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CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL

- 1870 Adam Stengle
- 1871 Levin W. Layfield
- 1876 Wilbur F. Corkran
- 1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker
- 1878 Robert K. Stephenson
- 1879 Joshua M. Lindale
- 1882 Charles H. Williams
- 1883 Vaughan S. Collins
- 1884 William A. Wise
- 1884 Thomas N. Given
- 1885 James W. Easley
- 1885 James D. Reese
- 1885 George W. Bowman
- 1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield
- 1886 George E. Wood
- 1886 William R. Mowbray
- 1887 James H. Wilson
- 1888 Joshua W. Gray
- 1889 Vinal E. Hills
- 1890 Melvin D. Nutter
- 1890 Virgil E. Rorer
- 1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan
- 1891 George A. Cooke
- 1891 George P. Jones
- 1892 Theodore F. Beauchamp
- 1892 Clarence W. Strickland
- 1892 Francis B. Short
- 1893 John P. Outten
- 1893 James T. Richardson
- 1894 Henry G. Budd
- 1895 Edward H. Collins
- 1895 Daniel J. Givan
- 1895 Thomas R. Van Dyke
- 1896 Luther E. Poole
- 1896 Leolan Jackson
- 1897 John W. Prettyman
- 1897 Thomas S. Holt
- 1897 William O. Bennett
- 1898 Omar E. Jones
- 1898 John W. Jones
- 1898 Frederick X. Moore
- 1898 Hugh B. Kelso
- 1899 John L. Johnson
- 1899 George W. Dawson
- 1900 Howard Davis
- 1900 Clarence N. Jones
- 1900 William C. Poole
- 1900 William E. Greenfield
- 1900 Oscar L. Martin
- 1902 William E. Matthews
- 1902 James H. Gardner
- 1902 Oram T. Baynard
- 1902 James W. Colona
- 1902 Joseph S. Eldridge
- 1903 Arthur W. Goodhand
- 1903 George S. Thomas
- 1903 Walter E. Gunby
- 1903 William E. Habbart
- 1904 Joseph A. Buckson
- 1904 Alvin C. Goddard
- 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 William R. Woodell
- 1905 William M. Nesbit
- 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
- 1908 John W. Sutton
- 1908 Leonard White
- 1908 James T. Price
- 1908 Jesse P. Landon
- 1909 John J. Bunting
- 1909 Edgar C. Prettyman
- 1909 Frank Herson

1910 Melvin E. Wheatley	1924 Harry N. Bailey
1910 Thomas J. Sard	1924 Oler A. Bartley
1910 Ernest C. Hallman	1924 Oliver J. Collins
1910 John C. B. Hopkins	1924 John E. Parker
1910 Dayton E. McClain	
	1925 Glen E. Aldrich
1911 Oren B. Rice	1925 Henry M. Parks
1911 David J. Moore	
1911 Charles W. Spry	
	1926 Frank A. Baker
1912 Olie H. Connelly	1926 Sidney B. Bradley
1912 George E. Sterling	1926 Charles W. Branford
1912 Ivanhoe Willis	1926 Harry V. Branford
1912 Frank A. Lindhorst	1926 Otis P. Jefferson
1912 George W. Humphreys	1926 Preston W. Spence
1913 Disston W. Jacobs	1927 James H. Brasher
	1927 John A. Clark
1914 Frank White	1927 Roscoe W. Campbell
1914 Norman C. Benson	1927 John R. Diehl
1914 Marion W. Marine	1927 Willard Everett
1914 William J. McKee	1927 Conrad Hamer
1914 Essel P. Thomas	1927 Harvey O. Hufnal
	1927 Rufus W. Mills
1915 Ralph C. Jones	1927 Paul E. Reynolds
1915 Luther M. Broadway	
1915 Alpha B. Frye	
	1928 Oliver J. Friedel
1916 Roy T. Thawley	1928 Robert E. Green
1916 Charles C. Harris	1928 Frederick C. Louhoff
1916 Otis B. Reed	1928 James O'Neil
1916 Lester E. Windsor	1928 Alfred W. Strickland
	1928 Roy L. Tawes
1917 Walter A. Hearn	1929 Charles I. Carpenter
1917 Charles H. Atkins	1929 Elwood B. Eckhart
1917 William S. Grant	1929 Grayson H. Wheatley
1917 William F. Godwin	
1918 Edmund W. Henvis	1930 Henry T. Caldwell
1918 Robert S. Hodgson	1930 William J. Ennis
1918 Willard V. Moore	1930 Frank D. Milbury
1918 John T. Rowlenon	1930 Roland H. Nelson
1918 John W. Wootten	1930 Lucian L. Powell
1918 August F. Zimmerman	
	1931 Richard M. Green
1919 Earl M. Shockley	1931 Jacob C. Hanby
1919 John H. Whedbee	1931 William H. Kohl
	1931 James F. Langrall
1920 John C. Bolton	1931 Joseph B. Vaughn
1920 William L. Hess	1931 Theodore O. M. Wills
1920 Ralph L. Minker	
1921 Milton S. Andrews	1932 Leon W. Ross
1921 Charles E. Davis	1932 George V. Turner
1921 Sylvanus T. Hamblin	
	1933 Joseph B. Dickerson
1922 Charles H. Hudson	1933 Raymond W. Hallman
1922 Wingate D. Short	1933 Ray W. Kirwan
1922 Johnson H. Wright	1933 D'Arcy A. Littleton
	1933 William M. Parker
1923 Walter G. Barlow	1934 John E. French
1923 Lawrence E. Wimbrow	1934 Daniel T. Pritchard

