. Ames	T. E. Martindale
10	" 13, '78	Chestertown	R. S. Foster	T. E. Martindale
11	" 19, '79	New Castle	M. Simpson	T. E. Martindale
12	" 17, '80	Dover	E. G. Andrews	T. E. Martindale
13	" 16, '81	Lewes	Thos. Bowman	John D. Rigg
14	" 8, '82	Middletown	J. F. Hurst	John D. Rigg
15	" 7, '83	Cambridge	M. Simpson	John D. Rigg
16	" 5, '84	Wilm'ton—Asbury	W. L. Harris	John D. Rigg
17	" 12, '85	Snow Hill	S. M. Merrill	John D. Rigg
18	" 4, '86	Elkton	W. F. Mallalieu	John D. Rigg
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield	H. W. Warren	John D. Rigg
20	" 7, '88	Wilm'ton—Union	C. D. Foss	John D. Rigg
21	" 20, '89	Easton	R. S. Foster	John D. Rigg
22	" 26, '90	Milford	Thos. Bowman	John D. Rigg
23	" 19, '91	Centreville	C. H. Fowler	John D. Rigg
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray
25	" 15, '93	Middletown	S. M. Merrill	A. S. Mowbray
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury	J. H. Vincent	A. S. Mowbray
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna	J. F. Hurst	A. S. Mowbray
28	" 18, '96	Dover	H. W. Warren	A. S. Mowbray
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown	J. M. Walden	A. S. Mowbray
30	" 23, '98	Lewes	J. P. Newman	A. S. Mowbray
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge	C. D. Foss	A. S. Mowbray
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray
33	" 20, '01	Wilm'ton—Grace	Daniel A. Goodsell	A. S. Mowbray
34	" 19, '02	Crisfield	I. W. Joyce	A. S. Mowbray
35	" 18, '03	Easton	Earl Cranston	A. S. Mowbray
36	" 16, '04	Dover	J. M. Fitzgerald	A. S. Mowbray
37	" 15, '05	Wilm'ton—Grace	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise
38	" 14, '06	Pocomoke City	C. C. McCabe	W. A. Wise
39	" 20, '07	Smyrna	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
40	" 18, '08	Wilm'ton—Asbury	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise
41	" 17, '09	Milford	D. H. Moore	W. A. Wise
42	" 16, '10	Salisbury	J. W. Hamilton	W. A. Wise
43	" 15, '11	Wilm'ton—Asbury	T. B. Neely	W. A. Wise
44	" 13, '12	Wilm'ton—St. Pauls	L. B. Wilson	W. A. Wise
45	" 26, '13	Crisfield	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
46	April 1, '14	Berlin	Earl Cranston	W. A. Wise
47	March 24, '15	Laurel	R. J. Cook	W. A. Wise
48	" 29, '16	Wilm'ton—Union	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
49	" 28, '17	Seaford	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
50	" 20, '18	Dover	F. M. Bristol	D. W. Jacobs
51	" 26, '19	Chestertown	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
52	" 24, '20	Wilm'ton—Grace	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
53	" 30, '21	Crisfield—Immanuel	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
54	" 22, '22	Cambridge	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
55	April 4, '23	Dover	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
56	March 26, '24	Wilm'n—Harrison St.	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
57	" 25, '25	Wilm'n—McCabe	W. P. Thirkield	D. W. Jacobs
58	" 24, '26	Dover	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
59	" 23, '27	Salisbury	F. J. McConnell	D. W. Jacobs

XV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

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

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

MORNING SESSION.

The Fourteenth meeting of the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held at Wicomico Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, Md., March 25, 1927. Prayer was offered by Brother E. J. Davis of North East. The session was opened by Love Feast, in charge of Prof. W. T. Dashiell. Dr. Robt. Boyle, Pastor of Wicomico Presbyterian Church, was introduced and gave the delegates a cordial welcome on behalf of his Church and of the citizens of Salisbury. Brother I. Elmer Perry made a fitting and pleasing response.

The roll of officers and delegates was called to which the following responded:

Officers—Vice Presidents, Prof. W. T. Dashiell, H. H. Nuttle and C. A. Cook, Jr.; Treasurer, M. Edward Culver.

Delegates: **Dover District**:—Bethel, S. J. Finness; Bridgeville, K. M. Wiley; Camden, Dr. L. S. Conwell; Canterbury, J. M. Lynch; Wesley, Dover, Clarence A. Short; East New Market, F. B. Clifton; Elliotts, Red Ewell; Farmington, C. H. Jackson; Federalsburg, Wilmer Davis; Felton, S. H. Hodgson; Georgetown, Frank M. Jones; Georgetown Ct., Hollis Dodd; Greenwood, C. H. Kinder; Harrington, L. L. Sapp; Hoopers Isl., Howard Simmons; Houston, Armond Quillen; Hurlock, Leland Bradley; Laurel, M. E. Culver; Lewes, W. J. Carson; Little Creek, G. L. Turner; Milford, W. G. Abbott; Milford Neck, H. A. Thompson; Millsboro, G. S. Williams; Milton, G. H. Waples; Mt. Pleasant, Harlan Hill; Nassau, J. J. White; St. Thomas, J. E. Todd; Seaford, T. N. Rawlins; Seaford Ct., E. H. Coulbourne; Williamsburg, Roland Poole.

**Middletown District**:—Centreville, J. M. Arringdale; Cheswold, T. D. Garrison; Concord, H. H. Nuttle; Cordova, W. E. Roe; Crumpton, Charles Meredith; Henderson, W. H. Goodwin; Kent, Isl., W. E. H. Porter; Oxford, David Pritchard; Pomona, Robt. R. Walbert; Preston, W. M. Wright; Queenstown, J. K. Wrightson; Rock Hall, Marian R. Coleman; St. Michaels, W. J. Keithley; Smyrna, L. M. Price; Sudlersville, Alfred Walls; Tilghman's, Oscar Sinclair; Townsend, Ethelwyn Maloney; Trappe, Harvey Slaughter; Wye Mills, W. W. Price.

**Salisbury District**:—Annessex, Dr. J. F. Somers; Bishopville, F. M. Moore; Berlin, W. M. Ennis; Chincoteague, W. D. Steelman; Cape Charles, C. H. Hudson; Crisfield, Immanuel, I. S. Lawson; Crisfield, Asbury, James B. Tawes; Deal's Island, F. T. Webster; Delmar, Victor Carmean; Gumboro, Fred Brittingham; Hebron, Eldridge Benson; Mardela, C. I. Bennett; Mt. Vernon, L. W. Ross; Nanticoke, Milton Larrimbre; Ocean City, W. S. Wallace; Onancock, C. F. Watson; Parsonburg, Daniel Hastings; Pittsville, Algie Wimbrow; Pocomoke City, W. A. Long; Pocomoke Circuit, W. B. Taylor; Powellville, William Littleton; Princess Anne, H. A. Taylor; Quantico, Oscar Hanby; Salisbury, Asbury, Joseph Mitchell; Salisbury, Grace, John L. Baker; Selbyville, W. A. Law; Smith's Island, Asbury Littleton; Snow Hill, Prof. A. C. Humphries; Westover, W. J. Blake; White Haven, C. W. Raynor; Whitesville, N. B. Ward.

**Wilmington District**:—Charlestown, Joseph F. McCall; Ebenezer, J. H. Little; Edgemoor and Holly Oak, T. H. Dorman; Elkton, Edward Deibert; Marshallton and Cedars, W. H. Wingate; Mt. Pleasant, C. E. Maloney; Newark, Dr. E. B. Crooks; North East, E. J. Davis; Rising Sun, J. M. Holden; St. Georges, H. E. Simmons; Stanton, William M. Garvine; Brack Ex, J. W. Owens; Cookman, Cecil C. Lynch; East Lake, W. J. Baldwin; Epworth, Willis Overdeer; Grace, William S. Holton; Harrison Street, I. Elmer Perry; Kingswood, Mrs. Sarah E. Hoffercker; Mt. Salem, J. Elmer Betty; Trinity, C. W. Cook, Jr.; Union, Frederick C. Rickards.

Upon motion, Prof. C. A. Short was made Secretary for this session of the Association.

Prof. Clarence A. Short, President of Wesley Collegiate Institute, was introduced and gave an outline of the work being done there. He stated the conditions in the school and asked the laymen for interest in their own school and active support of it in sympathy and patronage.

Dr. E. B. Crooks, delegate from Newark, Delaware, spoke on the proposed new Church in that town and the relation of that Church to the Methodist students at the University of Delaware.

Dr. Crooks proposed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That, in view of the action of the Laymen's Association at its 1926 session, approving the plan of our Newark Church for the erection of a Church plant sufficient not only for its own needs but also for the needs of the Methodist students attending the University of Delaware, we are pleased to report that a large and valuable lot has been secured adjacent to the University campus at a cost of \$6,300; and that the Church in Newark has also raised \$17,000 during the last year for the new building fund; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this Association appoint a committee of five to cooperate with the Finance Committee of the Newark Church for the further solicitation of funds.

This resolution was adopted and the following committee was appointed:—Hon. John G. Townsend, Harry L. Canon, Dr. Frank L. Grier, W. O. Hoffercker, E. P. Turner.

Dr. G. P. Jones, Field Secretary for the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, made a report of work done, announcing that the goal sought, that is, \$150,000, had been pledged. The report, on motion of Brother T. N. Rawlins, was adopted. On motion, Dr. G. P. Jones was given a rising vote of thanks by the Association for his untiring efforts in securing success in having the endowment sought fully subscribed.

