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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 William R. Mowbray
1870 Adam Stengle	1886 Henry S. Dulany
1870 George E. Reed	1886 James T. Prouse
	1886 William P. Taylor
1871 Levin W. Layfield	1887 James H. Wilson
1871 Franz O. B. Wallin	1887 Harvey W. Ewing
1872 John P. Otis	
1873 Robert Roe	1888 George T. Alderson
1873 Frank C. MacSorley	1888 John F. Anderson
1873 William M. Greene	1888 Joshua W. Gray
1876 George W. Townsend	1889 Vinal E. Hills
1876 Wilbur F. Corkran	1889 Truston C. Smoot
1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker	
1878 Robert K. Stephenson	1890 George W. Bounds
	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
	1892 Clarence W. Strickland
1882 Allison P. Prettyman	1892 Francis B. Short
1882 Charles H. Williams	
1883 George L. Hardesty	1893 John P. Outten
1883 Vaughan S. Collins	1893 James T. Richardson
1884 William A. Wise	1894 Henry G. Budd
1884 Edmund H. Derrickson	1894 John H. Beauchamp
1884 Thomas N. Given	1895 Edward H. Collins
1884 William F. Dawson	1895 Daniel J. Givan
	1895 Thomas R. Van Dyke
1885 James W. Easley	1896 Luther E. Poole
1885 James D. Reese	1896 Leolan Jackson
1885 George W. Bowman	1897 John W. Prettyman
1885 Daniel H. Willis	1897 Thomas S. Holt
1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield	1897 William O. Bennett
	1897 Harry Taylor
1886 George E. Wood	1898 Omar E. Jones
1886 William W. Sharp	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 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
- 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 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 S. Grant
1917 William F. Godwin
- 1918 Wade H. Cummings
1918 Edmund W. Hennis
1918 Robert S. Hodgson
1918 Willard V. Moore
1918 John T. Rowlenson
1918 John W. Wootten
1918 August F. Zimmerman
- 1919 Earl M. Shockley
1919 John H. Whedbee
- 1920 John C. Bolton
1920 William L. Hess
1920 Joshua B. McCabe
- 1921 Milton S. Andrews
1921 Charles E. Davis
1921 Sylvanus T. Hamblin

- 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
- 1926 Frank A. Baker
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
- 1928 Willard Everett
1928 Oliver J. Friedel
1928 Robert E. Green
1928 Nathaniel B. Lawrason
1928 Frederick C. Louhoff
1928 James O'Neil
1928 Alfred W. Strickland
1928 Roy L. Tawes

(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.)	6
1888	Anderson, J. F.	R 2122 Gillis St., Wilmington, Del.	7
1921	Andrews, M. S.	E Dover, Del.	1
1917	Atkins, C. H.	E Concord (P. O. Hobbs, Md.)	7
1924	Bailey, H. N.	E Crapo, Md.	2
1926	Baker, F. A.	P Newark, Md.	1
1923	Barlow, W. G.	E Pittsville, Md.	1
1924	Bartley, O. A.	E Preston, Md.	1
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E Roxana, Md.	1
1892	Beauchamp, T. F.	E Georgetown, Del.	4
1894	Beauchamp, J. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	8
1897	Bennett, W. O.	E Princess Anne, Md.	3
1914	Benson, N. C.	E Frederica, Del.	3
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E Scott (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1920	Bolton, J. C.	E Frankford, Del.	1
1890	Bounds, G. W.	E Kingswood (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	9
1885	Bowman, G. W.	R Laurel, Del.	23
1926	Bradley, S. B.	P Crumpton, Md.	2
1926	Branford, C. W.	D Ocean View, Md.	2
1926	Branford, H. V.	D Marion, Md.	2
1907	Briggs, W. H.	Sy. R. # 3, Vancouver, Washington	2
1915	Broadway, L. M.	E Perryville, Md.	3
1904	Buckson, J. A.	E Millsboro, Del.	5
1894	Budd, H. G.	E Greensboro, Md.	3
1909	Bunting, J. J.	E Crisfield, Md.	4
1927	Campbell, R. W.	P Magnolia, Del.	2
1915	Clark, C. W.	E Still Pond, Md.	3
1927	Clark, J. A.	E Hopewell (P.O. Port Deposit, Md.)	2
1883	Collins, V. S.	E Delaware City, Del.	2
1895	Collins, E. H.	E Harrington, Del.	5
1924	Collins, O. J.	D Ebenezer (P. O. Newark, Del.)	1
1902	Colona, J. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	6
1912	Connelly, O. H.	E Epworth (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1891	Cooke, G. A.	E St. Johns (P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	1
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E Chestertown, Md.	3
1881	Corkran, L. P.	R Church Hill, Md.	12

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1908	Croft, A. J.	E Salisbury, Md.	2
1918	Cummings, W. H.	E Parsonburg, Md.	4
1899	Dashiell, E. H.	E Salisbury, Md.	6
1900	Davis, Howard	E Cape Charles, Va.	2
1921	Davis, C. E.	E Cherry Hill (P.O. Elkton, Md.)	2
1884	Dawson, W. F.	E Hurlock, Md.	4
1899	Dawson, G. W.	E Cecilton, Md.	4
1884	Derrickson, E. H.	R Odessa, Del.	8
1927	Diehl, J. R.	P Greenwood, Del.	2
1886	Dulany, H. S.	E Grace (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)	2
1885	Easley, J. W.	R 1222 No. 65th St., Phila., Pa.	10
1902	Eldridge, J. S.	E Port Deposit, Md.	1
1927	Everett, Willard	P Cheswold, Del.	1
1887	Ewing, H. W.	R Newark, Del.	5
1900	Faulkner, F. N.	R Delmar, Del.	3
1905	Ford, D. J.	E Wyoming, Del.	4
1928	Friedel, O. J.	P Secretary, Md.	1
1915	Frye, A. B.	E Fruitland, Md.	2
1902	Gardner, J. H.	E Whitesville, Del.	3
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.	E Kenton, Del.	2
1895	Givan, D. J.	E Clayton, Del.	3
1884	Given, T. N.	R Cheswold, Del.	6
1917	Godwin, W. F.	Sy 101 No. Albany Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.	3
1903	Goodhand, A. W.	E Chincoteague, Va.	1
1917	Grant, W. S.	E Rock Hall, Md.	2
1888	Gray, J. W.	R Landover, Md.	6
1873	Greene, W. M.	R Milton, Del.	25
1928	Green, R. E.	P Pomona (P.O. Chestertown, Md.)	1
1900	Greenfield, W. E.	E Berlin, Md.	1
1903	Gunby, W. E.	E Dover, Del.	6
1903	Habbart, W. E.	E Cambridge, Md.	4
1910	Hallman, E. C.	E Brandywine (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1921	Hamblin, S. T.	E Rehoboth, Del.	3
1927	Hamer, Conrad	P At School	1
1883	Hardesty, G. L.	R 2506 No. Madison St., Wilm., Del.	15
1906	Harris, W. G.	E Elkton, Md.	6
1916	Harris, C. C.	E Sharptown, Md.	1
1914	Harrison, W. E., Jr.	E McCabe (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	4
1900	Hastings, G. W.	E Mt. Vernon (P.O. Pr. Anne, Md.)	3
1917	Hearn, W. A.	E Easton, Md.	1
1918	Henvis, E. W.	E Sudlersville, Md.	2
1909	Herson, Frank	E Milford, Del.	2
1920	Hess, W. L.	E Hillcrest (P. O., Wilmington, Del.)	2
1889	Hills, V. E.	E Mt. Pleasant (P.O. Edge Moor, Del.)	4
1918	Hodgson, R. S.	E Townsend, Del.	2
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	R Easton, Md.	11

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1897	Holt, T. S. R	Federalsburg, Md. 17
1900	Hudson, J. A. E	Powellville (P.O. Pittsville, Md.) . . 1
1922	Hudson, C. H. E	Seaford, Del. 3
1927	Hufnal, H. O. P	Elk Neck (P.O. North East, Md.) . . 1
1896	Jackson, Leolan E	Madeley (P. O. Wilm., Del.) 2
1913	Jacobs, D. W. E	Newark, Del. 2
1907	James, O. E. R	Cambridge, Md. 5
1926	Jefferson, O. P. P	Ocean City, Md. 1
1906	Johns, B. M. E	Grace (P. O. Wilmington, Del.) . . . 6
1899	Johnson, J. L. E	Harrison St. (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . 4
1891	Jones, G. P. E	600 Ford Bldg., Wilmington, Del. . . 2
1898	Jones, J. W. E	Pocomoke City, Md. 3
1898	Jones, O. E. E	Middletown, Del. 6
1900	Jones, C. N. E	Milton, Del. 1
1903	Jones, C. T. E	Chester-Bethel (P.O.Boothwyn,Pa.) . 3
1915	Jones, R. C. E	Silverbrook (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . 4
1898	Kelso, H. B. E	Claymont, Del. 4
1904	Kelso, J. M. E	Dover, Del. 6
1928	Lawrason, N. B. P	Westover, Md. 1
1871	Layfield, L. W. R	Greenwood, Del. 5
1913	Leach, J. A. E	Union (P. O. Wilmington, Del.) . . . 5
1879	Lindale, J. M. R	Chestertown, Md. 10
1912	Lindhorst, F. A. E	Dover, Del. 4
1928	Louhoff, F. C. P	Stanton, Del. 1
1920	McCabe, J. B. E	Middletown, Del. 1
1905	McCoy, J. C. E	Rising Sun, Md. 4
1905	McDade, H. R. E	Kent Is. (P.O. Stevensville, Md.) . . 2
1906	McDowell, E. W. E	Eastlake (P. O. Wilmington, Del.) . 4
1927	McRill, J. H. P	Hebron, Md. 1
1873	MacSorley, F. C. R	2209 Boulevard, Wilmington, Del. . 3
1914	Marine, M. W. E	Selbyville, Del. 4
1902	Marshall, E. H. R	Salem, Va. 4
1900	Martin, O. L. R	Salisbury, Md. 5
1902	Matthews, W. E. R	Smyrna, Del. 7
1927	Mills, R. W. P	St. Peter's (P. O. Oriole, Md.) . . . 2
1905	Moore, C. W. E	St. Michaels, Md. 3
1898	Moore, F. X. R	New Freedom, Pa. 8
1911	Moore, D. J. E	Ridgely, Md. 2
1918	Moore, W. V. E	Mt. Salem (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . 3
1905	Morgan, L. B. E	Richardson Park, Del. 5
1886	Mowbray, W. R. R	Lewes, Del. 3
1912	Newton, G. F. E	(Sabbatical Year) Secretary, Md. . . 1
1907	Nichols, R. P. E	Federalsburg, Md. 1
1890	Nutter, M. D. E	Church Hill, Md. 2
1928	O'Neil, James P	Farmington, Del. 1
1872	Otis, J. P. R	Marshallton, Del. 10
1893	Outten, J. P. E	Camden, Del. 4

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1924	Parker, J. E. E	Felton, Del. 2
1925	Parks, H. M. D	Mt.Lebanon (P.O. Rockland, Del.) . 2
1896	Poole, L. E. E	Centreville, Md. 3
1900	Poole, W. C. E	Chesapeake City, Md. 1
1868	Prettyman, C. W. R	Orange City, Fla. 13
1882	Prettyman, A. P. R	Galena, Md. 12
1897	Prettyman, J. W. E	Zion Ct. (P. O. North East, Md.) . . 6
1909	Prettyman, E. C. E	Wilmington, Del. 14
1908	Price, J. T. E	Deal's Island, Md. 2
1886	Prouse, J. T. R	Edge Moor, Del. 16
1870	Reed, G. E. R	Harrisburg, Pa. 7
1916	Reed, O. B. E	Hockessin, Del. 2
1885	Reese, J. D. R	Houston, Del. 10
1907	Revelle, W. H. E	Trinity (P. O. Wilmington, Del.) . . 2
1927	Reynolds, P. E. P	Vienna, Md. 2
1911	Rice, O. B. E	St. Georges, Del. 3
1893	Richardson, J. T. E	Odessa, Del. 1
1873	Roe, Robert R	Trappe, Md. 17
1918	Rowlenson, J. T. E	Phoebus, Va. 1
1910	Sard, T. J. E	Crisfield, Md. 3
1886	Sharp, W. W. R	Ocean Grove, N. J. 4
1919	Shockley, E. M. E	North East, Md. 3
1892	Short, F. B. E	New York City 8
1922	Short, W. D. E	East New Market, Md. 3
1879	Smith, Alfred R	Camden, Del. 12
1907	Smith, Tilghman E	Marshallton, Del. 3
1889	Smoot, T. C. R	Dover, Del. 5
1906	Sparklin, J. L. E	Newport, Del. 6
1926	Spence, P. W. P	Christiana, Del. 3
1911	Spry, C. W. E	Blades, Del. 2
1870	Stengle, Adam R	Wilmington, Del. 14
1878	Stephenson, R. K. E	Smyrna, Del. 4
1912	Sterling, G. E. E	Bridgeville, Del. 4
1923	Stockely, D. A. E	Upper Fairmount, Md. 2
1892	Strickland, C. W. E	Tangier, Va. 5
1928	Strickland, A. W. P	Charlestown, Md. 1
1885	Sunfield, E. C. R	Barnegat, N. J. 7
1908	Sutton, J. W. E	Georgetown, Del. 1
1928	Tawes, R. L. P	Millington, Md. 1
1886	Taylor, W. P. E	Bayside (P. O. Sherwood, Md.) . . . 1
1904	Taylor, E. B. E	Onancock, Va. 3
1897	Taylor, Harry E	Red Lion, Del. 2
1916	Thawley, R. T. E	Tilghman, Md. 2
1903	Thomas, G. S. E	Dagsboro, Del. 3
1914	Thomas, E. P. E	Laurel, Del. 6
1876	Townsend, G. W. R	Ridley Park, Pa. 14
1895	Van Dyke, T. R. E	New Castle, Del. 2

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1871 Wallin, F. O. B.	R Sweden	28
1879 Walton, O. S.	R Red Lion, Del.	23
1910 Wheatley, M. E.	E Denton, Md.	4
1919 Whedbee, J. H.	E Bethel, Del.	3
1908 White, Leonard	E Delmar, Del.	3
1914 White, Frank	E Snow Hill, Md.	3
1882 Williams, C. H.	R Snow Hill, Md.	15
1885 Willis, D. H.	R Cambridge, Md.	16
1912 Willis, Ivanhoe	E Galena, Md.	3
1887 Wilson, J. H.	R Mt. Lebanon (P.O. Rockland, Del.)	2
1906 Wilson, Daniel	R Centreville, Md.	4
1916 Wilson, J. P.	Sy. Street, Md.	2
1916 Windsor, L. E.	E Seaford, Del.	3
1884 Wise, W. A.	E Lewes, Del.	1
1886 Wood, G. E.	E Trappe, Md.	3
1907 Woodard, A. S.	E St. Paul's (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1905 Woodell, W. R.	E St. Thomas (P. O. Bishop's Head, Md.)	1
1918 Wootten, J. W.	E Somerset (P. O. Chance, Md.)	3
1922 Wright, J. H.	E Cookman (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1918 Zimmerman, A. F.	E Smith's Is. (P. O. Ewell, Md.)	4

SUPPLIES.

Name	Appointment	Year
Adams, R. H.	Brack-Ex (P. O. Elsmere, Del.)	9
Atkinson, W. F.	White Haven, Md.	5
Barrett, T. S.	Piney Neck (P. O. Rock Hall, Md.)	6
Buckson, W. C.	Lincoln, Del.	2
Byrd, E. M.	Annamessex (P. O. Crisfield, Md.)	1
Caldwell, Henry	Burrsville (P. O. Denton, Md.)	1
Cannon, C. J.	Church Creek, Md.	1
Carr, D. E.	Houston, Del.	1
Fosnocht, W. E.	Edge Moor, Del.	2
Galloway, John	Cedars (P. O. Marshallton, Del.)	2
Graham, J. T.	Quantico, Md.	1
Green, R. M.	Zoar Ct. (P. O. Dover, Del.)	1
Hanby, J. C.	Mardela Springs, Md.	2
Hanby, S. L.	Fairlee (P.O. Chestertown, Md.)	4
Horner, W. B.	Mt. Pleasant (P. O. Laurel, Del.)	5
Hudson, A. T.	Ayres Chapel (P.O. Onancock, Va.)	1
Jester, J. R.	Galestown (P.O. Church Creek, Md.)	1
Kelley, J. P.	Marydel, Md.	2
Kerwin, Ray	Gumboro (P.O. Frankford, Del.)	1
Kirby, R. L., Jr.	Reliance (P. O. Oak Grove, Del.)	2
Larimore, C. S.	Pocomoke, Md.	2
Layton, J. E.	Holly Oak, Del.	4

Name	Appointment	Year
McClintock, W. L.	Wye Mills, Md.	2
McCorkle, F. K.	Bozman, Md.	2
McLain, L. T.	Oxford, Md.	2
Nelson, Roland	Girdletree, Md.	1
Newton, Sherman	Claremont, Va.	1
Pardee, Thomas	Colora, Md.	3
Potts, J. S.	Hooper's Island, (P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.)	2
Prettyman, D. B.	Stockton, Md.	3
Ralph, H. M.	Williamsburg, Md.	1
Sharpless, C. D.	Bethel & Town Pt. (Elkton, Md.)	5
Smith, H. M.	Nassau, Del.	2
Steen, J. C.	Belle Font (P.O. Holly Oak, Del.)	1
Thomas, A. G.	Queenstown, Md.	1
Thomas, Samuel	Royal Oak, Md.	1
Thornton, J. H.	P. O. Cornersville, Md.	2
Travers, Alonzo	Cordova, Md.	1
Tubbs, J. W. D.	Elliott's Island, Md.	1
Wheatley, Grason	Nanticoke, Md.	2
Willis, T. O.	Canterbury (P. O. Viola, Del.)	1
Willis, J. F.	Ellendale, Del.	1
Wilson, R. H.	Bishopville, Md.	2
White, Alfred	St. Paul's (P. O. Dover, Del.)	2
Wright, E. N.	Henderson (P.O. Harrington, Del.)	1

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EDUCATION—M. W. Marine, E. M. Shockley, M. S. Andrews, R. S. Hodgson.

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THANKS—Leonard White, Tilghman Smith, J. H. Whedbee, M. E. Wheatley.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. (a) **Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**
It is.
- (b) **What Officers and Persons holding Moneys, Funds, etc., are Bonded, and in what Amounts, According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**
G. P. Jones, Treasurer Conference Claimant Endowment Commission.
V. E. Hills, Treasurer.
2. **Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?**
Willard Everett, Illinois.
3. **Who have been Readmitted?**
None.
4. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**
None.
5. **Who have been Received on Trial?**
 - (a) In Studies of First Year.
Oliver J. Friedel, Robert E. Green, Nathaniel B. Lawrason, Frederick C. Louhoff, James O'Neil, Alfred W. Strickland, Roy L. Tawes.
 - (b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.
None.
6. **Who have been Continued on Trial.**
 - (a) In Studies of First Year.
Sidney B. Bradley (attending school)
Conrad Hamer (attending school)
Otis P. Jefferson (attending school)
Paul E. Reynolds
Preston W. Spence (attending school)
 - (b) In Studies of Second Year.
Roscoe W. Campbell, Harvey O. Hufnal, John R. Diehl, Ralph W. Mills, James H. McRill, Frank A. Baker, Willard Everett.
 - (c) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
 - (d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
None.

7. **Who have been Discontinued?**
Joseph I. Barrett.
8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
Charles W. Branford, Harry V. Branford.
 - (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.
Charles W. Branford, Harry V. Branford.
 - (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
Oliver J. Collins.
10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
Henry M. Parks.
11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
Oler A. Bartley, Harry N. Bailey, John E. Parker.
 - (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.
None.
- (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?

Conrad Hamer.

15. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

It was.

16. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

Gilbert T. Gehman, Philadelphia; John W. Grande, Southern California; William T. McGuire, Newark.

17. Who have Died?

John M. Collins, Wesley W. Chaires, William B. Guthrie, Sewall N. Pilchard, Harry E. Reed, George W. Stallings.

18. Who have been Located at their own Request?

None.

19. Who have been Located?

None.

20. Who have Withdrawn?

- (a) From the Ministry.
Elwood W. Jones.
- (b) From the Ministry and Membership of the Church.
Paul P. Truitt.
- (c) By Surrender of the Ministerial Office.
None.

21. Who have been Deprived of the Ministerial Office?

None.

22. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

None.

23. Who have been Expelled?

None.

24. What other personal Notation should be made?

None.

25. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?

William H. Briggs (2); William F. Godwin (3); Joseph P. Wilson (2).

26. Who are the Retired Ministers?

J. F. Anderson, G. W. Bowman, L. P. Corkran, E. H. Derrickson, J. W. Easley, H. W. Ewing, F. N. Faulkner, T. N. Given, J. W. Gray, W. M. Green, G. L. Hardesty, E. L. Hoeffcker, T. S. Holt, O. E. James, L. W. Layfield, J. M. Lindale, F. C. MacSorley, O. L. Martin, E. H. Marshall, W. E. Matthews, F. X. Moore, W. R. Mowbray, J. P. Otis, 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, 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:—G. W. Dawson and E. P. Thomas.

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?**
\$130,792.
- (b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
\$31,648.
- 34. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**
For Annuity distribution, ——— years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$— per year, \$55,904. For Necessitous distribution, \$8,000. Total, \$63,904.
- 35. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?**
From The Book Concern, \$2639; From Annual Conf. Investments, \$11,316; From the Chartered Fund, \$40; From Pastoral Charges, \$41,106. Total, \$55,101.
- (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?**
See report of Board of Stewards.
- 37. What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Pensions and Relief for Connectional Relief?**
See Conference Treasurer's report.
- 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?**
Georgetown, Del.

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.) D. E. Carr
Blades & Epworth, C. W. Spry P. O. Seaford, Del.	Hurlock, Md., W. F. Dawson Laurel, Del., E. P. Thomas
Bridgeville, Del., G. E. Sterling	Lewes, Del., W. A. Wise
Cambridge, Md., W. E. Habbart	Lincoln, Del. (Sup.) W. C. Buckson
Camden, Del., J. P. Outten	Little Creek, Del., To be supplied
Canterbury, (Sup.) T. O. Wills P. O. Viola, Del.	Magnolia & Barratt's Chapel, R. W. Campbell
Church Creek & Taylor's Island, (Sup.) C. J. Cannon P. O. Church Creek, Md.	Milford, Del., Frank Herson Milford Neck, Supplied by Pastor of Frederica P. O. Frederica, Del.
Crapo, Md., H. N. Bailey	Millsboro, Del., J. A. Buckson
Dover, Del.: St. Paul's, (Sup.) Alfred White Wesley, M. S. Andrews	Milton, Del., C. N. Jones Mt. Pleasant, (Sup.) W. B. Horner P. O. Laurel, Del.
East New Market, Md., W. D. Short	Nassau, Del., (Sup.) H. M. Smith
Ellendale, Del., (Sup.) J. F. Willis	Rehoboth, Del., S. T. Hamblin
Elliott's Island, Md., (Sup.) J. W. D. Tubbs	Reliance, (Sup.) R. L. Kirby, Jr. P. O. Oak Grove, Del.
Farmington and Epworth, (Sup.) James O'Neil P. O. Farmington, Del.	St. Thomas, W. R. Woodell P. O. Bishop's Head, Md.
Federalburg, Md., R. P. Nichols	Seaford, Del., L. E. Windsor
Felton, Del., J. E. Parker	Seaford Circuit, C. H. Hudson P. O. Seaford, Del.
Frederica, Del., N. C. Benson	Secretary, Md., O. J. Friedel
Galestown, (Sup.) J. R. Jester P. O. Church Creek, Md.	Vienna, Md., P. E. Reynolds
Georgetown, Del., T. F. Beauchamp	Williamsburg, Md., (Sup.) H. M. Ralph
Georgetown Circuit, J. W. Sutton P. O. Georgetown, Del.	Wyoming, Del., D. J. Ford
Greenwood, Del., J. R. Diehl	Zoar Circuit, (Sup.) R. M. Green P. O. Dover, Del.
Harrington, Del., E. H. Collins	

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

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

Barclay Circuit, (Sup.) L. P. Corkran P. O. Church Hill, Md.	Kenton, Del., J. H. Geoghegan
Bayside, W. P. Taylor P. O. Sherwood, Md.	Marydel, Md., (Sup.) J. P. Kelley
Bozman and Neavitt, (Sup.) F. K. McCorkle P. O. Bozman, Md.	Middletown, Del., J. B. McCabe
Burrsville, (Sup.) Henry Caldwell P. O. Denton, Md.	Millington, Md., R. L. Tawes
Cecilton, Md., G. W. Dawson	Odessa and Friendship, J. T. Richardson P. O. Odessa, Del.
Centreville, Md., L. E. Poole	Oxford, Md., (Sup.) L. T. McLain
Chestertown, Md., W. F. Corkran	Piney Neck, (Sup.) T. S. Barrett P. O. Rock Hall, Md.
Cheswold, Del., Willard Everett	Pomona, R. E. Green P. O. Chestertown, Md.
Church Hill, Md., M. D. Nutter	Preston, Md., O. A. Bartley
Clayton, Del., D. J. Givan	Queenstown, Md., (Sup.) A. G. Thomas
Concord, C. H. Atkins P. O. Hobbs, Md.	Ridgely, Md., D. J. Moore
Cordova, Md., (Sup.) Alonzo Travers	Rock Hall, Md., W. S. Grant
Crumpton, Md., S. B. Bradley	Royal Oak, Md., (Sup.) Samuel Thomas
Denton, Md., M. E. Wheatley	St. Michaels, Md., C. W. Moore
Easton, Md., W. A. Hearn	Smyrna, Del., R. K. Stephenson
Fairlee, (Sup.) S. L. Hanby P. O. Chestertown, Md.	Still Pond & Betterton, C. W. Clark P. O. Still Pond, Md.
Galena, Md., Ivanhoe Willis	Sudlersville, Md., E. W. Hervis
Greensboro, Md., H. G. Budd	Tilghman, Md., R. T. Thawley
Henderson, Md., (Sup.) E. N. Wright P. O. Harrington, Del.	Townsend, Del., R. S. Hodgson
Hillsboro, Md., To be supplied	Trappe, Md., G. E. Wood
Kent Island, H. R. McDade P. O. Stevensville, Md.	Wye Mills & Starr, (Sup.) W. L. McClintock P. O. Wye Mills, Md.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

Annamessex, (Sup.) E. M. Byrd P. O. Crisfield, Md.	Claremont, Va., (Sup.) Sherman Newton
Ayres Chapel, (Sup.) A. T. Hudson P. O. Onancock, Va.	Crisfield, Md.:
Berlin, Md., W. E. Greenfield	Asbury, T. J. Sard
Bishopville, Md., (Sup.) R. H. Wilson	Immanuel, J. J. Bunting
Cape Charles, Va., Howard Davis	Dagsboro & St. Georges, G. S. Thomas P. O. Dagsboro, Del.
Chincoteague, Va., A. W. Goodhand	Deal's Island, Md., J. T. Price

Delmar, Del., Leonard White	Powellville, J. A. Hudson
Fairmount, D. A. Stockely P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.	P. O. Pittsville, Md.
Frankford, Del., J. C. Bolton	Princess Anne, Md., W. O. Bennett
Fruitland, Md., A. B. Frye	Quantico, Md., (Sup.) J. T. Graham
Girdletree, Md., (Sup.) Roland Nelson	Roxana, Del., O. T. Baynard
Gumboro, (Sup.) Ray Kirwan	St. Peter's, R. W. Mills P. O. Oriole, Md.
P. O. Frankford, Del.	Salisbury, Md.:
Hebron, Md., J. H. McRill	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., C. C. Harris
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., F. A. Baker	Somerset, J. W. Wootten P. O. Chance, Md.
Ocean City, Md., O. P. Jefferson	Stockton, Md., (Sup.) D. B. Prettyman
Ocean View and Millville, C. W. Branford P. O. Ocean View, Del.	Tangier, Va., C. W. Strickland
Onancock, Va., E. B. Taylor	Venton, Md. Supplied by Pastor of Princess Anne P. O. Princess Anne, Md.
Parsonburg, Md., W. H. Cummings	Westover, Md., N. B. Lawrason
Phoebus, Va., J. T. Rowlenon	White Haven, Md., (Sup.) W. F. Atkinson
Pittsville, Md., W. G. Barlow	Whitesville, Del., J. H. Gardner
Pocomoke City, Md., J. W. Jones	
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
Belle Fonte, (Sup.) J. C. Steen P. O. Holly Oak, Del.	Colora, Md., (Sup.) Thomas Pardee
Cedars, (Sup.) John Galloway P. O. Marshallton, Del.	Delaware City, Del., V. S. Collins
Charlestown, Md., A. W. Strickland	Ebenezer, O. J. Collins P. O. Newark, Del.
Cherry Hill, C. E. Davis P. O. Elkton, Md.	Edge Moor, Del., (Sup.) W. E. Fosnocht
Chesapeake City, Md., W. C. Poole	Elkton, Md., W. G. Harris
Chester-Bethel, C. T. Jones P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.	Elk Neck, H. O. Hufnal P. O. North East, Md.
Christiana, Del., P. W. Spence	Hockessin, Del., O. B. Reed
	Holly Oak, Del., (Sup.) J. E. Layton
	Hopewell, J. A. Clark P. O. Port Deposit, Md.

Marshallton, Del.,	Tilghman Smith	Wilmington:	
Mt. Lebanon,	H. M. Parks	Asbury,	G. T. Alderson
	P. O. Rockland, Del.	Brandywine,	E. C. Hallman
Mt. Pleasant,	V. E. Hills	Brack-Ex, (Sup.)	R. H. Adams
	P. O. Edge Moor, Del.		P. O. Elsmere, Del.
Newark, Del.,	D. W. Jacobs	Cookman,	J. H. Wright
New Castle, Del.,	T. R. Van Dyke	Eastlake,	E. W. McDowell
Newport, Del.,	J. L. Sparklin	Epworth,	O. H. Connelly
North East, Md.,	E. M. Shockley	Grace,	B. M. Johns
Perryville, Md.,	L. M. Broadway	Harrison Street,	J. L. Johnson
Port Deposit, Md.,	J. S. Eldridge	Hillcrest,	W. L. Hess
Red Lion, Del.,	Harry Taylor	Kingswood,	G. W. Bounds
Rising Sun, Md.,	J. C. McCoy	Madeley,	Leolan Jackson
St. George's & Summit,	O. B. Rice	McCabe,	W. E. Harrison, Jr.
	P. O. St. George's, Del.	Mt. Salem,	W. V. Moore
St. John's,	G. A. Cooke	Richardson Park,	L. B. Morgan
	P. O. Lewisville, Pa.	Scott,	J. R. Bicking
Stanton, Del.,	F. C. Louhoff	Silverbrook,	R. C. Jones
Zion Circuit,	J. W. Prettyman	St. Paul's,	A. S. Woodard
	P. O. North East, Md.	Trinity,	W. H. Revelle
		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.
- Miss Irene Worrell, Superintendent, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.
- Miss Minnie Pabst, South Wilmington Settlement.
- Miss Elizabeth Hall, New Castle Quarterly Conference.
- Conrad Hamer, left without appointment to attend school.

IX.

JOURNAL.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST SESSION—TUESDAY EVENING.

OPENING.—The Wilmington Annual Conference assembled for its Sixtieth Session in Union Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, on Tuesday evening, March 27, 1928, at seven-thirty o'clock, Bishop William F. McDowell, presiding.

LORD'S SUPPER.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Pastor of Union Church and Reverends L. B. Morgan, E. W. McDowell, Howard Davis, G. T. Alderson and A. S. Woodward.

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

The Secretary called the names of our deceased brethren.

ORGANIZATION.—**Secretary.**—Disston W. Jacobs was unanimously reelected 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, S. T. Hamblin, R. W. Mills, O. A. Bartley, W. L. McClintock, D. A. Stockely, L. M. Broadway, W. D. Short, R. S. Hodgson, R. W. Campbell, C. W. Clark, and H. V. Branford.

Bar of Conference.—The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the 10th 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.

ADJOURNMENT.—On motion of J. A. Leach the hour of adjournment for the morning sessions was fixed at twelve o'clock noon.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

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

The memoir of Sewall N. Pilchard was presented and read by E. H. Dashiell; that of Wesley W. Chaires by W. F. Corkran; and that of George W. Stallings by H. S. Dulany.

On motion of J. W. Colona, the reading of the memoirs of John M. Collins and Harry E. Reed was deferred until Wednesday morning.

G. W. Bounds presented and read the memoir of Mrs. Carrie D. Nutter; R. P. Nichols that of Mrs. Annie M. S. Hofferker; T. R. Van Dyke that of Mrs. Annie E. Wilson; W. E. Habbart that of Mrs. Jennie P. Willis; F. C. MacSorley that of Mrs. Mary P. Bolton; R. K. Stephenson that of Mrs. Louisa A. Gardner; F. C. MacSorley that of Mrs. Elnora N. White.

On motion of J. W. Colona the memoir of Mrs. Carrie V. Quigg was ordered prepared and printed in the minutes.

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

CHAIR.—Bishop McDowell resumed the chair.

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

SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

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

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

PALM SUNDAY.—On motion of J. W. Colona, it was decided to excuse any pastor desiring to return to his church for services on Palm Sunday.

MEMORIALS.—On motion of G. A. Cooke, the presentation of Constitutional Questions and proposed Memorials to the General Conference was made the order of the day for Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

On motion of G. A. Cooke, the Secretary was instructed to read all such Constitutional Questions and proposed Memorials during this present morning's session.

DRAFTS.—The Bishop presented a draft from the Chartered Fund amounting to \$40, and one from the Methodist Book Concern for \$2639, and they were ordered in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.—On motion of G. T. Alderson, Bishop McDowell was requested to take any amount of time, at his own convenience, to give us an address on his reaction on the Lausanne Conference.

TREASURER.—The Treasurer, V. E. Hills, nominated as his assistants J. L. Sparklin, J. E. Parker, R. T. Thawley, O. H. Connelly, A. F. Zimmerman, F. C. Louhoff and Oliver Friedel, and they were confirmed.

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

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

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—On motion of J. W. Colona, the report of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society was made the order of the day for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

SYMPATHY.—The Secretary was requested to send messages of love, sympathy and goodwill to Alfred Smith, W. M. Greene, W. B. Guthrie, E. L. Hofferker, Daniel Wilson and Mrs. Orlando Harrison.

EXTENSION OF TIME.—On motion of H. G. Budd, Conference voted to complete the business of the reading of District Superintendent's reports and the memorials before adjournment this morning.

MEMOIRS.—The reading of the memoirs of John M. Collins and Harry E. Reed was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning immediately after the reading of the journal.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND MEMORIALS.—The Secretary read proposed amendments to the constitution from three Annual Conferences concerning lay representation in the Annual Conference.

On motion of G. W. Dawson, these three papers were referred to a committee of three to analyze them and state their substance at the session tomorrow morning. Bishop McDowell appointed the following committee: H. G. Budd, W. A. Wise and T. J. Sard.

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.—On motion of G. T. Alderson, a committee was appointed to consider memorials to the General Conference and report to the Conference. The committee appointed was as follows:—T. F. Beauchamp, W. F. Corkran, Leonard White, B. M. Johns and T. R. Van Dyke.

PRESENTATION OF MEMORIALS.—Memorials arising in this Conference concerning Divorce, Commission on the Course of Study, Limitation of the Episcopacy and Election of District Superintendents by the

Annual Conference were read by G. A. Cooke. They were referred to the committee.

One from the Dakota Annual Conference, protesting against the use of cigarettes, was referred to the committee without reading. All other memorials were referred to the committee.

EXCUSED.—L. M. Broadway and W. E. Greenfield were excused to attend funerals.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.—The Bishop announced that he would give a talk, as requested, on the Lausanne Conference at the devotional hour tomorrow morning.

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

THIRD SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened in Executive Session at 2:30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

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

MEMORIAL—BISHOP McDOWELL.—The following memorial was presented and read by Tilghman Smith and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, The Washington Area of which the Wilmington Conference is a member, has been blessed for three quadrenniums by the wise and inspired leadership of Bishop William Fraser McDowell, under which leadership the area has made marked progress in every sphere of its activity while the Methodist Episcopal Church has been brought to a position of marked prestige and influence at the Capital of the Nation; and,

WHEREAS, The General Conference of 1924 adopted a resolution instructing the Committee on Episcopacy in assigning Bishops to residences to have in mind the principle of a maximum continuous tenure of eight years in any given residence in the United States of America, which principle has not the binding effect of law and was disregarded in 1924 in several instances with the subsequent approval of the General Conference itself; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop McDowell has but one more quadrennium to serve as an active Bishop, retiring because of age under the law of the Church at the 1932 session of the General Conference, and during the next quadrennium will be the Senior Effective Bishop of the Church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Annual Conference expresses its profound conviction that the interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church could best be served by reassigning Bishop McDowell to the Washington Area for the next quadrennium, that such reassignment would be the best service the Methodist Episcopal Church could render to the Nation in the critical days that are just ahead, and would be an act of simple fairness and justice to the Bishop himself; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the General Conference and placed in the hands of the Committee on Episcopacy, and that the members of the ministerial delegation be instructed to work diligently for the carrying out of the desire of the Conference as expressed in these resolutions.

EXCUSED.—Conference excused G. W. Bounds for the purpose of attending a funeral.

QUESTION 15.—The Fifteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was resumed. The Effective Elders of the Wilmington District were called, their characters passed and they answered affirmatively the question relating to prorating ministerial support and full support of the benevolences.

Case of Elwood W. Jones. At the time of calling the Effective Elders of the Dover District, the District Superintendent, W. E. Gunby, read a signed statement from Elwood W. Jones withdrawing from the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church and from membership in the Wilmington Annual Conference, who submitted with the written withdrawal his certificate of ordination as Deacon, and the statement was made that the certificate of ordination as Elder was not in existence, having been destroyed by fire some years ago. On motion of W. E. Gunby the Conference permitted Elwood W. Jones to withdraw, and ordered his name be entered under Question 20, "Who have Withdrawn?"

The Effective Elders of the Dover District were then called, their characters passed and they answered affirmatively the question relating to prorating ministerial support and full support of the benevolences.

Case of Paul P. Truitt. At the time of calling the Effective Elders of the Salisbury District, E. H. Dashiell, District Superintendent, read the written withdrawal from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Paul P. Truitt. On motion of V. S. Collins, action on this case was postponed, and the District Superintendent was requested to notify the said Paul P. Truitt that it would be necessary for him to surrender his credentials before the Conference takes action on his withdrawal. (See Saturday morning's session.)

The other Effective Elders of the Salisbury District were then called, their characters passed and they answered affirmatively the question re-

lating to prorating ministerial support and full support of the benevolences.

The Effective Elders of the Middletown District were called, their characters passed and they answered affirmatively the question relating to prorating ministerial support and full support of the benevolences.

On motion of O. E. Jones, Superintendent of the Middletown District, J. I. Barrett, a Probationer on the Conference roll, was discontinued.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.—Doctor W. W. Davis, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, was introduced and addressed the Conference, and on motion of G. T. Alderson, Conference hailed with delight the organization of the Lord's Day Alliance in this state and pledged its hearty cooperation to such organization.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—On motion of G. P. Jones, the members of the Board of Stewards were nominated by the District Superintendents and elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference. They are as follows:—Dover District, E. P. Thomas; Middletown District, G. P. Jones; Salisbury District, W. O. Bennett; Wilmington District, W. E. Greenfield.

ORDER OF THE DAY.—On motion of F. C. MacSorley, Conference ordered the report of the Conference Board of Church Schools be made the order of the day for Thursday morning immediately following the of the memoirs of John M. Collins and Harry E. Reed if there is sufficient time before the order of the day at ten o'clock.

METHODIST REVIEW.—J. B. McCabe was appointed agent for the Methodist Review in the place of W. P. Taylor.

INTRODUCTION.—Doctor Fred Pierce Corson, representing the Methodist Federation for Social Service, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, J. W. Easley pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8:30 A. M., Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. The Bishop, as was requested, gave an address on the Lausanne Conference, which was very illuminating and inspiring.

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

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.—On motion of T. F. Beauchamp,

the Committee on Memorials was permitted to withdraw, and their report as the order of the day was put forward to 10:30 o'clock.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—W. O. Bennett, at his own request, was excused from serving on the Conference Board of Stewards. The District Superintendent, E. H. Dashiell, then nominated J. W. Jones for the vacancy, and he was elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

G. A. Cooke wished to go on record as protesting against the method of nominating and instructing the Secretary to cast the ballot of the Conference when electing members of this board.

MEMOIRS.—The memoir of John M. Collins was presented and read by V. S. Collins, and that of Harry E. Reed by J. W. Easley. On motion of J. W. Colona, these memoirs were adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

EXCUSED.—W. A. Hearn was excused for the purpose of attending a funeral.

BOARD OF CHURCH SCHOOLS.—F. C. MacSorley presented and read the report of the Board of Church Schools and it was adopted.

F. A. Lindhorst, Director of Religious Education, presented and read his report. On motion of O. E. Jones, the report was adopted and Conference requested the reappointment of F. A. Lindhorst as Director of Religious Education.