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
1925	Aldrich, Glen E.	D Oxford, Md.	2
1921	Andrews, M. S.	E Denton, Md.	2
1917	Atkins, C. H.	E Zion Cir. (P.O. North East, Md.)	2
1924	Bailey, H. N.	E Tangier, Va.	1
1926	Baker, F. A.	E Fruitland, Md.	3
1923	Barlow, W. G.	E Tilghman, Md.	3
1924	Bartley, O. A.	E Brandywine (P. O. Wil., Del.)	1
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E Stockton, Md.	2
1892	Beauchamp, T. F.	E Snow Hill, Md.	5
1897	Bennett, W. O.	R Hurlock, Md.	4
1914	Benson, N. C.	E Frederica, Del.	9
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E Berlin, Md.	4
1920	Bolton, J. C.	E Frankford, Del.	1
1885	Bowman, G. W.	R Laurel, Del.	29
1926	Bradley, S. B.	E Chester-Bethel (P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.)	3
1926	Branford, C. W.	E Chincoteague, Va.	2
1926	Branford, H. V.	E Rehoboth, Del.	1
1927	Brasher, J. H.	E Bridgeville, Del.	3
1907	Briggs, W. H.	R Wilmington, Del.	4
1915	Broadway, L. M.	R Wilmington, Del.	4
1904	Buckson, J. A.	R Ridley Park, Pa.	3
1894	Budd, H. G.	R Dover, Del.	4
1909	Bunting, J. J.	E Crisfield, Md.	10
1930	Caldwell, H. T.	E Felton, Del.	4
1927	Campbell, R. W.	E Camden, Del.	1
1928	Carpenter, C. I.	E Federalsburg, Md.	1
1927	Clark, J. A.	E Millsboro, Del.	3
1883	Collins, V. S.	R Wilmington, Del.	6
1895	Collins, E. H.	R Marshallton, Del.	1
1924	Collins, O. J.	E St. Pauls (P. O., Wilm., Del.)	2
1902	Colona, J. W.	E Harrison St. (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	6
1912	Connely, O. H.	E Lewes, Del.	1
1891	Cooke, G. A.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1876	Corkran, W. F.	R Seaford, Del.	5
1900	Davis, Howard	E Milton, Del.	1
1921	Davis, C. E.	E Asbury (P. O., Wilm., Del.)	1

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1899 Dawson, G. W.	E Greensboro, Md.	3
1927 Diehl, J. R.	E Hopewell (P. O. Port Deposit, Md.)	1
1933 Dickerson, J. B.	P Stanton, Del.	2
1885 Easley, J. W.	R 4632 Walnut St., Phila., Pa.	16
1929 Eckhart, Elwood B.	E Parsonsburg, Md.	1
1902 Eldridge, J. S.	E Grace (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)	5
1930 Ennis, W. J.	E Quantico, Md.	5
1927 Everett, Willard	E Onancock, Va.	2
1905 Ford, D. J.	E Nassau, Del.	2
1934 French, J. E.	P Cordova, Md.	1
1928 Friedel, O. J.	D At School	4
1915 Frye, A. B.	E Rising Sun, Md.	3
1902 Gardner, J. H.	E Georgetown, Del.	1
1891 Geoghegan, J. H.	R Newport, Del.	1
1895 Givan, D. J.	E Galena, Md.	1
1884 Given, T. N.	R Cheswold, Del.	12
1904 Goddard, A. C.	E McCabe (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1917 Godwin, W. F.	S Milton, Del.	5
1903 Goodhand, A. W.	E Millington, Md.	2
1917 Grant, W. S.	E Epworth (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1888 Gray, J. W.	R Willards, Md.	12
1928 Green, R. E.	E Greenwood, Del.	2
1931 Green, R. M.	P Christiana, Del.	4
1900 Greenfield, W. E.	R Perryville, Md.	4
1903 Gunby, W. E.	E Newark, Del.	6
1903 Habbart, W. E.	E Dover, Del.	6
1910 Hallman, E. C.	E Middletown, Del.	2
1933 Hallman, R. W.	P and D Hillcrest, Del.	1
1921 Hamblin, S. T.	E Fairlee (P. O. Chestertown, Md.)	1
1927 Hamer, Conrad	E Rock Hall, Md.	1
1931 Hanby, J. C.	D Mt. Pleasant (P. O. Laurel, Del.)	1
1906 Harris, W. G.	E Cambridge, Md.	4
1916 Harris, C. C.	E Eastlake (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	5
1917 Hearn, W. A.	E Richardson Park, Del.	3
1918 Henvis, E. W.	E Cecilton, Md.	1
1909 Herson, Frank	E Milford, Del.	8
1920 Hess, W. L.	E Leave of Absence	1
1889 Hills, V. E.	E Cookman (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1918 Hodgson, R. S.	E Dagsboro, Del.	1
1876 Hoffecker, E. L.	R Easton, Md.	17
1897 Holt, T. S.	R Federalsburg, Md.	23
1910 Hopkins, J. C. B.	E Sudlersville, Md.	3
1922 Hudson, C. H.	E Trinity (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	5
1912 Humphreys, G. W.	E Salisbury, Md.	1
1927 Hufnal, H. O.	E Pomona (P.O. Chestertown) Md.)	2
1896 Jackson, Leolan	E St. Michaels, Md.	1
1913 Jacobs, D. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	6

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1907 James, O. E.	R Baltimore, Md.	11
1926 Jefferson, O. P.	E Perryville, Md.	1
1906 Johns, B. M.	E Grace (P. O., Wilmington, Del.)	12
1899 Johnson, J. L.	E Smyrna, Del.	2
1891 Jones, G. P.	R Smyrna, Del.	6
1898 Jones, J. W.	E Mt. Salem (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	4
1898 Jones, O. E.	E Georgetown, Del.	4
1900 Jones, C. N.	E Townsend, Del.	4
1915 Jones, R. C.	E Delmar, Del.	1
1898 Kelso, H. B.	E Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1904 Kelso, J. M.	E Hillsboro, Md.	1
1933 Kirwan, Ray. W.	P Queenstown, Md.	1
1931 Kohl, W. H.	D Cherry Hill, Md.	1
1908 Landon, J. P.	E Nanticoke, Md.	1
1931 Langrall, J. F.	D Farmington, Del.	3
1871 Layfield, L. W.	R Greenwood, Del.	11
1879 Lindale, J. M.	R Chestertown, Md.	16
1912 Lindhorst, F. A.	E Dover, Del.	3
1933 Littleton, D'Arcy A.	P Ocean City, Md.	1
1928 Louhoff, F. C.	E Odessa, Del.	3
1905 McCoy, J. C.	E Newport, Del.	1
1905 McDade, H. R.	E New Castle, Del.	1
1906 McDowell, E. W.	E Claymont, Del.	5
1914 McKee, Wm. J.	E Roxana, Del.	1
1910 McClain, D. E.	E Deal's Is., Md.	1
1914 Marine, M. W.	E Laurel, Del.	6
1900 Martin, O. L.	R Salisbury, Md.	11
1902 Matthews, W. E.	R Smyrna, Del.	13
1930 Milbury, F. D.	E Wyoming, Del.	4
1927 Mills, R. W.	E Seaford, Del.	1
1920 Minker, R. L.	E Silverbrook (P.O. Wilm., Del.)	5
1898 Moore, F. X.	R New Freedom, Pa.	14
1911 Moore, D. J.	E Ocean View, Del.	2
1918 Moore, W. V.	E Still Pond, Md.	1
1905 Morgan, L. B.	E Elkton, Md.	5
1886 Mowbray, W. R.	R Lewes, Del.	9
1930 Nelson, R. H.	D Beckwith (P.O. Cambridge, Md.)	3
1905 Nesbit, W. M.	E Hurlock, Md.	2
1907 Nichols, R. P.	E Princess Anne, Md.	1
1890 Nutter, M. D.	R Newark, Del.	5
1928 O'Neil, James	E Kenton, Del.	1
1893 Outten, J. P.	R Laurel, Del.	2
1924 Parker, J. E.	E Harrington, Del.	1
1933 Parker, W. M.	P & E Concord, Md.	1
1925 Parks, H. M.	E Marshallton, Del.	2
1896 Poole, L. E.	R Snow Hill, Md.	1
1900 Poole, W. C.	E Hebron, Md.	2
1930 Powell, L. L.	D Bishopville, Md.	2