The following recommendations were concurred in by the Laymen's Association:

Recommended that: 1. The District Superintendents be hereby authorized and requested to supervise the collection of the Endowment from the several charges in their respective District until the pledges shall have been paid in full, using their best judgment as to procedure and methods, and that each Pastor lend his undivided assistance in making these payments possible.

2. If, in the judgment of the District Superintendent, a key layman from each Church or Charge could materially aid in stimulating sympathy and cultivating sentiment for the cause, that the same, wherever and whenever needed, be elected or appointed at the First Quarterly Conference of each year.

3. That sufficient space be set apart in the Conference Minutes for District representation of the Endowment as pledged, showing debits and credits for each charge and the same to be continued from year to year until all accounts are balanced.



Dr. F. A. Lindsorst was introduced and gave account of his work as Director of Religious Education in the Wilmington Conference. He also outlined the plans and hopes for future work in way of school for School Directors and for Camps for Boys and Girls. The Boys' Conference and its aims were discussed. Means for holding Vacation Church Schools in the several charges were stated and the several laymen were urged to establish such in their Churches as soon as possible.

The following Committees were appointed by the Chair:

Resolution:—G. S. Williams, W. A. Law, E. J. Davis, H. H. Nuttle.

Finance:—L. N. Price, C. W. Cook, Jr., W. M. Ennis, G. H. Waples.

Nomination:—I. Elmer Perry, L. S. Conwell, W. M. Wright, I. S. Lawson.

The Quartette of Morgan College was introduced by Dr. W. F. Corkran, and they entertained the Association with several fine selections.

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "A Charge to Keep I Have." The Association was presented to the Throne of Grace by Dr. E. B. Crooks.

Dr. E. C. Hallman was introduced and spoke on the loss of historical documents and presented resolutions asking for an organization of an Historical Society for the Wilmington Annual Conference. Dr. W. F. Sheldon, Secretary of Wesley Foundation Joint Committee, in an address to the delegates told of the needs for the Wesley Foundation at the State University. The problem is not one for the local Church in the university town but one for the whole Conference. One-half of the ministers entering the Conference are the products of state schools, thus emphasizing the need of additional supervision on the part of the Church at other than denominational colleges.

Mr. George W. Crabbe, Superintendent of Maryland-Delaware Anti-Saloon League, told of conditions in this country regarding use of liquor. He compared the boys and the girls of 20 years ago with those of today all to the advantage of the present day youth. He told of conditions in the Delaware and the Maryland Legislatures and in the City of Baltimore.

Dr. W. W. Davis, Lord's Day Alliance, was introduced and spoke of the bills before the Maryland Legislature seeking to commercialize the Sabbath.

Dr. John R. Edwards, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, was introduced and spoke on "World Service." The ministry of the Church, since it is to furnish the leaders to direct the people to the Master, must maintain clean hands and remain above reproach. He spoke on Mexican religious situation, the causes of present conditions—lack of education, no opportunity to hold land, awaking due to schools established within the past ten years and to Protestant teaching during the past fifty years. Italy was reviewed as was also China. He made a plea for increased contributions to missions to meet the present demands in mission fields.

Brother L. M. Price, Chairman of Finance Committee, audited the accounts of Treasurer, M. E. Culver, and found them correct.

The Chairman recommended collection of \$35 be taken to defray the expenses of the meeting. The collection amounted to \$31.65.

Dr. DeVries, President of Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., presented the claims for that institution, asking that the Churches support this school. The Rockefeller Foundation has approved the College and has promised support in case \$200,000 is raised for this school from other sources. Of this amount \$180,000 has been pledge.

Committee on Nominations presented the following nominations:

President, Prof. W. T. Dashiell, Salisbury, Md.

Vice-President, Frank M. Jones, Georgetown, Del.

Vice-President, H. H. Nuttle, Denton, Md.

Vice-President, Prof. A. C. Humphries, Snow Hill, Md.

Vice-President, E. J. Davis, North East, Md.

Secretary, C. M. Cook, Jr., Wilmington, Del.

Treasurer, M. E. Culver, Laurel, Del.

The report was accepted and they were unanimously elected.

President Dashiell presented the matter of deficit in Washington Christian Advocate amounting to \$150.00 and moved that the Laymen assume this sum. On motion of Dr. Crooks, the matter of distribution among the several charges and providing means for collecting this sum was left with the District Superintendents.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following resolutions. The same were taken up in order and action indicated taken thereon.

#### Resolution No. 1.

WHEREAS, Methodism has no richer historical field than that contained within the borders of the Wilmington Conference; and

WHEREAS, Valuable documents and interesting historical facts are being lost for the want of attention; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we organize this Wilmington Conference into a Historical Society by electing a President at large and one Vice President for each District. Be it furthermore

RESOLVED, That we request each pastoral charge to appoint a historian to write a history of the charge and send to the Historical Society and with the history a copy of any valuable historical documents that may be in their possession. Be it furthermore

RESOLVED, That we request each pastoral charge to locate and mark the grave of any Methodist Itinerant Preacher who may be buried within the borders of the charge, sending to the Historical Society as accurate a description of the location as possible. Be it furthermore

RESOLVED, That all historical documents so collected be kept in a fireproof box, similar to the one used by the Secretary of the Conference, said box to be stored in some fireproof vault, the expense of box and storage to be paid by the Conference Trustees. Be it furthermore



RESOLVED, That the laymen of this Conference be urged to cooperate in every way possible with the members of the Historical Society to collect and preserve matters of note in the history of our Church on this Peninsula.

On motion adopted unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2.**

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of this meeting appoint a committee of five to cooperate in a study of the advisability of founding a unit of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Delaware in connection with the Newark Methodist Episcopal Church.

The resolution was adopted and the following committee appointed:—  
L. M. Price, Prof. C. A. Short, Dr. E. B. Crooks, I. Elmer Perry, and George S. Williams.

**Resolution No. 3.**

RESOLVED, That we do hereby endorse the work being done in this Conference by our Director of Religious Education, F. A. Lindhorst, and pledge him our moral and financial support.

Adopted.

**Resolution No. 4.**

RESOLVED, By the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference of the 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.

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. 5.**

RESOLVED, That the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference now in session at Salisbury, Md., do protest against any legislation that will lessen the effectiveness of the present laws now on the Statute books of the State of Delaware regulating the use and sale of intoxicating liquors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of the Laymen's Association to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Adopted.

**Resolution No. 6.**

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Delaware, now in session at Dover, have passed the bill known as the Maloney Boxing Bill, and

WHEREAS, We believe the enacting into law of such a measure would greatly lower the moral standard of our State; and,

WHEREAS, This bill is now pending in the Senate for final passage; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the lay members of the Wilmington Annual Conference, now in session in Salisbury, Md., do most earnestly request the Honorable Members of the Senate to defeat the passage of this bill when it comes up for passage; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of this Conference to Hon. W. F. Allen, President Pro. Tem. of the Senate.  
Adopted.

**Resolution No. 7.**

WHEREAS, Wesley Collegiate Institute is our own Methodist School; and

WHEREAS, Under the presidency of Clarence A. Short, Wesley Collegiate Institute is more nearly meeting the need on this Peninsula for a preparatory school with religious atmosphere; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we do hereby extend to President Short our appreciation of the work already done, and pledge him our active support in future endeavors to build up the School.

Adopted.

**Resolution No. 8.**

RESOLVED, By the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference, that we extend to the Pastor, Rev. Robt. A. Boyle, and the Board of Elders of Wicomico Presbyterian Church of Salisbury, Md., our sincere thanks for the use of their beautiful Church for this Session of our Association, and that the Secretary be requested to send copy of this resolution to the Pastor.

Adopted by a rising vote.

The Association, upon motion, adjourned sine die.

W. T. DASHIELL, Acting President.

CLARENCE A. SHORT, Secretary Pro Tem.

**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.

#### PASTORAL RECORD.

NOTE:—Sy., Supernumerary; R., Retired.