LARGER PARISH PLAN.—The following resolution was presented and read by O. E. Jones, and it was adopted:

RESOLVED, That as a Conference we record our approval of the "Larger Parish Plan"; that we express our appreciation of our Board of Home Missions for the splendid help given in the Sudlersville Group Religious Education experiment under this plan, and that we request said Board to consider our Conference territory with a view to a still further demonstration of the plan.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.—H. G. Budd, Chairman of the Committee appointed for the purpose of considering the proposed constitutional amendments, presented the report which recommended adverse action on the Detroit and Swedish plans, and reported the Kansas plan without recommendation.

Immediately following the report of the Committee, Bishop McDowell presented certain proposed constitutional amendments to admit laymen as members of an Annual Conference:

1. The vote on the plan proposed by the Detroit Conference was none for and 99 against.
2. The vote on the plan proposed by the General Laymen's Association and designated when voted upon as the Swedish plan was none for and 104 against.

3. The vote on the plan proposed by the Kansas Conference was 27 for and 63 against.

(The amendments not printed in full but on file in Conference trunk.)

ORDER OF THE DAY SUSPENDED.—On motion of V. S. Collins, the order of the day was suspended for the purpose of hearing Doctor Charles M. Boswell, who was then introduced and addressed the Conference concerning the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.—The hour of eleven o'clock having arrived, the Bishop invited Doctor R. K. Stephenson to the platform and he preached his semi-centennial sermon, taking as his text Genesis 30: 27.

After singing "O Happy Day," the Bishop presented Doctor Stephenson with a bouquet of roses from the Official Board of Scott Church, a purse from several of his personal friends, and a gift from Silverbrook Church.

QUARTETTE.—The quartette from Princess Anne Academy was introduced and sang several selections.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Doctor J. O. Spencer, President of Morgan College, and Doctor Paul E. Titsworth, President of Washington College, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

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 for a term of three years:—F. C. MacSorley, O. E. Jones, R. K. Stephenson, W. E. Gunby, R. P. Nichols, and J. J. Bunting.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned.

FIFTH SESSION—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 2:30 P. M., W. F. Corkran, at the request of the Bishop, presiding and conducting the devotions. G. W. Townsend led in prayer.

BAR OF CONFERENCE.—On motion of W. G. Harris, the bar of the Conference, in the lecture room of the church, was fixed to include the 9th row of chairs from the chancel.

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

INTRODUCTIONS.—On motion of G. W. Dawson, F. B. Short was requested to address the Conference, and he spoke briefly on the Conference Claimant Endowment Campaign and the Penney Farms.

Jerome Frampton, representing the Y. M. C. A. of Washington College, and Doctor Robert Bagnell, representing the Near East Relief, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

ORDER OF THE DAY.—On motion of J. T. Richardson, the order of the day was taken up.

Doctor T. S. Brock, representing the Board of Pensions and Relief, was introduced and addressed the Conference on the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund.

After considerable discussion the following memorial was presented and read by Leonard White, representing the Committee on General Conference Memorials, and on motion of G. T. Alderson, the said memorial was considered seriatim. Sections 1, 2 and 3 were adopted as read, and section 4 was amended to read, "and respectfully memorialize the General Conference to adopt the principle of the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund," instead of "the Plan of the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund." The memorial as amended was then adopted as a whole, on motion of T. R. Van Dyke, G. A. Cooke voting in the negative.

WHEREAS, There has been presented to the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church the "Complete Text of the Plan of the MINISTERS' RESERVE PENSION FUND" of the Methodist Episcopal Church as approved by the Board of Pensions and Relief; therefore be it

RESOLVED, (1) That we hereby approve the principle of providing adequate reserve funds to protect and stabilize the payment of pension and other benefits to the retired and disabled ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church and to the widows and orphans of Methodist Preachers.

(2) That we commend to the next General Conference the adjustment of the pension program of the Church in such manner as to make the progressive funding of pensions for "New Entrants" a certainty, and at the same time make provision for the guaranty of all pensions based on services rendered by "Previous Entrants";

(3) That we urge the General Conference to direct that steps be taken to promote a general effort throughout the Church to secure the requisite reserves so as to make possible at an early day the reserve funding of all accrued pensions;

(4) That we approve the general principles embodied in the "Complete Text of the Plan of the MINISTERS' RESERVE PENSION FUND," prepared and approved by the Board of Pensions and Relief, as furnishing a progressive program that will gradually stabilize the pension system of Methodism on a reserve basis, without disturbing, meanwhile, pension operations under the "Original Pension System" of 1908; and respectfully memorialize the General Conference to adopt the Plan of the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund and incorporate it into the legislation of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On motion of W. G. Harris, Conference gave a rising vote of thanks to Doctor T. S. Brock for his splendid presentation of this subject.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.—G. P. Jones presented and read the following report of the Special Committee appointed by the Conference of 1926 for the purpose of conferring with the Board of Pensions and Relief concerning our Conference's relation to the proposed Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund, and it was adopted:

The Special Committee appointed by the Conference of 1926 for the purpose of conferring with the Board of Pensions and Relief concerning our Conference's relation to the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund, which Committee was continued at the 1927 Session, begs leave to submit the following:—

In view of the fact that the plan proposed by the Board of Pensions and Relief known as the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund has not yet been adopted by the General Conference and written into the law of our Church, we recommend that the Conference continue the said Special Committee and make that Committee and the Board of Stewards and a committee of five (5), appointed by the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, a Special Commission for the ensuing Conference year with the request that said Commission make a very thorough study of our Conference's relation to whatever pension plan, if any, that may be adopted by the next General Conference and report to the session of this Conference in 1929 the most satisfactory plan for us to adopt in order to protect the interests of our present as well as future claimants.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Doctor W. S. Robinson, formerly a member of this Conference, now a member of the Newark Conference, and Doctor Clarence True Wilson, were introduced to the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Doctor Vaughn S. Collins pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

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

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

On request of G. A. Cooke for permission to record his protest against an action of the Conference in Thursday afternoon's session, on motion of H. G. Budd, Conference ordered that only the recording of negative votes on a matter already acted upon by the Conference in a previous session be permitted.

ORDER OF THE DAY SUSPENDED.—The order of the day for the discussion of General Conference memorials was suspended, on motion of

Tilghman Smith, for the purpose of admitting the class into full membership and proceeding with the balloting for General Conference delegates.

QUESTION 8.—The Eighth Question, "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Charles W. Branford and Harry V. Branford were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendent represented, and the Committee recommended. The Bishop put the usual disciplinary questions asked for admission into Full Membership and by action of the Conference they were so admitted and elected to Deacon's Orders.

DEATH OF MEMBER.—O. E. Jones read a telegram announcing the death of William B. Guthrie, and the Secretary was instructed to send to his son, Clinton W. Guthrie, a telegram expressing the sympathy and love of the Conference. W. F. Corkran, J. W. Sutton, L. E. Poole and J. H. Geoghegan were appointed a committee to attend the funeral service. W. F. Corkran was, on motion of O. E. Jones, requested to prepare a suitable memoir for publication in this year's minutes.

GREETINGS.—The Secretary was instructed to send a night letter expressing the greetings and love of the Conference to William H. Briggs, on motion of O. E. Jones.

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

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

1. That four delegates be elected by this Conference to attend the next General Conference; and that three reserve delegates be elected.
2. That the persons receiving the highest number of votes, provided the same by a majority of the votes cast, shall be chosen as delegates.
3. That any ballot containing more or less than the number of names to be voted for be rejected and, therefore, not counted.
4. That where there are two or more members of the Conference of the same name no ballot shall be counted for such person unless the Christian name or initials of that person be used on the ballot.

Tellers.—Tellers were appointed as follows:—Dover District, W. F. Dawson and W. E. Habbart; Middletown District, R. T. Thawley and D. J. Moore; Salisbury District, M. W. Marine and E. C. Hallman; Wilmington District, J. L. Johnson and W. G. Harris; Assistant Secretary, Tilghman Smith.

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

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.—Leonard White, Secretary of the Committee on Memorials, made a statement concerning the Committee's interpretation of its duties and authority. On motion of H. G. Budd, Conference ordered the Committee to present, for Conference action thereon, all memorials submitted to it.

The chairman presented the following memorials:

1. The Memorial making obligatory the recitation of the Apostles' Creed in the regular Sunday morning service was read, and, on motion of G. W. Dawson, it was adopted.

CHAIR.—At the request of Bishop McDowell, Bishop Theodore S. Henderson assumed the chair.

2. The Memorial approving the Commission on the Conference Course of Study was read.

3. The Memorial to abolish existing legislation pertaining to the Commission on the Conference Course of Study was read.

On motion of G. A. Cooke and after discussion, Memorial No. 3 was adopted by a rising vote of 42 for and 39 against.

L. B. Morgan then moved the adoption of Memorial No. 2, and after considerable discussion, this motion was withdrawn, after which on motion of G. T. Alderson, Conference action on Memorial No. 3 was reconsidered for the purpose of recommittal. Memorials Nos. 2 and 3 were then, on motion of T. R. Van Dyke, recommitted to the following Special Committee for the purpose of reporting back to the Conference at a later session:—J. W. Easley, E. W. McDowell, J. W. Jones, A. S. Woodward and V. S. Collins.

CHAIR.—Bishop McDowell resumed the chair.

4. The Memorial to abolish the position of Contributing Editor of the Advocates was read, and, on motion of G. T. Alderson, it was adopted.

5. The Memorial protesting against the use of cigarettes was read and adopted, on motion of G. P. Jones.

6. The Memorial relating to legislation effecting the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was read and Conference voted non-concurrence, on motion of G. A. Cooke.

7. The Memorial on the law regarding divorce was read.

After a motion to adopt the Memorial was made by G. W. Bounds, and during the discussion which followed, Conference ordered the suspension of the discussion for the purpose of hearing the results of the first ballot for General Conference delegates.

FIRST BALLOT RETURNED.—The Tellers returned, and the Bishop announced the result of the first ballot as follows: Total number of ballots cast, 142; defective ballots, 2; total number of ballots counted, 140; necessary to choice, 71. J. W. Colona having received 81 votes, was declared elected. The remainder of the ballots was as follows:—W. E. Gunby,

67; O. E. Jones, 65; J. J. Bunting, 60; E. H. Dashiell, 45; G. T. Alderson, 25; Leonard White, 23; D. W. Jacobs, 19; T. F. Beauchamp, 19; J. A. Leach, 18; W. F. Corkran, 13; T. J. Sard, 10; V. S. Collins, 9; R. K. Stephenson, 8; W. E. Habbart, 8; B. M. Johns, 8; L. B. Morgan, 7; W. E. Harrison, Jr., 5; V. E. Hills, 5; L. E. Poole, 5; G. A. Cooke, 4; J. L. Johnson, 4; T. R. Van Dyke, 4; J. W. Jones, W. A. Wise, R. P. Nichols, H. B. Kelso, Frank Herson, 3 each; H. G. Budd, J. C. McCoy, F. C. MacSorley, A. S. Woodward, J. L. Sparklin, 2 each; G. L. Hardesty, A. J. Croft, J. T. Prouse, J. W. Easley, E. P. Thomas, G. W. Bounds, G. W. Dawson, Tilghman Smith, F. B. Short, M. S. Andrews, Howard Davis, J. B. McCabe, G. P. Jones, one each.

On motion of Tilghman Smith the Tellers were instructed to report only those names receiving five or more votes.

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

EXTENSION OF TIME.—Time was extended to 12:30 o'clock, on motion of G. P. Jones.

DISCUSSION RESUMED.—Discussion on Memorial No. 7 regarding divorce was resumed, and after considerable debate the Memorial was adopted.

SUSPEND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF MEMORIALS.—On motion of G. A. Cooke, Conference suspended further consideration of General Conference memorials until its next session for the purpose of hearing certain representatives of the Church.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Doctor J. H. Morgan, President of Dickinson College; Doctor O. W. Auman, Treasurer World Service Commission, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

SECOND BALLOT RETURNED.—The Tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the second ballot as follows:—Total number of ballots cast, 139; defective ballots, 5; total number of ballots counted, 134; necessary to choice, 68. W. E. Gunby having received 81 votes, and O. E. Jones having received 73 votes, they were declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows:—J. J. Bunting, 61; E. H. Dashiell, 38; G. T. Alderson, 25; Leonard White, 24; D. W. Jacobs, 14; T. J. Sard, 12; T. F. Beauchamp, 10; J. A. Leach, 9; W. F. Corkran, 8; B. M. Johns, 6; R. K. Stephenson, 5; V. S. Collins, 5.

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

INTRODUCTIONS.—Reverend E. Pearce Hayes, representing Drew University; Doctor N. E. Davis, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Hospitals, Homes and Deaconess Work; Doctor W. S. Bovard, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

THIRD BALLOT RETURNED.—The Tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the third ballot as follows:—Total number of ballots cast, 130; defective ballots, 1; total number of ballots counted, 129; necessary to choice, 65. J. J. Bunting having received 71 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows:—E. H. Dashiell, 22; Leonard White, 9; G. T. Alderson, 5.

BALLOT FOR RESERVE DELEGATES.—On motion of E. W. McDowell, Conference ordered the first ballot for reserve delegates be now taken. The ballot was taken and the Tellers retired.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, J. D. Reese pronouncing the benediction.

SEVENTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

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

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

ORDER OF THE DAY POSTPONED.—On motion of W. F. Corkran, the order of the day to take up further memorials was postponed.

RESERVE DELEGATES—FIRST BALLOT RETURNED.—The Tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the first ballot as follows:—Ballots cast, 118; ballots defective, 4; ballots counted, 114; necessary to a choice, 58. No one receiving a majority vote, there was no election. The ballot was as follows:—Leonard White, 52; E. H. Dashiell, 51; G. T. Alderson, 44; D. W. Jacobs, 30; T. F. Beauchamp, 24; T. J. Sard, 19; J. A. Leach, 15; W. F. Corkran, 12; L. B. Morgan, 9; V. S. Collins, 8; J. W. Jones, 8; W. E. Habbart, 5.

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

REPORT OF THE 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:—W. F. Corkran, W. A. Hearn and T. R. Van Dyke, the Secretary casting the ballot.

QUESTION 40.—The Fortieth Question, "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" was taken up. Through its Pastor, W. F. Corkran, Chestertown Methodist Episcopal Church invited the Conference to hold its next annual session in said Church on Plan No. 2, or the Part Payment Plan.

Through its Pastor, T. F. Beauchamp, Georgetown Methodist Episcopal Church invited Conference to hold its next annual session in their Church on Plan No. 2, or the Part Payment Plan.

After suitable representation, Conference accepted the invitation to Georgetown, which acceptance was made unanimous, with special thanks to our Chestertown Church.

RESERVE DELEGATES—SECOND BALLOT RETURNED.—The Tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the second ballot as follows:—Ballots cast, 100; necessary to a choice, 51. Leonard White having received 65 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows:—E. H. Dashiell, 47; D. W. Jacobs, 40; G. T. Alderson, 30; T. F. Beauchamp, 21; W. F. Corkran, 15; W. E. Habbart, 14; J. A. Leach, 12; L. B. Morgan, 11.

RESERVE DELEGATES—THIRD BALLOT.—The third ballot was ordered taken and the Tellers retired.

QUESTION 11.—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Oler A. Bartley, Harry N. Bailey and John E. Parker were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and, on motion, they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elder's Orders.

QUESTION 10.—The Tenth Question, "What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. Henry M. Parks was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and he was advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year.

Oliver J. Collins was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, and he was continued in Studies of Third Year.

QUESTION 6.—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up.

The Bishop announced the transfer of John W. Grande, in Studies of Fourth Year, to the Southern California Conference.

Frank A. Baker was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and he was Continued on Trial in Studies of Second Year.

The Bishop announced the transfer into our Conference of Willard Everett, in Studies of Second Year, from the Illinois Conference.

Otis P. Jefferson, Preston W. Spence, Sidney B. Bradley, Conrad Hamer and Paul E. Reynolds were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and they were Continued on Trial in Studies of First Year. In the cases of the first four named, the reason given for their not being advanced was due to their attendance in college or university at the present time.

Harvey O. Hufnal, John R. Diehl, Roscoe W. Campbell, Ralph W. Mills and James H. McRill were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and they were Continued on Trial and advanced to Studies of Second Year.

QUESTION 5.—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. The Registrar announced as applicants James O'Neil, Oliver J. Friedel, Robert E. Green, Alfred W. Strickland, Nathaniel B. Lawrason, Frederick C. Louhoff and Roy L. Tawes, and, with the exception of the last two named, they were introduced to the Conference. The Conference granted permission to any of these candidates to return immediately to school if they so desired.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.—On motion of T. F. Beauchamp, Conference confirmed its action of five years ago requiring all undergraduates in the Conference Course of Study to attend a Summer School of Theology, and asked the District Superintendents to apportion the sum of \$800 to the various charges of the Conference.

RESERVE DELEGATES—THIRD BALLOT RETURNED.—The Tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the third ballot as follows:—Ballots cast, 111; defective, 7; ballots counted, 104; necessary to a choice, 53; Disston W. Jacobs having received 68 votes and E. H. Dashiell having received 66 votes, they were declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows:—G. T. Alderson, 13 and J. A. Leach, 9.

P. P. TRUITT.—E. H. Dashiell presented the Elder's credentials of Paul P. Truitt, explaining that his Deacon's credentials had been destroyed some years ago. (See Wednesday afternoon's session.)

On motion of E. H. Dashiell, Conference ordered the name of Paul P. Truitt entered under Question 20, "Who have Withdrawn from the Ministry and Membership of the Church?"

BISHOP WILSON.—On motion of Leonard White, the Secretary was instructed to send greetings and well wishes to Bishop Luther B. Wilson who is ill.

ADVOCATE.—Tilghman Smith presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Since the consolidation of the Washington Christian Advocate with The Christian Advocate at New York, we owe it our undivided allegiance and yet the subscription list from this Conference territory unfortunately shows a decrease; and,

WHEREAS, On account of the need of publicity for the causes of temperance, world peace, evangelism, missions, and the activities of the approaching General Conference we greatly need this agency; be it

RESOLVED, That we seek to obtain a greatly increased subscription to this our great Church paper.

JOINT SESSION.—The Lay Electoral Conference was received in joint session.

ORDER OF THE DAY—WILM. CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—A group of children from the various centers of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society marched into the Church and sang a hymn.

G. T. Alderson, Corresponding Secretary of the Society, then presented and read his report.

The order of the day was then suspended.

INTRODUCTION OF LAYMEN.—H. H. Nuttle, President of the Lay Electoral Conference, was introduced and made a brief address.

The delegates-elect to the General Conference, W. Newton Jackson, W. G. Abbott, Elwood F. Melson and H. H. Nuttle were introduced, together with the ministerial delegates-elect, J. W. Colona, W. E. Gunby, O. E. Jones and John J. Bunting.

The laymen then retired from the room.

WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The order of the day was resumed. Dr. H. S. French, representing the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

I. Elmer Perry was granted the privilege of the floor and made a brief address.

After discussion, the report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society was adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—On motion of G. W. Dawson, Conference voted that when we adjourn we do so to meet in Executive Session at 2 P. M., in the Sunday School room.

EXTENSION OF TIME.—On motion, time was extended.

DEFICIT.—Consideration of the deficit of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society was made the order of the day for the afternoon session.

JOINT SESSION.—The Older Boys' Conference, led by its President, Henry Graves, and F. A. Lindhorst, Director of Religious Education, came down the aisles of the Church and took their seats within the bar of the Conference.

The boys' orchestra played a selection, and F. A. Lindhorst introduced Frank P. Mitchell; D. S. Patterson from the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals; E. H. Brewster, Director of Religious Education in the Philadelphia Conference; and Stanley High, as helpers in the works of the Boys' Conference.

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

Brief addresses were made by Stanley High, Clarence True Wilson and Bishop McDowell.

Thomas S. Long was introduced and brought one of the Honor Boys of the Strawbridge Home to the platform with him.

Stephen A. Haboush, the Shepherd Boy of Palestine, was introduced.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Doctor G. E. Reed pronouncing the benediction.

EIGHTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 2 P. M. in the Sunday School room in Executive Session, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. G. W. Townsend led in prayer.

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

QUESTION 5.—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was resumed. The recommendations were received in due form for Admission on Trial of James O'Neil, Oliver J. Friedel, Robert E. Green, Frederick C. Louhoff, Alfred W. Strickland, Roy L. Tawes and Nathaniel B. Lawrason. The Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendents represented, and they were Received on Trial and placed in Studies of First Year.

PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY.—On motion of J. W. Colona the Committee on Qualifications was requested to prepare and submit to the Conference a resolution urging prospective candidates for the ministry to finish their school careers before applying for admission to this Conference.

OPEN SESSION.—Conference then went into open session.

STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS.—Rev. T. S. Long, Executive Secretary of the Strawbridge Home for Boys, presented and read the annual report of the Home. On motion of V. S. Collins, it was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

The following were elected Trustees of the Strawbridge Home for Boys:—T. J. Sard, J. W. Colona and Dr. C. Wilson Hughes.

ORLANDO HARRISON.—E. C. Hallman presented the following resolutions, which were adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Senator Orlando Harrison of Berlin, Md., has been removed from our midst by sudden death; and,

WHEREAS, He was a man of splendid Christian character and convictions, for many years an honored official of our Church at Berlin; and,

WHEREAS, In long association with the law-making body of this state he was of unsullied reputation, always a hearty and influential

supporter of legislation involving public morals and law enforcement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wilmington Conference now in session, do hereby record our deep sense of loss, our sympathy for Senator Harrison's bereaved family, and the prayer that our gracious Heavenly Father will tenderly sustain them in this hour of grief; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and copies of them sent to Senator Harrison's family and the public press.

WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—Prof. C. A. Short, President of the Wesley Collegiate Institute, was granted the privilege of the floor and read a report of the work of the Institute.

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.

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

EPISCOPAL APPORTIONMENTS.—On motion of O. E. Jones, Conference voted to accept the apportionments for the Episcopal Fund for the ensuing year.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS.—On motion of G. T. Alderson, the following were nominated and elected members of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, to serve for a term of three years:—J. T. Richardson, Tilghman Smith, F. C. MacSorley and W. A. Hearn.

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

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—On motion, the following were nominated and elected members of the Committee on Conference Relations for a term of three years, the Secretary casting the ballot:—Howard Davis, G. W. Dawson, E. W. McDowell and G. S. Thomas.

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made and conference adjourned, B. M. Johns pronouncing the benediction.

NINTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

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

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

Ordination Service.

After singing Hymn No. 222, "Jesus! the name high over all," the Bishop made a few remarks on the significance of the ordination service.

Deacons—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders, and Charles W. Branford and Harry V. Branford were ordained as Deacons.

Elders—Those elected to Elders' Orders were called and presented, and the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, ordained Oler A. Bartley, Harry N. Bailey and John E. Parker as Elders.

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

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made, doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, Frank White pronouncing the benediction.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

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

Charles W. Branford
Harry V. Branford

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

Oler A. Bartley
Harry N. Bailey
John E. Parker

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

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL,
Bishop.

Wilmington, Delaware.

TENTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

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

JOURNAL.—The journal of Saturday afternoon's session and Sunday's session were read and approved.

CLARENCE DARROW.—The following resolution was presented and read by G. A. Cooke, and, on motion of E. C. Hallman, it was laid on the table:—

WHEREAS, The State of Delaware, by its common law, recognizes the Bible, otherwise known as the Holy Scriptures, and also the Christian religion as based on the Bible as the Word of God; and,

WHEREAS, The law of the State of Delaware requires that all oaths administered in the courts shall be on the basis of belief in the Bible; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we advise and urge the members of our Church not to patronize the lecture to be given by the distinguished infidel, agnostic and atheist, Clarence Darrow. By his own theories Mr. Darrow is not a safe guide for American youth in matters of moral conduct. We have no ill-will toward him personally, but pray that God may show him the error of his ways before it is too late.

POSTPONED ORDER OF THE DAY.—On motion of G. W. Dawson, Conference resumed consideration of the deficit of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society.

V. S. Collins then presented the following resolutions and, on motion of G. W. Dawson, they were adopted:

RESOLVED, That we approve the program of the Wilmington City Missionary Society as planned jointly by the Society and the Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and pledge thereto our cordial cooperation; and,

RESOLVED, That we again request the apportionment of the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the charges of the Conference, Three thousand dollars to the Wilmington City Churches as heretofore, and Two thousand dollars to the rural Churches, and pledge ourselves to do our best to raise the amount apportioned to our several charges.

SUSPENDED ORDER OF THE DAY—MEMORIALS.—On motion of E. C. Hallman, Conference resumed consideration of memorials. By consent of the Conference, G. A. Cooke was granted permission to withdraw the memorials concerning a limited term for the Episcopacy and the election of District Superintendents.

G. A. Cooke asked for a ruling on the right of the Conference to reconsider memorials it has already adopted. The Bishop made the following ruling: "That the Annual Conference has the right during its session

to reconsider any memorials it has adopted." H. G. Budd formally appealed from the decision of the Chair. Conference then voted to sustain the decision of the Chair.

On motion, the report of the Special Committee was presented by V. S. Collins, and on motion of L. B. Morgan, after discussion, Memorial No. 8, which constituted the report of the Special Committee, was adopted.

G. A. Cooke desired to have his vote recorded in the negative.

Leonard White presented and read Memorial No. 9 concerning the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, and, on his motion, it was adopted.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—E. C. Hallman presented and read a report of the Conference Historical Society and it was adopted.

On motion of E. C. Hallman, Ivanhoe Willis was elected a Vice President of the Society from the Middletown District.

On motion of E. C. Hallman, Conference ordered that the Special Collection include the sum of \$25 for the Historical Society.

GREETINGS.—On motion of G. T. Alderson, the Secretary was instructed to send greetings to C. W. Prettyman.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION.—On motion of O. E. Jones, Conference asked the Conference Board of Education to so arrange their constitution in order to help students in institutions other than Methodist institutions, provided there is sufficient money. The vote was 64 for, and 37 against.

BISHOP McDOWELL.—Leonard White presented and read the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Wilmington Annual Conference has requested the General Conference to reassign Bishop W. F. McDowell to the Washington Area for the ensuing quadrennium; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in the event of favorable action upon the above request, a thing for which we fervently pray and confidently anticipate, we petition the Board of Bishops to appoint Bishop McDowell to the Presidency of the 1929 session of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.—F. C. MacSorley presented the report of the Wilmington Conference Education Society, and, on his motion, it was adopted, and R. P. Nichols, J. J. Bunting, A. B. Magee and E. J. Winder were reelected members of the Board of Managers.

OFFICIAL VISITORS TO SCHOOLS.—F. C. MacSorley presented nominations for official visitors to schools and colleges and they were confirmed.

After Bishop McDowell reported that a woman whose name is unknown presented him with the sum of \$90 to be used in helping to educate a young minister through the Conference Education Society, Conference gave a vote of thanks to the unnamed donor.

BARRATT'S CHAPEL.—On motion of T. F. Beauchamp, permission was granted C. H. Atkins to place an appropriately inscribed brass plate on the cabinet in Barratt's Chapel, the Bishop to supply the inscription.

On motion, Conference expressed its thanks to Brother Atkins for his work in building the cabinet.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—On motion of R. K. Stephenson, Conference granted permission to the Board of Stewards to appropriate \$8,000 for necessitous cases.

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

QUESTION 25.—The Twenty-fifth Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Ministers and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?" was taken up. W. H. Briggs, W. F. Godwin and Joseph P. Wilson were called, their characters passed, and they were continued in the Supernumerary Relation.

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. Those present were called to the chancel and Conference sang, "We're Marching to Zion."

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.—Reports of Committees on World Service, State of Church and Social Service, Evangelism and the Board of Epworth League, were read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Education was presented and adopted without reading.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.—Bishop McDowell appointed J. B. McCabe and L. E. Windsor as members of the Board of Examiners.

SABBATICAL YEAR.—On motion of E. H. Dashiell, Conference granted the request of George F. Newton for a Sabbatical Year.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.—On motion of V. S. Collins, Conference adopted a supplement to the report of District Superintendent Colona.

SALE OF RIDDLE CHAPEL.—J. W. Colona read a report of the Trustees of Riddle Memorial Chapel and, on motion, Conference granted the Trustees permission to sell the property and directed that the money realized from the sale be turned over to the Trustees of Mt. Salem Church.

MINIST. CONT. RELIEF FUND.—R. K. Stephenson, the Trustee of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, read his report and it was adopted. On motion of D. W. Jacobs, he was re-elected Trustee of the Fund.

CONF. CLAIM. END. COMM.—Elwood W. Melson, Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, was granted the privilege of the floor and read the report of the Commission's Special Committee, which was adopted.

G. P. Jones, Treasurer, read his report and it was adopted.

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

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

EXTENSION OF TIME.—On motion, time was extended.

COLLECTION.—A collection, amounting to \$129.30, was taken to cover incidental expenses as announced to the Conference by the Secretary.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, at the request of the Bureau of Sessions, the said Bureau was requested to present to the Conference at its session next year a suggested plan looking toward the organization of a Conference Budget Commission.

MIN. CONT. RELIEF FUND.—On motion of J. W. Colona, the Secretary was requested to send a notice to each pastor previous to the Sunday set apart for taking an offering for the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.—The following were elected to cooperate with the Lord's Day Alliance:—G. T. Alderson, M. W. Marine, T. F. Beauchamp, J. B. McCabe, and F. A. Lindhorst.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—The report of the Board of Stewards was read by G. P. Jones and adopted, together with the recommendations contained therein.

Mr. Jefferson Cooper was granted the privilege of the floor and presented and read the auditing report of the Board.

EDUCATION STANDARDS.—Tilghman Smith presented and read the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this Conference that candidates for admission shall complete their college course or its equivalent before applying for admission on trial; and,

RESOLVED, That the District Superintendents be requested to discourage the application of any man for admission on trial until he shall have completed the minimum educational requirements of the Discipline.

TRIALS OF APPEALS.—The *Twenty-eighth Question*, "Who are the Trials of Appeals?" was taken up. The following were nominated by the Bishop and confirmed as Trials of Appeals:—W. R. Mowbray, V. S. Collins, J. T. Price, Leonard White and W. O. Bennett. Reserves: G. W. Dawson and E. P. Thomas.

SOCIETIES AND COMMITTEES.—The following resolutions were presented and read by E. W. Hennis and were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Official Journal and Year Book of the Wilmington Annual Conference for 1927 shows that we have no fewer than 34 agencies raised up to care for various interests of this Conference; namely, 1 Bureau, 2 Lay Organizations, 3 groups of special officers, 4 Societies, 3 Commissions, 9 Standing Committees, and 10 Boards; and

WHEREAS, Every member of the Conference is supposed to know, and the 3000 laymen who subscribe for the Minutes desire and have the right to know, what is the reason for being of each of these 34 Special Agencies; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By this Conference that the presiding officers of each of these agencies be instructed to prepare and submit to the Conference a brief statement, not to exceed fifty words, setting forth: 1. How the agency came into existence. 2. Disciplinary paragraphs involved. 3. Purpose and duties. 4. Any other pertinent matters; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Conference Secretary be authorized to edit these statements and print them in the Minutes for 1929 in connection with the agencies involved, as set forth in sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Minutes.

CONVERSIONS.—On motion of F. A. Lindhorst, the Bishop was requested to make a statement to the Christian Advocate regarding conversions in the Wilmington and Baltimore Annual Conferences.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.—L. E. Poole presented the following, and, on his motion, it was adopted:

As ever, the preservation of the Lord's Day as a holy day is closely related to the preservation of the Christian religion, the Christian home and the civilization built upon them.

Therefore, realizing the quickening of a Lord's Day Conscience as a primary need of today we recommend:

1. That all our Churches and Sunday Schools make the Educational Program of the Lord's Day Alliance a part of their work.

2. That we endorse the Membership Program of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland, and urge our Churches, Sunday Schools and Members to take some one of the Memberships in same.

3. That we commend the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland for leading in the prevention of the enactment of Legislation during the last session of the Maryland Legislature, that if enacted would have given us Sunday Motion Picture Theatres and legalized Sunday Commercialized Sports, and we further commend the Lord's Day Alliance for its recent victories in preventing the defiance of the Sunday Law of Maryland.

4. That our District Superintendents be requested to ask the

First Quarterly Conferences of their Districts to adopt this program of the Lord's Day Alliance.

5. That our Conference name T. J. Sard to membership on the Lord's Day Alliance Educational Committee.

THANKS.—Frank White read the report of the Committee on Thanks and it was adopted by a rising vote.

TREASURER'S BOND.—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, the expense of bonding the Treasurer, amounting to the sum of \$150, was ordered paid by the Bureau of Sessions.

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.—On motion of T. R. Van Dyke, the following were elected members of the Conference Deaconess Board:—T. R. Van Dyke, J. L. Johnson, W. G. Harris, R. C. Jones, Howard Davis and the District Superintendents.

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

QUESTION 16.—The Sixteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of W. T. McGuire to the Newark Conference; G. T. Gehman to the Philadelphia Conference; and John W. Grande to the Southern California Conference.

QUESTION 2.—The Second Question, "Who have been received by Transfer and from what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of Willard Everett from the Illinois Conference.

MORGAN COLLEGE.—The following resolutions were presented by V. S. Collins and they were adopted:

WHEREAS, Morgan College under the enthusiastic leadership of its President, Dr. J. O. Spencer, is doing a great work for God and Methodism in developing Christian leadership for the Negro race; and

WHEREAS, We have learned of the crisis facing Morgan College at this time; viz., that time limit set for the \$175,000 pledged conditionally by the General Education Board and the State of Maryland expires with June 15, 1928, by which time \$100,000 must be raised by the friends of Morgan College or the pledges will lapse; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wilmington Conference, pledge Dr. Spencer and Morgan College our active cooperation in securing the \$100,000 necessary to secure payment of the conditional pledges named above; and,

RESOLVED, That we request our District Superintendents to request every charge to raise a sum equal to one-fourth of the reported membership of the charge for Morgan College; and

RESOLVED, That we set apart one Sunday in May, 1928, as "Morgan College Day" on which every Pastor shall present the needs of Morgan College, and make an honest effort to secure the amount requested.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.—On motion of J. W. Colona, Conference requested the Bishop to make certain special appointments.

ADJOURNMENT.—On motion it was ordered that, after the reading of the appointments, Conference be adjourned.

JOURNAL.—The journal of today's session was approved without reading.

APPOINTMENTS READ.—The appointments were read, Bishop McDowell pronounced the benediction and Conference stood adjourned.

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

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL,
President.

DISSTON W. JACOBS,
Secretary.

GENERAL CONFERENCE MEMORIALS.

1.

Apostles' Creed.

RESOLVED, That we memorialize the General Conference to make obligatory the recitation of the Apostles' Creed in the regular Sunday morning services.

2.

Commission on Courses of Study.

We memorialize the General Conference of our hearty approval of the praiseworthy work of the permanent Commission on Courses of Study in its efforts to prepare the young men entering the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church for intelligent service of Jesus Christ in this wide-awake age. Should any change be made in the Disciplinary provisions for the said Commission, we urge that they be made in the direction of strengthening and making still more effective its highly commendable work.

3.

Commission on Courses of Study.

WHEREAS, The experience of the past twelve years demonstrates the unwise and dangerous policy of entrusting the Education of our Ministerial undergraduates to an irresponsible Commission; therefore, we memorialize the General Conference which meets in Kansas City to abolish all legislation relating to the Commission on Courses of Study; and to enact such rules and regulations governing this important phase of our work that our Bishops shall be required to select all books on theological subjects in the Courses of Study and become individually responsible for the doctrinal soundness of the instruction; and that the Annual Conferences shall have complete control of the examination of candidates for ordination.

4.

WHEREAS, We have had in the Methodist Episcopal Church for four years in relation to our Advocates a position known as the Contributing Editor, which has been the source of great confusion in our editorial pages; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Annual Conference memorializes the General Conference to abolish the office of Contributing Editor.

5.

Protest Against the Use of Cigarettes.

WHEREAS, The use of cigarettes by almost all classes and ages has spread with alarming rapidity, affecting particularly the young life of the country; and

WHEREAS, Medical authorities of the highest rank are agreed as to the harmful physical effect of this pernicious habit, a conviction which is endorsed by leading athletic directors throughout the land ;and

WHEREAS, Conscientious educators in our higher institutions of learning, as well as teachers in our public schools corroborate the claim that the use of cigarettes does weaken the intellectual ability of students addicted to this habit; and

WHEREAS, The general public is constantly subjected to annoyances and physical discomfort on account of the indifference and discourtesy of those who persist in poisoning the atmosphere of public places with the vile fumes of this obnoxious weed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Dakota Annual Conference memorialize the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church (at its 1928 Session) to register its hearty disapproval of the sale and use of cigarettes, and petition for legislation in every State of the United States that will help to abate this nuisance; and

RESOLVED, That the General Conference effectively protest against the employment, on the faculty of any of our Denominational educational institutions of professors addicted to the use of cigarettes or tobacco in any form.

The above Memorial was adopted by the Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in session at Vermillion, S. D., October 9, 1926. We ask all Conferences to join with us in securing favorable action on this matter by the 1928 General Conference of our Church.

H. P. EBERHART,
Secretark Dakota Conference.

6.

Memorial of The Board of Philanthropies of The Central Pennsylvania Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church.

Amend Paragraph #433, on Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, which reads: "The Board shall consider plans for increasing its receipts and extending its work; shall receive reports from the several Departments; shall determine what total amount shall be appropriated for the work during the ensuing year, provided it shall not exceed the total available net income for the preceding fiscal year; shall determine what amounts shall be appropriated for (1) Administration; (2) Publicity;

(3) Contingent Fund; (4) Work in Colleges and Universities; (5) The Education of Missionaries for Work in Foreign Languages; (6) The Several Departments of Work, sub-division of these Departments, and Annual Conference"

By adding after "and Annual Conference" the words:

"The Board shall return to any annual Conference making requisition for the same, an amount not to exceed 66% of the total contribution made on apportionment by that Annual Conference to The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension direct, or through World Service, or similar agency receiving such contributions during the Fiscal Year. This money shall be paid on requisition made by the officers of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, to the Treasurer of said Conference Board of Home Missions sixty days after the adjournment of the Annual Conference"; so that the whole Paragraph as amended shall read:

"The Board shall consider plans for increasing the receipts and extending its work; shall receive reports from the several Departments; shall determine what total amounts shall be appropriated for the work during the ensuing year, provided it shall not exceed the total available net income for the preceding fiscal year; shall determine what amounts shall be appropriated for (1) Administration; (2) Publicity; (3) Contingent Fund; (4) Work in Colleges and Universities; (5) The Education of Missionaries for Work in Foreign Languages; (6) The Several Departments of Work, sub-divisions of these Departments and Annual Conference.

The Board shall return to any Annual Conference making requisition for the same, an amount not to exceed 66% of the total contribution made on apportionment by that Annual Conference to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension direct, or through World Service, or similar agency receiving such contributions during the Fiscal Year. This money shall be paid on requisition made by the officers of The Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, to the Treasurer of said Conference Board of Home Missions sixty days after the adjournment of The Annual Conference."

7.

Divorce.

WHEREAS, There is an organized movement within the Church to weaken our law on the subject of divorce as expressed in Paragraph 68; Therefore,

We memorialize the General Conference which is to meet in Kansas City in May, 1928, to make no change in the law, as the law is based on the plain teaching of God's Word as contained in the New Testament, which is a part of the Constitution of the Church. (See Paragraph 33, Discipline, 1924.)

We also petition for more rigid legislation looking to the enforcement of this paragraph by Bishops and District Superintendents throughout the Connection. The divorce evil has grown to scandalous proportions, and we should do our part in protecting the home life of America.

8.

Commission on Courses of Study.

Fully appreciating the need of an educated ministry, and the excellent work of the Commission on The Conference Course of Study raised by the last General Conference, which not only named the books of the courses but has done fine work in assisting undergraduate ministers to master the course; therefore, we hereby memorialize the General Conference, meeting in Kansas City in May, 1928,

1. To continue the Commission on the Conference Courses of Study.
2. In order to safeguard the doctrines of Methodism we urge the appointment on the Commission of only such men as know and love Methodist doctrine and polity.
3. We would urge the Commission to place in the Courses of Study only such books as clearly teach the divine inspiration of the Scriptures and the deity of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Report of Special Committee.)

9.

Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals.

Our Conference heartily congratulates the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals on its leadership in Washington and elsewhere in holding intact the 18th Amendment, strengthening the Volstead Act, and promoting the great conference recently held in which the temperance forces of the United States were an absolute unit in demanding a declaration in every party platform, telling what they were going to do with prohibition enforcement.

As a Conference, we want to instruct our Delegates to the General Conference to see that no consolidations or adjustments are made in the Benevolent Boards that will affect the independent standing of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, or take it from its great center of operation—Washington, the Capital of the Nation.

Other denominations are planning to build headquarters buildings in the Nation's Capital and our Board of Temperance should not only be maintained there, but the last dollar on its beautiful building should be paid that its income may be used in the promotion of the work for which it stands and our Conference, as usual, is glad to do its share toward the liquidation of this debt.