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1897 Prettyman, J. W.	E St. Johns (P.O. Lewisville, Pa.)	2
1909 Prettyman, E. C.	E Wilmington, Del.	20
1908 Price, J. T.	E Chesapeake City, Md.	1
1934 Pritchard, D. T.	P Somerset (P.O. Chance, Md.)	1
1916 Reed, O. B.	E Mt. Vernon (P. O. Princess Anne, Md.)	2
1885 Reese, J. D.	R Houston, Del.	16
1907 Revelle, W. H.	E Hockessin, Del.	1
1927 Reynolds, P. E.	E North East, Md.	2
1911 Rice, Oren	E Madeley (P.O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1893 Richardson, J. T.	R Middletown, Del.	6
1890 Rorer, V. E.	R Philadelphia, Pa.	2
1932 Ross, Leon W.	D Ridgely, Md.	1
1918 Rowlenson, J. T.	E Asbury (P.O. Crisfield, Md.)	2
1910 Sard, T. J.	E Union (P.O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1919 Shockley, E. M.	E Selbyville, Del.	1
1892 Short, F. B.	R Milford, Del.	1
1922 Short, W. D.	E Oriole, Md.	1
1907 Smith, Tilghman	E Port Deposit and Colora (P. O. Port Deposit, Md.)	5
1906 Sparklin, J. L.	E St. Georges, Del.	2
1926 Spence, P. W.	E Mt. Lebanon and Kingswood (P. O. Rockland, Del.)	3
1911 Spry, C. W.	E Kent Island (P. O. Stevensville, Md.)	1
1870 Stengle, Adam	R Wilmington, Del.	20
1878 Stephenson, R. K.	R Wilmington, Del.	6
1912 Sterling, G. E.	E Phoebus, Va.	2
1892 Strickland, C. W.	E Clayton, Del.	2
1928 Strickland, A. W.	E Red Lion (P.O. Bear, Del.)	4
1885 Sunfield, E. C.	R Barnegat, N. J.	13
1908 Sutton, J. W.	E Vienna, Md.	2
1928 Tawes, R. L.	E Magnolia, Del.	1
1904 Taylor, E. B.	E Royal Oak, Md.	1
1916 Thawley, R. T.	E Centerville, Md.	3
1903 Thomas, G. S.	E Sharptown, Md.	2
1914 Thomas, E. P.	E Dover, Del.	2
1932 Turner, G. V.	D Elk Neck (P. O. North East, Md.)	3
1895 Van Dyke, T. R.	E Preston, Md.	4
1931 Vaughn, J. B.	P Bethel and Town Point (P. O. Chesapeake City, Md.)	4
1910 Wheatley, M. E.	E Middletown, Del.	5
1929 Wheatley, G. H.	E Newark, Md.	2
1919 Whedbee, J. H.	E Pittsville, Md.	1
1908 White, Leonard	E Salisbury, Md.	6
1914 White, Frank	E Chestertown, Md.	3
1882 Williams, C. H.	R Snow Hill, Md.	21

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1912 Willis, Ivanhoe	E Anti-Saloon League (P. O. Marshallton, Del.)	1
1931 Wills, T. O. M.	P Ebenezer (P.O. Newark, Del.)	3
1887 Wilson, J. H.	R Mt. Lebanon, (P. O. Rockland, Del.)	8
1906 Wilson, Daniel	R Centreville, Md.	10
1923 Wimbrow, L. E.	E Scott (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1916 Windsor, L. E.	E Seaford, Del.	9
1884 Wise, W. A.	R Wilmington, Del.	5
1886 Wood, G. E.	R Baltimore, Md.	3
1905 Woodell, W. R.	R Blades (P. O. Seaford, Del.)	1
1918 Wootten, J. W.	E Cape Charles, Va.	1
1922 Wright, J. H.	E Easton, Md.	3
1918 Zimmerman, A. F.	E East New Market, Md.	2

STREET ADDRESSES OF WILMINGTON PASTORS.

Asbury, C. E. Davis	222 Wanut Street
Bellefonte, J. C. Steen	1103 Rosedale Ave., Bellefonte, Wil- mington
Brandywine, O. A. Bartley	2206 Market Street
Cookman, V. E. Hills	Weldin Road, R. F. D.
Eastlake, C. C. Harris	2921 Tatnall St.
Epworth, S. Grant	922 Lombard Street
Grace, B. M. Johns	9th and Washington Sts.
Harrison Street, J. W. Colona	7th and Harrison Sts.
Hillcrest, R. W. Hallman	402 Hillcrest Ave., Hillcrest, Wil- mington
Kingswood, P. W. Spence, Jr.	McDaniel Heights, Wilmington, Del., R. D. # 1
Madeley, Oren Rice	1218 "B" St.
McCabe, A. C. Goddard	2202 Boulevard
Mt. Salem, J. W. Jones	1701 Mt. Salem Lane
Scott, L. E. Wimbrow	3613 Washington St.
Silverbrook, R. L. Minker	201 Woodlawn Ave.
St. Paul's, O. J. Collins	1014 West 10th St.
Trinity, C. H. Hudson	727 East 22d St.
Union, T. J. Sard	507 Washington St.

SUPPLIES.

E indicates Local Elder. D indicates Local Deacon.