- Alderson, G. T.**—1888-9, Queenstown; 90-2, Bishopville; 93-4, Federalsburg; 95-9, Princess Anne; 00, Harrington; 1901-3, Lewes; 04-5, Snow Hill; 06-7, New Castle; 08, Perryville; 09-12, Newark; 13-18, Harrison St.; 19, Chestertown; 20-22, Elkton; 23-, Asbury (Wilm.).
- Anderson, J. F.**—1888-9 Westover; 90, Parsonburg; 91, Parksley; 92, Crumpton; 93-4, Pomona; 95-7, Talbot; 98, Woodlawn; 99, Marion; 00, Powellville; 01-2, Stockton; 03-4, Sharptown; 05, Houston; 06-7, Wyoming; 08-9, Farmington; 10-11, Kenton; 12-14, St. Georges; 15-18, Cherry Hill; 19, Mt. Lebanon; 20-21, Colora; 22-, R.
- Andrews, M. S.** 1921-23, At School; 24-, Lewes.
- Atkins, C. H.** 1917, Leipsic; 18-21, Lincoln; 22-, Concord.
- Bailey, H. N.** 1924, Farmington; 25, St. Paul's (Dover); 26, Marydel; 27-, Crapo.
- Baker, F. A.** 1926-, Millington.
- Barlow, W. G.** 1923-24, Smith's Island; 25, Bishopville; 26-, Georgetown Ct.
- Barrett, J. I.** 1926, Pomona; 27-, Henderson.
- Bartley, O. A.** 1924, Claremont; 25-, Hebron.
- Baynard, O. T.**—1902-3, Henderson; 04, Royal Oak; 05-6, Crumpton; 07-9, Millville; 10-13, Chincoteague; 14, Armory; 15-17, Onancock; 18-19, Rehoboth; 20-21, Beckwith & Spedden; 22, Hillsboro; 23-24, Fairmount; 25, Galena; 26-, Quantico.
- Beauchamp, T. F.**—1892-3, Selbyville; 94-6, Smith's Isl.; 97-8, Mt. Vernon; 99-00, Williston; 01-4, Still Pond; 05-7, Federalsburg; 08-10, Berlin; 11-13, Wesley (Wilm.); 14-15, Secy. Wilm. City Missionary Society; 16-18, Chestertown; 19-20, Epworth; 21-24, Selbyville; 25-, Georgetown.
- Beauchamp, J. H.**—1894, Pocomoke Circuit; 95-6, Chincoteague; 97-8, Agt. Conf. Academy; 99-01, St. Michaels; 02-3, Townsend; 04-6, Harrington; 07-8, Greensboro; 09-11, Still Pond; 12-15, Perryville; 16, New Castle; 17-20, Cor. Secy. Wilm. City Missionary & Ch. Ext. Society; 21-, Supt. Goodwill Industries.
- Bennett, W. O.**—1897-98, Queenstown; 99, Annamessex; 00, Fruitland; 01-2, Ridgely; 03-10, Sudlersville; 11-13, Bridgeville; 14-16, Cape Charles; 17, Cookman; 18-19, Berlin; 20-22, Laurel; 23-25, Greensboro; 26-, Princess Anne.
- Benson, N. C.**—1914, Queenstown; 15, Bishopville; 16-18, Georgetown Circuit; 19-20, Greenwood; 21-23, Seaford Circuit; 24-25, Rehoboth; 26-, Frederica.
- Bicking, J. R.**—1907, Elk Neck; 08-9, Cherry Hill; 10-12, East Lake; 13-16, Centreville; 17, Ridgely; 18-21, New Castle; 22-23, Pocomoke City; 24-26, Deal Island; 27-, Scott (Wilm.).
- Bolton, J. C.**—1920-21, Clayton; 22-25, At School; 26-, Pittsville.
- Bounds, G. W.**—1890, Taylor's Isl.; 91, Church Creek; 92, Dover; 93-5, Cape Charles; 96-9, Deal's Isl.; 00-1, Tangier; 02-6, St. Michaels; 07, Harrington; 08-9, Federalsburg; 10-12, Frederica; 13-15, Dagsboro; 16, Perryville; 17-19, Richardson Park; 20-, Kingswood.
- Bowman, G. W.**—1885, Burrsville; 86-7, Beckwith; 88-9, Parsonburg; 90-1, Mt. Vernon; 92, Bethel & Summit; 93, Wyoming; 94-5, Vienna; 96, Crapo; 97, E. New Market; 98, Gumboro; 99-0, Woodlawn; 01, Marshallton; 02-5, Sy.; 06-, Retired.
- Bradley, S. B.**—1926, Secretary; 27-, Crumpton.

- Branford, C. W.**—1926, Pocomoke Circuit; 27- , Ocean View.
- Brandford, H. V.**—1926, Ayres Chapel; 27- , Marion.
- Briggs, W. H.**—1907-9, Colora; 10-13, Zion Ct.; 14-15, Preston; 16-20, Selbyville; 21-25, Easton; 26, Leave of Absence; 27- , Supernumerary.
- Broadway, L. M.**—1915-16, Kingswood; 17-25, Madeley; 26- , Perryville.
- Buckson, J. A.**—1904-7, Galestown; 08-11, Armory; 12-14, Beckwith; 15-19, Whitesville; 20-22, Zion Ct.; 23, Crumpton; 24- , Millsboro.
- Budd, H. G.**—1894-7, Perryville; 98-02, Berlin; 03-6, Centreville; 07-10, Crisfield; 11-17, Principal, Wilmington Conference Academy; 18-25, President Wesley Collegiate Institute; 26- , Greensboro.
- Bunting, J. J.**—1909, Mardela Springs; 10-11, Marion; 12-14, Mt. Vernon; 15-17, Seaford; 18-19, Ridgely; 20-22, Berlin; 23-24, Smyrna; 25- , Immanuel (Crisfield).
- Campbell, R. W.**—1927- , Magnolia.
- Chaires, W. W.**—1888, Shortley; 89-90, Somerset; 91, Smith's Isl.; 92-3, Crapo; 94, Williston; 95, Sy.; 96, Crumpton; 97-0, Tilghman; 01, Rock Hall; 02-6, Sy.; 07, Roxana; 08-10, Supernumerary; 11, Fairlee; 12-13, Marydel; 14-15, Kenton; 16-19, Bozman; 20- , Retired.
- Clark, C. W.**—1915-17, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference; 18-19, Brack Ex; 20-21, Hockessin; 22-25, Clayton; 26- , Still Pond.
- Clark, J. A.**—1927- , Hopewell.
- Collins, V. S.**—1883, Dover & Cambridge; 84-5, Vienna; 86-7, Felton; 88-90, Scott; 91-3, Centreville; 94-6, New Castle; 97, Georgetown; 98-1900, Principal, Wilm. Conf. Academy; 01-3, Smyrna; 04-8, Port Deposit; 09-12, Middletown; 13-16, St. Paul's; 17-22, Dist. Supt., Salisbury District; 23-26, Cape Charles; 27- , Delaware City.
- Collins, E. H.**—1895, Claymont; 96-7, Stanton; 98-9, St. George's; 00, Whitesville; 01-2, St. John's; 03, Chesapeake; 04-6, Marydel; 07-8, Still Pond; 09, Fairmount; 10-12, Parsonburg; 13-16, Madeley; 17-18, East Lake; 19, North East; 20-23, Trinity; 24- , Harrington.
- Collins, O. J.**—1924- , Charlestown.
- Colona, J. W.**—1902-3, Annessex; 04-6, Princess Anne; 07-10, Bridgeville; 11-17, Georgetown; 18-22, Dover; 23- , Dist. Supt., Wilmington District.
- Connelly, O. H.**—1912, Piney Neck; 13, Christiana; 14, Claymont; 15-16, Colora; 17-19, Roxana; 20-22, Millington; 23-26, Townsend; 27- , Epworth (Wilm.).
- Cooke, G. A.**—1891-99, Minn. Conference; 1900-5, N. Eng. Conf.; 1906-7, Troy Conf.; 1908-9, N. Y. Conf.; 1910-11, Somerset; 12-13, Tangier; 14-16, Wesley, (Wilm.); 17-20, Retired; 21-22, St. John's; 23- , Frankford.
- Corkran, W. F.**—1876, Millsboro; 77, Harrington; 78-9, Barrett's Chapel; 80, Leipsic; 81-2, Magnolia; 83-5, Gumboro; 86-90, Asbury (Crisfield); 91-6, Dist. Supt. Salisbury District; 97-1902, Dist. Supt. Easton District; 03-4, Georgetown; 06-8, Newark, Del.; 09-17, Union; 18-25, Asbury (Crisfield); 26- , Chestertown.
- Corkran, L. P.**—1881, Sudlersville; 82-3, King's Creek; 84, Queenstown; 85-6, Oxford; 87-8, Preston; 89-90, Greenwood; 91, Lincoln; 92-3, Delmar; 94-6, Marion; 97, New Castle; 98-1900, Fairmount; 01-4, Milton; 05-6, Epworth; 07-10, Hillsboro; 11, Rock Hall; 12-16, Sudlersville; 17- , Retired.
- Croft, A. J.**—1908, Maine Conf.; 09, Minnesota Conf.; 10-15, Northern Minnesota Conf.; 16-19, Wisconsin Conf.; 20-21, Northern Minnesota Conf.; 22-26, Nebraska Conf.; 27- , Asbury (Salisbury).
- Cummings, W. H.**—1918-20, Ebenezer; 21-22, Fairmount; 23-24, Roxana; 25- , Parsonburg.
- Dashiell, E. H.**—1899-02, Mt. Lebanon; 03-4, Chesapeake City; 05-6, North East; 07-9, Frederica; 10-11, Federalsburg; 12-15, Asbury (Crisfield); 16-20, Cor. Sec'y Endowment Commission; 21-22, Cape Charles; 23- , Dist. Supt., Salisbury District.