X. REPORTS.

(a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

W. E. GUNBY, District Superintendent.

As I look in retrospect down the road by which we have come to this hour, it is with a deep sense of gratitude to the "Father of all Mercies" for that grace that has sustained me during the year, and for the unmerited favors which have made possible the prosecution of my tasks with abounding health and unimpaired efficiency. Some of the things which I had cherished to accomplish this year have been difficult, and others impossible. This District is composed for the most part of rural work and tide-water communities. Both of these groups have had an extremely difficult year, immediately following others almost as difficult. While in some degree our financial reports will reflect these hard economic conditions, yet through the loyalty and faithful leadership of the Brethren of the District, the results obtained, both spiritual and financial, reveal much for which we can properly be grateful.

1. Changes in the Effective Ranks. Happily for the work's sake there has been little necessity this year for changes among the workers. Little Creek had asked to be left without appointment, and this was done. Early in September Brother Conrad Hamer left Ellendale to attend Drew Seminary, and his place was immediately filled by Brother J. F. Willis, under whose inspiration the work has gone forward and a new parsonage is contemplated for the ensuing year.

2. General Health and Efficiency. In an unusual manner our ranks have been free from those disturbing conditions which tend to slow down the efficiency of the workers, and to retard the progress of the Kingdom. Death has not visited the home of any preacher among us this year. It is a matter for rejoicing that Mrs. George E. Sterling, faithful helpmeet of the Bridgeville Parsonage, has returned from that "House of Mercy," our Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, with the full promise of health restored. Dr. Alfred Smith underwent a serious operation some weeks ago, and is now convalescing at his home in Camden, Delaware. Rich in experience, abounding in good works, rejoicing in hope, this faithful Veteran of the Cross sends his greetings and his love.

3. The Ingathering of Souls. The Church of Christ is the organized expression of the Christian Religion to carry out the Divine Commission, and to make actual in the world the ideals of the Kingdom of God. The Church is not identical with the Kingdom of God, but is the divinely commissioned agency by which the Kingdom is to be established, extended and perpetuated. The Church is the guardian, the teacher, the interpreter, of the Christian Religion. The Church is an organized company of the disciples of Jesus striving to incarnate the principles He taught in their lives and deeds, and joined together for mutual helpfulness and the furtherance of His Gospel in the world. The Church seeks to extend the Father's will to all men and to all of life's relationships.

The Church does not exist for its own sake. Its first mission is to get men to love God supremely. To help the individual to know God in his own soul—to make the Jesus of history to become the redeeming Christ of experience—this is the primary mission of the Church, and is the most vital contribution possible to be made toward the upward progress of humanity.

Almost without exception the work of Evangelism has been carried on faithfully within all of our Churches. Various methods have been used to meet varied conditions and with varying results. Sweeping revivals of tremendous power have blessed the Churches at Concord, Crapo and St. Thomas'. In almost every charge there has been an ingathering of precious souls. The Cross of Jesus Christ is still the power of God unto salvation when faithfully presented. The annual report sheets sent out this year did not ask for the number of conversions but for those actually received into the fold of the Church. Even incomplete reports reveal a fine record of accessions, but I am unable to make any promise of numerical growth in church membership, for this District, along with the General Church, has been troubled with an "epidemic" of "record-pruning," that may reveal an actual numerical loss in membership in the face of a splendid record of new members received.

4. World Service and Benevolences. Next after individual salvation, the mission of the Church is to christianize the social order, and to produce a Christian World-Brotherhood. While the local Church is charged with immediate local responsibilities, it shares also in the tasks and burdens and blessings of the whole Church in its redemptive passion for the whole world. The problem of World-Evangelization, because it belongs to the whole Church, rests in proportionate measure upon every unit of which the whole Church is composed, and upon every individual of every congregation. We are not to become feverish ecclesiastics trying to build an overshadowing imperialistic hierarchy, but the humble co-laborers with God, trying to save a lost and needy world.

It is a hopeful sign that our people are coming to see that the Gospel is innately and essentially missionary in spirit. That it cannot be received into the heart without creating there the desire to impart it to others. To be intrusted with a truth that has in it, the only adequate hope and life and salvation for the world is to be under the utmost obligation to

give it to the world. The sufficiency of the Gospel to meet and satisfy every legitimate spiritual craving that humanity is heir to is the unanswerable reason why it should be given to all men as their right. The Christian message bears upon its face the image of man universal and as such it belongs to all men, and no one dares to deny the right of all men to possess it. The missionary impulse is of Christianity itself. The normal religion for mankind cannot be kept in a corner. The very love that is awakened within the heart of the child of God impels him to desire the best things for all other members of the family of God. The Christian, by the very compulsion of the Christ spirit within, yearns to seek and to save the lost. It is incompatible with the very genius of the Christian Religion for any one with the spirit of Christ who gave Himself for others to be willing to keep the blessings of Christ for himself alone. Such selfish unconcern for others is the badge of unbrotherliness, and the unflinching sign that Jesus and His Kingdom have no vital part in such hearts and lives. A universal message perfectly adapted to meet universal need implies the universal proclamation of that message.

This is the uncompromising missionary message that has been preached up and down the District. Hard economic conditions, together with many unfortunate utterances coming through our Church papers, and some of them from our very missionaries on the field, together with much criticism of the administration of the World Service Commission, and the almost endless propaganda against all existing things so painfully prevalent in the year preceding the General Conference, have served to make it the more difficult to sustain the high position tenaciously held following the Centenary. It should be remembered that while there has been a general decline in World Service giving throughout the whole Church, many Conferences dropping 30 per cent. and some 50 per cent., this Conference has maintained itself at a very creditable position, comparatively. We should rejoice in a report that sustains a previous good record far more than in a report that advances somewhat over a previous slump. More than 90 per cent. of the charges show either the same as last year or a slight advance over the previous year, but there is still the fear that reductions in one or two Churches may equalize all the gains and leave the report about the same as last year—and even that will be a victory! All the benevolences, local and general, have been faithfully looked after and will show a very creditable standing.

5. Religious Education. Our people have caught the vision of the necessity for trained leadership, and the enthusiasm manifested in the field of religious education is one of the most hopeful signs of the times. More and more our Churches are building their programs around childhood. Our Church Schools were never so well taught or conducted as today. Graded lessons are in common use and the work of departmentalization goes steadily forward. Worship programs adapted to the needs of a particular group are being worked out in ways that promise much for the future.

Standard Training Schools have been held at four points on the Dis-

trict this year, Cambridge, Georgetown, Laurel, and Dover, with a total enrollment of 475. Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been held with splendid results at seven points, Cambridge, Crapo, Dover, Bridgeville, Federalsburg, Laurel, and Milford, with an enrollment of 712.

Some of our Pastors have failed to catch the vision of the possibilities in this field of endeavor both for themselves and for their helpful leadership of the young people of their Churches; others are not only indifferent toward the religious education movement but are suspicious of it and quietly oppose the progress of the movement. However, the world moves on, and Pastors and leaders of youth willing to sit in sweet content and not availing themselves of the opportunities afforded to keep abreast of this rapidly moving age will have themselves to blame if they find themselves out of touch with youth; outdistanced by those whom they should be leading, and their methods as antiquated and useless and as obsolete as a last year's bird's nest!

One of the marks of progress in this field is the proposal to establish a Summer School of Religious Education at the seat of our own Wesley Collegiate Institute in Dover. The preliminary work is being done and the first session will be held this summer, the latter part of July. This School will be of the same fine character as the School that has been held at Dickinson College for a number of years. This School will meet a growing demand and satisfy a long-felt need, and deserves the heartiest support and commendation of all of our people.

6. Conference Claimant Endowment. This worthy movement has been given a prominent place in all of our work during the year. The District underwrote its quota, and many of the Churches are paying in whole or in part this year. Some of the larger Churches have written it into their budget for next year. Others subscribed under a special plan and will not make report this year. However, more than fifty per cent. of the Charges are making report on this claim this year.

7. District Parsonage. Last June the District Stewards authorized the placing of a new assessment to cover needed repairs, improvements and paving, and the remainder due on the property. It is our cherished hope that the coming year may see this beautiful, commodious District Home entirely free from debt.

8. Washington Christian Advocate. The apportionment laid upon the District by the Conference a year ago to liquidate our share of the obligations to the Washington Christian Advocate was met promptly and in full.

9. Student Aid. No cause among us is more popular than this of helping our undergraduate Pastors to attend the sessions of the Summer School. The full amount asked for this purpose was met on scheduled time.

10. Improvements and Debts. The work of beautifying and decorating our Churches, and improving our properties has gone forward this year in many places. These improvements show an expenditure of more than \$16,000. Debts have been paid amounting to more than \$7000.

11. District Agencies. It would be difficult to find extravagant words to tell of the splendid work being done through the agencies of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and the Women's Home Missionary Society. The Ladies Aid Societies have made and expended for the help of the Churches and the Kingdom this year above \$16,000. The Dover District Preacher's Association has met monthly during the year and is fulfilling a fine mission. Programs of interest and helpfulness have uniformly been presented and a fine social contact has been made possible. The Preacher's Wife's Association meets with us, having their own program and procedure, joining us in the order of the day, and the social hour which follows.

12. Ministerial Support. Many of the faithful men of the District are receiving a support that is needlessly and pitifully inadequate. The charges making advance this year are, East New Market, \$300; Federalsburg, \$200; Galestown, \$250; Millsboro, \$100; Seaford, \$200; Vienna, \$200; Seaford Circuit, \$100; a total of, \$1350. for the year; making a total advance in this one item of Ministerial Support during the five years of the present administration of, \$13,475.

13. Barratt's Chapel. It will be recalled that during the session of the Conference in Dover two years ago, the Friday morning session was held in this historic shrine. It was a very memorable occasion and Bishop McDowell then presiding, speaking to the Class and the throng that filled the house, pointed out the star on the floor that marks the spot at which Coke and Asbury met, and later referred to a quaint bench upon which they sat to make plans for the Christmas Conference of 1784. He intimated the historic value of that old bench and suggested that something should be done to preserve so valuable a relic from the ravages of time and decay. This suggestion has borne concrete fruit in a suitable case made by our genial Brother Charles H. Atkins, a genius in woodcraft, and was installed last Friday within the Chapel.

14. This partial and imperfect report is submitted in recognition of the abounding goodness of God who has given me strength to meet every engagement during the five years of my leadership of this District. I have driven this year more than 25,000 miles in the prosecution of the work of this office, have preached 210 times, and given courses of lectures in three Standard Training Schools, and have tried to do faithfully the tasks committed to my care. I wish the report in souls saved and in every forward looking manner was better than it is. No finer cooperation could be asked of any group of men than has been accorded me during each of these five years. With expressions of love and gratitude to my Brethren both of the Ministry and of the Laity, who through much forbearance, kindly sympathy, uniform courtesy and unwearied patience have helped to make my tasks easy and my burden light, this report is respectfully submitted.

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

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

O. E. JONES, District Superintendent.

Once more I come to you to report on the work of the Church—your Church and my Church—on Middletown District. I should like to report on this work, if I may, as it expresses and reveals the life and spirit of the Church.

Life and Spirit of the Church.

We all know that the Church is more than just a building or an organization or an aggregation of organizations. These are nothing without life to operate them. It is that life that really constitutes the Church. The Church has to do with these things—buildings, organizations, societies, money—material things, so much that there is much talk these days, as has always been, of materializing and commercializing the spirit of the Church. But it is the spirit of the Church of which we talk. The Church not only has to do with spiritual things, the Church is spiritual. There is a spirit in the Church, we may say, as in man. After all, it is not what the Church does, but what the Church is, for which we most care, and it is this, the life and spirit of the Church, on which I would report.

Strong and Vigorous.

1. The work of the Church this year indicates a pretty strong and vigorous life. Without qualifying it at all, just a superficial glance at this work shows a sturdy, vigorous state so different from what might be expected when so many are telling us that the Church is failing and dying out and is not to be taken into account any longer. Passing by, for the moment, the many varied activities of the Church, take just this one, apparent even to a casual observer, the work done on Church properties.

All over the District there has been this activity this year. Out of 42 charges, only 7 report nothing at all along this line. The work ranges from slight repairs to changes and improvements that constitute almost completely new plants, as at Centreville and Chestertown, and one new building outright at Hartley. Of course, it would be impossible to list all this work, as much as I should like to do it, but some of it is so notable that it must be mentioned. After a long and hard struggle the little new Church at Hartley, to take the place of the building burned nearly two years ago, has been practically completed. It will be ready for dedication shortly after Conference. The cost will be about \$6000. I think that any Methodist who travels the main highway down through this District will appreciate the painting of our Church at Church Hill. We are very grateful for the pleasing appearance now of this Church that stands up so lone and tall beside the road and catches the eye of all that pass by. Rock Hall is rejoicing in a Church that has been made beautiful this year, at a cost of \$1700, all of which has been paid and, in addition, a debt of \$2,300 of some years standing against the parsonage has been wiped out. Millington has improved and beautified their fine old Church at a cost of

\$1500. Wye Mills has built and paid for a complete little Church House at a cost of \$1775. Tilghman Island has remodeled the parsonage, making a very comfortable, modern home for the preacher, at a cost of \$1000.

Other charges are reporting improvements as follows: Still Pond, \$1004; Hillsboro, \$984; Odessa, \$868; Church Hill, \$800; Crumpton, \$800; Bayside, \$660; Preston, \$650; Bozman and Neavitt, \$500; Ridgely, \$460; Kent Island, \$450; St. Michaels, \$447; Cecilton and Oxford, \$410 each; Concord, \$356; Townsend, \$340; and a number of others, smaller amounts.

Centreville has done a work not only remarkable in itself but one distinctly representing a remarkable achievement of the spirit of a people. This work began in order to meet the gift by a generous layman of a farm for a Church House. It began with that but extended on and on to the complete renovation and transformation of the whole building. The Church House was built in the rear of the Church and the entire structure stuccoed, making an entirely new looking and a very imposing plant, and then the interior of the Church, both upstairs and down, was gone over, changed, reworked, and made beautiful so that one would hardly recognize in this beautiful new Church the old Church at all. And they did not start out to do all this. Step by step as the work progressed and the new demand arose, the people arose to meet it, and they have been great enough to do a really great work. The cost of the work, \$17,500, has been provided for in cash and two-year pledges.

At Chestertown we have what we constantly think of as a new Church. It is true that the walls on either side are the old walls, and yet on the day of Dedication Bishop McDowell insisted that something had been done even to them, that they had been changed and pushed out and this great audience room made wider as well as longer, but nothing much other than these side walls remains of the old building. The day after the present pastor reached the town he began it by having his son, an architect of distinction, look the building over for possible changes both from the standpoint of modern Church work and that of beauty. This architect with the soul of an artist planned a Church that was a dream of beauty that captured the imagination and love of the people. They practically gave him right of way and backed his dream with their money until it has become a reality. Great pillars give a magnificent approach to the Church; a large two-story addition in the rear for the social and teaching work of the Church has been so arranged that the whole structure forms a unit on larger, more graceful lines than before; and the Colonial scheme has been carried throughout the whole building so that the entire Church is beautiful in a quiet and grand simplicity. I shall attempt no description of it. Not only would no one recognize the old Church in this new Church, but scarcely would one credit any true description of it. We are hoping that the whole Conference may see it and enjoy it at our next session. The cost of this work was \$65,000 at the time of dedication—every dollar of which was pledged on that day. Since then \$3,000 have been added, and I am told that the amount will be \$70,000 by the time the work shall all have been completed.

In addition to new work the Churches have labored to raise money for work done in other years. At Cecilton the heroic and sacrificing struggle goes on and the pastor is reporting \$3,400 paid on the Community House indebtedness this year. This makes a total of \$10,600 raised by this indefatigable pastor and his great-hearted people in three years, and the debt is reduced from \$14,000 to \$3,400. You talk about works and the patience and faith of the saints of God—here, I say, you may see them. Kenton has raised, with great sacrifice and splendid persistence, \$1,175 on indebtedness. Galena reports, \$500; Queenstown, \$425; Bayside, \$335; other churches, smaller amounts, making a total for new and old work this year of \$116,844. And I submit to you now that any Church that can do that is not a dying Church, it is not a weak Church. I am proud not because our Church has done this, but because it can do it. A Church that has the strength and the courage and the faith, that has the spirit, to do what Rock Hall has done this year, or Centreville, or Chestertown, or any one of a dozen Churches I might name—what might not that Church do for the Kingdom!

Thoughtful and Purposeful.

2. Passing, now, to another line of activity, it seems to me that the work of the Church indicates a more thoughtful and purposeful spirit in the Church. This is most apparent in the teaching work of the Church. I do not subscribe to much of the criticism of the Sunday School so freely expressed these days on every hand. I owe too much to the Sunday School myself and am too grateful to speak over critically of it. But we all know how we have gotten along in the Sunday School work in the past—as best we could, because it had to be done and we believed in it, but hardly knew how to do it, taking any one to do it that we could get, keeping them just as long as we could, having no definite, well developed system about it, but pretty shiftless and careless from any educational standards whatever.

I want to say that that is not the attitude of the Church to-day toward this work at all. I do not know that we are doing it any better than our parents did it, but we are at least trying to learn to do it, we are giving more time and real effort toward it, and taking it more seriously. Three Standard Training Schools have been held on the District this year—at Denton, and Chestertown, and Easton—with an enrollment of 294. These with the 13 who went to the Dickinson Summer School make a total of 307 in training for the teaching work of the Church on the District. Out of the 42 charges, only 8 failed to send any one to these training schools. That is indicative of the wide interest and the real purpose of the Church in the work of teaching.

Then, not all the teaching work has been done on Sunday this year. Seven Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been held on the District—at Crumpton, Greensboro, Templeville on Marydel Charge, Still Pond, Suddlersville, Tilghman Island, and Townsend. These schools represent the work of some 48 teachers—only five of whom were paid, the rest volun-

teering their services—giving the mornings of five days a week for 18 weeks for the religious instruction of 501 children. If any one thinks that does not constitute real work that one has not done much teaching. And yet it was delightful work because of the eagerness of the children. In one of these schools some little youngsters rather than miss the school on Monday morning teased to be allowed to pick the strawberries for market on Sunday afternoon, and they did get up early enough on Monday morning to go over the patch and get to the Church in time for the opening exercises. At the present time three very fine Week Day Schools of Religious Instruction are in operation—at Galena, Millington, and Cordova. 219 are enrolled in these schools. These are children of Methodist homes, of course, and also Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Methodist Church, South, Methodist Protestant, Lutheran, Seventh Day Adventist, Catholic, and at Millington 22 registered as having never gone to Sunday School at all. The children are released from the Public School (at the request of their parents) for one hour a week to go to Church for this work that has been passed upon with highest praise by the County Board of Education—at least, this is so of the Galena and Millington Schools. I cannot speak too highly of the trained leader in this work, Miss Elsley, the Director of Religious Education of the Sudlersville Group of Churches, or of these Churches who are employing her on their own responsibility, with the splendid help of our Board of Home Missions, and giving voluntarily the money for her support and for these schools that I have mentioned. All that goes to show how serious and determined is the spirit of the Church about this great work.

I should like to say that this same spirit is in evidence in the preaching work of the District. Far be it from me to say that my preachers are doing better work than the preachers used to do. But I do say that they are giving time and thought and making the effort to find out how to do their work. They are attending the Standard Training Schools and going from one school to another in their eagerness to get in the work. Some 17 attended the very fine interdenominational School for Rural Ministers held at Washington College last summer. Three of the preachers serving charges on my District are taking the regular work at Washington College, one of whom will graduate this spring. Dr. Wells Wilson, formerly of this Peninsula and a member of this Conference, in his semi-centennial address before the New York East Conference, declared that when he joined the Wilmington Conference fifty years ago only six or eight of the members of the Conference were College graduates. At the present time of the ministers just on my District, 24 are graduates of College or Seminary or have had from one to two years of College work. Of the 14 supply pastors (and two of these are brethren filling in because of changes during the year at points served by members of the Conference), there is not a one but is ordained either in our own or in some other Church, either as a member of the Conference or as a local preacher, or who is asking for admission into the Conference or is taking the course of study for local ordination. I put it to you now that that indicates pretty definitely

a real and serious purpose to learn how to do the work of a minister and to do it as it should be done.

I might say that something of this same purposeful spirit is manifesting itself in the business management of the Church—not as much, however, as I should like to see by any means. But more and more we are becoming tired of the loose way the Church is carried on, impatient at the deficits at the end of the Conference year that take away from the joy and the dignity of our Lord's service. More Churches are reporting the every member canvass and more are thinking and talking and wanting something to be done about this. And something can be done. When stewards and trustees and other officials give something of the same intelligence and consecration to their work of financing the Church that the Church is demanding of its teaching and its preaching work, the Church will cease to be a spectacle before men and angels, as it so often is, begging and bartering for its very existence in the world. It is not right. This is great work. I do not care where you touch it, any part of the work of the Church is great work. We believe in it. We honestly believe that it is the greatest work in the world. Then we ought to do it. We ought to give time and thought and care and love to it, and learn how to do it, and do it as it should be done. Please God, the Church can do it if we have the spirit to do it.

Kindly and Generous.

3. And, now, I want to report to you that the Church this year has again proved that it has a big, kindly, generous heart. We do not believe in talking about any one, I know, but to talk harshly and unkindly above a great hearted person whose thought and time are largely given to helping others, why that is nothing short of "scandalizing," as the negro spiritual puts it. I think that if the general public knew the vast amount of work the Church is doing, not for itself at all, but for others, for those with whom it has no contact, and of whom but little if any knowledge, doing it just out of sheer pity and goodness and love, surely many of the small and mean things that are said about the Church would not be said, they just could not be spoken at all.

Year after year this work goes on through the benevolences, as we call them, and I am frank to confess that we do not always feel benevolent as we speak of these collections of the Church, simply because we do not understand them. They are rightly named, however, for they do represent the benevolent heart of the Church. And it never fails. The season may be poor, as this one has been for a large part of our territory, but the giving goes on. It is fairly amazing but you can depend upon it. I think it will not vary much this year from last. I shall not name all these causes, of course, great as they are and worthy to be called up before us. But I do want to say that a majority of charges are reporting payments on the Conference Claimant Endowment. And on World Service some 10 charges are reporting decreases, 13 report the same as last year, and 19 an increase over the giving of last year. So far as I can esti-

mate the amount, it will be very nearly the same as it was last year. That would indicate a fairly stable point, one somewhat near the giving we might depend upon. And while it is not so much as it was in 1923, at the very peak of the great Centenary outburst of passion and enthusiasm, it still is quite a bit more than double what we were giving just ten years ago.

Only those who have had to do with this giving know just how big and fine and heroic is the heart of the Church in it all. It has not come easy—as many of you pastors well know, and some of you laymen, too. It is not because our people have plenty of money and are quick and easy to give it away. It is because they have a spirit that is great in love and faith, a spirit that I am proud of and for which I thank God. Take just one Church—Smyrna, giving \$2,886 for World Service. A few years ago we raised the cry, “As much for others as for ourselves.” Well, Smyrna is almost giving as much for World Service as that, and with the other collections she is giving as much, and more than half as much again. And Smyrna has been doing that these years. Time and again this people have faced this large amount and thought they could not do it and have been almost ready to say that they would not do it, but they have faced the need of the world and faced the Christ who gave all for the world and they have found that they just couldn’t fail to do it. And they have done it. Nobody has made them do it. That is, nobody but a great hearted pastor who lives close to the Christ and loves the world and would break his heart for his Church—he has brought his people and the world and Christ together again and again. And they couldn’t stand that. Nobody has made them. They made themselves do it. They have been big enough and Christ-like enough to do it again this year. And other Churches that I might name, for they are just like this Church, and I love them for it—they have done it. Thank God for them, I say. The hope of the world is in the great, pitiful, kindly, loving heart of the Church.

Eager to Save.

4. Once more I want to report to you that the Church still has the warmth and eagerness of love to save. It does not have as glowing and burning a heart as I should like to see. Sometimes I am afraid I haven’t that myself, and sometimes I know that I haven’t. But the love, the eagerness to save are still there.

Almost every charge reports evangelistic efforts of some kind and many with very gracious results. Queenstown reports 66 conversions; Wye Mills, 55; Easton, 52; Cecilton, 50; Smyrna, 48; Concord, 46; Tilghman Island, 40; Rock Hall, 27; Bozman and Neavitt, 25; Crumpton, 24; Kent Island and St. Michaels, 20 each; Greensboro, 17; Centreville, 15; Fairlee and Sudlersville, 14 each; Pomona, 11; Burrsville, 10; and other Churches, smaller numbers, making a total for the District of 610.

It is not, however, upon these results alone that I base my judgment of the spirit of the Church. We have had this matter of evangelism before us in the Church throughout the entire year. We have had to do it.

Our Bishop would not let us forget it. Very carefully I have watched the Church and I have had some opportunity for observation, and I say to you that I believe the Church is ready for this work. All over my District I have carried those two dreadful conclusions that Bishop Henderson gave us at the Area Conference last summer as a result of his study of the Church as Secretary of the Committee on Evangelism for the Board of Bishops: First, “The failure of evangelism must be absolutely laid at the door of the preacher,” and, then, “It is too evident that we are trying to evangelize the unevangelized community outside the Church through a largely unevangelized community in the Church.” No one has said to me, “You have knocked us pretty hard in that, I don’t like that sore of thing, I don’t believe it.” No one, preacher or layman, so far as I know, has gotten mad. Faces have been eager, eyes glistening, and I think I can say that the people have heard me gladly on that.

And so I say that the Church is ready, but the Church hardly knows what to do. Times have changed. Old methods that we know and have long used have failed us. The very heart has gone out of our evangelistic enterprise because the people believe before it begins that it will not amount to anything. You say that they have always believed that. I say that year after year it does not amount to anything and yet we think we must do the same old things notwithstanding. Personally, I am getting pretty near desperate. I am willing for any one to tell me what to do. I am willing to try new methods or old methods, to do anything to save souls for Jesus Christ. And I say to you, my Brothers in the Ministry, that I believe when you and I are ready and willing to learn and will lead our people in something that will work, they will follow us in this matter of saving souls as they have never followed us in any other work of the Kingdom. The love is there and the yearning desire. You can trust the heart of the Church. May He kindle it to a glowing flame in us all!

Divine and Eternal.

Now that is something of the life and spirit of the Church as I have read and interpreted that life in the work of the Church this year. It is a life that I am proud of and I am glad to have shared it for another year. I am very grateful to God for the pleasantness of our life together in His Church this year and rejoice with you, my Brothers of the District, in whatever little contribution we may have made not only to the work but to the life of the Church. That life is dearer and more precious to me to-day than ever. There is a subtle quality I feel in it increasingly that enhances its worth beyond all words. So many have wrought with us in this blessed work and lived this life together with us and they have slipped away from us into the life that is eternal. I think of them to-day and their presence is fresh upon me, I think of those that have left us this year—the sweet spirited Harry Reed; cultured, brotherly Pilchard; Chairs, ever clear and vigorous in his faith; Sister Nutter, so friendly of spirit and eager and capable in service; gentle, patient Sister Hoffecker; Sister Wilson, active and energetic; and Sisters Gardner and White; I think

of them and the life we lived together has a sweet fragrance about it that is not of earth, and something of the life that is theirs now comes down and touches this life, and I feel the divine and eternal in it as never before.

I would not take my place among the critics of the Church for I love it and I think there is nothing like this dear life of God's Church anywhere in the wide world, but I want to say to you, in closing my report upon the life of the Church, that there, just there, as I see it, is the great need of the Church. So many are criticizing the Church and finding everything at fault in it and telling us so many things that should be done about it. May I be allowed to say, out of my love and admiration and confidence in the Church, that—and it has come to me with ever new force and clearness this year—what the Church needs is the divine and the eternal in her life. That is the need. That is the trouble. And that is the remedy. Nothing else very greatly matters but that. The Church must have a life and spirit that are not of earth and man, but of God and Heaven. Take this life of the Church revealed in the work of this year, that is so strong and vigorous, that is so resolutely seeking to qualify and train definitely for its work, that is so big and rich and kindly in all pity and love, that is so eager and yearning in its desire to save, and let Jesus Christ make it His life, so that His Spirit will be the spirit of the Church and the life of the Church be His Life, and the Church, and I do not think now just of my District or alone of my own beloved Church, and the Church will save the world and bring in the Kingdom of God. At times this year it seems to me that I have almost heard Him say: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." God give the Church this power of His Spirit!

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

E. H. DASHIELL, District Superintendent.

Foundations are important things. They cannot be ignored without peril—yea, without catastrophe. When laid broadly, deeply, powerfully, they indicate that something enduring is to be reared. Upon nothing, perhaps, did Jesus more strongly insist. The striking climax of His sermon on the mount immortalizes this truth: "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will like him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock." In the work of this District we have sought to strengthen foundations, and make secure the glorious walls of God's spiritual Temple.

As Methodists, all we are set to do is foundational and our activities come under three heads:

1. Truth.

Truth can never be disregarded because man takes on the character of his beliefs. The truths we hold are revealed—hence Bible truths; many are constitutional, hence disciplinary; all, so far as I know or history discloses, are practical, preachable, and powerful. The Church, as "the pillar and ground of the truth," makes this confession: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." These truths our preachers preach and our people believe. They are the foundations of faith, laid long ago by other hands than ours, and on which we confidently build today for the men of tomorrow.

2. Life.

Jesus Christ gave Himself for "the life of the world" not alone for its natural, but for its divine life: its life in and with God. Our District, drawing near to this Source of life, has to report:

(1) **A warm spirit of evangelism**, that makes use of every God-honored method to reach its objectives. Bishop McDowell performed a splendid service in bringing to our District Conference moving messages of his own, and Dr. Guy H. Black to re-emphasize the old and effective house to house visitation. Several preachers put on local campaigns such as he recommends—most of them, however, in conjunction with nightly mass appeal. Whatever they believed would help has been adopted. At Salisbury there was held, through Dr. Croft's suggestion, a united tabernacle meeting led by Dr. George Wood Anderson. It was largely attended, took strong hold on the people, and our churches received not a few converts. The work of salvation has thus gone on with at least fifteen hundred conversions, and outstanding revivals as follows: Smith's Island, 40; Somerset, 43; Whitesville, 44; Tangier, 50; Powellville, 55; Roxana, 65; Grace (Salisbury), 90; Fairmount, 93; Bishopville, 129; Chincoteague, 150; Asbury (Salisbury), 200. The gains of the District have been substantial and genuine, but the work of pruning by Committees on Records—some of it legitimate, but much of it because they believe apportionments are based on membership—has largely if not entirely absorbed them.

(2) **Teaching the Young.** The supreme importance of this Methodism has always recognized, but a decade ago we awoke to realize that our children were receiving little more than twenty-four hours of religious training per year. That fact aroused the Church, and a wide campaign for better and more intensive instruction was inaugurated. Few great movements are perfect, but, as a constructive program, this is achieving

vast good. The training of teachers, informing and inspiring childhood, with the introduction of the best Sunday School methods, are bearing rich fruit. Standard Training Schools have been held at Salisbury, Snow Hill, Cape Charles—with various phases of the work in operation at other points. Delmar, unable to regularly transport all who desired to study, organized a school of its own, with an enrollment of over 90. Brother Lindhorst is efficient, resourceful, indefatigable, and merits fullest support.

(3) Experience. My grandfather first impressed me with what Methodists call religious experience. Venerable, dignified, strong, with the countenance of a saint, he "walked with God," leaving on me an ineffable impression of what is meant to "fellowship with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ." For this Methodism has stood, and I trust will always stand. This is its peculiar mark of distinction—its crown and glory—and certain things promote it:

a. Sound Conversion. Our preachers know the experience themselves, and lead others to it. Conversions of decision, depth and power characterize their revivals. The days of transformed hearts by the Spirit of God have not passed.

b. Class Meetings. My own Christian life was nurtured in a Class Meeting, and I have regularly and encouragingly spoken of these opportunities for confession, reproof, witnessing, prayer and inspiration. Properly conducted, they bring the soul close to God. Some laugh their seriousness away, and dismiss the whole subject with the light remark: "The Church does not have Class Meetings any more." That attitude has changed among us, and their utility is admitted. Fifty-nine churches on the District conduct them in organized form, and there are easily eighty Classes in operation. New ones have recently been projected, and are doing well.

c. Worship. Character is given public worship by the spirit of it. Methodist assemblies are not loose, disjointed crowds, pandering to incoherent expression and unrestrained noise. They are orderly approaches to God, with impressive spiritual music, and manifestations of divine presence. Some worship dignifies religion, enriches the world, and creates in the individual that form of life of which we have spoken—Christian experience. Salisbury District seeks to maintain this high level—hence no organization within its limits exceeds, or equals, the influence of Methodism.

3. Service.

Christ was "the Servant of Jehovah," and, in that office and spirit, laid down His life. All God's plans are designed to serve. Service is a word around which angels circle and sing—how much more the Church, whose life is amid the naked need, and cry, of lost men?

Our foremost means of service is the ministry. But how can ministers serve as they should unless furnished for the task?

a. In their living. This is still, and can never be other than, foundational. God has made it so, and man cannot change it. In time to come this will be recognized, and the present situation regarded much as we regard our finances of a hundred years ago. The cross will never lift from a true minister, but this particular cross God evidently does not intend he shall carry. The words of Christ are strictly to the point: "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Any effort to secure proper support for ministers is by some considered mercenary. To them we commend these words, in which are both principle and terminology of labor and reward as known to the business world. For four years we pushed hard in this field, and, though far short of the ideal, are gratified with results. But at the last Conference we felt this particular matter should now be left so that the District may become adjusted in its new program. Therefore, this year only such advances as have come without pressing are recorded: Bishopville, \$100; Gumboro, \$100; Selbyville, \$150; Mt. Vernon, \$200; Sharptown, \$200; aggregating, \$750.

I shall now project a proposition intimately related to ministerial support, not on this District alone but throughout the Conference. It will not be adopted at once, and will arouse opposition. But the more the Church considers it the more its justice will appear. The proposition is this: Every charge ought to furnish its pastor a car and a reasonable amount of fuel. Automobiles, as such, as not longer luxuries, but necessities. Were they not indispensable to their work a large majority of preachers could not, and would not, have them. The churches ought to appreciate that they are bought and operated for their benefit, and be glad to contribute to their purchase. Let our thinking laymen discuss this, for the more it is discussed the more kindly they will feel toward it. Bishopville is heartily commended as leader in this matter on our own District.

b. Church Buildings and Equipment. How can the carpenter or mason work without tools, and how can the minister work without equipment adequate to his task? Reports show increasing appreciation of this throughout the denomination. A Bureau of Architecture, with our own building experts, bears eloquent testimony to this awakening. Salisbury District is active in this field. Asbury (Crisfield) proceeds, with almost unrivaled devotion, to replace its Temple destroyed by fire three years ago. It has paid in cash this year, directly on the project, more than \$20,000; and, when \$10,000. more are in hand, will be in as good financial condition as when the former Church burned. Asbury (Salisbury) is erecting an \$80,000. Sunday School Building and Community Hall. Its corner-stone was laid March 18th, with Dr. B. M. Johns as speaker. The walls are rapidly rising. Three-fifths of its cost are in hand in cash, and the remainder covered by subscription. Immanuel (Crisfield) has reduced the debt on its splendid Community House by approximately \$6000. cash. Deal's Island has built a commodious and well-appointed Community House, and has completed paying for it this year. Parsonsburg has built a Community Hall costing \$3,500., and all is paid except \$400. Powell-

ville has enlarged and beautified two of its churches at a cost of \$3,625., all cash. Sharptown is remaking its church at a probable expenditure of \$15,000; its entire constituency is enthused; and its property, when completed, will be one of the most beautiful of its kind south of Wilmington. Other improvements, the extent of which are indicated by amounts expended, follow: Dagsboro and St. Georges, \$50; Pocomoke City, \$60; Mardela, \$108; Hebron, \$125; Marion, \$100; Snow Hill, \$200; St. Peters, \$200; Chincoteague, \$200; Quantico, \$342; Onancock, \$250; Berlin, \$344; Princess Anne, \$366; Whitesville, \$350; White Haven, \$500; Pittsville, \$400; Cape Charles, \$500; Mt. Vernon, \$500; Selbyville, \$500; Delmar, \$550; Ocean View, \$600; Newark, \$775; Smith's Island, \$1150; Bishopville, \$900; Tangier, \$817; Fruitland, \$1200; Stockton, \$1200.

Perhaps fifteen thousand dollars of debt have been cancelled.

c. **World-Service**, on which depends the life of the nations so far as it is affected by Methodism, has received marked attention. Nothing has been left undone to have our District contribute its proper quota. The preachers have loved, reasoned, persuaded, and bravely met opposition, that they might place their vial of frankincense at the Master's feet. If ever men have striven more nobly against discouragement and rebuff I have not witnessed it. In our tide-water sections, for instance, the sea food industry failed and most true people suffered keen financial loss—yet our preachers, refusing to accept defeat, have so stated, argued, defended and plead this sacred claim, that, against all human expectation, they have emerged victorious. In spite of some heavy deductions, for which the preachers were not responsible, the District has, with its specials, registered an advance of a thousand dollars or more, \$2000. of these specials are from Berlin. True, the central office refuses regular credit for special gifts—nevertheless, the fact remains that the District has actually contributed for world redemption far more than last year. I have only pity for the professing Christian who is not moved by this appeal. Are we thrilled to stand beneath Titus' Triumphal Arch in the old Forum at Rome, and listen across centuries to the measured tramp of the legions of that proud Republic? That is nothing—a fading figment of the imagination, a gossamer web of memory, that throws momentary glamor over crumbling stone and the passing glory of man. No permanence is there. Would you really stand in the presence of the eternal? Then draw near to this door opened by the Church—a door over whose wide-arched portal is written in letters of light: **WORLD-SERVICE!** Here is a door through which offering and influence may be felt in every nation; through that door Christian soldiers have filed to holy conquest; through that door spiritual torch-bearers have gone to illuminate heathen darkness; through that door Christian florists have carried the rose, the chrysanthemum, and the lily, that sterility and barrenness might be transformed into the Garden of God; through that door the bleeding Christ has gone, that He may walk the crowded ways that know Him not, and heal the putrid sores that await His touch. Shall, then, a servant hesitate at a threshold across which his Master so patiently beckons?

A little news sheet called "The Messenger," edited and managed by

Revs. O. A. Bartlett and H. S. Dulany, has been started and has approximately 2000 paid subscribers.

The Epworth Leagues, under the Presidency of Mr. John Howie, have had another splendid year.

Our Women's organizations are doing their usual dependable work. No praise of them can be too high. Always forward in good deeds, they systematically register for Christ. At a Quarterly Conference this year one of the Aids reported over five hundred visits to the sick. Looking after parsonages is not all they do. They are persistently searching for Him who was once sick, in prison, and in need—that they may clothe Him and bind up His wounded feet.

Again I must refer to my "yoke-fellows" in the Gospel—true, splendid, Christly men. Like builders on an ascending wall, each with mortar and trowel, they incessantly labor to complete the Temple. I could not succeed without them and value beyond words their confidence, co-operation and love. May God reward them in the great Kingdom so soon to come!

Nor must I fail to open my heart concerning our laymen. They are a fine lot! Greater courtesy could not be shown than they have accorded and are according me. In the delicate work of the Church, they have adopted my suggestions and accepted my nominations, often without question. The Board of District Stewards are gentlemen in the extreme, and are making my Superintendency more efficient by their splendid support. Just as this report is being closed tidings come that a prince among them—Senator Orlando Harrison of Berlin—has slipped away to heaven. I have no time to say more than that he was a lovable character, influential in Church and State, and will be sorely missed. What privilege, what honor, when earth's work is done, to join the aristocracy of the skies!—those who pass on from the delightful fellowships of labor here.

What Christians are and are doing are the foundations of heaven; and, spiritually, are as wonderful as the magnificent stones seen by John. "The foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones." These are the things with which we are dealing, upon which we are working. Can any man work carelessly? Can he neglect, or intentionally strike a false blow, when every pick of his chisel takes on the thrilling importance of a stroke for eternity?

"The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died."

Therefore, let us love the Church—as He did—and give ourselves for it—as He did—that we may share with him when it shall be presented to God without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Amen.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

J. W. COLONA, District Superintendent.

It is with keen pleasure that we join with the Pastor and officials of this great Church in extending a welcome to the Wilmington Annual Conference to hold its sixtieth session in the City of Wilmington and in Union Church. Dr. J. A. Leach and his good people have been exceedingly solicitous to make every possible provision for the comfort and convenience of the members not only of the ministerial body but of the Lay Electoral Conference as well. May we, both ministers and laymen, be much in prayer in the midst of these necessarily busy days that this session may be a great blessing to this church and city.

To bring this my fifty annual report of the life and activities of the fifty-one Charges on the Wilmington District to this Conference Session is a responsibility, pleasure and honor. My chief fear is that I may not be able to do justice to the churches and pastors, who have labored together so faithfully, especially in view of the demand for brevity.

Brother J. M. Collins, Mrs. Carrie V. Quigg and Mrs. Mary J. Bolton have departed this life this Conference year. Suitable memoirs will be presented to the Conference.

Pastoral Support.