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
Adams, R. H.	E Brack-Ex (P.O.Elsmere, Del.) . . .	15
Atkinson, W. F.	E Williamsburg, Md.	1
Beckwith, Walter L.	Church Hill, Md.	1
Bennett, E. L.	Elliott's Lsland, Md.	1
Buckson, W. C.	Whitesville, Del.	4
Buckley, F. G.	Pocomoke City, Md.	1
Campbell, David T.	Powellville (P.O. Pittsville, Md.) . . .	3
Cannon, C. G.	Hoopers Island, Md.	2
Chadwick, J. B.	Little Creek, Del.	1
Conner, R. G.	Marydel, Md.	1
Clow, M. W.	Marion, Md.	1
Dize, Waldo	Church Creek, Md.	1
Fosnocht, W. E.	Edge Moor, Del.	8
Graham, J. T.	E Houston, Del.	1
Hanby, S. L.	D Lincoln, Del.	1
Hastings, T.	Zoar (P. O. Laurel, Del.)	2
Hudson, A. T.	Crumpton, Md.	3
Jester, J. R.	Bethel, Del.	5
Jones, J. E.	Cheswold, Del.	1
Kelley, J. P.	E Gumboro (P.O. Frankford, Del.) . . .	5
Kirby, R. L., Jr.	Westover, Md.	3
Layton, J. E.	Holly Oak, Del.	10
Lynn, J. G.	E Bayside	1
	(P. O. Sherwood, Md.)	
McClintock, W. L.	E Wye Mills, Md.	8
McCorkle, F. K.	E Blades (P. O. Seaford, Del.)	1
Pratt, L. V.	Girdletree, Md.	1
Prettyman, D. B.	E Trappe, Md.	2
Ralph, H. M.	Smith's Island (P.O. Ewell, Md.) . . .	1
Sharpless, C. D.	E Mardela Springs, Md.	1
Steen, J. C.	E 1103 Rosedale Ave., Bellefonte, Del.	7
Thomas, A. G.	Crapo, Md.	1
Thornton, J. H.	E Charlestown, Md.	2
Travers, Alonzo	E Henderson, Md.	1
Willis, J. F.	Bozman, Md.	1
Wilson, R. H.	Fairmount	3
	(P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.)	
White, Alfred	D St. Paul's (P. O. Dover, Del.)	8
Wright, E. N.	Ellendale, Del.	1

LOCAL PREACHER'S DIRECTORY.

Local Elders.

Adams, R. H., Elsmere, Del.	McClintock, W. L., Wye Mills, Md.
Atkinson, W. F., Williamsburg, Md.	McLain, L. T., Mardela Springs, Md.
Barrett, T. S., Rock Hall, Md.	McVey, Hiram, Greenwood, Del.
Covey, A. H., Chestertown, Md.	Prettyman, D. B., Stockton, Md.
Crooks, E. B., Newark, Del.	Sharpless, C. D., Mardela Springs, Md.
Dutton, C. R., Milton, Del.	Steininger, C. V., Salisbury, Md.
Graham, J. T., Houston, Del.	Travers, Alonzo, Henderson, Md.
Kelley, J. P., Gumboro (P.O. Frank- ford, Del.)	Thornton, J. H., Charlestown, Md.
Lynn, J. G., Sherwood, Md.	Watson, Merle M., Denton, Md.

Local Deacons.

Hanby, S. L., Lincoln, Del.	White, A. L., Dover, Del.
Walraven, E. D., Sudlersville, Md.	Wiley, J. H., Laurel, Del.

LICENTIATES.

Adams, W. H., Wilmington, Del.	Dennis, Lewis, Wilmore, Ky.
Alfree, W. B., Holly Oak, Del.	Ellegood, J. A., Ellendale, Del.
Atwell, J. H., Delmar, Del.	Ely, T. B., Wilmington, Del.
Beckwith, W. L., Sr., Cambridge, Md.	Emerson, Rietta M., Wilmington, Del.
Beckwith, W. L., Jr., Church Creek, Md.	Faulkner, J. M., Laurel, Del.
Bennett, Elmer, Elliott's Island, Md.	Fogwell, S. J., Centreville, Md.
Bishop, J. H., Dover, Del.	Ford, Walter, Smyrna, Del.
Blake, W. J., Fairmount, Md.	Gibbons, S. O., St. Georges, Del.
Boulden, J. C., Elkton, Md.	Glass, Walter A., Rock Hall, Md.
Briscoe, W. E., Chesapeake City, Md.	Graham, Albert, Perryville, Md.
Buckson, W. C., Delmar, Del.	Hampton, L. J., Odessa, Del.
Cannon, C. G., Fishing Creek, Md.	Hastings, Tilghman, Laurel, Del.
Cantwell, W. S., Cheswold, Del.	Herron, S. H., Wilmington, Del.
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Ministerial—L. B. Morgan, L. E. Windsor.

Lay—Wilmington District, F. P. Gentieu; Dover District, George Williams.

Term Expires 1936:

Ministerial—E. P. Thomas, J. W. Jones.

Lay—Middletown District, Jefferson Cooper; Salisbury District, R. O. Dulaney.

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1936—Ministers: M. E. Wheatley, D. W. Jacobs, M. S. Andrews.

Lay: A. C. Humphries, J. M. Tawes, J. Everett Walls.

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Lay: Walter W. Hynson, E. J. Winder.

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Lay: Frederick E. Warrington, Thomas J. Mowbray, Ralph O. Dulaney, Granville Hooper, Melvin Hopkins.

1937—Ministers: W. G. Harris, O. E. Jones, E. P. Thomas, W. E. Gunby, R. P. Nichols, J. J. Bunting.

Lay: J. G. Townsend, Jr., G. France Alderson, W. W. Mack, W. F. Davis, A. W. Tawes, J. Everett Walls.

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Term Expires:

1935—Leolan Jackson, L. B. Morgan, Frank Herson, J. W. Jones.

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1937—R. C. Jones, Tilghman Smith, W. G. Harris, M. S. Andrews.

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1935—M. S. Andrews, T. R. Van Dyke.

1936—T. F. Beauchamp, R. K. Stephenson, J. Everett Walls, Roland Messick.

1937—J. W. Colona, R. P. Nichols, H. H. Nuttle.

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1935—R. P. Nichols, L. E. Poole, R. K. Stephenson, J. H. Wright.

1936—J. L. Sparklin, J. J. Bunting, J. W. Jones, C. C. Harris.

1937—Howard Davis, G. W. Dawson, E. W. McDowell, G. S. Thomas.

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Wilmington District—Ministers: J. W. Jones; Reserve, J. W. Wootten. Laymen: W. L. Overdeer; Reserve, E. L. Haines.