- Davis, Howard**—1900, Little Creek; 01-2, Salem; 03-5, Powelville; 06-7, Marion; 08-9, Mt. Vernon; 10-13, Cape Charles; 14-17, Bridgeville; 18-19, Chaplain U. S. Army; 20-23, Lewes; 24-26, Trinity (Wilm.); 27- , Cape Charles.
- Davis, C. E.**—1921, At School; 22-24, Cheswold; 25-26, Professor Wesley Collegiate Institute; 27- , Cherry Hill.
- Dawson, W. F.**—1884-5, Houston; 86-7, Vienna; 88-9, Millsboro; 00-2, Beckwith; 93-5, Magnolia; 96, Mt. Vernon; 97, Whitesville; 98, Chester; 99-02, Wesley; 03-7, Cecilton; 08, Church Hill; 09-12, Camden; 13, Cheswold; 14-15, Hillsboro; 16-17, Nanticoke; 18-19, Tangier; 20-22, Princess Anne; 23-24, Felton; 25- , Hurlock.
- Dawson, G. W.**—1899-0, Perryville; 01-2, Bethel; 03-5, Mt. Lebanon; 06-8, Wesley (Wilm.); 09-10, Deal's Isl.; 11-12, Harrison St.; 13-22, Asbury (Wilm.); 23-24, Georgetown; 25- , Cecilton.
- Derrickson, E. H.**—1884-5, Pocomoke Ct.; 86-7, Newark, Md.; 88-9, Sharptown; 90-2, Girdletree; 93-5, Mt. Vernon; 96-7, Magnolia; 98-0, Mt. Pleasant; 01, Onancock; 02-4, Nanticoke; 05, St. Peter's; 06, Cheswold; 07-8, Marydel; 09-13, Church Hill; 14-17, Oxford; 18-20, Odessa; 21- , R.
- Diehl, J. R.**—1927- , Greenwood.
- Dulany, H. S.**—1886-7, Holland's Isl.; 88-90, Parksley; 91-4, Kingswood; 95-7, Onancock; 98-9, Whitesville; 00, Millington; 01-3, Asbury, Wil.; 04-6, Asbury (Crisfield); 07-11, Sy.; 12-16, Grace (Salisbury); 17-19, Felton; 20-25, Sharptown; 26, St. Peter's; 27- , Grace (Salisbury).
- Easley, J. W.**—1885-6, Girdletree; 87-8, Onancock; 89-91, Federalsburg; 92-3, Chestertown; 94-7, Centreville; 98-00, Brandywine; 01, Scott; 02-4, Harrison St.; 05-9, Kentucky Conf.; 10-11, Cor. Sec'y Wil. City Missionary Soc'y; 12-14, Snow Hill; 15-17, McCabe; 18, Cape Charles; 19- , Retired.
- Eldridge, J. S.**—1902-11, New Jersey Conference; 1912-20, Northern New York Conference; 1921-22, Dagsboro; 23, Mt. Vernon; 24, Camden; 25- , Milton.
- Ewing, H. W.**—1887-89, Madeley; 90-92, Crisfield; 93-96, Port Deposit; 97-98, Mt. Salem; 99, Kentucky Conference; 1900-13, New England Conference; 14-18, West Virginia Conference; 19-23, Union (Wilm.); 24- , R.
- Faulkner, F. N.**—1899-04, Selbyville; 05-6, Parsonburg; 07-8, At School; 09, Bethel; 10-12, Fairmount; 13-20, Delmar; 21, Leave of Absence; 22-25, Supernumerary; 26- , R.
- Ford, D. J.**—1905, Betterton; 06, Henderson; 07, Royal Oak; 08-10, Powellville; 11-12, Cherry Hill; 13, Eastlake; 14-16, Seaford Circuit; 17-18, Nanticoke; 19-20, Frankford; 21, Mardela Springs; 22-24, Magnolia; 25- , Wyoming.
- Frye, A. B.**—1915-19, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference; 20, Concord Ct.; 21-23, Church Hill; 24-26, Ocean View; 27- , Fruitland.
- Gardner, J. H.**—1902-3, Church Creek; 04-5, Marion; 06, Westover; 07-8, Onancock; 09-11, Millsboro; 12-13, Galestown; 14-17, Lincoln; 18-19, Seaford Circuit; 20-23, Crapo; 24-25, Crumpton; 26- , Whitesville.
- Gehman, G. T.**—1922-23, St. Paul's (Dover); 24- , Ebenezer.
- Geoghegan, J. H.**—1891, Cordova; 92, Wye; 93, Armory; 94-5, Hopewell; 96-8, Church Hill; 99-00, Cherry Hill; 01-2, St. George's; 03-4, Girdletree; 05-7, Quantico; 08-9, Houston; 10-12, Ebenezer; 13-14, Delaware City; 15-16, Mt. Lebanon; 17-18, Newark, Md.; 19-20, Bethel Circuit; 21-26, Red Lion; 27- , Kenton.
- Givan, D. J.**—1895-7, Parksley; 98, Chance; 99-00, Gumboro; 01-3, Farmington; 04-6, Hillsboro; 07-9, Odessa; 10, Madeley; 11-13, Harrington; 14-16, Princess Anne; 17-19, Milton; 20-25, North East; 26- , Clayton.
- Given, T. N.**—1884-7, Va. Conf.; 88-9, Mt. Lebanon; 90, Stanton; 91, Somerset; 92-3, Fruitland; 94-5, Millsboro; 96, Sharptown; 97, Newark, Md.; 98, Church Creek; 99-00, Burrsville; 01, Hockessin; 02, Red Lion; 03-4, Charlestown; 05, Armory; 06-10, Sy.; 11, Henderson; 12, Fairlee; 13, Wye Mills; 14, Roxana; 15, Quantico; 16-17, Delaware City; 18-19, St. John's; 20, Christiana; 21-22, White Haven; 23- , R.
- Godwin, W. F.**—1917, Central Penna. Conference; 18-19, Bishopville; 20-21, Tangier; 22-25, Newark, Md.; 26- , Supernumerary.



- Goodhand, A. W.**—1903-5, Cheswold; 06-7, Stockton; 08-9, Frankford; 10-12, St. Peter's; 13-14, Hurlock; 15-17, Fairmount; 18-19, Still Pond; 20-21, Richardson Park; 22-24, Eastlake; 25-, Phoebus.
- Grant, W. S.**—1917-19, Houston; 20-23, Rehoboth; 24-26, Church Hill; 27-, Rock Hall.
- Grande, J. W.**—1925-, At School.
- Gray, J. W.**—1888, Pocomoke Ct.; 89, Powellville; 90-1, Fruitland; 92-3, Smith's Isl.; 94, Somerset; 95-6, Roxana; 97-9, Crapo; 00, Chincoteague; 01-2, Mt. Vernon; 03-4, Lincoln; 05, Cordova; 06-7, Powellville; 08, Quantico; 09-10, Newark, Md.; 11-13, Bethel; 14-15, Chester-Bethel; 16-17, Ebenezer; 18-19, Charlestown; 20-21, Retired; 22-23, Cherry Hill; 24, Delaware City; 25-, R.
- Greene, W. M.**—1873, Millsboro; 74, Camden; 75, Bridgeville; 76, Felton; 77-8, Church Creek; 79-80, Bethel; 81-2, Kent; 83-4, Christiana; 85-6, Galestown; 87, Wyoming; 88-9, Beckwith; 90-1, Williston; 92-3, Farmington; 94, Nassau; 95-98, Sy.; 04-, Retired.
- Greenfield, W. E.**—1900, Elk Neck; 01-5, Perryville; 06-13, Silverbrook; 14-17, Berlin; 18-, Brandywine.
- Gunby, W. E.**—1903-4, Queenstown; 05-6, Odessa; 07-11, Princess Anne; 12-13, Easton; 14-17, Wesley (Dover); 18-22, Cambridge; 23-, Dist. Supt., Dover District.
- Guthrie, W. B.**—1883, Pocomoke Ct.; 84-5, Westover; 86-7, Fruitland; 88-90, Holland's Isl.; 90-2, Houston; 93-4, Gumboro; 95-8, Somerset; 99-00, Rock Hall; 01, Maryland; 02, Magnolia; 03-4, Chincoteague; 05, Millsboro; 06, Roxana; 07, Burrsville; 08, Sy.; 09, Vienna; 10-11, Westover; 12-13, Powellville; 14-16, Wye Mills; 17-19, Kenton; 20, Queenstown; 21-, Retired.
- Habbart, W. E.**—1903, Little Creek; 04-5, Fairlee; 06-7, Kenton; 08-10, Ridgely; 11-12, Crisfield; 13-16, Ridgely; 17-18, Mt. Salem; 19-24, Harrison St.; 25-, Cambridge.
- Hallman, E. C.**—1910-19, North Indiana Conference; 1920-21, Ocean View; 22-23, Tangier; 24-, Berlin.
- Hamblin, S. T.**—1921-22, At School; 23-25, Houston; 26-, Rehoboth.
- Hamer, Conrad.**—1927-, Ellendale.
- Hardesty, G. L.**—1883-4, Woodland; 85-7, Magnolia; 88, Tangier; 89-90, Galestown; 91-2, St. George's; 93-4, Roxana; 95-9, St. Peter's; 00-2, Smyrna Ct.; 03, Berlin; 04-6, Whitesville; 07-9, Seaford Ct.; 10-11, Kent Isl.; 12-13, Cecilton; 14-, Retired.
- Harris, W. G.**—1906-7, Christiana; 08-9, Marion; 10-12, Bishopville; 13-15, Frankford; 16-17, Sharptown; 18-22, Cookman; 23-, Elkton.
- Harris, C. C.**—1916-17, Claymont; 18-19, Kingswood; 20-24, Rising Sun; 25-, Preston.
- Harrison, W. E., Jr.**—1914-24, Baltimore Conference (1918-19, Chaplain U. S. Navy); 1925-, McCabe.
- Hastings, G. W.**—1899-00, Stockton; 01-2, Gumboro; 03-4, Mt. Vernon; 05-7, Frankford; 08-10, Nanticoke; 11-12, Frankford; 13-16, Deal Is.; 17-18, Hebron; 19-20, Perryville; 21, Retired; 22-23, Ocean View; 24, Somerset; 25, Retired; 26-, Mt. Vernon.
- Hearn, W. A.**—1917, Asst. Pastor, Grace (Wilm.); 18-19, Y. M. C. A. Secretary and Chaplain 6th Marines, A. E. F.; 20-21, Newark (Md.); 22-24, Claymont; 25-, Middletown.
- Henvis, E. W.**—1918, Elk Mills; 19-21, At School; 22-23, Claremont; 24-25, Onancock; 26, Newark, Md.; 27-, Sudlersville.
- Herson, Frank.**—1909-17, Philadelphia Conference; 18-26, Newark, Del.; 27-, Milford.
- Hess, W. L.**—1920-21, Stockton; 22-24, Hebron; 25-26, Hopewell; 27-, Hillcrest.
- Hills, V. E.**—1889-98, E. Maine Conf.; 99-02, Lincoln; 03-4, Gumboro; 05-7, Mt. Vernon; 08-9, Parsonburg; 10-15, Selbyville; 16-17, Asbury (Crisfield); 18-19, Pocomoke City; 20-22, Denton; 23-24, Wesley (Wilm.); 25-, Mt. Pleasant.