Without any special appeal the following Charges have increased their pastoral support by the following amounts: Perryville, \$200; Holly Oak, \$400; Rising Sun, \$100; Hopewell, \$100; Cherry Hill, \$100; Hockessin, \$100; Marshallton, \$300; Stanton, \$650; Richardson Park, \$260; Brack-Ex, \$100; total increase, \$2300. The total increase for the last five years is, \$13,710. Cookman and Grace have each officially decided to increase next year \$500 and \$200 respectively.

Activities of District Organizations.

The various church agencies over the District have more than lived up to their former records respectively as shown in the fruits of their labors together. The Ladies Aid Societies together with kindred organizations have raised and disbursed for the maintenance of the parsonages and other objectives the total sum of \$26,060.

The reports of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies show that they have raised and disbursed for their work in the foreign fields the total amount of \$9649. The seventeen Societies of the Woman's Home Missionary Society report having raised and disbursed for their work in our own country \$7116. The magnitude and scope of the good works these faithful women of the Church are doing for the betterment of their communities and also the world at large is indeed amazing.

Our Epworth Leagues, both Senior and Junior, are functioning effectively in devotional services, social fellowship, religious education and works of mercy. The annual Convention was held in Madeley Church May 20th, and an Institute for religious instruction was conducted in

Harrison Street Church each night for a week in February. Our young people are ever alert to accept a challenge to do something that is really worth while for the good of others. Let us thank God for their interest, their loyal spirit, their willingness to labor and sacrifice for the promotion of the work of His Church.

Buildings and Improvements.

The one outstanding building project is the new annex to our Church at Claymont. The rapid and consistent growth of the Sunday School during the recent years had made imperative more adequate provision of facilities for religious education. Accordingly, the pastor together with his officials and the help of the Architectural Department of the Board of Home Missions planned the structure more than a year ago. Ground was broken March 31st, last. The corner stone was laid Sunday, June 26th, and the completed building was dedicated Sunday, November 13th, by the writer assisted by the Pastor, H. B. Kelso, and Dr. W. F. Corkran, who delivered the sermon at the morning service and conducted the financial campaign for the day, and Brother G. W. Townsend, a former Pastor. The building is constructed of Brandywine granite and supplies 18 rooms including an assembly room with seating capacity of 300 as facilities for religious education of the growing hosts of young people. The total cost of the unit is \$26,300, \$9,000 of which have been raised and paid.

While in the midst of erecting the new unit to the Church, the officials became impressed that their parsonage, as it was then, from the standpoint of comfort and architecture, would not be in keeping with their Church. Accordingly, at a cost of \$4000, they completely renovated the home of their Pastor so that now they have in their entire plant adequate provision for their growing needs for years to come.

The auditorium of Holly Oak Church has been enlarged so as to double its former capacity at a cost of \$2200. At the reopening services on Sunday, November 13th, more than enough money was raised in cash and subscriptions to liquidate the entire cost by time of this Conference session. This means another advance in this rapidly developing work.

The exterior of Brandywine Church has been resurfaced with brown stone at a cost of \$4938, making the Church, from the standpoint of architectural beauty and durability, one of the most impressive in the Conference. The entire cost of these improvements has been raised and paid in full this Conference year, and this is the happy climax of the ten-years pastorate of Brother W. E. Greenfield at Brandywine. There have been few, if any, pastorates in the history of the Wilmington Conference that will equal this in time of service and fruits. The reports for the ten years show that the Church has advanced in salary of Pastor from \$1200 to \$2400 as officially decided upon for the next year, raised \$26,816 for improvements to the property, \$104,704 for all purposes, and received 400 accessions into the membership of the Church. The two contributing causes that have made possible these fine results have been faithful pastoral leadership and a loyal cooperating Church.

The officials of Eastlake Church have purchased the dwelling immediately to the north of the Church at a cost of \$10,000. The purpose of securing this building is to provide more facilities for the work of the rapidly growing Sunday School and to secure more room for the enlargement of their Church plant as will be needed in the near future.

One of the most attractive auditoriums on the District now is that of our Church at St. Georges. New floorings, ceilings, lights, together with other improvements have served to put the Church in a very attractive condition for worship and an inspiration for activities. The total expense incident to the improvement is \$2094.

A new heating plant has been installed in Kingswood Church and the interior of the Sunday School room redecorated at a cost of \$1200, and this good work has been done by the faithful young people of that Church.

Madeley Church and Parsonage have undergone repairs including painting among other improvements and the auditorium of the Church is now being made more attractive for worship by putting in new hard wood floors and making improvements to the ceilings at a total cost of \$2527.

The interior of our Church at Port Deposit has been completely renovated at a cost of \$6232. The officials of Grace Church have made changes to the interior of their Church House so as to provide more room for their ever increasing social functions at a cost of \$7000.

McCabe Church has spent on improvements, \$2000; Newark, \$864; Hillcrest, \$1000; Mt. Lebanon, \$776; Elkton, \$4000; Delaware City, \$1200; total disbursed, for all improvements, is \$43,362.

\$21,369 have been paid on old debts this Conference year.

Plans and specifications have already been adopted for a new Church House to be erected at Perryville to provide facilities for the growing needs of the young people for social life and religious education. This is to be a gift of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Cole to their Church. It is also the answer to the hopes and prayers of the Pastor, L. M. Broadway.

Benevolences.

The one item that has held supreme place in our plans and programs for benevolences is what we call World Service. The real meaning of this significant expression in our Church life is our service to the whole world through the eight great benevolent enterprises of our Church.

We are inclined to believe that there is yet an abiding failure on the part of many of our people to fully understand the motives, spirit and sense of obligation that should move the Church to this great service.

It is indeed quite evident to one who travels among the churches that all too many of our people look upon these good works as hard and irksome tasks and, consequently, entertain a spirit of unwillingness to support them. If only we could have our eyes opened to see the truth as Paul did when he said to the Romans: "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise"; if we could feel the moving power involved in the logic of an interpretation of the above statement of the Apostle by Bishop McDowell in a recent sermon

when he said, "Having received gifts from anybody puts us under obligation to everybody"; if all of our people could get a vision of that truth and be brought under the power of the consequent obligation it should beget in them as Christians and American citizens, World Service offerings would not decrease but increase equal to the world needs.

However, while there have been no special programs put on this year by the general Church to stimulate our people to the support of World Service as formerly, our pastors have presented faithfully these claims of Christ and the Church to their congregation. The tentative reports received from the pastors to date indicate that there are just a few churches that will not quite equal the amounts they gave last year, while there are several other churches that will exceed the amounts they contributed a year ago. The pastors of those churches not reaching last year's record have no doubt been just as faithful as those who will advance. Our total contribution as a District to World Service last year, including the gifts to special work, was \$45,186.00, which amount was slightly in excess of the amount the District gave in 1924, and showing that the Wilmington District has maintained its giving to these causes well, though we all should admit that we could and ought to be doing much better. The reports indicate, so far as can be foreshadowed at this time, that the District will equal its offering of last year on apportionment and possibly make some advance.

All of our Conference benevolences and many others, such as the Near East, the Strawbridge Home for Boys, and the Anti-Saloon League, are being supported generously by our churches.

Evangelism.

The work of presenting the claims of Jesus Christ to men, women and young people, and, by tender persuasion, secure their acceptance of those claims and successfully inducing people to surrender all of their life to Him as their Lord and Master is the greatest task, the highest privilege and at once the most glorious and serious responsibility committed to men. And yet that is precisely the task that our Lord has entrusted supremely to the ministry of His Church. Raising the benevolences, performing the various duties involved in the varied activities of the Church as an institution, even the great work of religious education, are all incidental and secondary to the one great mission of the Church, which "Is to make disciples of all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." The salvation of souls from sin through Jesus Christ our Lord and Master is the supreme business of the Christian Church, and so of our Church. The passion to save souls was supreme in early Methodism. Let us not barter away our birthright.

With a vision of this, our supreme duty, as a consuming passion, our pastors have preached the Word and labored in faith in every way possible to win souls and lives for Him. At our joint District meeting at Middletown in October the method of Home Visitation Evangelism was presented by Guy Black as a way to reach the unconverted and many of our pastors

have pursued that way with much success. Others have conducted special series of services and have won many to Christ and the Church. Every known method has been employed to introduce men and women to Jesus Christ and to help them become acquainted with Him. The reports show 1114 having been received into the Churches of the District as Full Members and 593 as Preparatory Members.

Wilmington City Missions.

The Wilmington City Missionary Society has been functioning this year in its ministries to the children in the four centers at Sixth Avenue, Wesley, Asbury, Kingswood. Six workers are employed at full time service and in varied activities ministering to the physical, social, intellectual and moral life of the youth of these sections of the City. The total program, outlined by the late Dr. Forsyth, is being carried on by our Society, together with the Board of Home Missions. Dr. M. P. Burns, who is in charge of the Board's work in the Cities of America, has accepted an invitation to be present at this Conference Saturday morning of this week to give an expression of the meaning of this kind of Missionary work among the children in down-town sections of our cities to the members of this Conference in the hope that our churches may be led to feel a sense of their duty and obligation to give larger support to this greatly needed work in our midst so as to make it possible to go forward with the total program not only next year but permanently. Dr. G. T. Alderson, our Corresponding Secretary, will render the detailed report to this Conference.

Elk Neck.

Elk Neck Charge, consisting of two churches, Wesley and Hart's Chapels, located west of the Elk river in Cecil County, Md., had been closed for several years when I was appointed to the District. As I became acquainted with the situation I felt that those churches ought to be reopened for religious services in some way and that this should be done because it was the distinct responsibility of the Methodist Episcopal Church to serve these communities. However, for various reasons, the attempt to start the work again was necessarily delayed. On Memorial Day, last year, together with Brother W. E. Greenfield, a former Pastor, and Dr. J. W. Easley, we visited the churches to investigate the possibility of immediately reopening the work. We found the people anxious to cooperate. Dr. Easley accepted the privilege offered him by the District Superintendent and assumed charge immediately as Pastor. He has reorganized the work in a very fine way. The churches have repaired and refurbished their parsonage and are ready to welcome their new Pastor.

Just before we visited the churches in May, Captain Washington Foster, formerly of Wesley and recently deceased, left in his will his entire estate as a Trust Fund to the Trustees of the Wilmington Conference to be invested by the Conference Trustees and the annual interest therefrom to be applied toward the support of a Pastor for Elk Neck Charge. While the estate is not yet settled, we are assured that there will be about

\$14,000. Assuming that we will have an income of \$700 annually as interest from the Trust Fund, the two churches are pledging \$500 additional, making a salary of \$1200 for the next Conference year.

Religious Education.

The work of religious education has been conducted with vision, vigor and effectiveness by our Conference Director, Brother F. A. Lindhorst, and the Pastors over the District. Two Standard Teacher Training Schools have been held, one at Elkton and one at Wilmington, with enrollments far in excess of any schools held previously in those places. Ten Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held in the summer with a total enrollment of just about 1000 children, Elkton and Silverbrook leading in numbers with 165 and 150 respectively. Furthermore, there is an evident increasing alertness among the churches to provide larger facilities for more effective instruction, a growing willingness among our young people to receive the needed training so as to increase their efficiency in the work of teaching, and a decided tendency to readjust the Sunday School organizations so as to adapt them to better work.

Good-Will Industries.

The Good-Will Industries have passed beyond the experimental stage. These institutions are rendering real service to the poor and needy in our cities in ways and amounts that are amazing. Dr. J. H. Beauchamp, the Superintendent of the Wilmington Good-Will Industries, reports that 3,990 effective calls were made which resulted in gathering 4,100 bags of clothing, shoes, etc., and 325 pieces of furniture. From these materials 328,000 hours of labor were furnished, and 15,000 customers were served. From these sales \$8453.26 were received, with donations and membership fees amounting to \$2186.77, making the income for the year reach the gratifying total of \$10,640.03. Dr. Beauchamp will present to the Conference the detailed report.

The Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home.

The Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home is managed and supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Wilmington Conference. The reports of the work of the Home show another very successful year. Needed improvements have been made to the property. Four workers are employed at a salary of \$35.00 and keep per month for each. The utmost capacity of the Home is taxed with children representing eight nationalities seeking instruction in Sunday School and other forms of activities. A new center of work has been started in South Wilmington with an enrollment of 114 children, representing ninety-eight families and seven nationalities. The Home is located at 307 West Street, and Miss Irene Worrell is the Superintendent.

Conference Claimants.

The cause of our Conference Claimants has had its proper place in our programs this year. The indications are that there will be another

advance on the District in the regular offerings to Conference Claimants. Twenty-eight of our Charges report Claimant Endowment Fund amounting in total to \$4650. Our Treasurer, G. P. Jones, will present the detailed report for the District. It is our judgment that the latter cause should be taken care of with more enthusiasm by the entire Conference next Conference year.

Law Enforcement.

We have not been indifferent as to our duty as a Church toward certain deplorable social conditions existing among us. The action that became necessary in order to eliminate the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church from even seeming to be a partner by implication in the "Marrying Business" as carried on in Elkton, Md., was taken last summer and was sustained, as the public well knows, by the Courts of Cecil County, Md. The hope is entertained that the next Legislature of Maryland will enact such laws as will make impossible such further abuses of the sacred institution of marriage. Through the agency of our Wilmington Preachers' meeting, we have sought by cooperation with our Governor, Attorney General and other authorities to secure a more loyal observance of the Holy Sabbath Day according to the Laws of the State. It hardly needs to be said over again that the Methodist Episcopal Church stands here, as everywhere else, for those moral and social standards among us that make for a better order and, therefore, as in the past, so we do and will continue to uphold the Eighteenth Amendment to our Constitution, and insist on the enforcement of the same to the full extent of our influence and power. The Methodist Episcopal Church is committed to that as a part of her national and world task.

With gratitude to my Heavenly Father for health and the privilege of a place to work in His Church, I beg to submit this brief report of the life and activities of the Wilmington District in this the Sixtieth Session of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

(b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

EDUCATION.

Methodists root religion in experience. Both religion and experience are complex in their nature. Religion involves the whole life of man—his physical activity, his thoughts, his emotions, his decisions, his conduct. These find expression in customs, beliefs and ceremonies. While Methodism has a place for creeds, beliefs, forms and ceremonies, it places emphasis upon a man's experience of the presence of God in his thought and life. Faith in God, the feeling of absolute dependence upon Him for life, forgiveness and immortality, and the willingness to cooperate with Him in the conservation and increase of values are basic elements of religious experience. Methodism stands for and teaches by precept and example this right personal relationship with God which was so clearly revealed in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

The Educational institutions of our great Church have as their task the cultivation of the capacities of the student for the expression of his experience. It is not given to them, nor is it to be expected of them, to create religious experience. We must not seek to place all the blame upon the church institutions for the apparent lack of vital religious experience on the part of the young people of today. The most important factors in education are the pupils and the teachers, and to these teachers comes the privilege of strengthening the convictions, heightening the aspirations, clarifying the visions of the unfolding lives of a whole generation of young people who are just coming into their own. But it still remains as the task of the home and the church the cultivation of that vital contact of the human with the divine, which is fundamental in religious experience. Like Nehemiah of old, the teacher's task in the school room is the strengthening of the wall, the foundation of which has already been laid in the earlier religious education of the individual. He is "doing a great work" by building the intellectual superstructure, which rests upon the moral and religious basis we call Christian character; "He cannot come down."

Education and social welfare are vitally related. Those who seek to reconstruct society on a permanent basis will do well to consider the present tendencies in education among which the following may be noted:

(1) Health Education.

There is a new emphasis upon health education, especially since the World War. The whole world was startled by the announcement that twenty-nine per cent. of our drafted men were unfit for military duty because of physical ailments contracted in times of peace. The effect of this announcement will be seen in a modified curriculum in our schools

and colleges; in playgrounds, gymnasiums, professional play directors; in free dental and medical clinics and visiting nurses; in school cafeterias and pure-food markets, etc. It seems that we have set out to produce a race of men and women who are physically capable of sustaining the institutions of a democratic people.

(2) Industrial and Vocational Education.

The movement in this direction had gained great headway before the great war. Now it is going forward with renewed energy. The war called forth the development of applied science in the interests of both the production and the destruction of property. The devastated world is now to be rebuilt; a hungry world is to be fed; world commerce is to be re-established. All this demands skilled labor. The schools are responding to the demand. Institutes of technology have doubled their capacity and elementary schools have increased their vocational electives. Boys and girls in the seventh grades are encouraged to elect their studies in the interest of their future vocation. In the high school they are met by a largely increased group of popular vocational electives.

In this craze for vocational and industrial efficiency which exists today we face a real danger. A citizen in a democracy needs to be an intelligent voter as well as a skilled artisan. We shall not have industrial peace until every citizen enjoys a satisfying portion of all the good things which are found in civilization, among which are knowledge, music and literature. And the schools of today are committed to the purpose of getting the people ready to sustain an industrial democracy.

(3) Social Education.

Perhaps the most profound tendency which may be noted in the schools is that of a socialized curriculum. It is evident that a people individually trained can not sustain the social institutions of a democracy. The very essence of a democracy is cooperation and the prime requisite of cooperation is like-mindedness or a common understanding. There has been a time when the physical sciences were the important elements in the curricula of our schools. Students of the past century were taught about "things," but little or nothing about persons. They were compelled to learn about the stars, the crust of the earth, the flowers by the roadside, and the animals in their midst. Is it any wonder that we are in the midst of social unrest with no solvent for our social problems?

The schools are accepting the challenge of the times, however, by the introduction into the curricula of the social sciences—sociology, ethics, psychology, history, economics, and government. Through education in the social sciences the people of today are safeguarded from the treachery of the political demagogue and the destructive influence of the professional social agitator. A longer period of school attendance is being urged to meet the demands of our present complex social order.

Education is the most effective agency, perhaps, used by a democracy to indoctrinate the people with the will of the majority. A democracy

involves the rule of the common mind; in a level of conduct which is safe for the world, established by the will of the people in a democracy, the individual must conform. The person who does not order his life on the level of the common good is summarily punished.

The Christian Church believes that the universal mind of Christ is the only level of conduct which will be safe for the world, and it proceeds systematically to indoctrinate the minds of all men with the standards, ideals and personal experiences of Jesus Christ in the interest of a permanent brotherhood of man. The Church must also take an active interest in the development of the social program of the schools.

(4) Religious Education.

The democratic state has not yet established the organization which will conserve and perpetuate the moral and spiritual achievements of the race, or guarantee that the citizenship of the future will be dominated by the highest moral and spiritual ideals. Democracy must learn how to make intelligence and righteousness co-extensive. It is the task of religious education to motivate conduct in terms of a religious ideal of life. The facts and experiences of life must be interfused with religious meaning. In a democracy the common facts, attitudes and ideals given as a basis of common action must be surcharged with religious interpretation. Spiritual significance and God-consciousness must attach to the entire conduct of the secular curriculum.

The Church cannot ask the state to teach religion. But unless some system of religious education can be created which will pick up the curriculum of the public school and give it meaning in terms of religion, there is a great danger that our system of secular schools will be naturalistic and materialistic in theory and practice, and that the direction of social development will be determined by a secular state rather than by the spiritual forces represented by the Church.

The church colleges and schools of today are giving more and more attention to the demands for religiously educated teachers who alone can carry on the vast program of the Church in this materialistic age. They are recognizing the fact that it is one thing to teach people who have had some scientific education, and quite another thing to teach those who have not had such experience and education. Our theological seminaries and church colleges are urging and encouraging men to prepare themselves for the teaching work of the church with an earnestness that is worthy of commendation. Real spiritual leadership for the future is assured because of the insight and devotion of those who are responsible for the development of such leadership—the teachers in our church colleges and schools.

There seems to be an unwarranted attitude of suspicion, distrust and unrest on the part of some parents and pastors towards the teachers in our church schools and colleges. Some persons go so far as to make attacks upon certain men, who, in their judgment, are undermining the Christian faith and weakening the fundamental positions of Methodism. While the

purpose in much of this adverse criticism may be sound and sincere, the method and spirit of it is anything but Christ-like. And, indeed, it is the conviction of this committee that much of this opposition is based upon either a misunderstanding of the facts concerning these members of the faculties or else a lack of appreciation of their task. We desire, therefore, to express our faith and confidence in the integrity, scholarship and religious experience of these teachers who are engaged in the work of developing the intellectual capacities of the young people whom we send to them for instruction. We express also the conviction that the young person who has had a real, vital religious experience will not be "carried about with divers and strange doctrines" or beliefs, whether these may come from the teachers or his fellow students. Religious experience is something more than a mere emotional outburst which occurs upon some special occasion and often under great and unusual pressure; therefore, one who has had it will not be "tossed to and fro, carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things which is the head, even Christ."

The educational institutions patronized by our Wilmington Conference territory and named in this report have on their faculties those teachers, and have in executive and administrative offices men who are trustworthy and responsible. Consequently, we urge that the confidence of this Conference in these teachers and officers be expressed in the sending of our young people to them for instruction and personal enrichment, in order that greater service to the world and to the Kingdom of God may be assured.

Wesley Collegiate Institute.
Dickinson College.
Drew University.
Boston University School of Theology.
Boston University School of Religious Education and Social Service.
Garrett Biblical Institute.
Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School.
American University.
Morgan College.
Princess Anne Academy.
Wesleyan University.
Ohio Wesleyan University.

CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The work of the Wilmington Conference Education Society is confined to giving financial assistance to young people of our church who are preparing themselves for full time Christian service; and particularly to giving financial help to young men who are preparing themselves for the Christian ministry, either at home or in foreign fields.

Loans to young men who serve in our conference for five years are thereby automatically canceled. Loans to those who do not enter our Conference become an interest-bearing debt until paid in cash.

For the present school year we are helping two young men in The American University College of Liberal Arts; two in the Ohio Wesleyan University; one in Dickinson College; two in Drew Theological Seminary—one a member of our Conference, and the other a Chinese preparing for work in his home land; and seven in The Wesley Collegiate Institute; a total of 14.

Our fund for distribution has been greatly diminished in the last few years caused by the decrease in the offerings of the Church for World Service. In 1923 we received from the Board of Education, \$1054.44. For the year beginning July, 1927, we were informed that we would receive but \$500.00. Except for loans returned and for the interest on some invested funds we would be crippled indeed.

May we suggest to our people of wealth that here is a field where surplus cash can be invested to great advantage for our Lord's work. The Rev. James Riddle, a Local Preacher of this city years ago, set a good example for other men of means by creating a fund, the proceeds of which furnishes two scholarships of \$200 each for two young men in Drew Theological Seminary.

A few such funds furnishing scholarships in our Wesley Collegiate Institute or in other of our church schools would pay large dividends in Christian leadership for many years.

No finer use can be made of capital than to use it in training consecrated and creative brains for service in the building of the Kingdom that is to endure forever.

EVANGELISM.

The Task of the Church.

The supreme work of the church is that of winning men for Christ. In the words of the dying Lyman Beecher, "It is not Theology. It is not controversy. It is to save souls." Or in the language of our great Methodist poet—

"O that I could all invite
This saving truth to prove,
Show the length and breadth and height
And depth of Jesus' love.
Fain I would to sinners show
The blood by faith alone applied.
Only Jesus would I know,
And Jesus crucified."

All other matters, however important, should be relegated to a lower place, and this first thing should be set first.

The Greatness of the Task.

We do not, perhaps, realize how great a work the Church is called to do. We are accustomed to repeat, rather glibly, it may be, the words of Wesley, "The world is my parish." We say, often, that the world is growing smaller because of the development of the means of communication and transportation. In reality, however, the world is increasing, at least in the size of its population, at a tremendous rate.

In the days of Christ, when His disciples first received their great Commission, there may not have been more than 75,000,000 people in the whole world. In the days of John Wesley, who set the feet of his followers in the world path, there may have been only about 700,000,000. Today there are more than 1,700,000,000. Our task is stupendously greater than in the days of Christ or Wesley.

The spiritual conquests of the Church are not keeping pace with the increase of the people.

The population of the world is increasing at the rate of about 10 million per year. The Protestant Churches of the world have increased in membership about 400,000 a year during the past ten years. This means that the world increase is beating the increase of the Church at the rate of twenty-five to one. In order barely to keep abreast of the world increase we need to win twenty-five times as many souls for Christ as we do. This does not take into account the thousand millions of people who are alive today, outside the pale of the Church, who are without Christ.

E. Stanley Jones in his recently published book, "Christ at the Round Table," states that he has held round table conferences among the high-caste Hindus far and wide in India, and that he has not found one of all India's three hundred millions who could say that his religion had brought him salvation or helped him to find God. The non-Christian religions do not save their devotees, themselves being witnesses. In all the earth there is no Saviour but Christ. He is the desire of the nations and the hope of the world. If we do not carry His Gospel to the ends of the earth in this single generation, a thousand millions of immortal souls will slip through our fingers and be lost beyond hope or remedy.

The Weakness of Our Present Efforts.

Even in this Gospel land, most favored of all the earth, the increase of population is beating the increase of the Protestant Churches more than three to one, the increase of other churches called Christian being proportionately small.

In a recent report, by their secretary, to the Men's Church League in New York City, the statement was made that of 34,000 churches of various Protestant denominations examined 11,000 did not report a single conversion last year. If the same ratio holds good for all the Protestant Churches in America, then there are 60,000 out of a total of 200,000 churches that failed to bring a single convert into the Christian faith last year.

In our own Conference, last year, thirty per cent. of the charges of the whole Conference reported not a single convert; thirty-five per cent. reported less than ten conversions each. In other words, sixty-five per cent. of all our Charges reported less than ten converts or none at all. This year there is an increase of only six probationers over last year throughout the whole Conference. If we are to keep abreast of a world increase in population, and at the same time make a decisive impression on the thousand millions of non-Christians now living, we shall need to win fifty souls for Christ where now we are winning only one.

So far are very many of our church members from doing even one fiftieth of the work which God is calling us to do that we fear, they have no real experience of salvation in their own souls. Either they have lost the saving knowledge of the truth which they once possessed or they never were born again.

The worldliness and Sabbath-breaking prevalent among many church members, the slow death of the classmeeting, the dearth of genuine revivals, the paralysis of soul-winning power, the lack of interest and support in missionary work, are symptoms of a deep-seated derangement of the very vitals of the Church that will be slow and hard to cure, and that may destroy not only our activity and usefulness but also our very being.

Again, E. Stanley Jones declares: "At the time of the most amazing prosperity that the world has ever seen, the American Churches are spending more and more on themselves and less and less to sustain that thin line of representatives standing on the frontiers of human need. The fact is that the line is actually being starved. A process of de-Christianization has set in while the world demands Christ."

The Remedy.

This ought not so to be. It need not be. There is atoning virtue in the Blood of Christ to avail for every sinner upon earth. There is such Omnipotent and universal power in the Spirit of God that He could bring every sinner of every nation to repentance and the joy of a soul new born in one single day of mighty revelation. There are enough human agents now on earth if they would but answer the challenge of the world and the call of God to reap the harvest that hangs ripe and ready over all the continents.

If there could be found, among the 170,000,000 of the Protestant Faith, no more than fifty millions of genuine Christians who would consecrate themselves to the work of winning only one soul in each year for Christ, and could so impart their passion for the lost to the souls they win that they also would win one for Christ, in SIX years only the whole world would be won. The last sinner would be saved and we could keep the seventh year as a year of Jubilee, in which, from nations all redeemed, the universal shout might ascend to heaven: "The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever."

STATE OF THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

Jesus conceived his mission to be the establishment of His Father's will on earth and that is the mission of the Church. In order to realize the will of God in human society we must put the principles and teachings of the life of Jesus into every day practice. Lest form preempt essence and less doctrine fail to find expression in life, the Committee on the State of the Church and Social Service would call to your attention some opportunities for practical Christian living.

Industry.

The Church must increasingly give itself to the perfection of a social order in which there will be labor for all, a living wage for that labor, unemployment insurance and old age and widow's pensions. The state, the employer and the employee should cooperate to bring these results to pass. And these results can never be realized until all the human factors in production shall be motivated by service rather than profit.

Race Relations and Peace.

Jesus commissioned: "Love thy neighbor as thyself." For our day we believe this commandment to mean, first, better relationship between the races of men based upon a desire to understand each other and to cooperate in producing the abundant life for all; secondly, that war is at variance with the spirit of Jesus; therefore, we must advocate, vote and pray for a warless world. We voice our deep conviction that our nation shall make no military gesture through increasing our army and navy, and that through international agreements we outlaw war. We protest against compulsory military training in colleges and any form of military training in public schools. We call upon the editor of our Sunday School literature, the editors of our Advocates and upon ministers everywhere to uphold the standard of peace and brotherhood among nations.

Sunday.

We would remind our people that one of the largest investments they have to make is that of time, and that a proper division of this investment is essential to their entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven. Play, work and worship should be so combined as to produce a happy and fruitful Christian life. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad" and "Work for the night is coming," are all phases of Christ's Gospel.

Prohibition.

Prohibition has demonstrated its worth as a social experiment. That it may be increasingly effective we believe greater emphasis should be placed upon the educative process in combating present phases of this evil and in electing to office only those men who will enforce the law.

"Methodist Federation of Social Service."

That our ministers may be better informed concerning these and other phases of moral and social reform we recommend membership in the "Methodist Federation of Social Service," with the reading of the "Information Service of the Federal Council of Churches" which accompanies such membership.

Leadership.

We are glad to notice signs of increased interest in the application of the gospel to social problems, and we believe the hour has come when ministers should give themselves to a leadership that undertakes to initiate a world whose standard of action is what Jesus would do under similar circumstances.

WORLD SERVICE.

World Service is a commanding caption under which the Methodist Episcopal Church may corral its spiritual and material forces for the conquest of the nations of the earth, and thus may be fulfilled His command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." This it must do in order to be true to the Spirit and vision of its founders. Methodism is an offspring of Abraham, to whom God said, "I will bless thee—and thou shalt be a blessing." For meekness and humanity there has never been the equal of Jesus Christ; but for His Kingdom He was imperial. Its borders must extend to the uttermost parts of the Earth, and comprehend all peoples. Epworth parish could not satisfy the spiritualized dreams of John Wesley—so the world became his field.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is a corporation in the United States. Our Lord exhorts this Church in the present day, as much as He did the twelve disciples in their day, "Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness." This statement finds elucidation in the verse, immediately preceding: "The Children of this world are in this generation wiser than the Children of light." It is the pride and profit of our great American corporations to draw their raw material from and send their products to the ends of the earth. Rubber companies have plantations in the oriental tropics; motor concerns build eighty-five per cent. of the automobiles in the world and their wheels roll in all climes; oil companies pump petroleum out of the wells of Soviet Russia and sell gas to mystical India. Big business is everywhere. A corporation that does not spread over the United States, and send its lines out into the entire world is not in class with big things. By means of World Service our Church could be an agency of charity as well as salvation, and take position with the Red Cross and Salvation Army in the tender mission of relief and unremitting war against disease.

The phrase "World Service" has come in for criticism. 'Tis said it sounds like a governmental proposition. That is more of a compliment than a censure, "for the government shall be upon His shoulders." Others say it savours of militarism. What of it? Ours is a militant Church: "Am I a soldier of the cross, a follower of the Lamb?" or am I a fault-finder and slacker? Its size, its task, its purpose, and its accomplishments challenge the best in us. A great deal of agitation is carried forward for changing legislation. To which it may be said that a machine is not made for the repair shop but for service on the road. Too much tinkering is tragic. The Church has had enough of consolidations and centralizations. Some minor adjustments are always necessary in every organization and are helpful, but in a major operation we see nothing but hurt.

Every Board is worthy of the highest praise. Each has its problems and claims. Three of these Boards have been compelled to carry additional loads this year and must continue to carry on for an indefinite period. The social and political revolution in China has meant a loss of property, confusion of thought, and some halt in that field. Did not the same conditions obtain in American during the Revolutionary War? The Church that shall be dominant in the Orient a century hence is the one that stays there now. Rushing waters made a waste in Vermont like that of No-Man's Land. The Father of Waters overflowed and continued to overflow his banks until towns, fields and almost states were deluged. The Methodist Church was there in the Board of Home Missions; there to look after our property rights and denominational interests and to cooperate with every agency of mercy. The work of reconstruction would warrant larger giving to both major Boards. The Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals must deal with another flood which is more destructive than the overflowing Mississippi. Its work of education, agitation and influence on legislation are incalculable. It is our watchman in the National Capital. In this age of a scurrilous press, moralless movies, bloody prize fights, and Tammany politics that watchman must be sustained.

World Service afford us an opportunity "To save the present age"; and the future generations. Paul is still living: though dead yet speaketh.

We have observed with regret the drop in World Service contributions. We rejoice that in the Wilmington Conference the retreat has halted. May it be lifted into a great victory. How may this be obtained?

1. By Education. Multitudes of our people still fail to understand the scope of the work done, and the needs that clamor for attention. The Epworth League and Church Schools are means by which a trained membership may be developed. If one sermon is not sufficient, the pastor should make another presentation. The good Book is not ashamed to repeat its treasured truths.

2. Stewardship. All members of our Church have promised to contribute to the support of the Gospel, and the various benevolent enterprises of the Church. Paragraph seventy-one of our Discipline outlines a scriptural method whereby that vow may be redeemed.

3. Sacrificial Giving. No enterprise in the Kingdom of God can permanently survive without sacrifice of self and possessions. Our faith and Church organizations are foundationed on this kind of support. "We use the cross for a symbol, but observe not the broken bones and blood upon it." Our luxuries should be at the foot of the Cross. The rich and poor must give in this spirit. Then shall the Kingdom come, and we shall behold the Glory of the Lord.

THANKS.

As we come to the closing moments of this, the Sixtieth Session of our Conference, we desire to give public expression of our gratitude to all who have contributed in any way to our comfort, happiness, and inspiration. We wish to record in special manner our thanks:

To the Pastor and officials of Union Church, in which we have found shelter and entertainment, for their unfailing courtesy and kindly consideration of the physical needs of the Conference.

To the organist and choir for their splendid leadership in the singing of the great congregation, and their special renditions.

To West Presbyterian Church for its Christian brotherliness in offering to us the use of church, which offer was gratefully accepted. Also to Harrison Street M. E. Church, in which the Boys Conference was held.

To the newspapers of Wilmington for their voluminous and accurate reports of the Conference proceedings.

To the leaders of our great Church who have brought to us during the week the message of information and inspiration, filling our minds with needed facts and our hearts with new zeal for honest and holy endeavor in the work of the Kingdom. In this connection, may we not thank God for certain "high spots" during the Conference; namely, the evenings with Bishops Birney and Henderson, the sermon of Dr. Stephenson that so touched our hearts, and the services of Sunday afternoon that thrilled our souls to their depths, and the presentation of Retired men at morning session.

To our beloved Bishop McDowell, whose gracious personality, absolute fairness and impartiality, and more than brotherly spirit, have again been brought to our attention as he has presided over the sessions of the Conference; as he has brought to us the messages in the morning devotions, and in the sermon of the Sabbath day, the bonds of our affection have been drawn the tighter.

May God continue to bless and keep him and bring him back to us for four more years of service and blessed association.

To our Heavenly Father, whose manifestation of Himself during all the days of the Conference has been very vivid (for this has been a truly spiritual Conference), we return our thanks out of full hearts and go back to our various charges with the firm conviction, "it was good to be here."

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth Leagues of the Conference have been enjoying one of the best years in the history of their organization. This department of the Church in the Wilmington Conference is a living Institution and all the more alive when the Pastor is a lover of young people. Our young people long for the opportunity of self expression. The Epworth League is the authorized channel of the Church for that opportunity.

During the year District Conventions have been held with record attendance. A most delightful Winter Institute was a feature of the organized City Leagues at Harrison St. Church. This was entirely under the control and leadership of the District Officers. Too much cannot be said for the magnificent work of these consecrated young people.

The Summer Institute at Dover continues to be the big feature of Epworth League work for the Conference. More than two hundred of the finest young people of the Conference territory enjoyed the Institute last year. Nine of these consecrated themselves for life service and are now in school preparing themselves for the great opportunities that the Church is offering.

We hope the Pastors of the Conference will not take too seriously the thought that we are catering only to the high school group. Some of our most delightful results have been with the older group, among them our own Wright, Baker, Branford, Hufnal, Spence and Milbury, who are now working in the Master's vineyard. Fifty-nine are either in the field working or preparing themselves for work in our very best institutions. Some of the leading laymen of our Conference are living monuments of the visions received at the Institute.

The Conference Board of Epworth Leagues is entirely self supporting, asking or receiving no money from the Conference. We feel justified in asking for the full support and heartiest co-operation of every Pastor in sending us their young people who will honestly represent them at the Institute and thus be enabled to represent the Institute on their return home.

This year the Institute will be held July 7-14, with a faculty and program that has not been surpassed. The very low terms for the week remains at Ten Dollars, including registration and board. The names of prospective students for the Institute will be appreciated by Brother Sterling, Bridgeville, Del., that he may send such literature as will interest them.

The Board continues to offer their services free of charge to any of the ministers who may need them to promote this important work throughout the Conference. The Board desires to thank you for your very generous support and co-operation.

CHURCH SCHOOLS.

"Train up a child in the way he should go," is a wise admonition that has been called into the ears of many generations, and points to a duty ever present with all persons who have the care of young immortals.

From the lips of our divine Lord fell the moral axiom, "If the blind guide the blind, both shall fall into a pit." And Dr. Luke of New Testament times wrote a treatise known as "The Gospel according to Luke," his purpose being, according to his introduction, "It seemed good to me—to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus; that thou mightest know the certainty concerning the things wherein thou wast instructed." "Instruction" that we may not be blind; training joined to instruction that we may safely lead "the most excellent Theophilus," together with his sisters and brothers, into the whole truth concerning the Christ, the mighty to save. This is the task set the Conference Board of Church Schools. If our children and young people are to be instructed in the truths of our holy religion, and trained in the divine art of expressing these truths in conduct, we must have teachers who are both instructed and trained for this great work. In polite society we seek an introduction to a stranger through a mutual friend. It was Andrew, who having become acquainted with Jesus of Nazareth, "findeth first his own brother, Simon, and saith unto him, 'We have found the Messiah. And he brought him to Jesus.'" The first essential for a Sunday school teacher is personal acquaintance with Jesus. Then he should have a working knowledge of the one Book that contains the story of his wonderful life, a life that was masterful yet brotherly and sacrificial. And to all of this he must add the knowledge of the best lines of approach to the mind that he may gain attention, produce conviction and win acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior.

To impart this knowledge and to secure this training for the teachers of our Sunday schools is the objective of this Board. Far from our thought is it to substitute education for conversion. Rather, we are trying to obey our Lord when He said, "Disciple all nations—teaching them."

And through the wisely directed efforts of our Conference Director of Religious Education, Rev. Frank A. Lindhorst, we believe we are succeeding in our task in some measure. In the thirteen Standard Teacher Training Schools promoted and supervised by Brother Lindhorst during the conference year now closing, 1500 and more persons have taken the different courses offered, thus seeking to inform and train themselves for the work of teaching.

As contributory to the work of our Teacher Training Schools, through the cooperation of the Home Missionary Society, we have given several of our conference communities demonstrations of Daily Vacation Bible Schools by trained workers. While these short term vacation schools are far short of what we need they are a step in the right direction—a beginning of what we do need.

A group of churches on the Middletown District with Sudlersville as a center have been trying out the possibilities of good in a local director of religious education. Here Miss Margaret L. Ilsley, a graduate of Boston University in Religious Education, has been doing a piece of demonstration work along primary lines that is full of promise for the future. This work is financed largely by the Churches served. Any group of churches

that is willing to pay the price can have similar work done under the supervision of Mr. Lindhorst.

While our work is constantly enlarging, increasing our expenses and making greater demands upon the time and strength of our Director of Religious Education, we ask the Conference for only the same amount as last year, \$3600, to be apportioned to the several charges by the District Superintendents according to their judgment.

We also ask of our presiding Bishop, that the Rev. Frank A. Lindhorst be continued as the Director of Religious Education for our Conference.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Bishop McDowell and Brethren of the Conference:

This, our Fourth Annual Report, is submitted to you in two parts, the first being statistical in character and will not be read, but included in the minutes. We read to you the second part.

We consider the aim of all Religious Education to center in the child with Christ-like character as the goal. The church is rapidly seeing the importance of dealing with YOUNG LIFE if this goal is to be reached. Our program of Religious Education for this Conference, therefore, has been centering upon certain channels through which we have hoped to make possible the realization of this aim in the lives of our people.

Sunday Session of the Church School.

The first of these channels is the Sunday session of the Church School, commonly known as the Sunday School. This organization in our Conference reaches a larger number of pupils than any other phase of the church's work. With 346 schools and an enrollment of 57,620, we have here an opportunity of Religious Education which we should not slight; but, on the other hand, should strengthen in every way possible. Our Sunday Schools are not what they should be. The last Conference Minutes show an average attendance of 27,865 or 48%. No public school would consider that it was doing adequate work on this percentage of attendance. The time of the Sunday session is too often taken up with irrelevant matters. Many classes become social gatherings. Officers and teachers are too frequently unprepared and thus there is a lack of interest on the part of the scholars in what is done. Our buildings are inadequate. Too often the program is weak and many of our leaders are untrained. We believe, therefore, that much attention should be given to this institution already set up in the church for religious training and that its program should be strengthened at every point.