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Middletown District—Ministers: R. K. Stephenson, M. E. Wheatley, J. C. McCoy, M. S. Andrews, R. T. Thawley. Laymen: Cordrey Land, L. M. Price, C. N. Jefferson, M. B. Burris, H. H. Nuttle, Jefferson Cooper.

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Term Expires:

1935—A. B. Frye, H. B. Kelso, J. R. Bicking.

1936—R. C. Jones, C. C. Harris, J. H. Wright.

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III
DAILY PROCEEDINGS
OFFICIAL JOURNAL

FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

OPENING:—The Wilmington Annual Conference assembled for its Sixty-sixth Session, in the Sanctuary of Newark Methodist Episcopal Church, Newark, Delaware, on Wednesday morning, April 4th, 1934, at 9 o'clock, with Bishop Edwin H. Hughes presiding.

THE LORD'S SUPPER:—The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and the pastor of the Church.

The Doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Virgil E. Rorer.

SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

OPENING:—Conference reconvened in the Social Hall of the Church at 10.25 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding.

ROLL CALL:—The Roll was called by the Secretary of the previous Conference. 141 members and probationers responded to their names.

Conference arose and stood while the Secretary called the names of our deceased brethren.

GREETINGS TO ABSENT BRETHREN:—On motion the Secretary was instructed to send greetings of the Conference to sick and aged members unable to be present.

INTRODUCTION:—G. W. Humphreys, transferred from the Philadelphia Conference, was introduced. The Bishop also announced the transfer of Glen E. Aldrich from the Michigan Conference.

BARRATT'S CHAPEL GAVELS:—On behalf of the Conference and the maker, Charles H. Atkins, D. W. Jacobs presented the Bishop with a gavel made of wood from Barratt's Chapel. The Bishop announced that a second gavel had been given him by J. H. Whedbee.

ORGANIZATION:—Secretary:—On motion of Leonard White, J. R. Bicking was elected Secretary and he named the following assistants, who were confirmed: O. A. Bartley and Wm. J. Ennis.

TREASURER:—J. J. Bunting was reelected Treasurer and nominated the following assistants, who were confirmed: R. T. Thawley, V. E. Hills, W. H. Revelle, F. C. Louhoff, O. H. Connelly, J. E. Parker, W. H. Kohl, L. L. Powell, J. L. Sparklin, Wm. J. McKee, W. L. Beckwith, L. W. Ross, R. G. Conner.

STATISTICIAN:—J. W. Wootten was reelected Statistician, naming as his assistants, L. E. Windsor, First Assistant; W. L. McClintock, P. E. Reynolds, S. T. Hamblin, H. N. Bailey, R. W. Mills, O. J. Collins, H. O. Hufnal, Willard Everett, T. O. M. Wills, D. A. Littleton, J. B. Vaughn, F. A. Baker, R. M. Green, R. S. Hodgson, and they were confirmed.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:—The following were nominated for the Committee on Committees and they were elected: Dover District—L. E. Windsor; Middletown District—T. R. VanDyke; Salisbury District—T. F. Beauchamp; Wilmington District—E. W. McDowell; At Large—J. W. Colona.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM:—The program of the Conference as printed was made the official program, subject to change when deemed necessary.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL:—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, Conference voted that the printed Minutes be made the Official Journal of the Conference.

POSTMASTER:—E. H. Collins was elected Postmaster.

AUDITOR:—H. B. Kelso was reelected Auditor.

AREA OF CONFERENCE:—The Area of the Conference was made to include the Social Hall from the front to the third white column.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT:—On motion of F. B. Short, the Bishop was requested to call for the District Superintendents' reports as soon as possible.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM:—On motion of Tilghman Smith, the hour for the Wednesday afternoon session was set at 2 o'clock.

STATISTICAL CALL:—Pastor's Reports were gathered.

QUESTION 27:—The Twenty-seventh Question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. E. C. Hallman, Superintendent of the Middletown District; W. E. Habbart, Superintendent of the Dover District; and D. W. Jacobs, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, were called, their characters passed, and they read reports of their respective districts.

The Effective Elders of these districts were called, their characters passed, and they were asked the Disciplinary Questions relating to prorating ministerial support and the full support of the benevolences.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—On motion of E. P. Thomas the report of the Conference Board of Education was made the order of the day for Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, in the United Session.

EXCUSED:—L. B. Morgan was excused from the Memorial Service to attend a funeral.

ADJOURNMENT:—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, W. E. Matthews pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

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

QUESTION 9:—The Ninth Question, "Who have died?" was taken up.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

W. A. Wise was requested to preside at the Memorial Service. A hymn was sung and T. R. VanDyke led in prayer.

The memoir of Wm. P. Taylor was read by J. T. Richardson; that of Daniel H. Willis by W. G. Harris; that of Allison P. Prettyman by J. C. McCoy; that of John P. Otis by J. W. Jones, and that of George W. Bounds by Leonard White.

The memoir of Goldsborough W. Hastings, prepared by W. F. Corkran, was ordered printed without reading, Dr. Corkran being absent to attend a funeral.

The memoir of Mrs. Anna Mae Bolton was read by Wm. J. McKee; that of Mrs. Nellie Terry Vaill Hess, prepared by V. S. Collins, was read by T. R. VanDyke.

Leonard White was given permission to prepare the memoir of Mrs. L. T. McLain and have it printed in the Minutes without reading.

On motion of the Secretary the memoirs as read were received and ordered printed in the Minutes.

DR. PAUL E. TITSWORTH:—The following resolutions were read by J. Harry Wright and on his motion were adopted:

PAUL EMERSON TITSWORTH, 1881-1933.

WHEREAS, PAUL EMERSON TITSWORTH, former president of Alfred University, Alfred, New York, and former president of Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, has been called from the Church militant to the Church triumphant which is "without fault before the throne of God," and,

WHEREAS, We the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference have found Doctor Paul Emerson Titsworth to be; a wise counsellor to the ministers, the people, and the students of the Delmarva Peninsula, and surrounding territory; and,

WHEREAS, We recognized him to be an outstanding educator who believed in, and heartily co-operated in, the cause of religious education of the youth of our territory, and who for ten years taught and exemplified in his own personal life, the beauty and the grandeur

of Christian character while working among us; a man whose faith in God was enlightened by reason, and enriched by continued searching for the truth; be it therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference, in session at Newark, Delaware, April 4, 1934, hereby express, in some measure, our appreciation of his distinguished service to the cause of Christ within our own territory; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we cherish the memory of this good man who revealed in his daily life the glory of Christian manhood; and that we say with Tennyson,

"On God, and Godlike men we build our trust . . .
He is gone who seemed so great.
Gone—but nothing can bereave him
Of the force he made his own
Being here; and we believe him
Something far advanced in state,
And that he wears a truer crown,
Than any wreath that man can weave him . . ."