- Hodgson, R. S.**—1918, Canterbury; 19-20, At School; 21-24, Odessa; 25-26, Sudlersville; 27-, Townsend.
- Hoffecker, E. L.**—1876, Denton; 77, King's Creek; 78-9, Talbot; 80-2, Cambridge; 83-01, N. Y. Conf.; 02-4, Greensboro; 05-8, Fairmount; 09, Wesley (Dover); 10-15, D. S., Wilm. District; 16, Cor. Secy. Wilm. City Missionary Society; 17, Sabbatical Year; 18-, Retired.
- Holt, T. S.**—1897-00, St. John's; 01-4, Federalburg; 05-6, Still Pond; 07-11, Sy.; 12-, Retired.
- Hudson, J. A.**—1900, Atlantic Missions Conf.; 09, Galestown; 10-11, Beckwith; 12, Blades; 13-14, Williamsburg; 15, Pomona; 16, Newark, Md.; 17-18, Smith's Is.; 19-21, Chester-Bethel; 22-24, Wyoming; 25, East New Market; 26, Bishopville; 27-, Westover.
- Hudson, C. H.**—1922-25, Hooper's Island; 26-, Seaford Ct.
- Hufna, H. O.**—1927-, Zoar Ct.
- Jackson, Leolan.**—1896-06, Holston Conf.; 07, Vienna; 08-9, Beckwith; 10-11, Wyoming; 12-14, Crapo; 15-16, Magnolia; 17-19, Princess Anne; 20-21, Tilghman's; 22-24, Sudlersville; 25-26, Ridgely; 27-, Madeley (Wilm.).
- Jacobs, D. W.**—1913-14, Blades; 15-17, Rehoboth; 18-20, Bridgeville; 21-26, Milford; 27-, Newark, Del.
- James, O. E.**—1907, Queenstown; 08-9, Roxana; 10, Fruitland; 11-12, Gumboro; 13-14, Farmington; 15, Annessex; 16, Sy.; 17-18, Colara; 19, Red Lion; 20-22, Mt. Lebanon; 23, Ebenezer; 24-, R.
- Jefferson, O. P.**—1926-, Crumpton.
- Johns, B. M.**—1906-23, Wyoming Conference; 23-, Grace (Wilm.).
- Johnson, J. L.**—1899-00, Galestown; 01-3, Greenwood; 04-6, Seaford Ct.; 07-11, E. New Market; 12-15, New Castle; 16-17, Scott; 18-24, Immanuel (Crisfield); 25-, Harrison St.
- Jones, G. P.**—1891-3, Chincoteague; 94, Selbyville; 95-8, Cherry Hill; 99-01, Townsend; 02, Hurlock; 03, Brandywine; 04-6, Milford; 07-8, Middletown; 09-14, D. S. Salisbury Dist.; 15-19, Elkton; 20-22, Townsend; 23-24, Treas. Conf. Claimant Endowment Commission; 25-26, Corresponding Secretary. Conf. Claimant End. Commission; 27-, Treasurer Conf. Claimant End. Commission.
- Jones, J. W.**—1898, Annessex; 99-03, Cookman; 04-5, Towsend; 06-7, Ridgely; 08, Ebenezer; 09-10, Rising Sun; 11-12, Deal Isl.; 13-15, Frederica; 16-17, Middletown; 18, McCabe; 19-20, Cape Charles; 21-25, Delmar; 26-, Pocomoke City.
- Jones, O. E.**—1898-9, Ingleside; 00-02, At School; 03-4, Delaware City; 05-7, St. John's; 08-10, Cecilton; 11-14, Seaford; 15-19, Lewes; 20-22, Chestertown; 23-, Dist. Supt., Middletown District.
- Jones, C. N.**—1900, Leipsic; 01-2, At School; 03, Colara; 04-5, Cookman; 06, Chesapeake City; 07-8, St. Georges; 09-10, Preston; 11-12, Delaware City; 13-15, Hopewell; 16-19, Clayton; 20-22, St. Michaels; 23-24, Denton; 25, Princess Anne; 26-, Ocean City.
- Jones, C. T.**—1903-06, N. Indiana Conf.; 07, Chincoteague; 08-10, Gumboro; 11-12, Fruitland; 13, Trappe; 14-15, Crumpton; 16, Hillsboro; 17-19, Tilghman's; 20-21, Hopewell; 22-23, Chesapeake City; 24-25, St. George's; 26-, Chester-Bethel.
- Jones, E. W.**—1905-6, Queenstown; 07, Bozman; 08-9, Kenton; 10-11, Millville; 12-15, E. N. Market; 16-20, Silverbrook; 21, Secy., Wilm. City Missionary & Ch. Ext. Society; 22-25, Snow Hill; 26-, Dover.
- Jones, R. C.**—1915, Vienna; 16-17, Bishopville; 18-20, At School; 21-24, Kent Island; 25-, Silverbrook.
- Kelso, H. B.**—1898, School; 99-00, Elliott's; 01-2, Powellville; 03-5, Williamsburg; 06-9, Magnolia; 10, Galestown; 11-14, Rehoboth; 15, Concord; 16-20, Mt. Pleasant; 21-23, Perryville; 24, Phoebus; 25-, Claymont.



- Kelso, J. M.**—1904, Mardela; 05-6, School; 07-8, Ellendale; 09, Trappe; 10, Fairlee; 11-12, Queenstown; 13-14, Nassau; 15-17, Farmington; 18-19, Crapo; 20-22, Houston; 23-, Professor Wesley Collegiate Institute.
- Layfield, L. W.**—1871, Princess Anne; 72, Claymont; 73-5, Elk Neck; 76-8, Charlestown; 79-81, Bethel; 82-4, Claymont; 85-7, St. George's; 88-90, E. N. Market; 91, Magnolia; 92-3, Zion; 94-6, Epworth; 97-9, Smyrna Ct.; 00-3, Camden; 04-8, Greenwood; 09-14, Felton; 15-17, Hurlock; 18, Chester-Bethel; 19-23, Delaware City; 24-, R.
- Leach, J. A.**—1913, Church Creek; 14, Galestown; 15-16, Reliance; 17-18, Sudlersville; 19-22, Greensboro; 23, Berlin; 24-, Union (Wilm.).
- Lindale, J. M.**—1879, Bridgeville; 80, Denton; 81-2, Woodland; 83-4, Fruitland; 85-7, Pomona; 88-91, Bayside & Tilghman; 92-4, Cordova; 95-8, Sudlersville; 99-00, Federalsburg; 01-3, Church Hill; 04-6, Mt. Pleasant; 07-10, Bethel & Summit; 12-13, Hopewell; 13-15, Red Lion; 16, Roxana; 17-18, Wye Mills; 19-, Retired.
- Lindhorst, F. A.**—1912-19, Illinois Conference; 1920-24, Nebraska Conference; 1925-, Director of Religious Education.
- McCabe, J. B.**—1920-21, Whitesville; 22-25, Port Deposit; 26-, Federalsburg.
- McCoy, J. C.**—1905-6, Royal Oak; 07-8, Pomona; 09-10, Tilghman; 11, Galestown; 12-13, Marshallton; 15-19, Zion; 20-22, St. George's; 23-24, Milton; 25-, Rising Sun.
- McDade, H. R.**—1905-19, Philadelphia Conference; 20-21, Claymont; 22, Salisbury Circuit; 23, Suspended; 24-25, St. Peter's; 26, Tilghman; 27-, Kent Isl.
- McDowell, E. W.**—1906, Elliott's Isl.; 07-9, Bishopville; 10-12, Mt. Pleasant; 13-14, Ocean View; 15-16, Somerset; 17-19, Hillsboro; 20-21, Pocomoke City; 22-24, Middletown; 25-, Eastlake.
- McGuire, W. T.**—1917, Hickman; 18-20, At School; 21-22, Ocean City; 23-24, Hillsboro; 25-, Odessa.
- McRill, J. H.**—1927-, Bayside.
- MacSorley, F. C.**—1873-4, Bridgeville; 75, Dorchester; 76, Royal Oak; 77, Kent; 78-80, Hillsboro; 81-2, Trappe; 83, Harrington; 84-6, Laurel; 87-9, Crisfield; 90-2, Lewes; 93-5, Cambridge; 96-8, Newark, Del.; 99-2, Pocomoke; 03-5, Kent Isl.; 06-10, Townsend; 11-14, McCabe; 15-25, Federalsburg; 26-, R.
- Marine, M. W.**—1914-15, Hickman; 16-17, Powellville; 18-19, Stockton; 20-22, Felton; 23-24, Princess Anne; 25-, Selbyville.
- Marshall, E. H.**—1902-05, Va. Conf.; 06, Claremont; 07, Ocean View; 08-10, Phoenix; 11-12, Hebron; 13-14, Gumboro; 15-16, Girdletree; 17-18, Reliance; 19-20, Georgetown Ct.; 21-23, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel); 24, Seaford Circuit; 25-, Retired.
- Martin, O. L.**—1900-01, Westover; 02-3, Quantico; 04-5, St. George's; 06-7, Somerset; 08-9, Parsonburg; 10-17, Located; 18, Annessex; 19-20, White Haven; 21-23, Bethel & Town Pt.; 24-, R.
- Matthews, W. E.**—1902, Marion; 03-4, Newark, Md.; 05-7, Bethel; 08-12, Smyrna Ct.; 13-14, Magnolia; 15-16, Felton; 17-19, Cordova; 20-21, Hebron; 22-, R.
- Mill's, R. W.**—1927-, St. Peter's.
- Moore, C. W.**—1905, N. H. Conf.; 05-6, Vienna; 07-9, Millington; 10, Hopewell; 11-12, Greenwood; 13, Galena; 14, Mt. Pleasant, Laurel; 15-16, Crapo; 17, Grace (Salisbury); 18-19, Hurlock; 20-23, Camden; 24, Chincoteague; 25, Marshallton; 26-, St. Michaels.
- Moore, F. X.**—1898, Marion; 99-00, Newark, Md.; 01, Fruitland; 02-3, Westover; 04-7, Hopewell; 08-11, New Castle; 12-14, Still Pond; 15-19, Port Deposit; 20, Newport; 21-, Retired.
- Moore, D. J.**—1911-12, Christiana; 13, Queenstown; 14-15, Trappe; 16-17, Parsonburg; 18-19, Millington; 20, Mt. Vernon; 21-24, Trappe; 25-26, Felton; 27-, Ridgely.
- Moore, W. V.**—1918, Mardela Springs; 19-20, At School; 21-22, Newport; 23-25, Seaford; 26-, Mt. Salem.