Progress is slow. We have many traditions to overcome; yet, in the main, we have a consecrated group of workers which cannot be duplicated in any other organization of the church to such a degree as we find them

in the Sunday School. Neglect the School of the Church, and the Church, itself, weakens; weaken the Church of the Kingdom, and the progress of Christian development is retarded. We have given, therefore, considerable emphasis to the visitation of our Church Schools for the purpose of study of local situations, of making suggestions for improvement, and following up with help in carrying out the program.

In these visitations, we have stressed (1) Proper gradation of the Schools, recognizing each age group. (2) Proper curriculum. We should take care in our schools not only to use our own literature, but to use the correct pieces of literature for each age group. The number of churches adopting our own literature and discontinuing independent publishing houses' literature are increasing constantly. We would use Methodist literature not simply because it is Methodist but because it is the best literature to be secured in the field. Our boys and girls are worthy of the best. (3) We have further stressed proper organization of the schools. (4) Adequate records. We have been grieved to find that many of our schools do not even have a list by classes of the boys and girls who attend. They do not know how regularly or irregularly the scholars have attended their school. They accept what comes and give little thought to those who do not. Many of our schools are improving their record systems and carefully checking their irregular scholars and working to keep them coming regularly, with very satisfying results. (5) We have sought to strengthen the worship program, all too weak in most instances. (6) To encourage trained leadership. (7) To create an interest on the part of the whole church in the total program of Religious Education in their local church and in the Conference at large. (8) We have stressed Missionary Education. (9) Temperance Education. (10) A more adequate program of Home Religion. Forty-five Charges have been visited for one or more of these purposes, one or more times during the year. We are happy to report a steady improvement in our Sunday School program, both in the understanding of aims and purpose of their work, the handling of proper materials, the introduction of better teaching methods, and a more adequately trained and consecrated leadership.

Where the local situation has warranted it, and we have felt the demand, a week-end institute has been held for the local church. Two or three such institutes are now planned to be held between now and June.

The second main emphasis in an attempt to strengthen the local Sunday School session has been upon the departmental program. Just as it is important that boys and girls be divided by age groups for teaching so it is likewise important that they be divided for worship. Among the departments recently developed with the Elementary groups are those at Millington and Dover. Grace, Wilmington; Greensboro, Maryland; Still Pond, Betterton; and McCabe, Wilmington, have developed new Young People's Departments for the Intermediate group, and Mt. Salem has launched an Adult Department program. Only so can the real worship needs of the various age groups be met, and we look forward to the day when our church equipment will be such as will permit a more thorough program by departments.

Week Day Schools of Religion.

The second channel through which we hope to reach our aim is the Week Day School of Religion. This is an effort on the part of our church to secure more time for the teaching of religion. Secular studies received in the public school need a religious interpretation and an accompaniment of religious teaching. Pupils need to feel that religion is a daily matter and as much a part of their training as is arithmetic and grammar. The Week Day School of Religion on public school time is a most excellent opportunity to meet these needs. Progress again is slow. Our public school authorities are cautious. They are very anxious that the curriculum and leadership shall measure up to the public school standards and rightly so; but we find them willing, in most cases, to go ahead when we can show them our curriculum and leadership is on a par with that of the public school. People in our local communities must be convinced to the "pocket-book stage" and adequate leadership must be provided for this forward step.

Two such schools under the leadership of Miss Margaret Ilsley in the Sudlersville group of churches are a demonstration to our whole Conference of what can be done in this way. In the Millington School 87 pupils are enrolled, 22 of whom are not members of any Sunday School. Other churches have been carrying on an after-school program which is better than none, but we should work toward the ideal of making the religious school a part of the public school day. Several communities are considering the establishment of Week Day Schools this coming year. There is a need at the present time for a trained leadership in our Conference who will not only stimulate our communities to holding such schools, but who will supervise the schools that are held. Week Day Schools should be increased in number but not until they can be set up on a standard basis with adequately trained leadership. We are building foundations. We must not set the wrong precedence in this work, which might have to be overcome later on. Let us move steadily but soundly.

Vacation Church Schools.

Closely related to the Week Day School movement is the attempt in the vacation period to hold religious schools known as Daily Vacation Church Schools. This movement is somewhat more popular and has had a more rapid growth. The results show that it is a most effective way of establishing character traits in the lives of our boys and girls. In the four-year period just passed, our schools have increased from thirteen, four years ago, to twenty-eight last year. Twenty-six of the twenty-eight schools reported 2,348 pupils. There was a total of 21 scholars who were not members of any Sunday School. These schools employed 44 paid workers and 225 volunteered their time in this work. The schools ranged in cost from \$14.75 to \$250.00. The average attendance for all of the schools was 73%. When we compare this with the 48% of our Sunday Schools, we immediately are shown the interest which parents and children take in this type of school.

Our program this year was strengthened by three specially trained workers being furnished to us by the Board of Home Missions. These workers did an outstanding piece of work in these schools. Three institutes for training leaders were held in the Conference territory preceding the Vacation School period. Our program for this coming summer includes the training of a larger group of local Conference leadership for this work. We trust that more and more churches will recognize the value of this type of school and will put forth an effort to hold them.

Adequate Church Buildings.

We are delighted to note the increasing interest on the part of our churches in an improved church building, making more adequate arrangement for teaching and departmental worship.

We call your attention to the need of building churches that can adequately house a **balanced** program. Social halls are good as far as they go, but the social life of the church is only one phase. We should build for the total program of worship, instruction, and recreation. Many times, by a little more careful planning, additional phases of the program can be cared for without additional expense. Our churches should be built to be churchly. They should remind us when we approach them that they are houses of God. They should be adequately arranged with solid partitions, large hallways, and other recognized characteristics of present-day church buildings. Many gross mistakes may be prevented by consulting our Bureau of Architecture. Let us build not for today but for the next century.

Advance Campaign.

The advance campaign has been an effort on the part of our Board to encourage the churches to move forward in their Religious Education program. A part of our churches have taken advantage of this opportunity. Reports from this have come in too late to record them in this statement. The standing of the churches will be published in the Religious Education Bulletin.

Leadership Training.

A recent letter from a friend who has spent many years in Sunday School work closes with this sentence—"More and more does it come home that the problem of building churches and Sunday Schools is the problem of getting the right leadership." Realizing that a trained leadership is the crux of the program of our whole work, we have spent our chief emphasis in this direction. Our Standard Training Schools have grown in four years from two with 148 registrations to thirteen last year with a total registration of 1,540. The increasing interest in this movement is shown by the fact that whereas there were 21 charges having registration in schools the previous Conference year who did not have registrations this year, there are 34 charges this year having registrations

in these schools who did not have registrations in the previous Conference year. In other words, we have had a net gain of 13 charges entering registrations in the schools this year. In addition to this, 15 local classes have been held with a total enrollment of 268, and 44 from this Conference went to the Dickinson Summer School of Religious Education last summer, making a grand total of students in the training program this year of 1,852. Approximately 1,100 credits in the Standard Training Course have been earned by this group. We are deeply indebted to the 21 persons who have served as faculty members in these local Conference Schools.

We call your attention to the fact that in our ten-year program submitted three years ago, we set as our goal a total registration in Standard Training School work of 2,000. We believe that we will reach that goal before the ten-year period is up. We see the growth of this movement in the following ways. (1) In fields not yet adequately reached with schools and classes, these being chiefly the isolated sections of the Conference. (2) Many more local churches will hold classes and some will hold schools for the good of their local group. The fact that anyone who is a graduate of high school or has an equivalent training, providing they submit an approved syllabus, may not only teach, but give their own examinations in local church classes, should encourage a number of our churches to hold these classes. (3) Some centers will come to not only one but perhaps two schools a year. Such a plan is being considered for the city of Wilmington—the second school to be set up cooperatively with other denominations.

Summer School of Religious Education.

This Conference has been sending an increasing number of students to Dickinson Summer School of Religious Education each year. It has had an increasingly large Training School student group. There has been a definite demand on the part of many of our people for a local School of Religious Education held on the peninsula each summer. Why go 150 miles or more when we can have such a school on our own peninsula? Therefore, our Conference Board together with the Chicago Board of Church Schools has proceeded in the making of plans authorized by you in the last Conference session to set up a Summer School of Religious Education this summer at Dover, Delaware, using the Institute buildings. The value of two weeks (July 23 to August 3) of training for our older young people and adults cannot be estimated. With the Epworth League Institute providing a training center for boys and girls of high school age, and our Summer School of Religious Education planned especially for those of fourth year high school and above, we can look forward to a summer of training which should be outstanding in the history of the Conference.

A faculty of trained specialists is being planned. Many interesting and worthwhile features will be introduced into the school. The registration fee will be \$6.00. If the total number registered reaches 125, \$1.00

will be refunded to each one paying \$6.00. Any church registering as many as six or more students in the school, will be able to register them at \$5.00 each regardless of the total number registered in the school. Board and room will cost \$11.00 for the two weeks. We believe this is an outstanding opportunity for the people of the peninsula. Members of other churches than our own will probably be in the school, recognizing the uniqueness of such a school being close at home. We would recommend to this Conference that the Epworth League Institute and the Summer School of Religious Education should be the center of their attention during the summer months this year, and that our pastors and Sunday School superintendent and all others interested in the development of an adequate leadership for their local churches should begin at once to line up their young people and others of more mature years for registration in these training opportunities. Every effort is being put forth to make these training centers worth while. They deserve a wholehearted cooperation on the part of every member of this Conference.

Larger Parish Plan.

One type of the larger parish plan of organization for rural churches was launched in this Conference a year ago last January. The coming of Miss Margaret Ilsley to the Sudlersville group of churches has provided for these churches and their constituency a type of program which could not have been done without such a plan. Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues have been stimulated and their programs developed in quality; Week Day Schools have been launched and Vacation Schools held; and the whole program of Religious Education in this group of churches considerably improved. In addition to this, Miss Ilsley has rendered an unusual service to the Conference at large through Training Schools, Institutes, and conferences, in behalf of the elementary work. You men fully realize the dearth of leadership in our rural sections. Few individual rural churches could ever hope to have a trained, prepared leadership in the field of Religious Education as can our larger city churches, but that leadership and its advantages can be brought to the small church through such a plan as has been launched in the Sudlersville group. We, therefore, recommend to this Conference that it take definite action approving and commending the larger parish plan of organization for rural churches.

At least one such worker as we have in Miss Ilsley with the Sudlersville group, with relationships to the Conference at large, should be in every District of the Conference. One man, alone, has promised us \$1,000 toward the employment of such a worker in one specific locality of the Conference territory. We are hoping that the local field will sufficiently respond to accept this offer and we will soon have a second such experiment.

Finances.

For this Religious Education program in this Conference, our churches gave last year a few over \$2,600.00. Our Chicago Board for the gen-

eral budget, for Vacation School and Leadership Training work, subsidized our program with \$2,525.00. The Board of Home Missions for the larger parish plan and Vacation School work have contributed \$1,300.00. The local larger parish group have contributed \$650.00. The cost for Standard Training Schools which have been paid by registrations of students and contributions from churches total approximately \$2,000.00. In other words, the contributions of the churches of this Conference being a little over \$2,600.00 last year, have encouraged and made possible a program in money value of over \$9,000.00.

Immediate Needs.

Among many others, there are four outstanding needs in our work in the Conference at the present time.

1. A number of charges, due to distance and isolation, cannot possibly be reached by our present Training Schools and yet we should be able to offer them at least an instructor for a training class in the local church. Additional funds are necessary if this need be met.

2. We have a growing list of developing leadership among young people in this Conference. They should eventually be directing our Vacation Schools and Week Day Schools and teaching in Standard Schools, but they must be trained. We should be offering scholarships to them in our Epworth League Institutes, in our Summer Schools of Religious Education, and in some cases sending them to Dickinson for Special Seminar work looking forward to their teaching in Training Schools.

3. Years ago our emphasis in the church was largely upon adults. In the past few years the pendulum has swung to the emphasis upon child-life and youth, to a certain extent neglecting the fact that one of the greatest assets to developing Christian character in youth is the Christian home. We need this year, therefore, some special study of the adult department program for this Conference. The emphasis upon the Christian home is essential. As one means to more adequately bring to the attention of our people this need, our Conference Board has recommended, in keeping with a nation-wide movement, the observance of Wednesday, April 4, as Home Dedication Day. Special literature is available with suggestions for the observance of this Day. What wouldn't it mean to the future generations if we could bring our homes to the place where they had at their center the interest of the child and the spirit of the Christ!

4. Additional administration funds are necessary for travel of the staff and other phases of the work. Our Conference Board has estimated the need of \$1,000.00 additional funds over and above the present apportionment of the churches. We do not feel that the apportionment of the churches should be increased at this time. We are, therefore, recommending to you the launching of a quiet campaign by mail among friends of the movement for this \$1,000.00. One man has pledged \$50.00. Others have indicated their willingness to help and we believe that there are sufficient people in this Conference, laymen and ministers, who would be

willing to make a small or large contribution to this fund, making possible some of these things which we have mentioned and more adequately carrying on our whole program.

To summarize and to bring definitely before you, we list the recommendations of this report as follows:

1. The designation of April 4 as Home Dedication Day, and its observance recommended to all of our churches and people.
2. The favorable consideration of the quiet campaign for \$1,000.00 in addition to the present apportionment of the churches for this work.
3. That we recommend to our people that they center their attention this summer on the Epworth League Institute and the Summer School of Religious Education, seeking to register in both as large a number of young people as possible.
4. That we commend the parish plan of organization for rural sections and urge our rural churches to consider the possibility of this plan for their immediate locality.

To the many people who have given time, thought and money in cooperation in this great movement on behalf of childhood, youth, men, and women, and to the Heavenly Father who at all times has been our Comfort and Strength, we express our thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. LINDHORST.

STATISTICAL REPORT DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

I. Registrations in Training Schools for five-year period.

Schools	1923-24	1924-25	1925-26	1926-27	1927-28
Cambridge	—	—	—	116	50
Chestertown	—	—	125	129	148
Crisfield	—	—	—	66	—
Denton	—	—	—	154	90
Dover	—	50	171	132	149
Easton	—	—	—	103	56
Elkton (Pt. Deposit)	—	52	68	63	132
Georgetown (Seaford)	48?	66	96	195	160
Salisbury	—	120	58	113	126
Snow Hill	—	—	79	79	82
Wilmington	95?	150	124	166	222
Cape Charles (spring)	—	—	—	—	138
Cape Charles (winter)	—	—	—	—	71
Seaford-Laurel	—	—	—	—	116
	(2) 143	(5) 458	(7) 721	(11) 1316	(13) 1540

Number of local church classes registered, 1927-28, 15; total enrolled 268.
 Number enrolled in Dickinson from our Conference, summer 1927, 44.
 Grand total students in Training Program this year 1,852.
 Number individual faculty members teaching in local Conference Standard Schools 25.
 Average cost of schools, \$159.43.
 Total number of courses offered, 57.
 Total number of faculty teaching in schools, 25. Of these 25, 22 are residents of the Conference.

II. Daily Vacation Church Schools, Summer 1927.

Number denominational schools held, 13.
 Number cooperative schools held, 15.
 Total number schools held, 28.
 Total enrolled in D. V. C. S., 2,348.
 Number children not in Sunday Schools, 21.
 Average length of Schools, 16½ days.
 Number paid teachers, 44.
 Number volunteer workers, 225.
 Average cost of schools, \$103.58.
 Total amount Missionary offerings in schools, \$165.22.

F. A. LINDHORST.

STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS, INCORPORATED.

"Our Boys," the Strawbridge Quarterly, gives such a complete account of our work that this annual report need mention only some of the very important of the many things accomplished during the past Conference year; however, nothing equals a visit to our Home and see for oneself what has been done.

Our finances are in excellent condition.

We have property value of \$156,000.00, and only a small indebtedness of a few thousand, fully covered by good subscriptions.

On Methodist Day, September 17, 1927, Bishop William F. McDowell dedicated the Carroll Building, a monument to the memory of Dr. D. H. Carroll, whose board gave \$25,000.00 toward its erection. The complete furnishings of this Building were secured by the Preachers' Wives Associations of Wilmington and Baltimore Conferences.

The same day the Bishop dedicated the Gambrill Highway, the concrete road running through our grounds, given by Mrs. Mary T. Gambrill in memory of her husband, Melville Gambrill.

Two bronze tablets on the stone gateway commemorate the gift of the Gateway by Rev. Robert Reamy, and the Gambrill Highway by Mrs. Gambrill.

The boring of an eight-inch artesian well where the proposed power house is to be erected has brought to us out of solid rock an abundance of fine water which is pumped to all our buildings by an automatic electric pump, and which we believe will supply all our needs for years to come.

The erection of the Superintendent's Cottage, a model of comfort and economy, makes possible his presence on the grounds, and added efficiency to our work.

There is no deficit for maintenance, although we have no endowed income. We carry on by free-will offerings, the Annual Christmas offering, the caring for a boy by some individual or Church organization at two hundred dollars a year, and the aid of the Strawbridge Circles in our Churches. We opened our doors three years ago without a dollar for maintenance, and although we now have thirty-three boys, we are meeting each month our obligations.

Our boys attend the Sykesville public school and are taken and returned by the Carroll County School Bus. The boys have excellent marks in their classes, and a few weeks ago in a declamation contest in which there were twelve contestants, two of our boys won first and second honors.

The health of our boys has been good. We have had no serious illness of any kind. The religious life of the Home has been of a high order and our hour of worship each evening at six-thirty has been an inspiration.

Every one of our older boys lead in public prayer. They come to us untrained but their response to our training is marvelous. We admitted, a few months ago, two brothers, and the first day we sent them to school the older one played truant but drifted into the Home at noon. After given his lunch he was sent to the office. I said to him, "My boy we love you here," and he said, "Nobody loves me." After telling him of the love of this Conference and the Heavenly Father for him, and a season of prayer and asking no pledge of him he was dismissed. He has not only been at school every day since, but is developing as one of our most industrious and reliable boys.

We have twenty empty beds and there are orphan and dependent boys of our Sunday Schools and communities waiting to fill them. Is it not tragic that we must turn them away for lack of a little money?

The Executive Secretary has represented our work in the pulpits of the Baltimore and Wilmington Conferences, and with earnest, personal appeals to many individuals.

The response in wills written, financial pledges, and gifts has been most gratifying.

The day is not far distant when our Church will awaken to the greatness of this need, and hundreds of orphan and dependent boys will be cared for and trained to our faith and practice, who will many times repay in consecration and service for all we have done for them.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS S. LONG,

Executive Secretary.

WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

Brethren of the Conference:

Ten fellow workers—two ministers, one young man, a local preacher, and seven trained women—commissioned of the church to occupy the city mission field, beg leave to make report of the work of the year. It is a matter of great delight to come reporting a year of unprecedented success in almost every one of our activities. Some things occasioned much discouragement; many other set our hearts to singing with delight. But our chief embarrassment has been our success.

An outstanding feature of our work for several years has been our Daily Vacation Bible Schools. This year four schools were held with thirteen full time teachers in charge. The aggregate enrollment was 465. It should furnish a real thrill to anyone with a bit of imagination who would visualize about three hundred boys and girls in regular attendance every morning for five weeks studying the things taught in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools. My deep conviction, often expressed, is that this is one of our finest pieces of work.

Brother Carli, who has been in charge of boys' work in the entire field, has kept his groups busy trying to learn the art of becoming real, upstanding boys, the only material out of which true men can be made. He has enrolled 182. Brother Carli is with us entirely by the grace of the Home Board.

Four kindergartens have been in operation during the year with an enrollment of 267. This, however, does not fairly represent the attendance, as some who enroll drop out and in the middle of the year many others become of school age and enter the public schools. But we always have all we can care for. This is a splendid work, for tender childhood is here receiving abiding lessons. This is a field where national and religious lines are broken down as in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Catholics, Protestants and Jews, representing six nationalities, are being touched continually.

Wesley Center, as usual, is teeming with activities. Many kinds of work have been in operation, including Sunday School, Junior League, Sunday Evening Problem Study, and numerous club groups. These amazing figures but slightly hint the proportions of the work. There is a total enrollment in all activities of 980 and in this enrollment 524 different persons are reached. Reached how? To come in touch any way, whatever the activities, with consecrated toilers like these must impart a benefit. A rose by any other name would be just as sweet. Not among the least items of interest in the Wesley work is the circulating of 1815 library books.

While speaking of Wesley let me make record of this fact. When the Conference placed this responsibility on this Society we had to take it as we found it—with its need of a heating plant and numerous repairs, besides accumulated bills for paving tax and a mortgage of \$1,750. And let us be reminded that though our reserve fund from the sale of real

estate has entirely disappeared, it has not been exhausted in specific administrative expenses but, in addition to the \$1,000 paid on the Broome Street lot, has been reinvested in real estate at Wesley, liquidating the mortgage, installing new heating plants and making other pressing necessary repairs.

During the year, thinking of a new building at the Broome Street site, we made a fairly complete survey of the community in order to ascertain exact knowledge of the field, with the following result:

Starting at Linden Street at a northern boundary, with Clayton Street as the western boundary, and manufacturing plants and the railroad as the eastern and southern boundaries, we have a territory in the midst of which stands our Sixth Avenue mission. Near this mission is our Broome Street site. This delightful location is a full mile from every Methodist Episcopal Church in the city. In this field we have 232 Protestant families, with a total population of nearly 900. Among these we found 106 Methodist Episcopal families, with a total population of approximately 400. Doubtless, this number should be even larger, for many families simply answered "Protestant" and gave no denominational preference.

Here our Sixth Avenue work continues to command attention. It was our fondest dream that ere this we should have had an adequate building for the work. But the faithful toilers here have shown what can be done in spite of even fair equipment.

Mrs. Biddison has given specific direction to the Sunday school. Miss Collins has taught the kindergarten, and with the assistance of Miss Gabriel has organized many week-day groups; while Mr. Carli has managed the boys' club. Six different nationalities are represented in these activities, with Americans having over one-half the enrollment, with the Italians and Polish each representing almost one-quarter of the total.

During the year we have had enrolled and reached in some way 369 different persons, and 203 of these are Americans. The Sunday school, meeting in a room 14 by 22, has an enrollment of 126. Recently this school paid into our treasury one hundred dollars—the second hundred—to be applied toward the new building. A few Sabbaths ago your Secretary was present in this school, finding 93 in attendance. He baptized 11 children, received two on probation and three into full membership, making a total of fourteen full members here. A week of special meeting was held in the fall in which three persons professed conversion. Surely the time has come when Wilmington Methodism should say, "Let us rise up and build." And I believe this very Conference should have the faith to do it, and find a capable man with the courage to undertake it and send him to this field, to be assisted by the District Superintendent and Secretary to promote this work.

Kingswood and Asbury each is a regular organized Church and much that they do gets into the regular channels of reporting. Kingswood never had a bigger task, and right royally are they undertaking it. Asbury, bound on the south by the Goodwill Industries and on the north by the Day Nursery, is in the midst of the rarest missionary opportunity known

to students of city problems. Strange as it may seem, but why strange, for it is history repeating itself, as this missionary opportunity intensifies, the dependence of Asbury Church increases. More and more it is sure to become a missionary church, a center of missionary activities, that can in no sense be self-supporting. And, if this historic church, whose sons and daughters are all over our city, gracing the finest positions in our great city churches, is to fulfill her mission, it will be done only by a frank, brotherly recognition of the utter dependence of Asbury for moral and spiritual sympathy and the financial backing of Wilmington Methodism. If the church is to have a capable leadership for the present task, altogether unlike the task of even ten years ago, a task of vital importance but possessing but little financial return, we must, without prejudice, concede that it is the city's task, centralized at this one point. We must not think of the Asbury of even twenty years ago, when her walls were filled with sincere worshippers. But most of these, in two brief decades, have gone to strengthen the great uptown churches and their places have been taken in the community by an altogether different type of people, whose coming has added confusion to the city's social and religious problem and given to the church a new challenge. And I here and now record it as my profound conviction that God expects his Church to find a way—it may be a new way—to get His message to this teeming multitude.

Two things remain to be said: First, a summary of the whole work, for our field is one field. Well do I know that no one is artful enough with words and pen to record adequately work done and especially of this nature. Let me say if the value of a chance is determined by its size, then our privilege has been a rare one. We have had enrolled in all of our activities 2270, and in that enrollment there were 1378 different persons. Surely to be afield with an opportunity to touch that many young lives is a chance angels might covet.

The other thing I want to say is of a financial nature. The treasurer's annual audited report makes this exhibit:

Receipts from Home Board	\$5070.28	
Receipts from Conference	2386.20	
From rents, saving fund and individual gifts	4513.25	\$11969.73

Disbursements:

Salaries	\$7875.66	
Mortgage and interest	2007.14	
Improvements	588.75	
Current expense and insurance	1156.90	
Daily Vacation Bible Schools and incidentals	292.27	\$11920.72

Balance		\$ 49.01
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In addition to this, may I record this fact: If we include the amounts given to city missions by Kingswood and Asbury, and add what Wesley

has raised as a special fund for a kindergarten worker, and also add the contribution of Sixth Avenue toward the new building, we have this result:

Kingswood has raised	\$ 179.75
Asbury has raised	295.75
Sixth Avenue has raised	289.23
Wesley has raised	1373.45

Total	\$2136.18
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What does this mean? It means simply this: These four mission points, struggling for an existence, have raised for this work this year within \$200 of the whole amounts raised by the entire Conference. Or, to put it a little differently, these mission fields, so hampered for want of funds, have raised for city missionary work \$2 for every dollar contributed by all the rest of Wilmington Methodism for the same purpose.

When I think of this and remember the silent sacrifices our workers are making, some of them carrying graduate degrees from Columbia University, working for salaries all too meager; and in addition one of them, who does not even pronounce our denominational shibboleth, contributing several hundred dollars of her own money to this work; I say, when I remember this, my heart bleeds for an awakening on the part of the whole Church to a consciousness of this important task. Such heroic service as is displayed by our toilers would equal the finest spirit and heroism found in any field in the worldwide church.

Now, as to the future. What CAN be done has ceased to be a question. What we WILL do depends largely upon our people's willingness to stand by with sufficient funds. One thing is inevitable; there can be no guess here; unless the churches come forward with greatly increased offerings we shall simply be forced to retrench from vantage ground we have already gained and abandon work, which would be almost a crime. The Broome Street chapel should be built, and built at once. An extra worker each for Kingswood and Asbury is imperative. I cannot think that the church, for want of a few extra dollars, shall forfeit a great opportunity and close a door the Master has providentially opened and bid us enter.

However, whatever be the outcome, we shall continue to dream dreams and see visions of what this work shall be, and if it please God that the consummation shall be deferred and others shall reap the harvest, we shall have our compensation in remembering that the scriptural order has governed: "One soweth and another reapeth," but not forgetting "that he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

G. T. ALDERSON,

Corresponding Secretary.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES.

"Salvaging men and things" is the brief statement commonly used in describing the task of the Goodwill Industries, but its task is vastly greater than that. The Goodwill Industries, as they give employment to hundreds of crippled, disabled and needy people, are helping in a very definite way to industrially, socially and spiritually reestablish men and women who have gone over the cliff of misfortune. But more than this, the Goodwill Industries are building up a great fence of prevention at the top of the precipice, for through their work they are giving disadvantaged people a self-respecting chance to help themselves in their time of distress and before they have fallen into the abyss of alms and pauperism.

In bringing you the Report of the Goodwill Industries for the past year we will, of course, tell you of the tremendous saving of waste materials and the increase in material values of the Goodwill Industries over the land. We earnestly hope, however, that in the report of the Goodwill bags collected, old clothes mended, broken furniture repaired, you will see those greater savings of self-respect, self-reliance, and the spirit of independence in the thousands of under-privileged men, women and children who, through the ministrations of some department of the Goodwill Industries, have come into that more abundant life of which the Master taught and to which the Church points the way.

Dean Brown of Yale, in his Jericho Road Lecture, suggests that the philosophy of the good Samaritan was, "What's mine is ours; we'll share it." Last year the people in a million homes in 41 cities where Goodwills are organized have practiced this philosophy, sharing through the Goodwill Industries their old clothes, shoes, furniture and other articles with their less fortunate fellow citizens. The nearly a million filled Goodwill bags and 230,000 pieces of furniture collected through Goodwill Industries last year not only represent the turning of two million dollars worth of waste into human well-being, but also the interest of at least five million persons in helping folks to help themselves.

Enough for the saving of things. Now come with us and witness something of the salvaging of men. Let us start the day as do the Goodwillers at the daily morning Chapel service. The aggregate attendance at these services at all Goodwills was 279,000 last year, an average of 1,000 daily. Come to the front with us; look into the faces of the men and women who have faced misfortune, poverty and despair; men and women who have often lost faith in their fellows and not infrequently in God. At the Goodwill they have found more than a "God bless you," and because of the fact that they are given a self-respecting opportunity in their time of need they have a renewed interest in things religious and the development of their spiritual life.

Come with us now and watch any one of the processions of Goodwill workers as they make their way from Chapel to the Goodwill work rooms. See the deaf leading the blind, the crippled on crutches, those with one leg pushing the wheel chairs of the paralyzed ones. See the man whose face shows marks of debauchery and crime helping the old lady over the rough places, see the able-bodied man who is just up against it helping the one

whose body has been racked by disease and who cannot even control his own movements, see the mentally retarded, the aged, and the many others representing every race and nation, creed and need—13,772 of them last year—smiling now because of the chance that is theirs.

Now see them at their work. Some are misfits or disabled ones who need industrial re-adjustment and are learning one of the fourteen trades taught at the Goodwill Industries; others working at trades they learned long ago but in which they are not as proficient as they once were; others efficient, but whom misfortune has temporarily cast to one side; and still others who may be working just for a bit of clothing to help them on to a better job. All not only helping to earn their own way, but also helping the hundreds of thousands of people of limited means who make the one and three-quarter million purchases in Goodwill stores.

But the scripture tells us that, "Man cannot live by bread alone," and if the above record of work is all that the Goodwill Industries have done they have failed most miserably. While the things accomplished are commendable and need to be done, unless we have, during our contact with the thousands who touch the Goodwill Industries, helped to build up a moral and spiritual stability that will carry them over discouragements and depressions that are bound to come any industrial reconstruction will be entirely broken down at the crucial time in their lives.

We would, therefore, direct your attention to those activities which contribute to the mental, moral, social and spiritual development of those contacted by Goodwill Industries, both through work rooms, stores and in communities round about Goodwill centers. You would find a children's settlement here with its manifold clubs and classes, training body, mind and soul; Americanization programs there; Homes for working women and institutes for men in other places; clinics, day nurseries, summer camps, kindergartens, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and numerous other activities in which 14,000 different people were enrolled during the year. In connection with most of the Goodwills you will find Churches of all nations, Churches of Goodwill, Rescue Missions, Schools of Religious Education, the activities of which are manned by leaders recruited from the Goodwill Industries, carrying on work of the Kingdom in communities where the Churches would have long since moved out had it not been for the Goodwill program.

The following paragraph will give you a brief summary of the work in our Wilmington Goodwill Industries for the year:—3,900 effective calls were made which resulted in gathering 4,100 bags of clothing, shoes, etc., and 325 pieces of furniture. From these materials, 28,000 hours labor were furnished and 15,000 customers were served. From these sales, \$8453.26 were received, with donations and membership fees amounting to \$2186.77, making the income for the year reach the gratifying total of \$10,640.03.

We wish to express our gratitude to all persons who in any way assisted the Goodwill Industries during the year.

J. H. BEAUCHAMP, Superintendent.

WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Wesley Collegiate Institute is completing the 54th year of its career as a secondary school for the training of the youth of the Delmarva Peninsula. Every effort is being made to maintain the high grade of scholarship that has characterized the School in the past, as well as keeping the spirit and atmosphere truly Christian.

Attendance.

In 1926-7 the attendance was made up as follows:—Junior College, 13, of whom 3 were second year men and all ministerial students, 8 were transfers from the University of Delaware after mid-year examinations; 52 were in the Academic Department; 28 taking business courses; two specials; and 37 in music.

This year 1927-8 the attendance has been as follows: Academic, 60; Business Courses, 22; Specials, 2; and Students in Music, 40. The loss through dropping of the junior college was 13, in commercial courses 6, the gain in Academic Courses 8; leaving a net loss due primarily to suspension of the junior college courses of 11. The interest in the Academic Courses this year has been very gratifying, especially the special preparatory course for graduates of high schools that feel the need of additional preparation for college work. This course has attracted 8 persons this year, and promises to have a much larger number next year. Of last year's graduates, 3 are preaching in this Conference; 6 are in colleges and universities; 1 in Normal School; 1 in Lucy-Webb Hayes Training School; and one is teaching.

This year twelve of the young men are studying for the ministry.

Wesley Collegiate Institute has been recommended by the State Committee for place on the list of accredited preparatory schools of the Middle Atlantic States and Maryland, one of the seven from the State of Delaware.

It is desired at this time to express appreciation of the support given the school by several of the ministers of the Conference, and especially by some laymen who see in the school a fulfilling of a great need on the peninsula for a good preparatory school where young men may secure preliminary training for the ministry. It is the Church preparatory school today that is furnishing the larger percentage of the ministers. The public schools are furnishing a pitiful small number. It is hoped that a larger number of the graduates, especially the ministers of this Conference, will see the opportunity to interest some young man of promise in his community and start him into the ministry by sending him to Methodism's own school—Wesley Collegiate Institute.

The budget does not balance and cannot until the school is increased by at least thirty more students. The Board of Trustees, at a special call meeting on Feb. 8, 1928, has made a move to help in this matter of finances by increasing the yearly tuition by \$25. and decreasing the discount for ministerial students from 25% to 20%. These changes were made by unanimous action of the Board members present after a most careful and exhaustive study of the problems by a most conservative committee.

Aids. One of the greatest aids philanthropic persons can give to our Church today is by the establishment of current scholarships to aid poor young men and women secure their secondary education.

Today a member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute is paying two full tuition scholarships to students that otherwise would not be able to attend the school. A friend is paying \$125.00, and an alumnus pays \$150.00 on the expenses of two of the boarding students. I believe I can place in preparation for the ministry three or four high grade young men next year had I available scholarships of \$250.00 or \$300.00 per year.

If the ministers of the Conference will average a new student every other year for each and every charge the future of the School is assured. This should not be difficult when one minister from a rather small charge sent, largely through his personal efforts, three last year and one this year or four times his quota. A layman, member of the Board of Trustees, sent one this year; another has been responsible for at least three day students. A word in time by someone the folks at home know will enable the President of the School or his representative to secure the young person as a student at the W. C. I.

C. A. SHORT, President.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Historical Society of the Wilmington Conference in its initial report desires to express its appreciation of the response given its Officers by our resident Bishop, our Superintendents, members of the Conference and the laity. The Society evidently met a long felt need; for gifts, in the form of pictures, books, letters, pamphlets and documents have been pouring in on us throughout the year.

We undertook to accomplish four things this past year.

First:—Let the Conference realize our Historical Society is functioning.

Second:—Secure a complete file of the Conference Minutes.

Third:—Collect as much historical material as we could.

Fourth:—Complete our organization by having a local historian in every charge.

We beg leave to report we have a complete file of the Conference Minutes with the exception of the years 1894 and 1912.

We have had given us original letters from the quill of Asbury; from George Washington's friend and aide, Monnel, concerning Methodism being the first to congratulate him as President; from Thomas Bond and Coke and others. We have a picture of the Philadelphia Conference the year before we separated from them, and many other things too numerous to mention. The most valuable addition we were able to secure was the "Judge Conrad's Collection." This is composed of over five hundred valuable books and rare pamphlets.

Through the loyal cooperation of our Superintendents we now have, with a very few exceptions, a local historian in every charge.

We would suggest the following program be carried out to assist us.

First:—The Secretary of the Conference be instructed to have bound at the end of each quadrennium, in addition to the others, one bound copy of our Conference Minutes for the Historical Society's files.

Second:—That each charge assist the local historians to gather the facts relative to its own history; and when the history of each Church is written, that one copy of said history be recorded in the Official Records of the charge, one copy be sent to the Historical Society's Vice-President in the District, and one copy to the President of the Historical Society.

Third:—That we locate and mark with the Church flag on Memorial Day the grave of every Veteran of the Cross that may sleep within the boundary of our charges.

E. C. HALLMAN,

President.

(c) SPECIAL AND FINANCIAL.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 30, 1927, from R. K. Stephenson	\$ 518.73
Earnings on Investments	414.00
Interest on Savings	30.59
Trustees of Hopkins Memorial M. E. Church	1182.72
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Total Receipts	\$2146.04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash to People's Bank, Box Rent	\$ 1.00
Barratt's Chapel Fund from Investments	60.00
Beckwith, From Thomas Fund	110.00
Goshen, from Carey Fund	115.00
Clayton, from Clifton Fund	28.00
Parsonsburg, from Wimbrow Fund	45.00
R. K. Steuhenson for Box Rent	2.00
Bond for Treasurer, \$5000	12.50
W. E. Gunby for Trustees of Salem M. E. Church	1000.00
Bench Cabinet for Barratt's Chapel	10.00
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Total Disbursements	\$1383.50
Balance in Bank March 30, 1928	\$ 762.54
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	\$2146.04

Barratt's Chapel Fund.

March 30, 1928.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 30, 1927, from R. K. Stephenson	\$ 298.54
Interest on Investments	60.00
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Total Receipts	\$ 358.54
Balance in Bank March 30, 1928	\$ 358.54

W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

	General Fund	Riddle Fund
1927		
March 21, To Balance	\$ 771.54	\$1606.91
Apr. 1, To Chk. Int. Squirrel Run Hill Co. Mortg. . .	22.50	
Apr. 6, To Chk. Security Trust & Safe Deposit Co. . .		421.53
Apr. 7, To Chk. Board of Education, New York	55.84	
May 9, To Chk. Board of Education, New York	55.84	
June 1, To Chk. Int. Svgs. Acct. Fruit Growers Nat'l Bank & Trust Co.		32.87
June 10, To Chk. Board of Education, New York . . .	55.84	
July 2, To Chk. Int. Squirrel Run Hill Co. Mortg. . . .	22.50	
July 8, To Chk. Board of Education, New York	55.84	
Oct. 1, To Chk. Board of Education, New York	41.67	
Oct. 1, To Chk. Int. Squirrel Run Hill Co. Mortg. . . .	22.50	
Oct. 14, To Chk. Security Trust Co.		217.68
Oct. 14, To Chk. Board of Education, New York	41.67	
Nov. 12, To Chk. Board of Education, New York	41.67	
Nov. 12, To Chk. Lester F. Johnson, on Acct. of Loan	25.00	
Nov. 28, To Chk. Board of Education, New York	41.67	
Dec. 1, To Chk. Int. Svgs. Acct. Fruit Grower Nat'l Bank & Trust Co.		37.94
Dec. 9, To Chk. Board of Education, New York	41.67	
1928		
Jan. 3, To Chk. Int. Squirrel Run Hill Co. Mortg. . . .	22.50	
Jan. 11, To Chk. Ralph L. Minker, on Acct. of Loan . .	25.00	
Jan. 13, To Chk. Board of Education, New York	41.67	
Feb. 11, To Chk. Board of Education, New York	41.67	
March 16, To Chk. Board of Education, New York . . .	41.67	
	\$1468.26	\$2316.93

DISBURSEMENTS.

1927		
April 2, By Loans to Students	\$ 675.00	
April 2, By Check Yao Tsung Wu		\$ 100.00
April 2, By Check Chu Hang Kim		100.00
Nov. 28, By Check Conrad Hamer		100.00
Nov. 28, By Check Chu Hang Kim		100.00
Nov. 28, By Check Rev. F. C. MacSorley (Expense) . .	6.00	
Dec. 16, By Check W. O. Hoffecker (Postage)	5.00	
	\$ 686.00	\$ 400.00
1928		
March 24, Balance	\$ 782.26	\$1916.93
	\$1468.26	\$2316.93

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

BUREAU OF SESSIONS.

RECEIPTS.

1927	
March 21, To Balance	\$2316.11
April 18, To Check Conference Treasurer, V. E. Hills	2299.00
June 1, To Interest Savings Fund	10.06
Dec. 1, To Intervest Savings Fund	48.58
	\$4673.75

DISBURSEMENTS.

1927	
April 2, By Check, Mrs. M. V. Collier, Treas. Ladies' Aid, for Meal Tickets	\$ 626.25
April 9, By Check Rev. L. B. Morgan, for 4 Meals at 75c.	3.00
May 18, By Check Rev. G. T. Alderson, for 25 Meals at 75c.	18.75
1928	
March 24, By Check Rev. G. T. Alderson, for Hotel bill of Rev. W. R. Wooddell, Conference of 1927—Salisbury	11.20
March 24, By Check K. A. Horner Co., Printing & Postage	15.24
March 24, By Check Thomas L. Allston, Treas. Committee	1000.00
March 24, By Check Thomas L. Allston, Treas. Committee	2000.00
	\$3674.44
March 24, By Balance	\$ 999.31

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS.