Signed,

J. HARRY WRIGHT,
FRANK WHITE,
JOHN L. JOHNSON.

BISHOP HUGHES:—After the singing of a hymn, the Memorial Service was concluded and Bishop Hughes resumed the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT:—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Dr. Clarence True Wilson pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

OPENING:—Conference convened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the Devotions.

JOURNAL:—The Journals of Wednesday's Sessions were read and approved.

GREETINGS:—The Bishop read a Telegram of Greetings from the Delaware Conference and Bishop Edgar Blake.

On motion of Disston W. Jacobs the Secretary was instructed to return the greetings of the Conference.

W. E. Gunby presented personal Greetings from Bishop W. F. McDowell, and on his motion the Secretary was instructed to send our warmest Greetings to the Bishop.

QUESTION 27:—The Twenty-Seventh Question, "Was the Character of Preacher Examined?" was resumed. Leonard White, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, was called, his character passed, and he read the report of his District.

The Effective Elders of the District were called, their characters passed, and they were asked the Disciplinary Questions relating to Prorating Ministerial Support and the Full Support of Benevolences. F. A. Lindhorst, E. C. Prettyman and F. B. Short were called and their characters passed.

CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY:—H. G. Budd presented the following Nominations for Managers of the Conference Education Society and they were elected:—R. P. Nichols, J. J. Bunting, Walter W. Hynson and E. J. Winder to serve for a term of 3 years, and J. Everett Walls to fill the unexpired term of W. O. Hoffecker, deceased.

BOARD OF STEWARDS:—E. C. Hallman and D. W. Jacobs presented the following nominations for Members of the Board of Stewards to serve for a term of two years and they were elected; the Secretary casting the ballot, E. P. Thomas, Jefferson Cooper, J. W. Jones and R. O. Dulaney.

NEW CHARTER:—On motion of G. A. Cooke, the New Charter of the Board of Stewards was ordered printed in the Minutes.

CHANGE OF RELATIONS:—On motion of E. C. Hallman the following requests for Changes of Relation were referred to the Committee on Conference Relation: E. H. Collins, J. H. Geoghegan, F. B. Short, L. E. Poole and W. R. Woodell from Effective to Retired, the latter two because of disability.

INTRODUCTIONS:—Dr. W. S. Bovard representing World Service, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

QUESTION 17:—The Seventeenth Question, "Who Have Been Received On Trial?" was taken up. The Recommendations were received in due form for Admission on Trial of John Edward French, and Daniel T. Pritchard, and they were introduced. The Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendents represented, and by formal action they were Received on Trial and placed in Studies of First Year.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE:—Dr. W. W. Davis, representing the Lord's Day Alliance was introduced and addressed the Conference. On motion of J. Harry Wright the Lord's Day Alliance Committee of the Conference was constituted a Committee of Cooperation with the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland for the purpose of Observing the 90th Anniversary of the First Convention of the Lord's Day Alliance.

STRAWBRIDGE HOME:—The report of the Strawbridge Home for Boys was read by Thomas S. Long and it was adopted. J. W. Colona, Dr. C. Wilson Hughes, and Mrs. Mary T. Gambrill were reelected Trustees of the Home, the Secretary casting the ballot.

INTRODUCTIONS:—Dr. John Long, President of Williamsport-Dickinson Seminary and Junior College, and Mrs. Irene Flynn, representing the Woman's Home Missionary Society, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

STATE OF CHURCH:—On motion of J. J. Bunting, the Committee on State of the Church and Social Service were requested to have their report read 24 hours before adoption.

EXCUSED TO ATTEND FUNERALS:—Dr. A. C. Goddard, P. E. Reynolds, T. J. Sard and J. R. Bicking were excused to attend funerals.

AFTERNOON SESSION:—On motion of Leonard White the Hour of Afternoon Session was changed to 2 o'clock.

BISHOP'S DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS:—Bishop Hughes gave an inspiring devotional address on the extract from the First Sermon by Jesus, "He Hath Sent Me to Heal the Broken Hearted."

BISHOP HUGHES:—The following resolutions were presented and adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, The Board of Bishops have assigned to us, as our Presiding Officer, our own Resident Bishop, Edwin H. Hughes; and, WHEREAS, He has by his sympathy and humor, his sense of justice and his knowledge of our problems and ourselves, endeared himself to us; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we express our appreciation of his presence and leadership and reaffirm our high esteem and love for him.

E. C. HALLMAN,
W. E. HABBART,
D. W. JACOBS,
LEONARD WHITE.

CORPORATE SESSION:—Conference convened in Corporate Session, for the purpose of electing Ministerial Trustees of Wesley Collegiate Institute, W. E. Gunby, President of the Board, presiding. The following were nominated and elected for a term of 3 years: W. G. Harris, O. E. Jones, E. P. Thomas, W. E. Gunby, R. P. Nichols and J. J. Bunting.

ADJOURNMENT:—The Bishop resumed the Chair, and Conference adjourned, G. P. Jones pronouncing the Benediction.

FIFTH SESSION—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING:—Conference convened at 2 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding. Rev. Robert Frazer, blind evangelist, sang a Gospel solo.

QUESTION 20:—The Twentieth Question, "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Jacob C. Hanby and Leon W. Ross were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendents represented and on motion they were elected to Deacon's Orders, advanced to Studies of Third Year, and Conference voted to admit them into Full Membership upon answering the usual Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION 18:—The Eighteenth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Joseph B. Dickerson and Joseph B. Vaughn were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and on motion they were Continued on Trial in Studies of First Year.

Richard M. Green, Ray W. Kirwan, D'Arcy A. Littleton, and Theodore O. M. Wills were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and on motion they were Continued on Trial and Advanced to Studies of Second Year.

Raymond W. Hallman and William M. Parker were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and on motion they were Continued on Trial and advanced to Studies of Fourth Year.

QUESTION 22:—The Twenty-second Question, "What members are in Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. Wm. H. Kohl, Roland H. Nelson, Oliver J. Friedel and Lucian L. Powell were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and they were Advanced to Studies of Fourth Year.

QUESTION 23:—The Twenty-third Question, "What members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Henry T. Caldwell and Preston W. Spence were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and on motion they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elders Orders.