- Morgan, L. B.**—1905, Leipsic; 06-8, Williamsburg; 09-10, Concord; 11-13, Georgetown Ct.; 14-23, Chincoteague; 24-, Richardson Park.
- Mowbray, W. R.**—1886, Sassafras; 87-8, Royal Oak; 89-92, Pomona; 93-6, Smyrna Ct.; 97, Nanticoke; 98-00, Zion; 01-6, Bridgeville; 07-11, Lewes; 12-15, Milford; 16-22, D. S. Dover District; 23-25, Cookman; 26-, Retired.
- Newton, G. F.**—1912-14, Westover; 15-17, Fruitland; 18, Fairmount; 19-20, Cherry Hill; 2-22, Ebenezer; 23-24, Millington; 25-26, Roxana; 27-, Newark, Md.
- Nichols, R. P.**—1907-12, Salt Lake City, Utah; 13-14, Newport; 15-17, Still Pond; 18, Epworth; 19-22, Smyrna; 23, Director of Religious Education; 24-25, Pocomoke City; 26-, Easton.
- Nutter, M. D.**—1890-2, Hurlock; 93-4, Beckwith; 95-6, Gumboro; 97-8, Maryland; 99-00, West Va.; 01-4, St. Peter's; 05, Stockton; 06-8, Tangier; 09-12, Hurlock; 13, Parsonburg; 14-20, Chesapeake City; 21-22, Hillcrest; 23-26, Hockessin; 27-, Church Hill.
- Otis, J. P.**—1872-3, New England; 74-7, Va.; 78-9, Cambridge; 80-1, Centreville; 82-4, Odessa; 85-7, Elkton; 88-90, Port Deposit; 91, Bridgeville; 92-3, Brandywine; 94-5, St. Michaels; 96-8, Crisfield; 99-00, Mt. Salem; 01-3, Newark, Del.; 04-8, Rising Sun; 09-10, Greensboro; 11-13, North East; 14-15, Sharptown; 16-18, Marshallton; 19-, Retired.
- Outten, J. P.**—1893-4, Williamsburg; 95-6, E. N. Market; 97-8, Rock Hall; 99-01, Nassau; 02-3, Onancock; 04-5, Cape Charles; 06, Crisfield; 07-9, Kent Isl.; 10, Frankford; 11-12, Madley; 13-16, Cookman; 17-20, Deal Island; 21-24, Preston; 25-, Camden.
- Parker, J. E.**—1924, Marydel; 25-26, Kenton; 27-, Felton.
- Parks, H. M.**—2925-26, Little Creek; 27-, Mt. Lebanon.
- Pilchard, S. N.**—1881-2, Wyoming; 83-4, Magnolia; 85, Stockton; 86-7, Frankford; 89-90, Delaware City; 91-3, Laurel; 96, Scott; 97-00, Chaplain U. S. A.; 01, Greensboro; 02-5, Crisfield; 06-8, Union; 09-12, Delmar; 13-17, Cambridge; 18-20, Georgetown; 21-, Retired.
- Poole, L. E.**—1896, Queenstown; 97-8, Charlestown; 99-02, Chesapeake; 03-5, Pocomoke; 06, Elkton; 07-10, Georgetown; 11-12, Epworth; 13-14, Newark, Del.; 15-21, Snow Hill; 22, New Castle; 23-25, Mt. Salem; 26-, Centreville.
- Poole, W. C.**—1900-01, Queenstown; 02-3, Fairlee; 04-7, Church Hill; 08-10, McCabe; 11-12, Nanticoke; 13, Anti-Saloon League; 14, Richardson Park; 15, Galena; 16-17, Ocean City; 18-20, Parsonburg; 21-22, Frankford; 23-, St. John's.
- Prettyman, C. W.**—1868, Millington; 69-70, Dickinson College; 71-2, Leipsic; 73-4, Appoquinimink; 75-6, Sudlersville; 77-9, Centreville; 80-2, Lewes; 83-5, Union; 86-7, Newark, Del.; 88-92, Fairmount; 93-5, Seaford; 96-00, Salisbury; 01-2, Brandywine; 03-5, New Castle; 06-11, Snow Hill; 12, Snow Hill; 13-15, Smyrna; 16-, R.
- Prettyman, A. P.**—1882-3, Hillsboro; 84-5, Bayside; 86-8, Trappe; 89-91, Chester-Bethel; 92-3, Delaware City; 94-7, Zion; 98-12, Galena; 13-14, Greensboro; 15-16, Rising Sun; 17-, Retired.
- Prettyman, J. W.**—1897, Piney Neck; 98, Crumpton; 99-00, Church Creek; 01-2, Crumpton; 03-4, Cordova; 05-6, Lincoln; 07, Girdletree; 08-10, Crapo; 11, Hillsboro; 12-17, Rock Hall; 18-19, Sharptown; 20-22, Somerset; 23-, Zion Circuit.
- Prettyman, E. C.**—1909-10, Royal Oak; 11-12, Red Lion; 13-14, Ebenezer; 15-, Supt., Dept. of Delaware, Maryland Anti-Saloon League.
- Price, J. T.**—1908, Royal Oak; 09-10, Charlestown; 11-12, Tilghman; 13, St. Johns; 14, Burrsville; 15-16, Blades; 17-19, Camden; 20-23, Hurlock; 24-25, Perryville; 26, Madley; 27-, Deal Island.
- Prouse, J. T.**—1886, Quantico; 87, Ellendale; 88, Church Creek; 89-90, Nassau; 91, Annessex; 92, Mt. Vernon; 93-4, Talbot; 95-6, Kenton; 97, Trappe; 98-9, Red Lion; 00-2, Charlestown; 03, Christiana; 04-6, Chester-Bethel; 07-8, Kingswood; 09, Hockessin; 10, Marshallton; 11, Clayton; 12, Sy.; 13-, R.
- Reed, G. E.**—1870-74, N. England Southern Conf.; 75-88, N. Y. East Conf.; 89-11, President of Dickinson College; 12-14, Grace (Wilm.); 15-21, Pres. National Society for Broader Education; 22-, R.