1927	
April 16, To Check Rev. V. E. Hills, Conference Treasurer	\$1727.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

1927	
April 16, By Check Rev. W. E. Gunby, D. D., Dover District	\$ 472.00
April 16, By Check Rev. Omar E. Jones, D. D., Mid- dletown District	370.00
April 16, By Check Rev. E. H. Dashiell, D. D., Salis- bury District	360.00
April 16, By Check, Rev. J. W. Colona, D. D., Wil- mington District	525.00
	\$1727.00
	\$1727.00

W. O. HOFFECKER, Trustee.

MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 31, 1927	\$1245.09	
Received April 13, 1927, V. E. Hills, Treasurer	298.00	
Received from Charges	4.00	
Interest on Deposit	57.54	\$1604.63

DISBURSEMENTS.

Check # 20 on order District Superintendents	\$ 200.00
Balance March 31, 1928	\$1404.63

R. K. STEPHENSON, Trustee.

BOARD OF CHURCH SCHOOLS.

March 21, 1927, to March 27, 1928.

RECEIPTS.

On hand March 21, 1927	\$ 51.34
Received of Conference Treasurer, April 11, 1927	1588.00
Refunds—Training Schools and Commission on Books	519.21
Subscriptions to Bulletin	70.65
Receipts from Churches 1927-1928	1245.21
Proceeds from notes given Peoples Bank, Denton, Md., Due April 15, 1928	1519.10
Credited to account through error	22.26
	<u>\$5015.77</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Rent	\$ 600.00
Travel and Field Expense	884.95
Supplies and Postage	388.18
Printing	179.71
Telephone and Telegraph	120.45
Slides	17.30
Clerical	920.48
Rent of Office	191.50
Insurance	3.66
Miscellaneous	52.53

1926-1927 Notes to Peoples Bank	910.00	
Correction of error above	22.26	\$4791.02

Balance March 27, 1928	\$ 224.75
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ASSETS.

Bond	\$ 500.00
Expense Fund	50.00
Furniture, typewriter, etc.	100.00
	<u>\$ 650.00</u>
Training School Fund	\$ 175.70
Total Assets	\$ 825.70

Liabilities:—Notes to Peoples Bank	\$1570.00
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H. H. NUTTLE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITOR.

I have examined carefully the accounts of the following Treasurers, and believe them to be correct:

Rev. W. E. Gunby, Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

Total received	\$ 472.00
Disbursed	546.00
Overdraft	\$ 74.00

Rev. E. W. McDowell, Treasurer Summer School of Theology Fund.

Total receipts	\$ 621.29
Disbursements	595.16

Balance on hand Mar. 28, 1928	\$ 26.13
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Rev. Omar E. Jones, Treasurer of World Service Maintenance.

Total receipts	\$ 616.67
Disbursements	616.67

Rev. Omar E. Jones, Treasurer of World Service Building.

Total receipts	\$ 425.00
Disbursements	425.00

Rev. Omar E. Jones, Treasurer Domestic Missions.

Total receipts	\$ 475.00
Disbursements	422.00

Balance on hand	\$ 53.00
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Hon. W. O. Hoffecker, Treasurer and Trustee of Domestic Missions.

Received from Conference Treasurer \$1727.00
 Disbursements 1727.00

Hon. W. O. Hoffecker, Treasurer Bureau of Sessions.

Total receipts \$4673.75
 Disbursements 3674.44

Balance on hand \$ 999.31

Hon. W. O. Hoffecker, Treasurer Wilmington Conference Education Society.

	General Fund	Riddle Fund
Total receipts	\$1468.26	\$2316.93
Disbursements	686.00	400.00

Balance on hand \$ 782.26 \$1916.93

Rev. Vinal E. Hills, Treasurer Wilmington Conference.

Balance brought forward from 1926 \$ 14.13
 Receipts for Conference year 1926-27 111167.96

Total receipts \$111182.09
 Disbursements \$111132.00

Balance on hand May 2, 1927 \$ 50.09

Rev. R. K. Stephenson, Treasurer Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.

Total receipts \$1604.63
 Disbursements 200.00

Balance March 31, 1928 \$1404.63

Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer of Conference Trustees.

Total receipts \$2146.04
 Disbursements 1383.50

Balance March 30, 1928 \$ 762.54

Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer Barratt's Chapel Fund.

Total receipts \$ 358.54
 Balance March 30, 1928 \$ 358.54

Rev. H. G. Budd, Trustee Mrs. Ellen M. Brindle.

Total receipts \$ 611.45
 Disbursements 580.19

Balance on hand \$ 31.26

Hon. H. H. Nuttle, Treasurer of Board of Church Schools.

Total receipts \$5015.77
 Disbursements 4791.02

Balance in hand in open account \$ 224.75

In Savings Account.

Total receipts \$ 485.70
 Disbursements 310.00

Balance in hand \$ 175.70

Note to People's Bank, Denton, Md. due April 15, 1928 for \$1570.00.

Upon their invitation your auditor met with the Auditing Committee appointed by the Board of Stewards and assisted them in auditing the books and vouchers of their Treasurer.

I have inspected every security held by the said Treasurer, and verify the report submitted by the Board. The care used in the investment of the funds for the benefit of our worthy Conference Claimants is to be commended and approved.

HUGH B. KELSO,

Conference Auditor.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.

The Special Committee raised by the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund Commission at its last regular meeting held at Dover, March 15, 1928, to submit to the said Commission at its next stated meeting, namely, March 29, 1928, certain recommendations looking forward to the earliest possible collection of the balances due on the outstanding endowment pledges, begs leave to report:

WHEREAS, the Endowment Campaign inaugurated in 1925 was presented to and accepted by the various Charges of the Wilmington Conference for full payment on or before the Annual Session of the 1929 Conference, with certain special exceptions allowed to individual churches or charges having theretofore assumed local obligations necessarily taking precedence in their respective church budgets; and

WHEREAS, there remains but one more year of the said quadrennial expectation, we hereby most respectfully recommend:

1. That the Annual Conference request the District Superintendents to place on their respective calendars for first, foremost and immediate consideration the aforesaid church obligations in order to make possible the fulfillment of the intent and purpose for which the Endowment Fund

was inaugurated and for which it has thus far been sustained.

2. That the churches or charges, as the case may be, without exception, be given special notice, signed both by the District Superintendent and by the officers of the Commission as soon as possible after adjournment of the 1928 Session of this Conference of the proposed plan to "finish the job" according to program and schedule.

3. That the Commission, thru and by its proper officers, send to each Pastor a copy of the pledge made by his church, whether made during or prior to his pastorate, together with the amounts paid and the balance due thereon.

4. That the officers and members of the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund Commission hereby pledge renewed loyalty to this great cause, and hereby declare their satisfaction in the accomplishment thus far obtained and advantages thus far derived, and further express their deep appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation manifested by the District Superintendents, Pastors and Churches toward the present Endowment Campaign.

5. We further recommend that the personnel of the present Commission, both as to officers and members, remain without change, and we further earnestly recommend that the annual Conference request the re-appointment for another Conference year of the present Treasurer of the Endowment Fund Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. HOFFECKER,
GEORGE P. JONES,
I. ELMER PERRY,
ELWOOD F. MELSON.

Dated this twenty-ninth day of March, A. D. 1928.

The above report is hereby accepted and approved and the Secretary is directed to present the same as the report of the Commission to the Annual Conference.

Conference Claimant Endowment Fund Commission,

By W. O. HOFFECKER, President.

We, the undersigned Committee appointed to audit the account of George P. Jones, Treasurer of the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund Commission, have this day audited said account and find same correct.

JOHN L. SPARKLIN,
HUGH B. KELSO,
MARSHALL H. YEATMAN.

Wilmington, Del., March 22, 1928.

Detailed Statement of the Endowment Showing Credits to Churches
Including Conference of 1928.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Church	Pledge	Paid 1927	Paid 1928	Total to Date
Beckwith & Sp.	\$ 225.00	\$	\$ 12.00	\$
Bethel & Zion	100.00			
Blades & Epworth	262.50	70.00		
Bridgeville	1000.00			
Cambridge	2500.00	178.90	173.66	
Camden	430.00	53.00	57.00	
Canterbury	140.00	46.33		
Church Cr. & Taylor	150.00			
Crapo	265.00			
Dover, St. Paul's	38.00			
Dover, Wesley	2200.00			
East New Market	260.00			
Ellendale	200.00	12.00	10.00	
Elliott's Is.	40.00	12.00		
Farmington & Ep.	160.00	54.00	53.00	
Federalburg	1400.00			
Felton	400.00	133.00	133.00	
Frederica	475.00	10.00		
Galestown	30.00			
Georgetown	1700.00	425.00	425.00	
Georgetown Circuits	240.00	29.00	30.00	
Greenwood	160.00			
Harrington	640.00	70.00	170.00	
Hooper's	200.00			
Houston	250.00	40.00		
Hurlock	1200.00	100.00	100.00	
Laurel	1800.00	450.00	450.00	
Leipsic	40.00			
Lewes	1400.00	466.00	466.00	
Lincoln	175.00			
Little Creek	60.00			
Magnolia & Barratt	225.00		44.00	
Milford	3200.00	1067.00	1067.00	
Milford Neck	30.00	20.00	10.00	
Millsboro	275.00	275.00		
Milton				
Mt. Pleasant	250.00	50.00	25.00	
Nassau	275.00		26.00	
Rehoboth	250.00	83.00	83.00	
Reliance	150.00		65.00	
Seaford	1500.00	488.00	75.00	

Seaford Circuit	350.00	180.00	80.00	
Secretary & McK.	100.00	2.00		
St. Thomas	665.00	50.00	65.00	
Vienna	150.00			
Williamsburg	100.00			
Wyoming	275.00	10.00	5.00	
Zoar Ct.	100.00	10.00		
Other sources	45.00	45.00		
Totals	\$26080.50	\$4729.23	\$3515.66	\$8234.89

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

Church	Pledge	Paid 1927	Paid 1928	Total to Date
Bayside	\$ 275.00	\$	\$ 103.00	\$
Bozman & Neavitt	275.00	69.00	69.00	
Burrsville				
Cecilton	600.00			
Centreville	1000.00		250.00	
Chestertown	1500.00			
Cheswold	200.00	50.00	30.00	
Church Hill	300.00			
Clayton	500.00		28.00	
Concord	300.00			
Cordova	100.00	10.00		
Crumpton	200.00		5.00	
Denton	1200.00	300.00	200.00	
Easton	2000.00			
Fairlee	220.00	55.00	55.00	
Galena	250.00		50.00	
Greensboro	875.00			
Henderson	100.00	50.00		
Hillsboro	200.00	32.00	13.00	
Kent Island	600.00			
Kenton	200.00		100.00	
Marydel	200.00			
Middletown	1400.00	466.00	467.00	
Millington	300.00		25.00	
Odessa & Friendship	500.00	125.00	100.00	
Oxford	200.00			
Piney Neck	50.00	13.00	12.00	
Pomona				
Preston	600.00	122.00	86.00	
Queenstown	120.00		5.00	
Ridgely	300.00	5.00	60.00	
Rock Hall	300.00	32.00	59.00	
Royal Oak				

St. Michael's	650.00			
Salem Ct.	80.00	40.00	20.00	
Smyrna	3000.00	750.00	50.00	
Still Pond & B.	800.00			
Sudlersville	400.00	200.00	100.00	
Tilghman	640.00	158.00		
Townsend	700.00	9.00	50.00	
Trappe	200.00			
Wye				
Other sources	150.00	150.00		
Totals	\$21485.00	\$2636.00	\$1937.00	\$4573.00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Church	Pledge	Paid 1927	Paid 1928	Total to Date
Annessex	\$ 408.00	\$ 102.00	\$	\$
Ayers Chapel	345.00			
Berlin	735.00	366.00	183.00	
Bishopville	440.00		15.00	
Cape Charles	1000.00		200.00	
Chincoteague	766.00			
Claremont				
Crisfield: Asbury	1084.00			
Crisfield: Immanuel	1300.00			
Deals Island	900.00			
Delmar	866.00	216.00	216.00	
Fairmount	550.00			
Frankford				
Fruitland & Siloam	675.00	125.00	125.00	
Girdletree	500.00			
Gumboro	433.00			
Mardela Spgs. & Z.	100.00			
Marion	450.00	75.00		
Mt. Vernon	600.00			
Nanticoke	466.00			
Newark	583.00			
Ocean City	526.00			
Ocean V. & Millville	583.00			
Onancock	566.00		100.00	
Parsonsborg	500.00	70.00		
Phoebus	800.00			
Pittsville	666.00			
Pocomoke City	813.00			
Pocomoke Ct.	389.00			
Powellville	441.00			
Pr. Anne	700.00			

Quantico	375.00			
Roxana	566.00			
St. Peter's	880.00			
Salisbury: Asbury	2000.00			
Salisbury: Grace	580.00			
Selbyville	766.00	256.00	256.00	
Sharptown	600.00			
Smith's Is.	550.00	68.00	68.00	
Snow Hill	834.00	150.00	130.00	
Somerset	666.00			
Stockton	550.00	100.00	80.00	
Tangier	883.00			
Westover	300.00	8.00		
White Haven	326.00	40.00	10.00	
Whitesville	550.00			
Other sources	570.00	570.00		
Personal pledges	750.00			
Totals	\$31011.00	\$2146.00	\$1383.00	\$3529.00

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Church	Pledge	Paid 1927	Paid 1928	Total to Date
Bethel & Town Pt.	\$ 160.00	\$	\$	\$
Charlestown	200.00	50.00	50.00	
Cherry Hill	260.00	65.00	40.00	
Chesapeake City	100.00	20.00	20.00	
Chester Bethel				
Christiana	240.00	54.00		
Claymont	800.00	200.00	200.00	
Colora	100.00			
Delaware City	200.00	50.00	50.00	
Ebenezer	450.00	56.00	43.00	
Elkton	2500.00			
Hockessin	350.00	175.00		
Hopewell	400.00		80.00	
Marshallton	487.50			
Cedars	162.50		20.00	
Mt. Lebanon	200.00	25.00		
Mt. Pleasant	550.00	50.00	40.00	
Newark	2000.00	50.00	48.00	
New Castle	1100.00	112.00	88.00	
Newport	300.00	75.00	75.00	
North East	800.00	200.00		
Perryville	500.00		125.00	
Port Deposit	850.00	100.00	100.00	
Red Lion	260.00			

Rising Sun	1000.00			
St. Georges	500.00			
St. Johns	260.00			
Stanton	200.00	100.00	50.00	
Zion Ct.	475.00	160.00	40.00	
WILMINGTON:				
Asbury	900.00	262.00		
Brandywine	1600.00		600.00	
Brack-Ex	250.00	62.00	62.00	
Cookman	400.00			
East Lake	1100.00	275.00	275.00	
Epworth	1050.00	400.00	300.00	
Edge Moor & Holly	200.00	50.00	20.00	
Grace	12282.00		1100.00	
Harrison St.	2638.00	500.00		
Hillcrest	200.00	50.00		
Kingswood	350.00		350.00	
Madeley	800.00			
McCabe	2500.00	100.00	500.00	
Mt. Salem	800.00			
Richardson Park	900.00			
Scott	800.00	200.00	200.00	
Silverbrook	800.00	200.00	50.00	
St. Paul's	6000.00			
Trinity	600.00			
Union	2200.00			
Other sources	1601.66	1601.66		
Personal pledges	200.00			
Totals	\$53576.66	\$5242.66	\$4576.00	\$9818.66

Recapitulation.

Received from all sources:	
1927 District Totals	\$14753.89
George W. Townsend Annuity Bond	3000.00
Mr. M. Gambrill	7500.00
J. C. Penney Foundation	2500.00
Sarah A. Holston Estate	200.00
1928 District Totals	11411.66
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	\$39365.55

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

One of the special duties of the Board of Stewards is to take the readings on the dial of TIME. The annual summary is herewith presented, which reveals exceptional notations. No minister has requested the Retired Relation, and the largest number of annuitants within the memory of our Board has been called to the church triumphant; six ministers, one in the active work and five from retired ranks and four widows reduce our annuitant family to the extent that our survey reveals at this time forty-one ministers, fifty-six widows and five children, making a total of one hundred and two.

Fulfilling that Biblical truth, going or staying, their works do follow them; also the work of their hands have been established in a material as well as in a spiritual manner. The number remaining being greatly diminished, they inherit the material benefits of those having passed on to that house not built with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For the first time in the history of the Conference, your Board is enabled to increase the rate of disbursement from nineteen dollars to twenty dollars per year of service.

Receipts from the several Districts as reported by the Conference Treasurer are as follows:—

District	Pd. 1927	Pd. 1928	Increase	Decrease
Dover	\$ 8210.00	\$ 8338.00	\$ 128.00	\$
Middletown	8359.00	8272.00		87.00
Salisbury	11698.00	11208.00		490.00
Wilmington	11208.00	13288.00	493.00	
Totals	\$41062.00	\$41106.00	\$ 44.00	

Receipts for Distribution:

Chartered Fund	\$ 40.00
Dividends from Book Concern	2639.00
Interest on Investments and Bank balances	11316.58
Pastoral Charges	41106.00
Total	\$55101.58
Corresponding receipts, 1927	\$54230.00
Increase	\$ 871.58

At our present rating the required amount to meet all Claims for the ensuing year:—

Annuity Claims	\$55904.00
For necessitous cases	8000.00
Total	\$63904.00
Legal deductions	\$13995.58
To be apportioned to Pastoral Charges	\$49908.42

We recommend that the above named amount be apportioned to the pastoral charges on the same basis of our quadrennial acceptance as heretofore.

We ask the Conference to appoint the following named persons to act as Trustees for annuity funds:

- R. K. Stephenson for Mrs. Anna D. Chatham.
- H. G. Budd for Mrs. Ellen M. Brindle.
- Jefferson Cooper for Mrs. Laura M. Williams and her five children, and also for Mrs. Martha H. Swain.
- W. W. Chaires, Jr., for Mrs. Sarah Chaires.

We herewith submit the report of the Auditing Committee appointed by the Board, who, with the Conference Auditor, simultaneously examined the assets and checked up accounts.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Wilmington, Delaware, March 31, 1928.

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

Brethren:

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

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 March 31, 1928. We found that the funds are invested in eighty, first mortgages on real estate, to the value of \$145,475.00. The investments are protected by insurance policies held by the Treasurer to the amount of \$238,750.00 in addition to the land value of the properties. The amount invested shows an increase of \$15,200.00 over that of last year. We find that the interest is being exceptionally well collected and all funds are bringing six per cent. net, due to the generosity of the firm of Borton & Melson. 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 receipts have been properly entered and all payments protected by vouchers, the balance on hand being \$11,316.58, consisting of interest on investments and bank balances.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFERSON COOPER,
FRANK P. GENTIEU,
Auditing Committee.

We would call attention to the following form to be used 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 in behalf of the Board,

GEORGE P. JONES, Treasurer.

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 1928. They were approved by the Conference.

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.				
		Annuitant Claim	Annuitant Allowed	Special Fund	Total	
CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.						
MINISTERS.						
1922 34	Anderson, J. F., 2122 Gillis St., Wilmington, Del.	\$884	\$680	\$ 66	\$746	
1906 17	Bowman, G. W., Laurel, Del.	442	340		340	
1917 36	Corbran, L. P., Church Hill, Md.	936	720		720	
1921 37	Derrickson, E. H., Odessa, Del.	962	740		740	
1919 34	Easley, J. W., 122 N. 65 St., Philadelphia, Pa.	884	680		680	
1924 37	Ewing, H. W., Newark, Del.	962	740		740	
1926 23	Faulkner, F. N., Delmar, Del.	598	*		*	
1923 34	Given, T. N., Cheswold, Del.	884	680	120	800	
1925 35	Gray, J. W., Lanvoer, Md.	910	700	125	825	
1904 22	Greene, W. M., Milton, Del.	572	440	200	640	
1914 31	Hardesty, G. L., 2506 N. Madison St., Wilmington, Del.	806	620	30	650	
1918 42	Hoffecker, E. L., Easton, Md.	1092	840		840	
1911 10	Holt, T. S., Federalsburg, Md.	260				
1924 16	James, O. E., Y. M. C. A., Baltimore, Md.	416	320	130	450	
1924 53	Layfield, L. W., Greenwood, Del.	1378	1060		1060	
1919 40	Lindale, J. M., 1106 Green Hill Ave., Wilm., Del.	1040	800		800	
1926 53	MacSorley, F. C., 2209 Boulevard, Wilmington, Del.	1378	1060		1060	
1925 23	Marshall, E. H., Salem, Roanoke Co., Va.	598	460	140	600	
1924 16	Martin, O. L., Salisbury, Md.	416	320	280	600	
1922 20	Matthews, W. E., Smyrna, Del.	520	400	400	800	
1921 23	Moore, F. X., New Freedom, Pa.	598	460		460	
1926 40	Mowbray, W. R., Lewes, Del.	1040	800		800	
1919 47	Otis, J. P., 2107 Washington St., Wilm., Del.	1222	940		940	
1917 35	Prettyman, A. P., Galena, Md.	910	700		700	
1916 48	Prettyman, C. W., Carlisle, Pa.	1248	960		960	
1913 26	Prouse, J. T., Edge Moor, Del.	676	520	280	800	
1922 52	Reed, Geo. Edward, 3008 2nd St., Harrisburg, Pa.	1352	450		450	
1919 34	Reese, J. D., Houston, Del.	884	680	80	760	
1912 38	Roe, Robert, Trappe, Md.	988	760		760	
1925 39	Sharp, W. W., Penney Farms, Fla.	1014	780		780	
1907 38	Smith, Alfred, Camden, Del.	988	760		760	
1924 35	Smoot, T. C., Penney Farms, Fla.	910	700		700	
1915 40	Stengle, Adam, 407 W. 21 St., Wilm., Del.	1040	800		800	
1922 37	Sunfield, E. C., Barnegat, N. J.	962	740		740	
1915 38	Townsend, G. W., Ridley Park, Pa.	988	760		760	
1901 24	Wallin, F. O. B., Alefors, Alingsis, Sweden	624	480		480	
1906 21	Walton, O. S., New Castle, Route 2, Del.	546	420	400	820	
1904 31	Williams, C. H., Snow Hill, Md.	806	620		620	
1913 28	Willis, D. H., Cambridge, Md.	728	560		560	
1925 19	Wilson, Daniel, Centerville, Md.	494	380		380	
1927 39	Wilson, J. H., Newport, Del.	1014	780	50	830	
*Relinquished. †Part relinquished.						
CHILDREN.						
1923 10	Williams, Bristol W.	\$ 65	\$ 50		\$ 50	
1923 10	Williams, Grace	65	50		50	
1923 10	Williams, Maleta	65	50		50	
1923 10	Williams, Sherman	65	50		50	
1923 10	Williams, Hugh	65	50		50	

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.	CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.	Annuity Claim	Annuity Allowed	Special Fund	Total
WIDOWS.							
1915	43	Adams, Mary R., Rehoboth Beach, Del.	.....	\$839	\$645	\$ 55	\$700
1903	21	Avery, Lydia M., 1815 Jones St., San Francisco, Calif.	.....	410	315		315
1881	8	Bain, Sarah B., 709 Sixth Ave., Juniata, Pa.	.....	156	120	280	400
1903	9	Bovie, Selma C., 37 Red Road, Chatham, N. J.	.....	178	135	170	305
1926	18	Brewington, Ida V., Hebron, Md.	.....	351	270	230	500
1895	4	Brindle, Ellen M., Greensboro, Md.	.....	78	60	260	320
1915	30	Burke, Laura W., 811 West St., Wilmington, Del.	.....	585	450		450
1918	31	Burke, Margaret, Newark, Del.	.....	605	465		465
1924	30	Burr, Ella E., 3 Nassau Place, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.	.....	585	450	30	480
1925	33	Carpenter, Annie V., Seaford, Del.	.....	644	495	200	695
1909	31	Chandler, Mary E., Crumpton, Md.	.....	605	465	100	565
1920	23	Chaires, Sarah, Tilghman, Md.	.....	449	345	80	425
1890	8	Chatham, Anna D., R. K. Stephenson, Trustee, Smyrna, Del.	.....	156	120	280	400
1922	5	Cochran, Nora B., 517 Bellevue Ave., Hammonton, N.J.	.....	98	75		75
1905	25	Collins, Mary E., 1607 W. 13th St., Wilmington, Del.	.....	513	375	225	600
1922	6	Compton, Blanche E., 1333 West Redfield St., Phila., Pa.	.....	117	90	610	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	255	145	400
1914	39	Fosnocht, Bessie B., 67 Putman Ave., New Haven, Conn.	.....	761	585		585
1906	16	Graham, Annie M., Clayton, Del.	.....	312	240	180	420
1893	25	Gregg, G. Anna, Kenton, Del.	.....	488	375		375
1908	27	Grise, Mary E., Pocomoke City, Md.	.....	527	405		405
1921	34	Guthrie, Elizabeth G., Kenton, Del.	.....	663	510	90	600
1919	33	Jaggard, Annie M., Millsboro, Del.	.....	644	495		495
1924	12	Jester, Georgia, 1617 W. 4th St., Wilmington, Del.	.....	234	180	160	340
1919	17	Kenney, Mary J., 2310 Washington St., Wilm., Del.	.....	332	255	145	400
1925	20	Koons, Clara W., Rising Sun, Md.	.....	390	300		300
1917	9	Lewis, H. Bertrude, Laurel, Del.	.....	176	135		135
1917	23	Martindale, Sallie W., Salisbury, Md.	.....	449	345		345
1920	31	Mitchell, Jennie S., Denton, Md.	.....	605	465	100	565
1917	24	Morgan, Minnie S., 1101 Delaware Ave., Wilm., Del.	.....	468	360		360
1916	10	Murray, Pauline N., Snow Hill, Md.	.....	195	150		150
1909	35	Nelson, Evelyn J., Snow Hill, Md.	.....	683	525		525
1921	38	Neese, Elizabeth F., 221 Geddes St., Wilm., Del.	.....	741	570		570
1924	28	Northrup, Lelia M., 1101 Delaware Ave., Wilm., Del.	.....	546	420		420
1917	32	O'Brien, M. Cornelia, 117 N. Franklin St., Delaware, O.	.....	644	480		480
1918	7	Poole, Maria O., 1540 N. 60th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.....	137	105	225	330
1882	8	Prettyman, Emma, Salisbury, Md.	.....	156	120	220	340
1928	18	Reed, Emma J., 3103 Jefferson St., Wilmington, Del.	.....	351	270	130	400
1919	29	Roberts, Mary B., 143 W. Cedar Ave., Merchantville, N. J.	.....	566	435		435
1893	14	Robinson, Martha R., Perryman, Md.	.....	273	210	250	460
1884	15	Shilling, Emma F., 600 Delaware Ave., Wilm., Del.	.....	293	225	50	275
1905	12	Siddell, Sarah D., 5434 Ella St., Olney, Phila., Pa.	.....	234	180	420	600
1926	25	Smith, Lida J., Dover, Del.	.....	488	375	40	415
1922	8	Stallings, Carrie W., Lovettsville, Va.	.....	156	120	280	400
1901	12	Swain, Martha H., Dover, Del.	.....	234	180	330	510
1906	30	Todd, Alice C., 122 E. Main St., Elkton, Md.	.....	585	450		450
1924	22	Tomkinson, Julia E., 503 W. 19th St., Wilm., Del.	.....	429	330		330
1926	16	Van Blunk, M. Louisa, 1244 N. 33rd St., Camden, N. J.	.....	293	225		225
1918	21	Westerfield, Lulu V. G., Port Deposit, Md.	.....	410	315	300	615
1878	12	Weston, Laura E., 2315 Ridgeway Road, Wilm., Del.	.....	234	180	70	250
1927	39	Watt, Martha S., 17 Horner St., Worcester, Mass.	.....	761	585		585
1924	16	White, Belle V., Salisbury, Md.	.....	312	240	225	465
1923	10	Williams, Laura M., Bethel, N. C.	.....	195	150	575	725
1923	19	Williams, Kate, Georgetown, Del.	.....	371	285		285
1920	31	Wyatt, Elmira P., Laurel, Del.	.....	605	465		465

*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 16-26. 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, and a failure to get same in the hands of the Examiner after it has been due more than 30 days, will mean a deduction in grade made of 10% from paper.

No student shall be admitted to the Examination in any subject unless his required written work in that subject is in the hands of the proper Examiner.

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	Tilghman Smith
Third Year—Beacon Lights of Prophecy	L. E. Windsor
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)	J. B. McCabe

All written work on the above books shall be in the hands of the appropriate examiner on or before July 1, 1928.

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 1st, 1929.

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 and written work on Life of Wesley and American History to Registrar by March 1, 1929.

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, 1928.

First Year—Jesus in the Experience of Men	E. C. Hallman
The Pastor-Preacher	L. E. Windsor

- Second Year—Christian View of the Old Testament Frank Herson
 The Church in the City, or The Country Church
 Serving the Community T. F. Beauchamp
- Third Year—Modern Premillennialism and the Christian Hope J. J. Bunting
 The Art of Preaching E. M. Shockley
- Fourth Year—Outline of Christian Theology J. A. Leach
 James W. Bashford E. W. Henvis

January 1, 1929.

- First Year—Citizenship and Moral Reform E. W. Henvis
 Steps in the Development of American Democracy.... E. M. Shockley
- Second Year—Wesley's Sermons (Vol. II) M. D. Nutter
 History of Methodism (Vol. I) Tilghman Smith
- Third Year—Jesus Christ and the Social Question J. B. McCabe
 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, 1929.

- First Year—Wesley's Sermons (Vol. I) M. D. Nutter
 Life of Asbury Frank Herson
 Homiletical Works (See Directions and Helps)..... L. E. Windsor
- 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. B. McCabe

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 apply 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.... L. E. Windsor
 Fourth Year—Christianity in Doctrine and Experience..... E. W. Henvis

For Local Deacon's Orders.

- John and His Writings V. E. Hills

Local Elder's Orders.

- Modernism and the Christian Faith E. W. Henvis

Mid-Year Examinations will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 1928, 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. B. McCabe

Local Elder's Orders.

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

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

XII.

MEMOIRS.

JOHN MIFFLIN COLLINS.

John Mifflin Collins, son of William and Sarah Knight Collins, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, October 19, 1845.

After a boyhood much like that of the average American boy, at the age of twenty-five he attended a camp-meeting in progress at old Emory Grove. An older sister, whom Brother Collins loved most devotedly, had preceded him to the camp and had been soundly converted; so when her younger brother came to the camp in her warm hearted way she besought her brother to give himself to God that he might find the happiness that she had found through believing. So he, too, surrendered, and at once felt called of God to preach the Gospel. For a time he fought the impression, fearing that he might be mistaken as to the reality of his call, and he did not wish to be mistaken in a matter so important; but soon both his Pastor and his class leader, seeing the life the young man was living, assured him they believed he was called of God and that he ought not to turn a deaf ear to the pleadings of God's Holy Spirit. So he yielded and was licensed to preach by Dr. Littleton F. Morgan, one of the noble Presiding Elders of the Baltimore Conference, and sent to Mechanicsburg.

In 1875, seeing the pressing need for men in the newly formed Wilmington Conference, he crossed the Chesapeake, reported to Rev. Wesley Kenney, Presiding Elder of Dover District, who appointed Bro. Collins as Junior Preacher to Rev. Isaac Jewell, stationed at Millsboro. Serving one year "under the Elder" as we Methodists phrased it, in 1876, at the session of the Conference held in Union Church, Wilmington, Bishop Levi Scott, presiding, Brother Collins was admitted on trial as one of a class of fourteen. He started in good company, for that class of 1876 was not only one of the largest classes ever admitted into this Conference but also contained some of the brainiest men we have ever admitted. In that class stood the level-headed George W. Townsend, the brilliant J. E. Mowbray, the dependable O'Brien, the genial MacNichol, the eloquent Barrett, the scholarly Hoeffcker, the stalwart Terry, the gentle Chandler; and one of the fourteen, after these fifty-two years, still towers among us like a giant pine planted by "the rivers of waters," whose leaf has not withered, and who challenges the wisest of us by his wisdom, and the youngest of us by his zeal and activity in every battle for righteousness—Doctor W. F. Corkran. Entering with such a class Brother Collins was appointed to Sudlersville as Junior Preacher to Rev. C. W. Prettyman. As the Junior Preacher

was supposed to be "in training" with his "Senior" as instructor, it was usual to change appointments every year, and so we find Bro. Collins sent to Denton in 1877, to Royal Oak in 1878, and to Kent Circuit in 1879.

On March 11, 1880, Bro. Collins was married to Miss Mary Eads, of Eadsville, Md., and was sent to Appoquinimink Circuit as his first appointment as a married man. For Brother Collins the union was a blessed one, in that the young wife supplemented the side of life much needed in the itinerant ministry, viz., the business side. With Bro. Collins, to quote one who knew him well, "the all-important work of a minister was not finance, neither for himself nor for big collections; but always with him preaching and the saving of souls was the paramount issue." With the small salaries paid in that day, especially by the appointments to which he was sent, it required a master of finance to manage to keep a home reasonably comfortable, especially when the bright young children came to bless the home; but the brave young wife, with loving devotion to God, and husband and the Church of her choice, went with him to brighten life and assist in the work for the Master. For twenty-five years they went together, to Westover, Powellville, Ellendale, Lincoln City, Church Creek, Elliott's Island, Bozman, Kenton, Ingleside, Holland's Island, Bethel (Del.), Pocomoke Circuit, Hooper's Island and Colora.

In 1905, after going to and fro as an itinerant minister for thirty years, the Conference voted him the "Superannuated Relation," and Wilmington was wisely selected as the place for the future home, both for the sake of the children, and where the business ability and management of the wife might add a bit to the limited aid afforded by the Conference Claimant Fund. But even yet in his ears rang out the command, "Go preach my gospel," and even in Retirement he consented to supply Christiana, Claymont, and Hillcrest in the order named.

The last year of his life was one of suffering. His patience under this trial was remarkable. For months confined to his home and scarcely ever free from pain, he was never heard to complain; and his one dread was that he might possibly be a care and tax on the strength of those he loved. He constantly thought of others, not himself. For many weeks the wife was also bed-ridden, and lay on the bed near him, neither able to help the other. But their faithful son, John Eads Collins, temporarily gave up his work as an artist, that he might devote his entire time to tenderly nursing father and mother. Such devotion was beautiful as it is rare, and greatly assisted the suffering father to bear his ills and to smooth out the troubles of a stricken heart.

The end came quietly, peacefully, a few hours after the close of the Conference session, March 28, 1927. Surrounded by those he loved, wife, son and three married daughters (Mrs. L. M. Roe of Wilmington; Mrs. W. W. McCardle of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Paul Van Divort of New York), he quietly slipped away from earth's sorrows to that land:

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

Funeral services were held in the home he loved so well, 1607 W. Thirteenth St., Wilmington, Del., in charge of Dr. B. M. Johns, his Pastor

and friend. Interment was made at old Union Church, near Blackbird, formerly one of the churches of old Appoquinimink Circuit, his first appointment as a married man. And so, "He giveth His beloved sleep."

V. S. COLLINS.

SEWELL NORRIS PILCHARD.

Dr. Sewell Norris Pilchard was born July 12, 1858, near Snow Hill, Maryland. After the death of his father, and early in his own life, his mother removed to the town where he grew up, attended public school, and made his first attempt to establish himself materially. This became necessary because of his mother's widowhood. Here a bright and ambitious youth faced that grim struggle through which so many American boys have passed and from which not a few have emerged to efficiency and greatness. Poverty is not always an unmixed evil. Frequently it proves a coach that develops a champion player on life's difficult field. It was so with Norris Pilchard. He was entered in the office of Mr. Littleton P. Dennis, then owner of the Democratic Messenger, to learn printing. He made splendid progress, was a general favorite, and gave outstanding promise of a future of which none of his friends would have need to be ashamed.

At eighteen years of age he and his mother again removed their residence, this time to Salisbury, where he entered the office of the Salisbury Advertiser, owned and edited by Mr. Lemuel Malone. Being studious and alert, connection with these publishing enterprises served as a natural education. He was in constant touch with words, definitions, grammatical form, and the best composition, as these were related to intelligent consideration and discussion of a wide range of subjects. From such experience his active mind quickly absorbed information and acquired ability to apply it. Those who knew him were surprised at the clearness and force with which he began to think and speak. Thus, unknown even to himself, his providential preparation went forward.

Dr. Pilchard's mother being a Protestant Episcopalian, he was baptized by that Church, but, rather strangely, in Salisbury "fell among the Methodists." Coming under the influence of Rev. N. M. Brown, then Pastor of our Church there, he gave his heart to God, professed conversion, and united with the Methodist Episcopalians. This was brought about largely by Mrs. N. M. Brown, so well known and beloved on this Peninsula as a missionary leader. Young Mr. Pilchard had a beautiful bass voice and was fond of music. Mrs. Brown, knowing his struggles and appreciating his promise, invited him to her home, and in every possible way threw around him the charm and incentive of their family circle. It was during this period that he felt the call of God to preach. The way soon opened for study at the Conference Academy; and, desiring to enter the ministry of the Church through which he was led to Christ, he gladly accepted the

opportunity. Being unable, however, to do even this without helping himself, he worked with a newspaper, "The Delawarean," and at the same time pursued his studies. In Dover he boarded with the mother of Rev. C. W. and the late Rev. Thomas Prettyman, who exerted upon him a strong influence for good. Here he quickly attracted attention, and many prominent people became interested in him, among them former Chancellor Wolcott. Once his books were burned, and a Rev. Mr. Parker, a Baptist—that his studies might not be interrupted—loaned him his. Thus quietly and persistently seeking an education, he gained it, and those who knew him later in life were often surprised at his knowledge. It was due to the wideness and thoroughness of his reading during these years when eagerly seeking to furnish and polish the mind which had been laid at the feet of his Lord.

In the Spring of 1881 he was admitted to the Wilmington Conference and stationed at Wyoming, Delaware. At Willow Grove, one of the preaching points of Magnolia Charge—to which Brother Pilchard was assigned following the Wyoming pastorate—he met Miss Etta Wilkinson, and married her on April 3, 1883. From their union three children were born: Mary Virginia, who died in infancy; Dr. S. N. Pilchard, medical specialist of Salisbury; and Paul W. Pilchard, who graduated at law, but was unable to practice because of broken health, and who survived his father only a few months.

Brother Pilchard had happy and eminently appreciated pastorates at Stockton, Frankford, Delaware City, Laurel, and Scott, Wilmington, from which Church in 1896 he was appointed to a Chaplaincy in the United States Army, serving for four years in Arizona and New Mexico. His experiences there were varied and broadening, and always referred to as one of the major elements in his education. While in the West he was much interested in Indian relics, and brought many with him on his return to the East; where, in 1901, he resumed the regular work of his Conference at Greensboro, Maryland; Immanuel, Crisfield; Union, Wilmington; Delmar; Cambridge; Georgetown; all felt the touch of his pastorates, so potent for good. From the last named Church he retired in 1921, completing forty years of active Christian ministry.

Hillsboro, Caroline County, Maryland—the home of his wife's family—became their home in retirement. It was here his wife died on September 5, 1925, so soon to be followed by himself.

Scrupulous faithfulness in all details of the ministry characterized Dr. Pilchard, but there were certain outstanding features which will be immediately recognized by all who knew him well:

1. Spirituality. He was A GOOD man. In his mind everything was secondary to this. He communed with God as a life habit, and delighted in private spiritual conversation. Upon one occasion the writer was visiting his home, and was in his study, when the clock struck twelve. He said: "Brother Dashiell, it is my custom to engage in private prayer at noon. Will you not join me?" I did, and we spent perhaps fifteen minutes in prayer to gether. Sometimes he lamented that so few seemed to

find pleasure in talking about eternal things. His mind absorbed the spiritual as a flower the sunlight.

2. Catholicity. What he considered narrowness as to denominations seemed an abomination to him. His sympathies were large. He saw men as men—all of them objects of his Father's love. Human lines of separation meant little to him, and he bore to the grave a beautiful tenderness for his mother's church. One summer day, when both were on vacation, we were together in the library of the little Episcopal Church at Hillsboro, looking through books and discussing subjects of mutual interest. Rising, he passed into the auditorium. I followed. He said: "Brother Dashiell, this is a worshipful little place. Let's kneel at the altar and pray." We did so, and the light of a deeper glory shone upon us.

3. Love for Preaching. Always at home in the pulpit, and delighting in exposition, he brought from God's Word that which pleased and edified. His congregations rarely left the Church without feeling they had been in a sacred Presence. Not only did he love to preach, but he loved to talk about preaching. He often conversed by the hour on texts, sermon topics, and their development. His thoughts were often original. For example: On the parsonage porch at Georgetown, when engaged in such conversation, he said: "I preached Sunday morning from the text: 'They brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him.' My topic was 'Making the Journey Easy for Jesus.' They padded the back of the colt, and made the ride easy." Then he showed how our sacrifices make easy Jesus' journey of today. It was a tender thought, and not lost.

Thus, with lovable disposition, lofty ideals, spotless character, devotion to friends and foes, and generally attractive life, he passed through the world until, at about eight o'clock on the evening of June 9, 1927, an angel descended to his white cot at the Peninsula General Hospital, Salisbury, and quietly took him to the rest and reunions of Heaven.

His funeral was conducted from the home of Mr. Lay Beaven of Hillsboro. The writer was in charge, assisted by a number of ministers of his own and other denominations. Scores of townspeople and visiting friends were in attendance.