James F. Langrall and Glen Aldrich were called, their characters passed, and they were Continued in Studies of Fourth Year.

MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND:—W. A. Wise read the report of R. K. Stephenson, Trustee of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, and it was adopted with thanks to Dr. Stephenson for his services.

R. C. Jones was elected Trustee of this Fund.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING:—On motion of T. F. Beauchamp Conference directed the Bureau of Budget to allow the sum of \$525 for the Summer School of Ministerial Training.

Bishop Hughes announced the appointment of J. M. Kelso as a member of the Board of Ministerial Training in the place of E. C. Hallman.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE:—W. M. Nesbit read the report of the Committee on State of The Church and Social Service.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS:—Tilghman Smith nominated the following as members of the Board of Ministerial Qualifications and they were elected for a Term of Three Years: R. C. Jones, Tilghman Smith, W. G. Harris, and M. S. Andrews.

QUESTION 41:—The Forty-first Question, "Who have been granted Leave of Absence?" was taken up. On motion of Leonard White, leave of absence for one year was granted to W. L. Hess at his own request.

CHURCH PROPERTY:—E. C. Hallman reported that he had on hand \$40 from sale of trees on land upon which Hinson's Chapel was formerly

located and at his request, Conference granted him permission to use the proceeds in cleaning up the property.

On motion of D. W. Jacobs, Conference authorized the District Superintendent to sell West Amwell Chapel on the Wilmington District.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:—J. M. Kelso read the report of the Conference Historical Society and on motion of Tilghman Smith it was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT:—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned.

SIXTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

OPENING:—Conference convened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

JOURNAL:—The Journals of Thursday's Sessions were read and approved.

DRAFT:—The Bishop presented a draft from the Chartered Fund for \$60 and it was ordered paid in favor of the Board of Stewards.

QUESTION 20:—The Twentieth Question, "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was resumed. George V. Turner was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendent represented, and on motion he was elected to Deacon's Orders, Advanced to Studies of the Third Year, and Conference voted to admit him into Full Membership upon answering the usual Disciplinary Questions.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS:—On motion of J. Harry Wright the following were elected members of the Committee on Conference Relations to serve for a term of Three Years: Howard Davis, G. W. Dawson, E. W. McDowell, and G. S. Thomas.

CHANGE OF RELATIONS:—On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations the requests of E. H. Collins, F. B. Short, J. H. Geoghegan, W. R. Woodell and L. E. Poole for the Retired Relation were granted.

QUESTION 28:—The Twenty-eighth Question, "Who are accepted as Supply Pastors?" was taken up. On motion of Howard Davis, the following were added to the list of Accepted Supply Pastors: Elmer L. Bennett, Leroy V. Pratt, J. E. Jones, and J. B. Chadwick. The present accepted Supply Pastors were all continued with the exception of L. T. McLain, who desired to be relieved of active work.

LOCAL ELDERS:—On motion of G. W. Dawson, the credentials of J. G. Lynn, a Local Elder in the Methodist Protestant Church, were recognized by the Conference and he became a Local Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church. On motion of Leonard White, the request of C. V. Steininger, Local Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for

recognition of his Orders was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

QUESTION 29:—The Twenty-ninth Question, "What Accepted Supply Pastors now in charges are taking the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. E. W. McDowell announced that Joshua E. Layton, John E. Jones, and Robert G. Conner are taking up the Conference Course of Study in the First Year, and that Walter L. Beckwith, and Ernest L. Wright are taking the Conference Course of Study in the Second Year. The following Accepted Supplies are taking the Conference Course of Study, but are not classified according to General Conference questions: Arthur G. Thomas, Harlan M. Ralph, Alfred L. White, Arthur T. P. Hudson, John F. Willis.

SESQUI-CENTENNIAL:—E. C. Hallman presented the following resolutions which were adopted:

WHEREAS, This is the Sesqui-Centennial year of Methodism and is being celebrated throughout the Church, and,

WHEREAS, A Committee was created to prepare a suitable program, be it

RESOLVED, That the same Committee be continued and, be it furthermore

RESOLVED, That the same Committee be requested to head a Pilgrimage throughout our Conference to take place on the Wilmington District, Monday, September 17, on Dover and Middletown Districts on Tuesday, September 18, and on Salisbury District, Wednesday, September 19.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES:—W. A. Hearn, Treasurer of the Board of Conference Trustees, read the Treasurer's Report of the Board, also the Reports of the Barratt's Chapel Fund, and the Washington Foster Estate, and on motion of G. W. Dawson they were adopted and ordered filed.

COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:—On motion of E. C. Hallman, at the request of the Conference Board of Education E. P. Thomas and Ralph O. Dulaney were elected official representatives of the Wilmington Conference on the Maryland-Delaware Council of Religious Education.

G. A. COOKE:—A communication from Mt. Pleasant Quarterly Conference was read by G. A. Cooke and it was ordered printed in the Minutes without action.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES:—M. S. Andrews presented the following nominations for members of the Conference Board of Trustees and they were elected for a term of 3 years, the Secretary casting the ballot. W. F. Corkran, W. A. Hearn and T. R. VanDyke.

SALE OF BROWN'S CHURCH:—On motion of W. F. Corkran, Conference authorized the Conference Trustees to sell Brown's Church on Seaford Circuit, with the approval of the District Superintendent.

EXCUSED:—R. T. Thawley and Ivanhoe Willis were excused to attend a funeral.

UNITED SESSION.

The members of the Lay Conference arrived at 10:20 o'clock, "Blest be the tie" was sung, and the Bishop led in reciting the Apostle's Creed. Bishop Hughes introduced I. Elmer Perry, the President of the Lay Conference, and Charles W. Cooke, Jr., the Secretary.

ORDER OF DAY, BOARD OF EDUCATION:—The Order of the Day, the consideration of the Report of the Conference Board of Education, was taken up. On motion of E. P. Thomas, J. H. Bishop, Conference Director of Christian Education, was granted the privilege of the floor and made his report. On motion of E. P. Thomas, the following recommendations of the Board were adopted.

1. The Board recommends to the Annual Conference that the Program of Christian Education be continued during the next Conference year.

2. The Board, having re-elected James H. Bishop, to serve as Conference Director, requests that the Annual Conference recommend to the Bishop the confirmation of the election.