- Reed, H. E.**—1910-12, School; 13-14, Girdletree; 15-16, Smith Island; 17-19, Rising Sun; 20-22, Milton, Del.; 23, St. George's; 24, Colora; 25, Leave of Absence; 26-, Cheswold.
- Reed, O. B.**—1916-17, Marydel; 18-20, Church Hill; 21, Chesapeake City; 22, Hockessin; 23-26, Hillcrest; 27-, Hockessin.
- Reese, J. D.**—1885, Chincoteague; 86-7, Bayside; 88, Pomona; 89-90, Royal Oak; 91-2, Appoquinimink; 93, Girdletree; 94, Crapo; 95-6, Williston; 97-8, Nassau; 99-00, Mt. Vernon; 01-2, Houston; 03-4, Beckwith; 05, Tilghman; 06, Colora; 07-9, Chester-Bethel; 10, Cherry Hill; 11, Wye; 12-13, Hockessin; 14-15, Hebron; 16-17, Trappe; 18, Oxford; 19-, Retired.
- Revelle, W. H.**—1907, Annapessex; 09-10, Quantico; 11-14, Newark, Md.; 15-17, Mt. Vernon; 18-19, Somerset; 20-21, Hillsboro; 22-26, Rock Hall; 27-, Trinity (Wilm.).
- Reynolds, P. E.**—1927-, Vienna.
- Rice, O. B.**—1911, Powellville; 12, St. John's; 13-14, Pomona; 15, Delaware City; 16-17, Stockton; 18-19, Mt. Vernon; 20-21, East New Market; 22-25, Chester-Bethel; 26-, St. Georges.
- Richardson, J. T.**—1893-98, E. M. Conf.; 99-00, Church Hill; 01-5, Denton; 06, Frederica; 07, North East; 08-9, Rock Hall; 10-12, Cookman; 13-15, Mt. Pleasant; 16-19, Preston; 20-23, Harrington; 24-, Chesapeake City.
- Roe, Robert**—1873, Hillsboro; 74, Talbot; 75, Sudlersville; 76, Church Creek; 77-8, Lewisville; 79, Pocomoke; 80-1, Berlin; 82-3, Sharptown; 84, Sy.; 85-7, Millsboro; 88-9, Ellendale; 90-3, Rock Hall; 94-6, Trappe; 97-8, Kenton; 99-00, Sudlersville; 01-2, Cheswold; 03, Talbot; 04-5, Trappe; 06-7, Betterton; 08-9, Stanton; 10-11, Elliott's; 12-, R.
- Rowlenson, J. T.**—1918-22, Crumpton; 23-24, Cecilton; 25-, Chincoteague.
- Sard, T. J.**—1910-11, Burrsville; 12-13, Armory; 14-17, Tangier; 18-22, Scott; 23-25, Chestertown; 26-, Asbury (Crisfield).
- Sharp, W. W.**—1886-7, Ingleside; 8-9, Kenton; 90-2, Kent Isl.; 93-4, Hillsboro; 95-8, Wesley; 99-01, Delmar; 02-3, Tangier; 04-5, Deal's Isl.; 06, St. Peter's; 07-9, Newport; 10-13, Seaford Ct.; 14-15, East Lake; 16-20, Frederica; 21-24, Mt. Pleasant; 25-, Retired.
- Shockley, E. M.**—1919, Bayside; 20-22, At School; 23-25, Still Pond; 26-, North East.
- Short, W. D.**—1922, Greenwood; 23, Charlestown; 24, Crapo; 25, Trappe; 26-, East New Market.
- Short, F. B.**—1891-1903, Wilmington Conference; 1904-12, Oregon Conference; 1913-17, Columbia River Conference; 1918-20, Oregon Conference; 1921-22, Philadelphia Conference; 1923, Transferred to Wilmington Conference and appointed Lecturer for Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals.
- Smith, Alfred**—1879-80, E. N. Market; 81-2, Oxford; 83-5, Greensboro; 86-9, Cambridge; 90, Middletown; 91-6, D. S. Easton Dist.; 97-01, Dover; 02, Epworth; 03-10, Temperance Evangelist; 11-12, Sec'y Temperance Society; 13-16, Camden; 17-, Retired.
- Smith, Tilghman**—1907, Canterbury; 08, Christiana; 09-10, Pomona; 11, Girdletree; 12-14, Marion; 15-17, Bethel; 18-19, E. New Market; 20-22, Still Pond; 23-25, St. Michaels; 26-, Marshallton.
- Smoot, T. C.**—1889, Stanton; 90, Mt. Lebanon; 91, Berlin; 92, Sharptown; 93, Leipsic; 94-5, Wyoming; 96-7, Millington; 98-9, Felton; 00-1, Nanticoke; 02-3, Marydel; 04-6, Galena; 07-8, Chesapeake; 09, St. Peter's; 10-11, Whitesville; 12-14, Kent Island; 15, Newport; 16-17, East New Market; 18-21, Rock Hall; 22-23, Onancock; 24-, R.
- Sparklin, J. L.**—1906-7, Farmington; 08-10, Cordova; 11, Sudlersville; 12-13, Odessa; 14-16, Church Hill; 17-18, Millsboro; 19-20, Wyoming; 21-22, Georgetown; 23-, Newport.
- Spence, P. W.**—1926-, Christiana.

- Spry, C. W.**—1911, Marshallton; 12-13, School; 14, Mardela; 15, Ocean City; 16, Lakesville; 17, Vienna; 18-20, Farmington; 21-22, Georgetown Circuit; 23-24, Greenwood; 25-26, Magnolia; 27-, Blades.
- Stallings, G. W.**—1880-05, Virginia Conf.; 06-7, Phoebus; 08-9, Chincoteague; 10-12, Roxana; 13-14 St. Peter's; 15, Bozman; 16-17, Crumpton; 18-19, Marydel; 20-21, Fairlee; 22-, R.
- Stengle, Adam**—1870-1, Chincoteague; 72, Gumboro; 73-4, Quantico; 75-6, E. N. Market; 77-9, Crisfield; 80-2, Union; 83-5, Middletown; 86-90, Union; 91-2, Port Deposit; 93-7, Smyrna; 98-02, Georgetown; 03-8, D. S. Salisbury Dist.; 09, Conference Evangelist; 10, Sy.; 15-, R.
- Stephenson, R. K.**—1878, Snow Hill; 79, Annapessex; 80, Barrett's Chapel; 81-2, Appoquinimink; 83-5, Trappe; 86-8, Millington; 89-92, Smyrna Ct.; 93-5, Crisfield; 96-00, Seaford; 01-2, Elkton; 03-8, Scott; 09, D. S. Easton Dist.; 10-15, D. S. Dover District; 16-20, Milford; 21-24, Silverbrook; 25-, Smyrna.
- Sterling, G. E.**—1912-13, Pittsville; 14, Bishopville; 15-16, Marion; 17-18, Ocean View; 19-20, Fairmount; 21-24, Galena; 25-, Bridgeville.
- Stockely, D. A.**—1923, Whitesville; 24-26, Fruitland; 27-, Fairmount.
- Strickland, C. W.**—1892, Little Creek; 93-4, Elliott's Isl.; 95, Pocomoke Ct.; 96-7, Parsonburg; 98-9, Chincoteague; 00-1, Quantico; 02-4, Nassau; 05, Williston; 06, Newport; 07-8, St. Peter's; 09-10, Greenwood; 11-12, Bozman; 13-15, Nanticoke; 16-18, Frankford; 19-22, Pittsville; 23, Deal Island; 24-, Tangier.
- Sunfield, E. C.**—1885-98, N. J. Conf.; 99-00, Chestertown; 01, Millington; 02-4, Conf. Evangelist; 05-6, Felton; 09-11, Perryville; 12-13, Sec'y City Missionary Society; 14-15, Parsonburg; 16, Eastlake; 17-18, Retired; 19-21, Eastlake; 22-, R.
- Sutton, J. W.**—1908, Claremont; 09-10, Williamsburg; 11-12, Nassau; 13-14, Fruitland; 15, Sy.; 16, Galena; 17, Marion; 18-19, Hopewell; 20-21, Bozman; 22-23, Cordova; 24, Kenton; 25, Crapo; 26-, St. Thomas.
- Taylor, W. P.**—1886-92, At School; 93, Perryville; 94, St. John's; 95-6, Mt. Lebanon; 97-8, Christiana; 99-01, Beckwith; 02, Crapo; 03-4, Elk Neck; 05-6, Bethel & Summitt; 07-9, Smith's Island; 10-13, Lincoln; 14-15, Georgetown Ct.; 16-17, Quantico; 18-21, Grace (Salisbury); 22-24, Oxford; 25-, Hillsboro.
- Taylor, Harry**—1897, Little Creek; 98, Vienna; 99-00, Williamsburg; 01-3, Burrsville; 04-5, Georgetown Ct.; 06, Charlestown; 07-9, Mt. Pleasant; 10-11, St. Georges; 12-13, Crumpton; 14, Cordova; 15-17, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel); 18-19, Bethel; 20, Seaford Ct.; 21-23, Frederica; 24-26, Cherry Hill; 27-, Red Lion.
- Taylor, E. B.**—1904, M. P. Ch.; 04, Ellendale; 05-6, Pomona; 07, Fairlee; 08-10, Red Lion; 11-13, Charlestown; 14-15, Stockton; 16-18, Greenwood; 19, Nanticoke; 20-21, Powellville; 22-23, Fruitland; 24, Annapessex; 25, Claremont; 26-, Onancock.
- Thawley, R. T.**—1916-17, Red Lion; 18-24, At School; 25, Mt. Vernon; 26, Port Deposit; 27-, Tilghman.
- Thomas, G. S.**—1903-5, Elliott's; 06-10, Georgetown Ct.; 11-14, Concord; 15-20, Kent Island; 21-22, Deal Island; 23-25, Pittsville; 26-, Dagsboro.
- Thomas, E. P.**—1914-15, Pittsville; 16-17, School; 18-20, Octan City; 21-22, Epworth (Wilm.); 23-, Laurel.
- Townsend, G. W.**—1876, Claymont; 77-8, Asbury, Md.; 79-81, Salisbury; 82, Pocomoke; 83-5, Galena; 86-9, Hillsboro; 90, Bridgeville; 91-3, Denton; 94-3, Delmar; 99-00, North East; 01-2, Cecilton; 03-5, Hurlock; 06-7, Cape Charles; 08-10, Stockton; 11-12, Cheswold; 13, Sy.; 14, Rising Sun; 15-, R.
- Truitt, P. P.**—1914-15, Alabama Conference; 1916-20, Georgia Conference; 1921-23, Phoebus; 24-25, Ocean City; 26-, Sharptown.
- Van Dyke, T. R.**—1895-7, Oxford; 98, Pomona; 99-00, Cape Charles; 01-3, Whitesville; 04-5, Tangier; 06-8, Deal Island; 09-19, Wesley; 11-13, Berlin; 14-16, Mt. Salem; 17-18, Baltimore Conference; 19-22, Cecilton; 23-26, Epworth; 27-, New Castle.
- Wallin, F. O. B.**—1871-1900, Swedish Mission, Wilmington, Del.; 01-, R.