"He that liveth and believeth on me shall never die." Here is the life that does not die. It cannot die. In it death is swallowed up by immortality. All the ties broken by Brother Pilchard's going shall presently be gathered up and re-joined in a far better land.

Whittier's exquisite lines—slightly altered—come irresistibly to mind:

"Henceforward, listen as we will,
The voice of that hearth is still;
Look where we may, the wide earth o'er
His lighted face smiles no more.
We tread the paths his feet have worn,
We sit beneath the orchard trees,
We hear, like him, the hum of bees
And rustle of the bladed corn;

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We turn the pages that he read,
 His written words we linger o'er;
 But in the sun he casts no shade,
 No voice is heard, no sign is made,
 No step is on the conscious floor!
 Yet Love will dream, and Faith will trust,
 (Since He who knows our need is just)
 That somehow, somewhere, MEET WE MUST."

While others grope and are uncertain, Christians shout amid the shadows of the tomb. Farewell, my brother, until we meet on the golden shore of the Eternal Sea!

E. H. DASHIELL.

WESLEY WALTON CHAIRES.

Human life in its relation to this world is as the grass of the valley that carpets the earth in beauty for a season and withers under the touch of Autumn's frost, or like the flower of the garden that buds and blooms and sheds its sweet fragrance for a day and is gone, or more impressively as the heavenly comet that rises out of the darkness of the distance, blazes its way across the sky and goes back into the depths from whence it came.

But no one thinks of the grass as dead under the cover of its own mortality and the winding sheet of its grave. It still lives and grows and at the call of Springtime comes forth to a larger life. The flower is not dead but transformed into a multitude of its own kind in the seed pod. The comet does not burn out or die, but rises upon other worlds and shines on through the vaults of the limitless skies declaring the glory of him who creates but never destroys.

These are indications of the destiny of our comrades and brothers who toil with us for a brief day and are not for God has taken them.

We go out from Conference to battle for the Lord together. We return a year later with broken ranks and leave mounds upon the field to mark the resting place of co-laborers who fell. But the instinct of immortality and the promises of the God of battles make rainbows of our tears, and in the night of our sorrow we sing:

"O what a blessed hope is ours!
 While here on earth we stay,
 We more than taste the heavenly powers,
 And antedate that day.
 We feel the resurrection near,
 Our life in Christ concealed,
 And with his glorious presence here
 Our earthen vessel filled."

The familiar form of Wesley Walton Chaires, the mortal, halting upon its staff, is not with us at this assembly, but when I recall his joy in the fellowship of his brethren I would not say that Wesley Walton Chaires the immortal is not here, for there is an element about us in which spirit lives and I suspect the keeper of the City of God has granted him a vacation if need be to join us in this fellowship and rejoice with us in the victories of the year.

Brother Chaires was born into this world on the last day of the year 1856, in a section of Queen Anne's County, Maryland, known as "Double Creek," now within the bounds of Crumpton Circuit. His parents were poor but highly respectable people. The environments of his childhood days were humble but inspirational. The people that made up his narrow world were hard working, honest and very religious. The Church was the high place of the community life. The Sabbath day was a holy day, and woe betide the boy who played marbles, rolled a hoop or went swimming on Sunday. The apparent handicaps of primitive life are not necessarily hinderance, indeed, our obstacles should always be our greatest opportunities. Brother Chaires made his the stepping stones to larger things.

All the technical schooling he had in his childhood was that of a fourth rate, primary, back woods school of sixty-five years ago. His attendance upon that was broken by the necessity of helping to make a living for the family. But the thirst for an education was awakened, and in those early days he had the movings of an ambition to be and to do something, and he availed himself of such helps as were within his reach. He found his place in the Sunday School and counted every other Sunday's preaching service in his home Church a great opportunity. His mother died when he was 17 years of age. This made a deep impression upon his plastic mind and heart and turned him definitely toward his mother's God.

He came into a very real and conscious spiritual life soon after his mother's death. The Spirit began to move upon him in such a way that the Church was forced to recognize that he was chosen vessel of the Lord. He was made a Sunday School teacher, then Superintendent, then an Exhorter and a little later a Local Preacher. In these various capacities he served the local Church and the country churches round about as opportunity offered and in the meantime applied his mind to the study of the Bible and such other books as were available. In the Spring of 1888 he was recommended by his Circuit Quarterly Conference for the traveling connection. He met all requirements and was admitted into Conference membership. His first appointment was Shortley Circuit in Sussex County, Delaware. Soon he was back to his native heath, and served Crumpton Circuit for three years, then the time limit, to the great satisfaction of the people. While on Smith's Island, seeing how a knowledge of medicine could help a Pastor in such isolated places, with the consent of his Official Board he entered the Medical Department of the Maryland University and kept abreast of his class by staying at the University four days a week and spending Saturday, Sunday and Monday with his people. In that way he graduated as a full fledged physician in three years.

He was Pastor of Crapo Circuit at the time of his graduation in Medicine. A few months later an epidemic of fever broke out on the Circuit, and the only physician within many miles solicited his assistance to cope with the situation, and it seemed that he had come to the Kingdom for such a time as that.

Never robust in health, he was compelled to take the Supernumerary Relation twice during his itinerant life, and then as health would permit he practiced medicine as a livelihood.

In 1920 failing health compelled him to Retire, and he settled at Bozman, Md., his last charge. There he poured out the wealth of a rich Christian experience upon the Church and community until the end came.

In 1877 Brother Chaires was married to Miss Sarah Jackson of Chestertown, Maryland, who shared with him the trials and triumphs of the itinerant life. Seven children were born to them, five sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, physically and morally. These splendid children were a source of great comfort and sustenance in his late and dependent days, and to the mother as she sits in the shadows waiting for the coming of the day of reunion.

In 1924 Brother Chaires suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never fully recovered, though he improved sufficiently to hobble about with the assistance of a cane and was able to attend the Conference two years ago. A few months before the end came he discarded his cane and seemed to be on the way to vigorous health. But on the thirteenth day of last September, while doing some carpentering work about the house, he had another stroke. He was gathered up by tender hands and laid upon his bed, when he said, "Let me rest for awhile." In a few minutes his imprisoned Spirit was released and took its flight to the God who gave it. Four days later, September seventeenth, funeral services were held in the Bozman Church in charge of the District Superintendent, Brother Omar E. Jones, with the assistance of several brethren, and interment was made in the beautiful Easton, Maryland, Cemetery.

Sister Chaires lingers in feebleness in the embrace of her devoted children, quietly awaiting the invitation that shall reunite her to him whom she "loves and has lost awhile."

W. F. CORKRAN.

HARRY E. REED.

Harry E. Reed, a good Minister of Jesus Christ, died at Philadelphia, in the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Dec. 8, 1927.

He had been struggling heroically for several years against physical ills that baffled the most skilled of the medical profession whose diagnoses seemed never to have been adequate. Amidst it all he summoned a courage that was amazing and fought bravely to retrieve the losses he had suffered. Encouraged by a partial restoration, he resumed his pastoral

life and labors. With high hope of recovered health he diligently entered upon his parish duties. He plowed, he sowed, he reaped; his heart overflowed with that sweet joy that is known only to the successful and richly rewarded husbandman. The parish reacted to every touch and took new form,—was rich in promise. Suddenly the blighting touch of disease reappeared; the cloud of threat cast its shadow anew. For two and a half months he lingered, having the tender and efficient ministry of nurses and the scrutinizing mind of the most skilled physicians, then finally slipped away from us.

Harry E. Reed was born in Wilmington, Delaware, June 22, 1876, the son of John and Anna Reed. His early life was lived in this, the Union Methodist Episcopal Church. His Christian training was begun in the home and continued in the Sunday School of this Church. Here he found a field of opportunity.

Converted in early life, he found a rich field for service in the Church School. Beside other offices he rose to responsible position of Superintendent. While meeting the requirements of this position and during the pastorate of the late Rev. Sewell N. Pilchard, Brother Reed felt the Divine urge for the sacred ministry; a deep desire to become a herald of the glad tidings. He passed through that mystical process to the great decision and then modestly asked that the Church give her sanction and to clothe him with authority to become a minister of gospel of the blessed Son of God. Licensed here as a Local Preacher, also recommended by a Quarterly Conference of this Church for Admission on Trial to the Annual Conference, he was admitted at the Session of 1910 held at Salisbury, Md. He immediately entered upon a course of study at Drew Theological Seminary. This completed he begun his work in the Traveling Connection, having been ordained Elder at the Conference held at Berlin, 1913, Bishop Earl Cranston, presiding. He served as Pastor the following Charges:—Girdle-tree, Smith's Island, Rising Sun, Milton, St. Georges. His strength waned and he accepted a light work at an high altitude with the hope that, with semi-rest, he might recuperate. But in vain. For two years he laid down the duties of a Pastor. At the Conference of 1926 he resumed his work with high hope. Was appointed to Cheswold, Del. For one and a half years he gave his best. God honored his service. But his reserve of strength was inadequate to the task. At the Hospital we watched the grass wither and the flower fade. The gaunt reaper gathered his harvest.

Brother Reed was married to Emma J. Long in 1904, the late Richard H. Adams being the officiating minister. Mrs. Reed proved herself a true and worthy helpmeet. A devoted wife and an active helper in the parish activities. Besides the bereaved wife, a mother, a sister and a brother are left to mourn their loss.

The final services over the deceased were held in Wilmington, Delaware, December 11, 1927. In attendance upon these services was an unusual number of Conference members. Rev. O. E. Jones, Superintendent of the Middletown District, was in charge. Beside the ministers who participated in reading the scriptures and in prayer, the following made brief addresses, O. E. Jones, Geo. T. Alderson and the writer.

Being a member of the Masonic Fraternity and having been, last October, elected Grand Chaplain of the State for that Fraternity, a large delegation of the order was in attendance. These participated in the service at the Cemetery.

Harry E. Reed would not that fulsome eulogy should have place in this memoir. His quiet manner, his simple life, was more to us than may be expressed in fine paragraphs. This Comrade of ours, travel-worn and battle scarred, has answered the summon of the great Commander. He has come into the fellowship that is never invaded by death, to a life never clouded by doubts nor shadowed by sorrow, called to be forever with the Lord. To this great sanctuary of souls the comrade has entered.

J. W. EASLEY.

GEORGE WHITEFIELD STALLINGS.

George Whitefield Stallings, youngest son of Capt. Elisha and Mary Jane Stallings of Calvert County, Maryland, was born Nov. 17, 1856, and passed to his eternal home February 3, 1928, at Lovettsville, Va. Brother Stallings was converted in his seventeenth year. He was educated in Maryland public schools and spent 2½ years at Pennington Seminary, New Jersey, preparing for the ministry. During this latter period he was taken very ill with typhoid fever and was compelled to give up his studies, and being troubled with poor eyesight he returned to his farm. Afterward, feeling called to enter the ministerial ranks, he entered the Virginia Conference on trial, 1889, and served the following appointments: Wythe—Eagle Rock, Chesapeake, Herndon, Waterford and Berryville. When the Virginia Conference was dissolved he entered the Wilmington Conference in 1889, and served until 1922, serving the following charges: Phoebus, Chincoteague, Roxana, St. Peters, Bozman, Crumpton, Marydel and Fairlee, retiring in 1922.

Brother Stallings was twice married. His first wife was Miss Nettie Nowell of Calvert Co., Maryland. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Carrie Stallings of Lovettsville, Va., and one daughter, Miss Elizabeth Stallings of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, one son, Percy Stallings, died May 8, 1927. Brother Stallings was a great sufferer. His case was diagnosed as gall trouble. He passed away at 4 o'clock, February 3, 1928. His funeral was held at Lovettsville. An old friend, Dr. W. F. Miller of Baltimore Conference officiated. He was assisted by the Methodist and Lutheran Pastors of his home town. His body was taken to Baltimore and a short service conducted by another old friend, Dr. Barnes, in the Baltimore Cemetery Chapel.

Brother Stallings had the bearing of a reserved, refined Christian gentleman. I followed him at St. Peters (not immediately) and saw by the Church record that he had a great revival at that place.

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

H. S. DULANY.

WILLIAM BALL GUTHRIE.

William Ball Guthrie was born on a farm in Harford County, Md., Sep. 29, 1849, and died at Kenton, Del., March 30, 1928. His parents were godly Methodists, and the son honored them by an early response to their example and instruction, being soundly converted in the sixteenth year of his age. His elementary education was gained in the public school of the county. Leaving the farm about the time of his conversion, he began the trade of blacksmith, later an edge-tool maker, at which he continued until twenty-five years of age when the definite call to preach came to him, and seeking further preparation for the work he entered the Wilmington Conference Academy (now Wesley Collegiate Institute), and joined the Wilmington Conference at its session held in Cambridge, Md., March 7, 1883, Bishop Matthew Simpson presiding. His classmates were Revs. Vaughan S. Collins, Alpheus S. Mowbray and the writer of this memoir. He served faithfully the following Charges:—Pocomoke Circuit, Westover, Fruitland, Holland's Island, Houston, Gumboro, Somerset, Rock Hall, Marydel, Magnolia, Chincoteague, Millsboro, Roxana, Burrsville, Vienna, Westover, Powellville, Wye Mills, Kenton, and Queenstown, taking the Retired Relation in 1921, and making his home in Kenton, Del. On Nov. 25, 1886, he was happily married to Miss Elizabeth West Coats of Preston, Caroline County, Md., and from this union seven children were born, five of whom survive to mourn with the devoted mother the loss of this "Good Minister of Jesus Christ."

Brother Guthrie was a man of studious habits, possessed an analytical mind of a high order, a mental grasp that astonished those who had opportunity to observe the tenacity of his hold upon the subject once thought out for pulpit discourse. He wrote no notes for pulpit, and never wrote more than the sermons required for Conference examinations, but could produce, with a few minutes notice, any sermon he had ever preached. His ability to preach was gladly conceded by all the Charges he served and by all his brethren in the Conference. He never quite left the trade of edge-tool maker, for those who knew him well and heard him often will remember with keen delight that the tools he used in his long ministry were forged and tempered by the skill of an artisan who was a "Workman who needeth not to be ashamed" of his output.

A famous Roman General said: "I never throw away a sword as long as it will cut." The edge of Brother Guthrie's sword never turned, and it never failed to cut. His sermon on the "White Stone and the New Home" was one of the few great sermons the writer has been privileged to hear. That day he seemed to be at home in the steller spaces. He

browsed among the great themes of the Bible, and found rock bottom for his faith in the story of the redeeming Christ, "Whose going forth have been from old, even from everlasting." He was a man of a retiring disposition, much given to introspection, yet capable of warmest friendships, and to congenial friends gave freely of the best that was in him. To win and hold the confidence of this truth seeing and truth loving man was a charter of nobility. A good man has gone from us, but we do not see him disappear in some dark alley but going up through the highlands with the sun in his face, upborne and enraptured by the prospect beyond, the land of Beulah, and the delectable mountains.

The funeral services were held in Kenton Church in charge of Rev. J. H. Geoghegan, April 1st, and good men laid him away to rest in Odd Fellow's Cemetery in Smyrna, Del., and "Made lamentations over him."

With Tennyson our Brother could say:

"Sunset, and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to Sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too deep for sound or foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again Home."

G. L. HARDESTY.

CARRIE DERRICKSON NUTTER.

Mrs. Carrie Derrickson Nutter, wife of the Rev. Melvin D. Nutter, was born near Frankford, Delaware, Sept. 5, 1872. She was the daughter of John F. and Nancy Derrickson.

On Sunday morning, March 4, 1928, at Church Hill, Md., while her husband was conducting services in the Church, God's Messenger came and called, and she quietly slipped away to join the loved ones in the "Upper Kingdom" with:

"No time for a last farewell,
No time for the shock of fear,
Scarcely a moment's halt on the shore,
With the guide and the boatman near—
Think how surprised she was to go,
With little to suffer, little to know.

Only a moment of dark,
A dream of the fleeting night,
And then the beautiful break of day
And the quiet peace of light;
And she found herself where she longed to stand,
In the repose of the fatherland."

Early in life Mrs. Nutter was soundly converted and joined the Frankford, Delaware, Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she was an active and loyal member until June 12, 1901. At this time she was united in marriage to Brother Nutter by the Rev. Wm. R. Hiron, and thus took up the exacting duties of a minister's wife.

Before her marriage she taught in the public school of Sussex County, Del.

Her services as a soloist were eagerly sought on funeral and other public occasions, because of the appropriate and inspirational character of her singing.

As a minister's wife she was a great success. She possessed the happy faculty of making and keeping friends. Those who knew her best loved her most. She was a helpful, loving and tender wife; and a devoted and self sacrificing mother. She loved her home, and would often say to her friends, "Be it ever so humble, There is no place like home." Yet she enjoyed visiting the homes of her relations and friends. She inherited the proverbial Sussex County spirit of hospitality, and never seemed happier than when she had her house filled to capacity with congenial guests.

She was a born optimist, and radiated sunshine wherever she went. Her presence in the sick room was a benediction, for she always found cheerful things to say that caused the suffering ones largely to forget their pain. Her confident personal faith in Jesus Christ inspired hope and courage in those who were discouraged, sad and weary of the constant conflicts on life's battlefield. Her laughter with the merry ones was as clear and joyous as the notes of the song of the lark on a beautiful Spring morning. When with grief stricken friends her tears flowed so spontaneously and sympathetically that the sorrow seemed somehow to lose much of its bitterness.

She felt perfectly at home whether in an assembly of hoary headed saints, or in the midst of a group of red-blooded youth who were hilarious with the joy of living.

The funeral services were held in the Parsonage home at 10 o'clock, Wednesday morning, March 7, 1928, and were in charge of the Rev. L. P. Corkran, who was assisted by Dr. O. E. Jones, District Superintendent, Dr. W. F. Corkran, Revs. L. E. Poole, J. T. Richardson, and Dr. Vandevander, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. There were eight other clergymen present. Dr. O. E. Jones made the address, which was beautiful in conception, sympathetic in spirit, and tender in its presentation. Interment was made at Hurlock, Md.

Mrs. Nutter is survived by her husband, two daughters, Eva Pauline Nutter and Mrs. Ida Ruth Hall; two sons, Melvin D. Nutter and Edwin Hughes Nutter. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Charles West, and Mrs. Asher Collins.

The mass of beautiful flowers that surrounded her casket, and the presence of the large number of friends from all parts of the Peninsula were mute but eloquent testimonials of her great popularity.

Of her it may be truly said that she lived, "Non Silba, sed Anthar"—

"Not for self, but for Others." She surely made Christ the criterion of her character.

After having known her for nearly forty years, the writer feels that in her departure from earth he, as well as the family, has sustained a great loss, but with Wm. Cullen Bryant can say:

"There is a day of sunny rest
For every dark and troubled night;
And grief may bide an evening guest,
But joy shall come with early light,
God has marked each sorrowing day,
And numbered every secret tear,
And Heaven's long age of bliss shall pay
For all His children's suffer here."

GEO. W. BOUNDS.

ANNIE M. S. HOFFECKER.

Annie Marcella Stewart, the daughter of Samuel Stewart and Mary Ann Lemmon, his wife, was born in the home of her parents near Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland, March 8, 1852. She was married to the Reverend Edmund L. Hoffecker, October 30, 1877, the Reverend Charles Hill, Presiding Elder of the Easton District, Wilmington Conference, performing the ceremony.

She united with the church in childhood, and for a lifetime was faithful to its usages and doctrines. For forty years she was an efficient worker in the pastorate and other positions held by her husband. She made many friends and kept them through the passing years.

After a long and painful illness, borne with fortitude and sweet patience, she entered into her reward, April 30, 1927, leaving husband and three daughters and twelve grandchildren. She passed to the better land as a tired child falls asleep. Idealizing love glorifies her among those without fault around the throne of God.

After appropriate funeral services held in the home, conducted by the writer and attended by many ministerial friends and others, she was borne to Spring Hill Cemetery, Easton, Maryland, and lies in the burial lot by the side of her parents, awaiting the resurrection of the just.

RANSOM P. NICHOLS.

ANNIE E. WILSON.

Mrs. Annie E. Wilson, daughter of Levin and Mary Thomas, was born near Cambridge, Md., Nov. 28, 1851; and, after a life of consecrated service of nearly seventy-six years, was called from her home near Centerville, Md., to her heavenly home December 24, 1927.

Sister Wilson was converted, while yet a child, at old Spedden's Church on Beckwith Charge in a great revival meeting in that church. From that time on she was an earnest follower of her Lord. Her supreme purpose was so to follow Him as to make her life luminous with unselfish service.

Sister Wilson was married to Daniel Wilson, January 8, 1879, and went to live in Oxford, Md., where her young husband was engaged in business. Brother Wilson was not a professed Christian when they were married. He says concerning her: "There could be no rest for me until I yielded my life to God; day and night it was the one concern of her life that her husband be saved. She could not be content until I surrendered my will."

In their new home in Oxford she entered actively into the work of the church and soon made for herself a large place among the good people of the town. The writer knew her here. He can never forget her kindness, both in the preparation for the coming of her young pastor's new wife, and in the many other beautiful ministries to his home during the whole pastorate of three years.

Sister Wilson was a very timid woman and dreaded having to face strangers or take any part that made her conspicuous. So that when her husband began to realize God was calling him into the larger work of the Kingdom, and that they might have to give up the quiet homelife where she was so happy, to go out into the wider field where she would be compelled to face strangers and take a more public place, she hesitated. However, when the call came in 1898, and he received his marching orders from his Presiding Elder to take the field at Marydel, she was ready. It cost her much anxiety and prayer, but when he went she not only went with him, but entered immediately into his work and gave herself without stint to whatever field they were called to till.

Their last appointment was at Hopewell, Md., where they went in 1921, and where, in the midst of a very successful pastorate, Brother Wilson was stricken and, after an heroic fight to regain his health, was obliged to relinquish his charge and his beloved work. They then moved to the home of their daughter near Centerville, Md. In all these years this devoted wife moved by the side of her husband in all the cares and triumphs of his ministry, and comforted him in the days of his illness and the harder days of retirement. Brother Wilson freely and generously attributes a large share of his success to the companionship and help of this cheerful, devoted wife—a helpmate indeed.

They were blessed with one daughter, Annie Wilson Harris, who was the joy and pride of her parents and is now the comfort of her father.

The last year of Sister Wilson's sojourn witnessed the gradual breaking down of her health. The last months were increasingly painful and a

few hours before she left them, knowing the end was near, she said, "I shall stay with you but a little while, I shall soon be at home." Upon being asked by her husband, "If you must leave us, how is it with you? Are you afraid?" her answer was characteristic: "Oh, no indeed! I am trusting my Saviour; it is well."

There were no terrors for her, but the song of angels, the shining star, the open portals of the sky and the unspeakable gift, as on Christmas eve she slipped quietly away from earth and loved ones to join that innumerable company of the blood washed in heaven.

The funeral service was held December 27th from her late home and was in charge of her Pastor, Brother L. E. Poole, assisted by Dr. W. F. Corkran and the writer, after which she was laid to rest in the cemetery at Centerville, Md., to await the promised time "When the day shall break, and the shadows flee away."

THOS. R. VAN DYKE.

JENNIE P. WILLIS.

Mrs. Jennie Phillips Willis, daughter of George W. and Mary E. Phillips, was born at Golden Hill, Dorchester Co., Md., July 29, 1867.

She was educated in the public schools of the county, and was a very charming and intelligent woman, and always took a keen interest in public affairs.

She was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church when but a girl, and developed into a beautiful christian character.

On Jan. 5, 1893, she was united in holy wedlock to the Rev. Daniel H. Willis, and for twenty years she adorned the ministry by sharing with him its joys and sorrows, its defeats and victories.

She was singularly beautiful in character, wearing upon her bosom the white flower of a spotless life, consecrated in service, and loyal and devoted to her Master and His Church. "Many will rise up in that day and call her blessed."

After a lingering illness of more than two years, during which time her christian faith and courage never failed, she quietly went to sleep in Jesus at eighteen minutes after seven o'clock on Friday morning, March 23, 1928.

She is survived by her husband and one son, Daniel P. Willis, a prominent lawyer and federal officer in Cambridge, Md.

Her funeral was held Sunday afternoon, March 25th, and her body laid to rest in the beautiful Green Lawn Cemetery, to await the resurrection of the just.

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

W. E. HABBART.

LOUISA A. GARDNER.

Louisa A. Gardner, widow of the late Rev. Samuel T. Gardner, was born March 9, 1840, on her father's farm near Millington, Maryland.

Her parents, Richard and Louisa Moffitt, were life-long members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was only natural that Sister Gardner should follow in the footsteps of her Godly parents.

She was married to the Rev. Samuel T. Gardner, October 20, 1864. To this union were born two sons, Frank, who became a veterinarian, and Edwin, who for some years was a member of the Wilmington Annual Conference. For 27 years Sister Gardner shared the responsibilities of the itinerancy with her husband. His death, which was sudden, occurred on Jan. 3, 1891. After the death of her husband she made her home with her son, Dr. Frank Gardner, in Smyrna, Delaware, until the time of his death in August, 1926. Later she resided with her son, Edwin, in Crumpton, Maryland, until his death in 1927. Since that time she made her home in Wilmington, Del.

Her Church membership was with the Asbury Church in Smyrna until the time of her death, Feb. 10, 1928, at the age of 88 years.

After the going away of her boys her prayer was a continual petition to join them in the better land.

Sister Gardner was a lady of intelligence, refinement and deep spirituality.

Funeral service was conducted by her Pastor in Wilmington, Delaware, Feb. 14, 1928, with interment at Bethel, Maryland, by the side of her husband and boys, to await the Master's call on the resurrection day.

R. K. STEPHENSON.

ELENORA N. WHITE.

Mrs. Elenora White, nee Elenora Nelson, was born in Snow Hill, Md., June 28, 1846, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steward Nelson. She died in Millington, Md., February 17, 1928. After an appropriate funeral service on Monday, February 19th, her body was taken to Snow Hill, Md., and interred in the family burying lot in Whatcoat Cemetery by the side of that of her husband, the Rev. Elijah E. White, a member of this Conference for 46 years, who died Dec. 26, 1912.

She became the wife of the Rev. Elijah E. White in July, 1870, and was his faithful helpmeet during the 42 years of their married life. Thus, one by one we pass, "From out our bourne of time and place," sustained by the faith that,

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

F. C. MacSORLEY.

MARY PEARCE BOLTON.

On August 4, 1838, in Orrington, Maine, was born a child to whom was given the name, Mary Pearce. Like other healthy children, this child grew naturally through childhood and youth, coming in due time to a splendid womanhood. Her alert mind was as responsive to the intellectual as was her body to the physical. She was a student, following with delight every path that promised to lead her to the beautiful and useful. And with no less zest did she seek the "Light of the world," still pursuing the beautiful and the useful. Early in her life she became a devout follower of the Christ, which fellowship grew with her years, and was beautifully kept to the "last mile" of her long journey.

On August 20, 1858, she became the wife of Horace Wilbert Bolton, a brilliant young man of her own township. This marriage was the beginning of a long and happy married life, the union of two kindred spirits possessing the same faith, and rejoicing in similar religious experience, which ended only in the death of the husband in Camden, Del., January 9, 1909.

Mrs. Bolton possessed an unusual presence and a commanding personality. She was not only at home in any company, but easily a leader wherever she was. Both her grace of person and her charm of manner made her unusually attractive.

When our country was plunged into the horrors of Civil War, the young husband promptly responded to the call for men to preserve the union of the states, bringing upon the wife that torturing anxiety suffered by so many other wives and mothers in time of war. And when the Spanish-American war broke upon us, Dr. Bolton enlisted as a chaplain and was sent to Cuba, Mrs. Bolton going with him. During that fortunately brief war she devoted her time to caring for the soldiers, and was a true "Sister of Charity" to every American soldier in need whom she could reach.

For 40 years she was the faithful and efficient helper of her husband in his several pastoral charges in Maine, Massachusetts, Illinois and finally as Conference Evangelist in the Wilmington Conference. Soon after his transfer to our Conference he was assigned to the vacant pulpit of our church in Camden, Del. Here the tie that held the two together for so many years was broken by death. The wife, crushed, but for only a time, rose from her sorrow and assumed the vacant pastorate which she filled to the delight of the people until the meeting of Conference. And so well did she apply herself to the difficult task that the spiritual interests of the charge suffered no loss, and she brought a fine general report to Conference.

For several years Mrs. Bolton resided in Wilmington, having her membership in McCabe Church. Here she was ever ready for any task the church asked of her. But as the weight of the years grew heavier upon her she sought the comfort of her daughter's home in Stanford, Conn. There her long earthly journey of nearly ninety years closed. Clearly upon her must rest the blessing of all who "die in the Lord." Her mortal body lies in the Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery in this city, by the side of that of her husband; her immortal spirit is with God.

F. C. MacSORLEY.

XIII.

ROLL OF HONORED DEAD.

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

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EF- FECTIVE
1859	John E. Elliott	Nov. 8, 1868	Snow Hill, Md.	30	10
1836	Thos. J. Quigley	Oct. 19, 1870	Laurel, Del.	65	44
1850	Daniel Titlow	Feb. 7, 1871	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	4
1867	Amos A. Ewing	Jan. 19, 1872	Cecil County, Md.	30	4
1848	Alfred Cookman	Nov. 13, 1872	Newark, N. J.	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey	July 9, 1871	Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct. 3, 1872	Frankford, Del.	34	13
1825	T. J. Thomson	Nov. 29, 1874	Wilmington, Del.	71	49
1828	Robert E. Kemp	Mar. 6, 1875	Greensboro, Md.	73	32
1832	Wesley Kenney	June 24, 1875	Smyrna, Del.	70	42
1835	Henry Sutton	Mar. 23, 1876	Philadelphia, Pa.	68	23
1871	George A. Campbell	Sept. 7, 1876	Frankford, Del.	30	4
1862	John W. Weston	Apr. 23, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	38	15
1837	John D. Curtis	July 23, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	61	40
1845	David R. Thomas	Feb. 13, 1878	Wilmington, Del.	58	30
1870	Andrew J. Crozier	Jan. 21, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	41	7
1829	Joshua Humphriss	Jan. 23, 1879	Salisbury, Md.	78	41
1868	Francis M. Chatham	May 29, 1878	Berlin, Md.	41	8
1857	Edward G. Irwin	Mar. 12, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	50	21
1848	John Hough	Mar. 27, 1879	Near Trenton, N. J.	58	31
1857	Thomas J. Williams	Mar. 29, 1879	New Castle, Del.	53	21
1870	William I. Bain	May 13, 1880	Pocomoke City, Md.	36	10
1832	William Urie	Nov. 13, 1880	Smyrna, Del.	67	43
1860	Thomas F. Plummer	Feb. 2, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	44	8
1833	Elijah Miller	Apr. 15, 1881	Sudlersville, Md.	71	49
1836	John W. Pierson	May 6, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1880	Francis B. Quigley	Aug. 19, 1881	Hopewell, Md.	27	2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman	Feb. 27, 1882	Newark, Md.	36	9
1865	Benj. W. Chase	Dec. 11, 1882	Seaford, Del.	48	17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack	June 24, 1883	Cambridge, Md.	67	46
1834	I. T. Cooper	Apr. 12, 1884	Camden, Del.	78	26
1829	Henry Colclazer	Dec. 18, 1884	Philadelphia, Pa.	75	55
1833	John L. Taft	May 30, 1884	Norristown, Pa.	72	41
1869	John Shilling	July 22, 1884	Wilmington, Del.	52	15
1842	Arthur W. Milby	June 13, 1886	Harrington, Del.	71	44
1840	Elon J. Way	July 5, 1886	Baltimore, Md.	75	26
1839	Valentine Gray	Jan. 21, 1887	Gap, Pa.	72	42
1881	Isaiah D. Johnson	Mar. 4, 1887	Bridgeville, Del.	33	6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil	Mar. 9, 1887	Church Hill, Md.	55	28
1854	Joseph Dare	Oct. 22, 1887	Newark, Del.	56	32
1886	Frank M. Morgan	Feb. 11, 1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	34	3
1849	William Merrill	Oct. 23, 1889	Upper Fairm't., Md.	75	28
1873	Isaac N. Foreman	June 12, 1890	Lincoln, Del.	47	17
1841	John Allen	Dec. 13, 1890	Brooklyn, N. Y.	72	33
1855	Samuel T. Gardner	Jan. 3, 1891	Pivot Bridge, Md.	60	33
1889	Samuel J. Baker	Sept. 22, 1891	Laurel, Del.	33	2
1870	Thos. O. Ayres	Oct. 4, 1891	Delaware City, Del.	53	21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer	Jan. 10, 1892	Milton, Del.	45	19
1840	Vaughan Smith	Nov. 21, 1891	Wilmington, Del.	79	43
1845	Charles Hill	June 22, 1892	Salisbury, Md.	70	47
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. Hynson	July 27, 1899	Smyrna, Del.	61	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.	43	28
1836	Benj. F. Price	Mar. 22, 1901	Elkton, Md.	84	60
1851	Jas. W. Hammersly	Apr. 19, 1901	Brooklandville, Md.	78	40
1877	Walter E. Avery	Apr. 22, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	50	25
1860	J. Owen Sypherd	Sept. 3, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	69	39
1872	John D. Kemp	Sept. 21, 1902	Chestertown, Md.	65	30
1856	William F. Talbot	Feb. 26, 1903	Dover, Del.	73	27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard	Apr. 13, 1903	Frankford, Del.	65	41
1843	Thos. H. Haynes	May 23, 1903	Smyrna, Del.	81	51
1853	Geo. A. Phoebus	May 28, 1903	Brooklyn, N. Y.	74	33
1868	Jonathan S. Willis	Nov. 24, 1903	Milford, Del.	74	43
1867	John D. Rigg	Dec. 16, 1903	Hockessin, Del.	65	27
1869	Edward Davis	Jan. 9, 1904	Newark, Md.	84	28
1856	John France	Mar. 10, 1904	Wilmington, Del.	69	43
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
1859	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	Wyoming, Del.	56	31
1885	James M. Mitchell	Sept. 25, 1919	Millington, Md.	61	32
1873	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, Md.	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.	53 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
1876	John M. Collins	Mar. 28, 1927	Wilmington, Del.	81 27
1881	Sevall N. Pilchard	June 9, 1927	Salisbury, Md.	68 40
1888	Wesley W. Chaires	Sept. 13, 1927	Bozman, Md.	70 23
1910	Harry E. Reed	Dec. 8, 1927	Philadelphia, Pa.	51 17
1888	George W. Stallings	Feb. 3, 1928	Lovettsville, Va.	71 33
1883	William B. Guthrie	Mar. 30, 1928	Kenton, Del.	78 37

XIV.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

No.	Date	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1	March 17, '69	Wilm'ton—Asbury.....	M. Simpson.....	S. L. Gracey
2	" 16, '70	Port Deposit.....	E. S. Janes.....	S. L. Gracey
3	" 8, '71	Dover.....	L. Scott.....	S. L. Gracey
4	Feb'y 21, '72	Laurel.....	E. R. Ames.....	T. E. Martindale
5	March 5, '73	Easton.....	L. Scott.....	T. E. Martindale
6	" 4, '74	Salisbury.....	L. W. Wiley.....	T. E. Martindale
7	" 17, '75	Smyrna.....	E. S. Janes.....	T. E. Martindale
8	" 15, '76	Wilm'ton—Union.....	L. Scott.....	T. E. Martindale
9	" 7, '77	Milford.....	E. R. Ames.....	T. E. Martindale
10	" 13, '78	Chestertown.....	R. S. Foster.....	T. E. Martindale
11	" 19, '79	New Castle.....	M. Simpson.....	T. E. Martindale
12	" 17, '80	Dover.....	E. G. Andrews.....	T. E. Martindale
13	" 16, '81	Lewes.....	Thos. Bowman.....	John D. Rigg
14	" 8, '82	Middletown.....	J. F. Hurst.....	John D. Rigg
15	" 7, '83	Cambridge.....	M. Simpson.....	John D. Rigg
16	" 5, '84	Wilm'ton—Asbury.....	W. L. Harris.....	John D. Rigg
17	" 12, '85	Snow Hill.....	S. M. Merrill.....	John D. Rigg
18	" 4, '86	Elkton.....	W. F. Mallalieu.....	John D. Rigg
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield.....	H. W. Warren.....	John D. Rigg
20	" 7, '88	Wilm'ton—Union.....	C. D. Foss.....	John D. Rigg
21	" 20, '89	Easton.....	R. S. Foster.....	John D. Rigg
22	" 26, '90	Milford.....	Thos. Bowman.....	John D. Rigg
23	" 19, '91	Centreville.....	C. H. Fowler.....	A. S. Mowbray
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
60	" 28, '28	Wilmington—Union.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs

XV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

1872. J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney, Charles Hill. Reserves—J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd.
1876. L. C. Matlack, W. E. England. Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.
1880. L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby, Charles Hill. Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R. W. Todd.
1884. J. H. Caldwell, Charles Hill, J. B. Quigg. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, J. A. B. Wilson.
1888. Jacob Todd, J. A. B. Wilson, N. M. Brown. Reserves—W. S. Robinson, John France.
1892. W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, R. H. Adams. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, T. E. Terry.
1896. Merritt Hulburt, L. E. Barrett, Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran. Reserves—W. E. Avery, V. S. Collins.
1900. Robert Watt, T. E. Martindale, W. F. Corkran, C. S. Baker. Reserves—A. S. Mowbray, J. D. C. Hanna.
1904. A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, Adam Stengle, C. S. Baker. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, W. G. Koons.
1908. A. S. Mowbray, Adam Stengle, W. G. Koons, S. M. Morgan. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, Robert Watt.
1912. C. A. Hill, R. K. Stephenson, Robert Watt, G. P. Jones. Reserves—E. L. Hoffecker, C. W. Prettyman, G. T. Alderson.
1916. Robert Watt, E. L. Hoffecker, R. K. Stephenson, T. A. H. O'Brien. Reserves—G. T. Alderson, C. T. Wyatt.
1920. W. A. Wise, Robert Watt, H. G. Budd, W. R. Mowbray. Reserves—G. T. Alderson, V. S. Collins, J. W. R. Sumwalt.
1924. G. T. Alderson, E. H. Dashiell, T. F. Beauchamp, F. C. MacSorley. Reserves—J. W. Colona, O. E. Jones, W. E. Gunby.
1928. J. W. Colona, W. E. Gunby, O. E. Jones, J. J. Bunting. Reserves—Leonard White, D. W. Jacobs, E. H. Dashiell.

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

Members of Lay Electoral Conference, held at Union Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, March 30 and 31, 1928.

Dover District.

Bethel, G. Howard Gordy; Blades, J. E. Lloyd; Bridgeville, Mrs. HARRIETT H. CAHALL; Cambridge, Granville Hooper; Camden, Dr. L. S. Conwell; Church Creek, C. N. Jones; Dover, Wesley, Clarence A. Short; Ellendale, J. A. Ellegood; Elliotts', Shelton Gray; Federalsburg, John A. Hyland; Felton, S. H. Hodgson; Galestown, S. F. Russell; Georgetown, Frank M. Jones; Georgetown Ct., E. H. Tyndall; Greenwood, C. H. Kinder; Harrington, L. T. Jones; Hoopers' Island, Oscar Nelson; Houston, Armwell Quillen; Hurlock, R. Lee Glover; Laurel, J. H. Wiley; Lewes, Chas. T. Mel-

son; Lincoln, Willis Carey; Magnolia, J. K. Sapp; Milford, W. G. Abbott; Millsboro, John E. Magee; Milton, G. H. Waples; Mt. Pleasant, Norman Elliott; St. Thomas, J. E. Todd; Seaford, Madison Willin; Seaford Ct., I. W. Williams; Secretary, T. A. Coulbourne; Vienna, Chas. E. Le Compte; Williamsburg, R. S. Poole; Wyoming, S. W. Harrison; Zoar, Frank W. Lawson. (35).

Middletown District.

Barclay, Edwin E. Burris; Bayside, Raymond S. Harrison; Bozman & Neavitt, Mrs. Anna Fairbank; Cecilton, M. Earl Davis; Centerville, R. M. Hopkins; Chestertown, W. B. Copper; Cheswold, J. Herman Anderson; Church Hill, Allen G. McFarland; Clayton, Franklin Brockson; Concord, Harry H. Nuttle; Crumpton, Wm. T. Godwise; Denton, Frank L. R. Nuttle; Easton, C. N. Jefferson; Fairlee, B. F. Rash; Greensboro, Miss Lena A. Lewis; Hillsboro, Harry Flowers; Kent Island, Lemuel Kirwan; Middletown, D. W. Stevens; Millington & Dulany, R. J. Taylor; Odessa, J. E. Latta; Oxford, David Pritchard; Piney Neck, Mrs. Maggie VanSant; Pomona, R. H. Starr; Preston, J. T. Dennis; Queenstown, J. K. Wrightson; Ridgely, M. C. Meredith; Rock Hall, Tilghman Hubbard; St. Michaels, Wm. J. Keithly; Smyrna, W. O. Hoeffecker; Still Pond & Betterton, H. B. Moore, Sudlersville, Spencer Walls; Tilghman's, George Haddaway; Townsend, D. B. Jones; Trappe, H. L. Slaughter; Wye Mills & Starr, M. M. Price. (35).