- Walton, O. S.**—1879, Sudlersville; 80, Princess Anne; 81-2, Chincoteague; 83-5, Sassafras; 86, Cape Charles; 87, Selbyville; 88-9, Red Lion; 90, Sy.; 91, Hopewell; 92-3, Annapessex; 94-7, Hockessin; 98-00, Preston; 01-5, Sy.; 06- , R.
- Wheatley, M. E.**—1910-11, Blades; 12-13, Burrsville; 14-15, St. John's; 16-18, Concord; 19-21, Centreville; 22-24, Ridgely; 25- , Denton.
- Whedbee, J. H.**—1919, Trappe; 20-21, Cordova; 22-24, East New Market; 25, Seaford Ct.; 26- , Bethel.
- White, Leonard**—1908-9, Fairlee; 10, Asst. Supt. Peninsula Anti-Saloon League; 11-13, Cordova; 14-16, St. Michaels; 17-18, Centreville; 19-22, Mt. Salem; 23-25, Dover; 26- , Delmar.
- White, Frank**—1914, Royal Oak; 15-16, Cordova; 17-19, Galena; 20-21, Ridgely; 22-25, Centreville; 26- , Snow Hill.
- Williams, C. H.**—1882, Bridgeville; 83, E. N. Market; 84-6, Church Creek; 87-9, Stockton; 90, Sharptown; 91-3, Marshallton; 94-7, Mt. Pleasant; 98-00, Greenwood; 01, Preston; 02-4, Fruitland; 05-6, Gumboro; 07, Sy.; 08-10, Hebron; 11-12, Ocean View; 13, Colora; 14- , R.
- Willis, D. H.**—1885-91, Va. Conf.; 92, Hooper's Isl.; 93-4, Church Creek; 95-6, Williamsburg; 97, Galestown; 98-9, Powellville; 00, Pocomoke Ct.; 01-2, Bethel; 03, Holland's Isl.; 04, Salem; 05, Chincoteague; 06, Ocean View; 07-8, Westover; 09-10, Kingswood; 11, Bayside; 12, Little Creek; 13, R.
- Willis, Ivanhoe.**—1912, Royal Oak; 13-16, Tilghman's; 17-19, St. George's; 20-24, Marshallton; 25, Somerset; 26- , Galena.
- Wilson, J. H.**—1887-91, Va. Conf.; 92, Parksley; 93, Preston; 94, Hooper's Isl.; 95-6, Tilghman; 97-8, Williamsburg; 99-01, Georgetown Ct.; 02, Beckwith; 03-4, Houston; 05-6, Sharptown; 07-11, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel); 12, Girdle-tree; 13, Roxana; 14, Sy.; 15-18, Bethel Circuit; 19, Colora; 20-22, Charles-town; 23-26, Mt. Lebanon; 27- , Retired.
- Wilson, Daniel**—1906, Wye; 07, Tilghman's; 08-10, Crumpton; 11-14, Smith's Island; 15-18, St. Peter's; 19-21, Onancock; 22-24, Hopewell; 25- , R.
- Wilson, J. P.**—1916-21, Northwest Iowa; 1922, Supernumerary in Northwest Iowa; 1923, Northwest Iowa; 1924-26, Salisbury Circuit; 27- , Supernumerary.
- Windsor, L. E.**—1916, Hickman; 17, Little Creek; 18-20, Mt. Pleasant Ct.; 21-22, At School; 23-25, Dagsboro; 26- , Seaford.
- Wise, W. A.**—1884-5, Kingswood; 86-7, Red Lion; 88-9, Cape Charles; 90, Berlin; 91-2, Pocomoke; 93-4, Silverbrook; 95-8, North East; 99, Harrington; 00, Onancock; 01-3, North East; 04-6, Seaford; 07-11, Centreville; 12-15, Scott; 16-21, D. S., Easton District; 22, D. S., Middletown District; 23-26, Scott; 27- , Port Deposit.
- Wood, G. E.**—1886, Crumpton; 87, Kings Creek; 88-9, Hallwood; 90, Chincoteague; 91-4, Claymont; 95, Bishopville; 96-7, Cannon; 98-9, Parsonburg; 00-1, Magnolia; 02-3, E. N. Market; 04-6, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel); 07-8, New-ark, Md.; 09-10, Onancock; 11-13, Sy.; 14, Cherry Hill; 15-16, St. George's; 17-18, Rockland; 19, Girdle-tree; 20-21, Bethel; 22-23, Lincoln; 24-25, Fred-erica; 26- , Trappe.
- Woodard, A. S.**—1907-08, New York Conference; 09-25, Des Moines Conference; 26- , St. Paul (Wilm.).
- Woodell, W. R.**—1905-1921, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conf.; 1917-18, Supernumerary; 1922, Pocomoke Circuit; 23, Fruitland; 24, Stockton; 25-26, Fairmount; 27- , Roxana.
- Wooten, J. W.**—1918, Westover; 19-21, Fruitland; 22-25, Tilghman; 26- , Som-erser.
- Wright, J. H.**—1922-25, At School; 26- , Cookman.
- Zimmerman, A. F.**—1918-19, Nassau; 20-21, Bishopville; 22-23, Stockton; 24, Mt. Vernon; 25- , Smith's Island.

## XVI.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

OF

## WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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## DOVER DISTRICT

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## MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT

G. E. Sterling,      W. T. McGuire,      W. L. McClintock.

## SALISBURY DISTRICT

D. A. Stockely,      R. W. Mills,      L. M. Broadway.

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT

G. T. Gehman,      R. W. Campbell,      C. W. Clark.



STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'ry Mem., Full Members), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, etc.), and various financial metrics. Rows list 47 charges from Beckwith and Spedden to Zoar Circuit.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'ry Mem., Full Members), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, etc.), Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishop, etc.), and Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized). Rows list 47 charges from Beckwith and Sped'n to Zoar Circuit.



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, Pupil's incl. Home Dept., Paid for Sunday School to World Service, 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, Other Cash Items, Miscellaneous. Includes sub-columns for World Service, Children's Day Fund, etc.

STATISTICAL

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'ry Mem., Full Members), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land, etc.), and Financials (Paid on Old Indebtedness, Present Indebtedness, etc.). Rows list charges from Bayside to Wye Mills and Starr, ending with a Total row.

STATISTICAL

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Names of Charges, Names of Pastors, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishops, etc.), and Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized). Rows list charges from Bayside to Wye Mills and Starr, ending with a Total row.

STATISTICAL  
MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

Table with columns: List No., Schools on Charge, Schools Using Graded Lessons, Officers and Teachers, Cradle Roll, Pupils Enrolled (Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Young People, Adults), Home Department, Total Enrollment in all Depts., Average Attendance of all Grades, Pupils incl. Home Dept. who are Church Members 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  
MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAME OF CHARGE, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference (World Service, Children's Day Fund, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Total Disciplinary Benevolences), Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference (Hospitals and Homes, City Missionary or Church Extension Society, Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, Domestic Missions, 1/2 Salary Conference Entertainment, Director of Religious Education, Other Items, Total Benevolences Ord'd by Annual Conference), Other Cash Items (Annual Conf. Investm'ts for Conf. Claimants, General Conference Expenses, Local Preachers, Subscribers to the Advo-cates, Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society), Miscellaneous.



STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'ry Mem, Full Members), Church Property (Churches, Land, Buildings, etc.), and various financial metrics. Rows list 52 charges from Annessex to Whitesville.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support of District Supt., Support of Bishops, Support of Conf. Cl'mnts), and Baptisms (Children, Adults). Rows list 52 charges from Annessex to Whitesville.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: List No., Schools on Charge, Pupils Enrolled (Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Young People, Adults, Home Department), Epw'th League (Senior Members, Junior Members), and various financial and membership statistics.

TREASURER'S SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference, Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference, Other Cash Items, and Miscellaneous. Includes a Totals row at the bottom.

STATISTICAL
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'y Memb., Full Members), Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, etc.), and NAMES OF CHARGES. Rows list various churches like Bethel and Town Point, Charlestown, etc.

STATISTICAL
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support of District Supt., etc.), NAMES OF CHARGES, and NAMES OF PASTORS. Rows list churches and their respective pastors.

\*Salary supplemented by missionary money.



STATISTICAL
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: List No., Schools on Charge, Pupils Enrolled (Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Young People, Adults), Home Department, Total Enrollment in all Depts., Average Attendance of all Grades, Epw'th League (Senior Members, Junior Members).

TREASURER'S
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disiplinary 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.



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