Salisbury District.

Annessex, George Bell; Berlin, A. H. Hardesty; Bishopville, Owen M. Shockley; Chincoteague, J. T. Mears; Claremont, J. M. Sprague; Crisfield, Asbury, Jas. B. Tawes; Dagsboro & St. Georges, C. C. Brasure; Deal's Island, F. T. Webster; Delmar, J. H. Atwell; Frankford, Wm. T. Brasure; Fruitland, L. A. Powell; Girdletree, George L. Barnes, Jr.; Gum-boro, Fred Brittingham; Hebron, A. S. Hearn; Mardela, Herman Cordry; Newark, C. W. Mumford; Ocean City, Granville Cropper, Sr.; Onancock, Chas. F. Watson; Parsonsburg, W. B. Holloway; Pittsville, David Campbell; Pocomoke Ct., E. W. Mills; Pocomoke City, W. A. Long; Princess Anne, B. H. Dryden; Powellsville, W. I. Littleton; Quantico, Bliss W. Melson; Roxana, John E. Williams; Salisbury, Asbury, W. Newton Jackson; Salisbury, Grace, J. W. Gordy; Selbyville, W. A. Law; Smith's Island, Wilbur Marsh; Snow Hill, Prof. A. C. Humphries; Somerset, Dr. E. P. Simpson; Stockton, C. C. Pilchard; White Haven, Miss Lula M. Dolly; Whitesville, N. B. Ward. (35).

Wilmington District.

Bethel & Town Point, W. S. Dean; Cedars, Lottie Way; Charlestown, J. F. McCall; Cherry Hill, Arthur Harvey; Chesapeake City, C. A. Beiswanger; Claymont, E. T. Seibert; Delaware City, E. R. Wilson; Ebenezer, J. H. Little; Edge Moor, Thos. H. Dorman; Elkton, Edward Deibert; Hockessin, J. H. Polk; Holly Oak, Mrs. Susan Hanby; Hopewell, H. H.

Kirk; Marshallton, W. H. Wingate; Mt. Lebanon, Maugarite Winan; Mt. Pleasant, W. I. Lecates; Newark, Dr. E. B. Crooks; New Castle, Dr. Julius Dodd; Newport, A. M. Craig; North East, J. E. Davis; Perryville, W. H. Cole; Port Deposit, L. V. G. Westerfield; Red Lion, W. F. Silver; Rising Sun, W. M. Pogue; St. George & Summit, H. E. Simmons; Stanton, Lawrence L. Knotts, Zion Ct., J. S. Reisler; **Wilmington:** Asbury, J. R. Cummings; Brandywine, G. L. Bilderback; Brack Ex, E. W. White; Cookman, C. C. Lynch; Eastlake, Ella N. Hoeffecker; Epworth, G. E. King; Grace, Mrs. Melville Gambrell; Harrison St., I. Elmer Perry; Hillcrest & Bellefonte, Walter B. Alfree; Kingswood, Sarah E. Hoeffecker; Madeley, Howard H. Sullon; McCabe, Elwood F. Melson; Mt. Salem, F. P. Gentieu; Richardson Park, J. V. Terrell; Scott, C. P. Harvey; Silverbrook, E. W. Samworth; St. Paul's, W. B. Smith; Trinity, Chas. W. Cook; Union, Alfred Dahling. (46).

PROCEEDINGS.

The Lay Electoral Conference of the Wilmington Conference met in Union M. E. Church, March 30, 1928. Brother Harry Jones, former President of Laymen's Association, led in a song service. Brother J. E. Davis of Charlestown, led in prayer.

The business session was called to order by Enrolling Secretary, Clarence A. Short, at 10:00 A. M. Brother Harry A. Nuttle, of Concord Charge, was made temporary chairman. The roll of delegates was called, to which 118 responded. The chairman appointed the following a Committee on Credentials:—Brothers J. A. Ellegood, L. A. Powell, Spencer Walls, S. H. Hodgson and H. H. Kirk.

Dr. W. W. Davis, Lord's Day Alliance of Baltimore, was introduced and spoke on progress made in securing better observance of the Sabbath. Brother I. Elmer Perry reinforced the remarks made by Dr. Davis. Resolutions bearing upon the subject were offered and afterward referred to Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:—"Your Committee on Credentials recommends that the roll as called and checked be accepted as the roster of delegates to this Lay Electoral Conference. Additional names upon calling roll of absentees shall be added to the roster. Also, any question of the right of a delegate to sit as a representative of a given charge shall be referred to the Committee on Credentials before 2:00 P. M. today, March 30, 1928." Upon motion, the recommendations were adopted.

Upon nomination of Brother I. Elmer Perry, the temporary Chairman was made permanent Chairman. Clarence A. Short of Wesley Church, Dover, was elected Secretary, and Charles W. Cook, Trinity Church, Wilmington, was elected assistant Secretary.

The Chairman appointed Brothers I. Elmer Perry, W. B. Copper, J. T. Mears, and Dr. L. S. Conwell, as Committee on Relations with Ministerial

Conference; Brothers A. C. Humphries, G. H. Waples, John A. Hyland, Franklin Brockson, C. N. Jefferson, Dr. E. P. Simpson, W. A. Law, Dr. E. B. Crooks, and Elwood F. Melson, the Committee on Resolutions.

Brother W. O. Hoffercker spoke on fundamentals in religion and presented a resolution on the same, which was referred to Committee.

Brother Elwood F. Melson presented a memorial asking the General Conference to return Bishop McDowell to the Washington Area.

Brother A. C. Humphries offered the following resolution:—"Whereas it has been the custom in this Conference to choose a lay delegate to the General Conference from each district of the Wilmington Conference by a majority of all votes cast; Resolved, That this time honored custom shall be followed by this Lay Electoral Conference in the election of their delegates, and that the reserve delegates shall be chosen from the defeated candidates at one time, but not more than one reserve shall be elected from the same district, provided also in case of no candidate for reserve from a given district, that district shall have the right to nominate one candidate.

Furthermore, be it resolved, that the election of lay delegates shall be made the special order of business at 2:30 P. M. today. Upon motion, the resolutions were adopted.

Dr. Crabbe of Anti-Saloon League spoke briefly on the subject of Prohibition, stressing the necessity of eternal watchfulness at this time, and also the need of right voting in the next election.

Bishop Henderson of Cincinnati was introduced and spoke most interestingly and helpfully on "Evangelism." The Chairman appointed the following tellers for afternoon election:

1st Set—Bros. D. B. Jones, W. H. Wingate, F. M. Jones and Chas. F. Watson.

2nd Set—Bros. Arthur Harvey, Frank L. R. Nuttle, J. H. Atwell and Granville Hooper.

Upon motion, the Lay Electoral Conference recessed to meet at 2:00 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened at 1:30 P. M., by devotional exercises and a love-feast led by Brother Harry Jones. The business meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 2:00 P. M.

On motion of Brother I. Elmer Perry, it was decided to meet in joint sessions with the Annual Conference, Saturday at 10:00 A. M. A Collection was taken to meet expenses of the Lay Conference. It amounted to \$54.20.

On motion the nominating speeches were limited to five minutes, and speeches of seconders to three minutes each, also ballots from the book of ballots only would be accepted. On motion, the votes were to be taken by districts one at a time.

Dover District: Brother Wm. G. Abbott of Milford was nominated by W. J. Carey, seconded by F. M. Jones and J. A. Ellegood. Mrs. Ella C.

Emery of Seaford was nominated by Madison Willin, seconded by Mrs. H. L. Cahall.

Brother Charles M. Phillips, of Hurlock, was nominated by R. Lee Glover, seconded by E. L. Coulbourne.

Wm. Abbott received 84 votes, Brother Phillips 40 votes, and Mrs. Emery 14 votes. Brother Abbott declared elected.

Middletown District: Brother W. O. Hoffercker, of Smyrna, was nominated by Franklin Brockson, seconded by J. E. Latta. Brother H. H. Nuttle was nominated by W. B. Copper, seconded by Owen Shockley and J. A. Hyland and H. Flowers. Brother Nuttle received 122 votes, and Brother Hoffercker 19 votes. Brother Nuttle was declared elected.

Salisbury District: Brother Wm. Newton Jackson, of Salisbury, was nominated by A. C. Humphries, seconded by A. H. Hardesty and A. S. Hearn. The ballot showed a vote of 138 for Brother Jackson, who was declared elected.

Wilmington District: Brother Elwood F. Melson, of McCabe Church, Wilmington, was nominated by Dr. E. B. Crooks, seconded by Owen Shockley and W. H. Cole. Brother Wm. B. Smith, of St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, was nominated by F. P. Gentieu, seconded by Wm. B. Stevens. Brother Melson received 75 votes to Brother Smith's 69 votes. Brother Melson was declared elected.

For reserve candidate, Brother W. A. Law, of Selbyville, nominated Brother Wm. T. Brasure, of Frankford. Upon ballot, Wm. B. Smith, Jr. received 86 votes, Brother Brasure 81 votes, Charles M. Phillips 67 votes, W. O. Hoffercker 60 votes, and Mrs. Emery 24 votes. Brothers Smith, Brasure, and Phillips were declared elected reserve delegates.

Rev. H. S. Dulany was introduced and presented the merits of a paper entitled, "The Messenger," a monthly periodical published at Hebron, Md., in the interest of the Wilmington Conference.

Dr. W. S. Bovard, General Secretary of Board of Education, addressed the Laymen at this time upon the church's policy in the education of the young people of the denomination.

Dr. F. A. Lindhorst, Director of Religious Education in the Wilmington Conference, spoke upon the importance of training schools, noting also the great increase in these schools and the number attending. He spoke of the need of these schools in isolated parts of the Conference and of plans to reach all sections of our territory alike. He announced a summer school of Education, similar to the one held at Dickinson College of late years, to be held at Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover, Delaware, July 23 to August 3, this year.

Mr. Robert A. Brooks, of the Methodist Book Concern, was introduced and called attention to the excellent religious books on the market, many of the best by our own Bishops.

Miss Carrie J. Driebelbies, District President, Board of Foreign Missions, spoke on the topic "Christian Stewardship on the Three-Fold Plan." Adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9:00 A. M.

SATURDAY MORNING.

A Love Feast in charge of Brother I. Elmer Perry was held from 9:00 to 9:50 A. M. It was a period of expressed confidence in the saving and keeping power of Christ, the personal Savior of mankind.

The business session was called to order and the memorials on Lay Representation in the Annual Conference were taken up.

On the Detroit Plan, the vote was: Ayes—0; Noes—54.

The Lay Electoral Conference at 10:00 A. M. went into joint session with the Annual Conference. The Lay Delegates-elect to the General Conference were introduced to the Annual Conference and the Ministerial Delegates were presented to the Lay Electoral Conference. Bishop McDowell spoke briefly and instructively to the delegates after which the Lay Conference went into separate session.

During the absence of the Chairman, Brother H. H. Nuttle, due to a joint meeting of the delegates to General Conference, Brother J. Herman Anderson presided.

The Central Swedish Plan for lay representation in Annual Conferences was taken up and the vote resulted: Ayes—0; Noes—59.

The Kansas Plan was discussed by Brothers E. B. Crooks, Willis Overdeer, and W. O. Hoffecker. The vote was: Ayes—65; Noes—13.

Dr. E. B. Crooks, acting chairman for the Committee on Resolutions, reported 8 resolutions which were taken up in order.

RESOLUTION I—Respect for deceased delegates, passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION II—Thanks, Church officials and the ladies, passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION III—Training school, passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION IV—Lords Day Alliance, after discussion by Brothers I. Elmer Perry, Clarence A. Short, H. H. Nuttle, and W. H. Cole, the same was amended and passed as amended unanimously.

RESOLUTION V—Pension Plan—Discussed and explained by Brothers W. O. Hoffecker, W. H. Cole, and Elwood F. Melson, passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION VI—Memorial asking retention of Bishop McDowell in charge of Washington Area, was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION VII—Restatement of faith, passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION VIII—Thanks to the reporters and the press, passed unanimously.

Rev. E. C. Hallman, Chairman of the Historical Society of the Wilmington Conference, was presented and explained the object and purpose of the organization. He offered the following recommendations:

1ST:—The Secretary of the Conference be instructed to have bound at the end of each quadrennium, in addition to others, one copy of our Conference Minutes for the Historical Society files.

2ND:—That each charge assist the local historians to gather the facts relative to its own history, and when the history of each church

is written, that one copy of said history be recorded in the official records of the charge, one copy be sent to the Vice-President of the Historical Society in that District, and one copy to the President of the Historical Society.

3RD:—That we locate and mark with the church flag on Memorial Day, the graves of every veteran of the Cross that may sleep within the boundary of our charge.

Upon motion, the recommendations were approved.

Brother I. Elmer Perry spoke of the development of the City Missionary Work, and the remarkable results being obtained. Brother Willis Overdeer spoke in hearty support of statements made by Brother Perry.

Professor Clarence A. Short, President of Wesley Collegiate Institute, was introduced and outlined briefly the work being done in that School, also of the needs of the Institution. Brother Harry H. Nuttle spoke in support of remarks made by Professor Short.

Dr. French, of the Home Missionary Board, was introduced to the Conference.

The Lay Electoral Conference, after prayer, was adjourned sine die.

HARRY H. NUTTLE,
President.

CLARENCE A. SHORT
CHARLES W. COOK,
Secretaries.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution I—Sympathy And Regret.

RESOLVED: That our body express its deep sense of loss in the death of Brother Frank M. Moore elected delegate from Bishopville Charge, and Brother Orlando Harrison, from the Berlin, Md., Charge, and that our Secretary be requested to convey to the bereaved families our sincerest christian sympathy.

Resolution II—Thanks.

RESOLVED: That we, as a Conference, express to Union Church, its Pastor, Reverend James A. Leach, D.D., and to the ladies who have so bountifully and pleasantly served us, our appreciation of their hospitality and care for our comfort.

Resolution III—Training Schools.

Believing that the success of the program of the Kingdom of our Christ is directly dependent upon the growing and developing of a trained leadership, we rejoice in the large number of people, young and old, who are taking advantage of the various training opportunities now offered, and recommend to our churches that they center their attention for the summer months upon the sending large numbers to the Epworth League Institute and the Summer School for Religious Education.

Resolution IV—Lord's Day Alliance.

BE IT RESOLVED: By the Lay Electoral Conference of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that we endorse, in principle, the Educational Program of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland, and earnestly ask all our Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents to give it a permanent place in their programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we request our District Superintendents to present this Educational Program to the Quarterly Conferences of their Districts, and urge its adoption and use by all the Churches and Sunday Schools of our Conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the secretary be requested to send a copy of this resolution to the several District Superintendents of the Wilmington Conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Secretary be requested to furnish a list of delegates of this Conference to Dr. W. W. Davis, of the Lord's Day Alliance, in order that said Alliance may make selection therefrom for co-operation.

Resolution V—Pension Plan.

WHEREAS, There has been presented to the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the complete text of the plan for the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church as approved by the Board of Pensions and Relief: therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: (1) That we approve the principle of providing adequate reserve funds to protect and stabilize the payment of pension and other benefits to the retired and disabled ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church and to the widows and orphans of Methodist preachers.

(2) That we commend to the next General Conference, the adjustment of the pension program of the Church in such manner as to make the progressive funding of pensions for "New Entrants" a certainty, and, at the same time, make provision for the guaranty of all pensions based on services rendered by "Previous Entrants".

(3) That we urge the General Conference to direct that steps be taken to promote the general effort throughout the Church to secure the requisite reserves so as to make possible at an early date the reserve funding of all accrued pensions.

(4) That we approve the general principles embodied in the "Complete Text of the Plan of the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund" prepared and approved by Board of Pensions and Relief, as furnishing a progressive program that will gradually stabilize the pension system of Methodism on a reserve basis, without disturbing, meanwhile, pension operations under the "Original Pension System" of 1908; and respectfully memorialize the General Conference to adopt the Principle of the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund and incorporate it into the legislation of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Resolution VI—Memorial on Bishop McDowell.

To the Committee on Episcopacy of the 1928 Session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Delegates of the Lay Electoral Conference assembled at Wilmington, Delaware, March 30 and 31, 1928, pledge to the General Conference their unswerving loyalty to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and send greetings:

WHEREAS, Your Committee did in its wisdom in the Year of our Lord 1916, first assign Bishop William F. McDowell to the Washington Area of our Church, over which Area he has since been the Presiding Bishop; and

WHEREAS, The laity of the Wilmington Conference, which forms a part of the said Wilmington Area, have through these years learned to trust implicitly and love devotedly our Bishop; and

WHEREAS, We are exceedingly anxious that throughout our Bishop's closing Administrative Quadrennium, we may sit at his feet and learn of Him, Whom to know is to love eternally; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: By the Delegates to the 1928 Session of the Wilmington Lay Electoral Conference, here assembled, that we do most earnestly petition and request the Committee on Episcopacy of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to reassign Bishop William Frazier McDowell to the Washington Area for the ensuing Quadrennium; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That the Lay Delegates from the Wilmington Conference be and they are hereby directed to present this resolution to the Committee on Episcopacy of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, through and by its proper officers.

Resolution VII—Restatement of Faith.

BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the members of the Lay Electoral Conference of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, hereby reaffirm our loyalty to our Church in its faith and practice, and express our belief that our beloved Church is sound in its faith and practice.

Resolution VIII—To the Press.

RESOLVED: That we, as a Conference express our warm appreciation of the manner in which the public press has so amply and satisfactorily made report of the sessions of our Conference, and that we wish especially to express our thanks to the press of Wilmington.

Prof. A. C. HUMPHRIES
E. B. CROOKS
JOHN A. HYLAND
C. N. JEFFERSON
W. A. LONG
W. A. LAW
Dr. E. F. SIMPSON
FRANKLIN BROCKSON,
Committee on Resolutions.

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- 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.
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- 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. Hoffercker; 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.
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- 1925—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secretaries, C. A. Short, John Shilling.
- 1928—Pres., H. H. Nuttle; Secretaries, C. A. Short, C. W. Cook.

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. Hoffercker, 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. Hoffercker, 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. Hoffercker, E. P. Wyatt, H. C. Conrad.
- 1928—Delegates, W. Newton Jackson, H. H. Nuttle, W. G. Abbott, E. F. Melson.
Reserves, W. B. Smith, Jr., W. T. Brasure, C. M. Phillips.

XVI.
GENERAL STATISTICS
OF
WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT

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SALISBURY DISTRICT

D. A. Stockely, H. V. Branford, L. M. Broadway.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

R. W. Campbell, R. S. Hodgson, C. W. Clark.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'y Mem., Full Members), Church Property (Churches, Land, Buildings, etc.), and various financial metrics. Rows list charges from 1 to 47, including churches like Beckwith and Spedden, and circuits like Dover and Zoar.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishop, Support Conf. Clerg.), and Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized). Rows list charges and pastors from 1 to 47, including churches like Beckwith & Spedden and circuits like Dover and Zoar.

District Parsonage at Dover, Del., estimated value \$15,000, indebtedness \$4,000.

STATISTICAL
DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns for List No., Schools on Charge, Pupils Enrolled (Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Young People, Adults, Home Department), Average Attendance, Pulpits, and Epw'th League (Senior Members, Junior Members).

TREASURER'S
DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns for NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences, Benevolences as ordered by the Annual Conference (World Service, Children's Day Fund, etc.), Other Cash Items, and Miscellaneous.

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STATISTICAL

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'y Men, Full Members, Deaths), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, etc.), and various financial metrics.

STATISTICAL

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishops, Support Conf. Cl'mnts), and Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized).

District Parsonage at Middletown, Del., estimated value \$7,500.

STATISTICAL
MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

List No.	Sunday Schools													Epw'th League																											
	Schools on Charge	Schools Using Graded Lessons	Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled							Home Department	Total Enroll't in all Depts. Inc. Cradle Roll, Home Dept. Off's, Teach's, Pup's	Average Attendance of all Grades	Pupils incl. Home Dept. who are Church Members or Preparatory Members	Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.	Paid by Sunday School to World Service	Paid for Sunday School Supplies	Senior Members	Junior Members																						
				Cradle Roll	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	Young People										Adults																					
																					Home Department																				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
1	5	15	33	21	12	15	21	22	14	34	75	20	150	40	81	2	75	35	26	44	78	44	1157	532	556	737	748	685	616	625	1637	338	9875	4693	4194	242	5340	5285	1375	638	

TREASURER'S
MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference				Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference							Other Cash Items		Miscellaneous					
	World Service	On Apportionment	Specials, Annul-ties, Legacies, etc.	Children's Day Fund	Hospital and Homes	City Missionary or Church Extension Society	Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund	Domestic Missions	1/2 Salary Conference Entertainment	Director of Religious Education	Other Items	Total Benevolences Ord'd by Annual Conference	Annual Conf. Investm'ts for Conf. Claimants	General Conference Expenses	Local Preachers	Subscribers to the Advo-cates	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society		
																		Woman's Foreign Mis-sionary Society	Woman's Home Mis-sionary Society	Total Disciplinary Be-nevolences
1 Barclay Ct.	25	5	5	5	35	5	6	3	6	12	32	20	2	1	1	1	842		
2 Bayside	200	5	5	5	205	5	10	3	6	79	80	103	1	1	1	1	122		
3 Bozman	225	5	5	5	225	6	10	12	14	23	65	69	1	1	1	1	30		
4 Burlington	25	3	3	3	28	3	3	5	5	9	17	5	5	5	5	5	653		
5 Cecilton	225	2	2	2	227	5	10	10	10	22	67	5	5	5	5	5	1200		
6 Centreville	400	5	5	5	518	7	20	22	19	5	70	250	16	1	1	1	2500		
7 Chestertown	1919	116	71	47	2545	236	10	15	25	25	114	425	12	1	11	11	108		
8 Cheswold	291	11	11	11	302	8	10	15	12	54	99	30	2	2	2	2	600		
9 Church Hill	135	5	5	5	135	5	15	12	16	58	106	19	2	2	2	2	431		
10 Clayton	180	20	12	12	212	23	10	5	10	10	89	147	28	3	3	3	500		
11 Concord	52	5	5	5	57	5	12	12	21	286	331	8	8	8	8	8	300		
12 Cordova	25	5	5	5	25	5	10	11	7	28	5	24	1	1	1	1	500		
13 Crumpton	150	1	1	1	151	46	15	15	10	86	5	24	2	2	2	2	559		
14 Denton	85	47	35	35	957	10	15	20	31	66	142	200	8	8	8	8	608		
15 Easton	1250	50	18	493	451	2262	20	25	25	26	175	271	9	9	9	9	500		
16 Fairlee	229	4	5	5	238	22	10	12	14	94	152	55	12	4	4	4	768		
17 Galena	224	5	5	5	229	16	3	2	17	24	53	115	50	1	1	1	500		
18 Greensboro	550	40	5	124	719	20	20	18	24	249	335	22	2	2	2	2	250		
19 Henderson	150	3	57	210	21	5	12	13	17	149	217	13	12	4	4	4	281		
20 Hillsboro	100	25	125	100	10	9	10	9	190	219	5	10	10	10	10	10	560		
21 Kent Is.	100	5	100	100	11	12	13	49	85	100	5	1	3	3	3	3	50		
22 Kenton	77	5	82	2	5	2	12	12	11	29	73	5	1	1	1	1	658		
23 Mayfield	1215	100	10	138	540	2003	7	20	25	24	32	147	255	467	12	20	257		
24 Middletown	315	10	66	123	514	25	10	12	19	85	161	25	2	2	2	2	403		
25 Millington	434	17	6	25	53	535	10	10	12	15	20	85	152	100	6	3	160		
26 Odessa	175	5	5	5	180	10	3	10	10	68	111	2	2	2	2	2	250		
27 Oxford	40	4	4	4	46	12	5	5	7	7	5	41	12	7	7	7	262		
28 Piney N'k.	90	5	5	5	95	12	6	10	4	13	22	67	4	4	4	4	977		
29 Pomona	109	35	39	183	10	16	20	18	26	119	209	86	28	3	3	3	555		
30 Preston	60	7	67	67	67	6	6	7	15	28	5	8	8	8	8	8	825		
31 Queenston	179	5	55	239	18	14	15	15	19	23	82	59	15	1	4	4	105		
32 Ridgely	200	5	205	5	10	7	7	13	9	38	1	2	75	4	247				
33 Rock Hall	15	1	2	18	2	14	15	15	22	34	100	28	4	247					
34 Royal Oak	568	14	10	592	14	30	30	25	346	431	50	25	1	23	821				
35 St. Michael's	2886	268	331	3485	30	30	30	25	346	431	50	25	1	23	821				
36 Smyrna	521	231	752	67	16	15	16	15	47	145	8	5	618						
37 Still Pond	400	4	10	6	420	15	16	16	26	51	124	100	8	8	8	273			
38 Sudlersville	100	5	105	105	10	10	10	34	54	100	15	1	1	500					
39 Tilghmills	577	10	10	597	5	12	16	20	63	128	50	8	6	122					
40 Townsend	116	15	5	136	13	5	10	11	15	11	68	8	4	226					
41 Trappe	54	6	5	73	73	6	4	10	9	13	12	54	7	2	2	375			
42 Wye	116	15	5	136	13	5	10	11	15	11	68	8	4	226					
Total.....	15461	427	213	1916	1815	19832	547	264	9	483	521	635	3041	5525	1909	397	18	194	18321

1 No World Service

STATISTICAL

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership							Church Property								
	Received During Year	Prep'ry Mem	Full Members				Deaths During Year	Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties Endowments, Bonds etc	Paid for Buildings and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Property	Present Indebtedness on Property	Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support
			Now on Roll	Rec'd from P. M. or Prof'n of Faith	Received by Transfer	Full Mem'rs on Roll Not Incl. Nones' Inactive Members											Non-Resident-Inactive Members
1 Annessex				160		2	2	\$8500	1	\$2000					\$100	
2 Ayres Chapel			2	143	50		3	6500			\$200				175	
3 Berlin	12	19	12	21	339		5	25000	1	5000	416				613	
4 Bishopville	115	75	40		400		27	10000	1	1200	600	\$200			200	
5 Cape Charles	6	16	4	8	251	22	1	12000	1	8000	1010	250	800		700	
6 Chincoteague	66	20	46		205		2	32000	1	2500		75			652	
7 Claremont		3	1		85		2	2000	1	1500		50			186	
8 Crisfield-Asbury			8		611		8	110000	1	5000	40000		\$19000		900	
9 Immanuel			61		625	430	6	50000	1	10000		6000	2975		2430	
10 Dagsboro & St. Georges	26	6	20	5	498		7	12000	1	5000		50			300	
11 Deal's Island	12	12			202		8	30000	1	2500	5000	4486			850	
12 Delmar	2	3	2		580	40	2	15000	1	10000		550			883	
13 Fairmount	80	20	60		296	50	6	25000				1000			500	
14 Frankford	18	8			245		6	10000	1	2000					240	
15 Fruitland	39	30	10	7	327	14	5	15000	1	2500					900	
16 Girdletree			5	4	139		1	10000	1	3000					300	
17 Gumboro	72			1	410		8	15000	1	1500	500	2300			160	
18 Hebron	2	2	2		107	5	3	15000	1	2500	125				179	
19 Marcella Springs	16	1	24	2	115		1	6000	1	2500	125				75	
20 Marion					75	28	2	13000	1	4000	100				350	
21 Mt. Vernon			33		360		2	13000	1	4500	100		450		350	
22 Nanticoke					270		9	9500	1	1500	900				256	
23 Newark		9			184	24	2	12000	1	3500	3000	800			250	
24 Ocean City	4	4		1	119	25	3	27000						3600	400	
25 Ocean View & Millville	10	10			250	15	9	15000	1	2500	600	300		125	300	
26 Onancock	10	8		2	228	3	5	8000	1	5000		450			400	
27 Parsonsburg	8		8	1	284	25	5	8000	1	1600	3000			400	500	
28 Phoebus			2	3	157	38	3	51500	1	3500	1048	250		16500	1111	
29 Pittsville		20	24	3	360	20	10	10000	1	3500		400			223	
30 Pocomoke	3	6	15	7	407	48	2	30000	1	15000			1405	7319	1178	
31 Pocomoke Circuit			7	1	158		4	5000	1	1100		250				
32 Powellville	37		12	1	350		5	6000	1	2500	3625					
33 Princess Anne	10	10		9	270	83	4	30000	1	6000		540			575	
34 Quantico	9	9	3	3	158	4	4	7000	1	2000		342			125	
35 Roxana	55	5	50	5	218		4	7000	1	3000					600	
36 St. Peter's	27	4	24	1	228		10	11000	1	3000	1000	300	900		900	
37 Salisbury-Asbury	75	19	152	20	1165	36	8	110000	1	15000	9000	950			6300	
38 " Grace		12	80	6	225	75	2	16000	1	3300		150	700		950	
39 Selbyville	12	3	12	11	374	75	6	30000	1	4000	1000	800			609	
40 Sharptown			150			100	2	8000	1	8000						
41 Smith's Island	40		40		387	8	1	26000	1	1500	1150	400			500	
42 Snow Hill	9	21		5	350	68	3	30000	1	17000	3000	200	258	437	1100	
43 Somerset	42	30	12		290		3	16000	1	8000			500	1000	650	
44 Stockton			19	5	334	3	1	25000	1	3000		1200			202	
45 Synepuxent	13	13	6	1	98	25	1	9000				48			220	
46 Tangier	56	163	62		410		7	30000	1	9000		817	600	2700	1100	
47 Venton					14	4	1	1000							12	
48 Westover					109		2	10000	1	2000			270		150	
49 White Haven	2				88	16	2	6000	1	2000		500	100		55	
50 Whitesville	44	4			294		12	15000	1	1500		350				
Total	922	565	1008	135	13692	1234	221	104984000	45	203200	24048	66249	14727	56081	30100	

STATISTICAL

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Baptisms			
		Total Claim Includ- ing House Rent	Total Paid Includ- ing House Rent	Rental Value of Par- sonage	Total Claim incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Total Paid incl. H. R. & Adm. Ex.	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized	
1 Annessex	R. Kirwan	\$1350	\$1095	\$150	\$80	\$74	\$16	\$15	\$202	\$85	\$1269	379			
2 Ayres Chapel	A. T. Hudson	1106	1106	106	76	76	13	13	156	156	1351			7	3
3 Berlin	E. C. Hallman	2500	2500	250	160	160	29	29	368	368	3057			15	3
4 Bishopville	R. H. Wilson	1450	1450	150	103	108	16	16	199	199	1773			6	4
5 Cape Charles	Howard Davis	2750	2750	250	140	130	37	37	450	200	3117	260	14		
6 Chincoteague	J. T. Rowleson	2700	2700	300	160	160	32	32	300	345	3237			16	8
7 Claremont	G. S. Lightner	900	900	100	60	60	10	5	135	20	985	120	5		
8 Crisfield-Asbury	T. J. Sard	3250	3250	250	230	230	37	44	488	488	4012			10	
9 Immanuel	J. B. Bunting	3900	3900	300	240	216	45	45	585	450	4611	159	20	3	
10 Dagsboro & St. G	G. S. Thomas	1900	1900	200	140	140	22	23	255	255	2318			6	
11 Deal's Island	J. T. Price	2150	2200	150	140	140	32	26	397	200	2566	203	10		
12 Delmar	Leonard White	3400	3400	400	170	170	39	39	435	435	4044			6	1
13 Fairmount	D. A. Stockely	2000	2000	200	140	140	23	20	251	155	2315	99	23		
14 Frankford	G. A. Cooke	1850	1850	150	98	98	21	21	247	144	2113	103			
15 Fruitland	A. B. Frye	1850	1850	150	125	125	21	21	262	262	2258			14	6
16 Girdletree	J. T. Graham	1750	1608	150	100	120	19	19	247	100	1847	264	3		
17 Gumboro	Roy Tawes	1400	1400	100	100	100	15	17	195	35	1552	160	75	2	
18 Hebron	O. A. Bartley	1700	1700	200	88	88	20	20	210	210	2018			1	
19 Marcella Springs	J. C. Hanby	1100	1200	100	68	68	14	3	188	40	1311	159	5		
20 Marion	H. V. Branford	1450	1450	150	92	92	17	17	192	192	1751			5	4
21 Mt. Vernon	G. W. Hastings	2000	2000	200	120	120	22	22	270	244	2386	206	25	1	
22 Nanticoke	G. H. Wheatley	1700	1700	200	100	100	20		225	125	1925	120			
23 Newark	G. F. Newton	1800	1800	200	84	84	21	20	262	140	2044	123	3		
24 Ocean City	C. N. Jones	1900	1900	400	105	105	22	22	236	50	2077	186			
25 Ocean View & M	C. W. Branford	1750	1750	150	114	114	20	20	263	263	2147				
26 Onancock	E. B. Taylor	1700	1700	300	108	108	20	20	255	255	2088				
27 Parsonsburg	W. H. Cummings	2000	2000	200	110	110	23	23	255	255	2388			25	2
28 Phoebus	A. W. Goodhand	3000	3000	500	170	170	34	34	360	360	3564			25	2
29 Pittsville	J. C. Bolton	2000	2000	200	100	100	23	23	300	150	2273	150	15	14	
30 Pocomoke City	J. W. Jones	2760	2760	360	167	167	32	36	375	375	3348				
31 Pocomoke Circuit	C. S. Larimore	1400	1400	100	73	73	17		210	32	1505	195			
32 Powellville	Roland Nelson	1325	1325	125	92	92	15	15	199	199	1631			5	
33 Princess Anne	W. O. Bennett	2100	2100	300	156	156	24	24	315	315	2595			8	
34 Quantico	O. T. Baynard	1650	1650	150	80	80	19	19	247	247	1996			2	
35 Roxana	W. R. Woodell	1750	1750	150	100	100	20	22	255	255	2127			12	25
36 St. Peter's	R. W. Mills	2250	2250	250	140	140	28	28	337	200	2618	137	28	1	
37 Salisbury-Asbury	A. J. Croft	5320	5320	720	380	380	60	60	750	750	6510			4	5
38 " Grace	H. S. Dulany	1900	1900	400	100	23	21	21	261	261	2205			17	
39 Selbyville	M. W. Marine	2700	2700	300	170	170	29	29	382	382	3281			19	2
40 Sharptown	P. P. Truitt	2300	2300	300	140		24		200		2300			6	4
41 Smith's Island	A. F. Zimmerman	1850	1850	150	132	132	21	21	278	278	2281			25	
42 Snow Hill	Frank White	2750	2750	250	170	170	31	31	390	405	3356			2	1
43 Somerset	J. W. Wooten	2050	2050	250	128	128	24	25	300	300	2503			10	
44 Stockton	D. B. Prettyman	1800	1800	200	132	132	21	22	248	248	2202			21	
45 Synepuxent	E. M. Byrd	925	925		36	30	9	6	108	40	1001	74	12	4	
46 Tangier Island	C. W. Strickland	2750	2750	250	180										

STATISTICAL

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

List No.	Sunday Schools											Epw'th League								
	Schools on Charge	Schools Using Graded Lessons	Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled							Home Department	Total Enroll't in all Depts. Inc. Cradle Roll, Home Dept. Off'r, Teach'rs, Pupils	Average Attendance of all Grades	Pupils incl. Home Dept. who are Church Mem- bers or Preparatory Mem- bers	Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.	Paid by Sunday School to World Service	Paid for Sunday School Supplies	Senior Members	Junior Members	
				Cradle Roll	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	Young People	Adults									
1												130	60							
2												250	125							
3												331	112							
4												501	185							
5												315	168							
6												237	185							
7												98	68							
8												552	245							
9												899	389							
10												490	260							
11												390	180							
12												720	306							
13												172	107							
14												340	160							
15												440	245							
16												168	125							
17												605	350							
18												165	95							
19												133	75							
20												172	60							
21												325	150							
22												341	175							
23												219	119							
24												152	65							
25												265	150							
26												308	165							
27												300	225							
28												233	157							
29												270	150							
30												355	170							
31												363	165							
32												450	350							
33												268	158							
34												252	120							
35												536	285							
36												297	162							
37												811	335							
38												427	151							
39												404	240							
40												356	165							
41												876	380							
42												300	140							
43												285	200							
44												442	250							
45												121	60							
46												634	450							
47												26	15							
48												150	75							
49												109	60							
50												450	250							
	101	41	1480	804	843	906	968	967	923	1077	3375	176	17372	8937	5183	641	10994	7859	1803	482

TREASURER'S

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference					Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference							Other Cash Items	Miscellaneous					
	World Service	Children's Day Fund	Women's Foreign Mis- sionary Society	Women's Home Mis- sionary Society	Total Disciplinary Be- nevolences	Hospitals and Homes	City Missionary or Ch'ch Extension Society	Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund	Domestic Missions	1/4 Salary Conference En- tertainment	Director of Religious Ed- ucation	Other Items	Total Benevolences Or'd by Annual Conference	Annual Conf. Investm'ts for Conf. Claimants Gen- ral Conference Ex- penses	Local Preachers	Subscribers to the Advo- cates	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society		
1 Annumessex	85				85					6	10	16	5						
2 Ayres Chapel	102				102				20	10		39	18				250		
3 Berlin	1000	2120		267	3387	27	10		36	22	24	250	369	183	12	6	581		
4 Bishopville	256		10		266	10			22	13		87	132	15	14	1	700		
5 Cape Charles	870			217	1092		5	5	32	25		35	102	200	16	10	450		
6 Chincoteague	800				800	115	19	30	32	24	12	1559	1791						
7 Claremont	76		14		90	5						5				6	211		
8 Crisfield																			
9 Asbury	550			15	565				60	30	25	106	241		26	1	75		
10 Immanuel	1000				1000							283	319		30	1	1872		
11 Dagsboro and St. Georges	345				345				25	17	20	74	136		27		225		
12 Deals Island	200		5		205				20	15	62	97		10	1		4800		
13 Delmar	1614		25	20	55	1714		20	36	30	25	127	238	216	7	33	560		
14 Fairmount	210				210				18		6	24			1		400		
15 Frankford	200				200				12			12			16	1			
16 Fruitland	480		15		495				30	17	18	246	321	125	24	3	400		
17 Girdletree	304				304	125			30	8		91	254						
18 Gumboro	100				100				30	13		43			1		6		
19 Hebron	230		25	60	315	20			22	15	17	12	86		8	3	300		
20 Marsela Spgs	60				60				16	8		11	35		2	2	400		
21 Marion	155				155				22	13		13	48		11		600		
22 Mt. Vernon	350		5	5	355	19	5		32	18	17	21	112		25	1	250		
23 Nanticoke	225				225				15			15			1		1100		
24 Newark	100		5		105	18	10		16	16	18	78		10	1		850		
25 Ocean City	60				60				15	15	9	9	48		9	1	475		
26 Ocean View	215				215	26			32	11	19	39	127		20	1			
27 Onancock	456				456				30	14	18	56	132	100	1	2	400		
28 Parsonburg	392				392				18	15	13	46			8		300		
29 Phoebus	163				163				25	17	31	73			3		1096		
30 Pittsville	375				375				30	18	18	66		23	1	1	385		
31 Pocomoke City	700	5	7	114	826				40	24	24	49	137	13	1	13	941		
32 Pocomoke Ct.	64				64				13			13	36				125		
33 Powellville	110				110				20		6	6	32		1				
34 Princess Anne	310				315		10		25	18	22	37	112		15	5	426		
35 Quantico	275	16			313	18	9		25	15	19	27	113		14	7	524		
36 Roxanna	225				225	28			30	16		71	145		27		300		
37 St. Peters	150				150				25	20	15	16	76		30	2	175		
38 Salisbury																			
39 Asbury	3140		40	575	798	4553		37	200	46	54	359	701		43	20	1647		
40 Grace	157	5	5	26	53	246	5	9	5	24	15	18	76		27	1	187		
41 Selbyville	1050				1174	106	19		36	24	25	198	408	256	13	1	465		
42 Sharptown	300				394							15	15		1	1			
43 Smith's Island	286				286				14		32	17	22	15	100	68	3		
44 Snow Hill	800		10	68	878	4			40	25	28	85	182	130	13	24	540		
45 Somerset	500				500				32	9	10	29	80		14	1	400		
46 Stockton	452				452		14		35	16	17	38	120	80	2	4	443		
47 Synepuxent	45				45						6		6		3		425		
48 Tangier	1050	30	5	13	1098				48	25	10	36	131		11	2	150		
49 Venton																			
50 Westover	105				105												650		
51 White Haven	130				130	3	9		20	8	8	29	77	10	15	1	450		
52 Whitesville	120				120			5	20	15		17	57		1	2			
Totals	20942	2176	171	1536	1262	26087	529	246	45	1214	799	573	4158	7609	1383	562	26	338	24440

1 No World Service

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns for Church Membership (Prep'y Memb., Full Members) and Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Parsonages, etc.). Lists 51 churches and a total row.

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WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns for Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support of District Supt., Support of Bishops, Support of Conf. Cl'mnts) and Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized). Lists 51 churches and a total row.

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STATISTICAL
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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 metrics.

TREASURER'S
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference, Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference, Other Cash Items, and Miscellaneous. Includes handwritten notes at the bottom: '1 no Wnel Service', 'Total 95', 'But all without Pastor'.

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