3. The Board nominates the following elective members of the Board and recommends to the Annual Conference their election: Wilmington District, E. M. Shockley, W. A. Hearn, O. P. Jefferson; Middletown District, C. N. Jones, J. Harry Wright, E. W. Hervis; Dover District, L. E. Windsor, M. W. Marine, O. E. Jones; Salisbury District, O. H. Connelly, F. A. Baker, L. E. Wimbrow. LAYMEN: Wilmington District, Mrs. Maude G. Thornton, G. France Alderson, William Harris; Middletown District, Mrs. M. Grace Rambo, Harry H. Nuttle, Mrs. Clara Whitby; Dover District, M. Haswell Pierce, W. Fell Davis, W. B. Thornburgh; Salisbury District, J. Millard Tawes, R. O. Dulaney, C. A. Bunting. The Board also request the election as members of the Board the District Superintendents, pastors in college towns, and all members of the Conference Education Society.

4. The Board recommends to the Annual Conference an Apportionment asking of \$3600.00 for the Conference Board of Education.

QUESTION 1:—The First Question, "Who are the officers of the Lay Conference?" was taken up. President, I. Elmer Perry; Secretary, Charles W. Cooke, Jr.; Treasurer, Frank D. Layfield.

QUESTION 2:—The Second Question, "Is the Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the Discipline?" was taken up. Answer. It is, Corporate Title: "Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

QUESTION 3:—The Third Question, "What Officers and persons holding monies, funds and so forth are bonded, and in what amounts, according to the requirements of the Discipline?" was taken up. Answer. J. J. Bunting, Conference Treasurer, \$25,000; W. A. Hearn, Treasurer of Board of Conference Trustees, \$20,000; Jefferson Cooper, Treasurer of Board of Stewards, \$30,000.

QUESTION 5:—The Fifth Question, "What are the items and aggregate of General Conference benevolences apportioned to this Conference

and approved by this body for the ensuing year?" Answer. World Service, \$58,547; Episcopal Fund, 2½ per-cent of cash salary paid for current year; General Conference Expenses, \$5,143 for the Quadrennium.

AFTERNOON SESSION:—On motion of Leonard White, the hour of the afternoon session was changed to 2 o'clock.

QUESTION 20:—The Twentieth Question, "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was resumed. Jacob C. Hanby, Leon W. Ross and George V. Turner were called, they answered the usual Disciplinary Questions and were received into Full Membership.

BISHOP'S DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS:—The Bishop delivered a forceful and inspirational address on the "Parenthood of the Ministry."

ADJOURNMENT:—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned.

SEVENTH SESSION—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

UNITED SESSION.

OPENING:—Conference convened in United Session at 2 o'clock. Bishop Hughes presiding assisted by President J. Elmer Perry.

INTRODUCTION:—Dr. Morgan, President of Dickinson College, and Charles M. Boswell, Corresponding Secretary of the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal Hospital, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Albert M. Witwer and Francis H. Tees of the Philadelphia Conference; L. B. Matthews, retired member of the Michigan Conference; Dayton E. McClain of the Maine Conference and A. B. Turner of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church were introduced.

QUESTION 8:—The Eighth Question, "What approved financial campaigns are to be carried out in this Conference during the ensuing year?" was taken up. After W. A. Hearn, pastor of Richardson Park M. E. Church, made his report, and on motion of D. W. Jacobs, Conference adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has approved the soliciting of designated gifts for the Richardson Park Church; and

WHEREAS, Our Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has also approved such solicitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the ministers and laymen assembled in United Session approve the soliciting of designated gifts from individuals and churches for the Richardson Park Church to the amount of \$4000 by October 31, 1934.

QUESTION 9:—The Ninth Question, "What is the Schedule of Minimum Support?" was taken up. Answer: None established for the present.

QUESTION 11:—The Eleventh Question, "What shall be the Evangelistic and Religious Educational Plan for the ensuing year?" was taken up. Answer: See printed report on Christian Education as adopted.

COMMITTEE ON NUMBER OF DISTRICTS:—Tilghman Smith submitted without recommendation the report of the Committee on Number of Districts, and on motion of G. W. Dawson it was received and ordered recorded. On motion of Leonard White the Committee was discharged with thanks.

NUMBER OF DISTRICTS:—On motion of G. W. Dawson, a vote expressing the opinion of the laymen concerning the reduction in the number of Districts was taken with the following result: For 4 Districts—24; For 3 Districts—66.

WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE:—W. E. Gunby presented the report of the Follow-Up Committee of the Wesley Collegiate Institute and on motion Conference adopted the report with its recommendations.

BUREAU OF CONFERENCE BUDGET:—T. R. VanDyke nominated the following as members of the Bureau of Conference Budget, for a term of three years, and they were elected: J. W. Colona, R. P. Nichols and H. H. Nuttle.

UNITED SESSION:—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, the hour for convening the United Session on Saturday morning was set at 10 o'clock.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—On motion of A. C. Goddard, the report of the Temperance Committee was made the Order of the Day immediately after the assembling of the United Session Saturday morning.

ADJOURNMENT:—The United Session was then adjourned.

EIGHTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

OPENING:—Conference convened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding.

JOURNALS:—The Journals of Friday's Sessions were read and approved as corrected.

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE:—The Bishop read a communication from W. W. Banks, of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, concerning the Episcopal Residence Fund and on motion of G. W. Dawson it was referred to the Committee on Committees.

QUESTION 38:—The Thirty-Eighth Question, "What other personal notation should be made?" was taken up. On motion of G. W. Dawson, and on recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, the orders of C. V. Steininger, Local Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were recognized and he was made a Local Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

NUMBER OF DISTRICTS:—L. E. Wimbrow presented the following motion, "That the Bishop be requested to form the Conference into three Districts, either at the present Annual Conference Session, or later in the coming Conference year, or at the Session in 1935, whichever best suits his convenience of administration." After discussion, and on motion of the Secretary the matter was postponed until the next ministerial session.

UNITED SESSION.

OPENING:—Conference convened in United Session at 10:15, Bishop Hughes presiding, assisted by President I. Elmer Perry.

MRS. E. H. HUGHES:—Mrs. E. H. Hughes, wife of our Presiding Bishop, was introduced and greeted the Conference.

INTRODUCTIONS:—Chancellor J. M. M. Gray of the American University, and Dr. Allan MacRossie of the Commission on Conference Course of Study were introduced and addressed the Conference.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:—The United Session requested President Perry to appoint a committee of 3 Lay Members to confer with the Committee on Committees. President Perry announced the committee as follows: Dr. E. B. Crooks, Charles W. Cooke, Jr., and Miss Rietta Emerson.

1935 SESSION OF CONFERENCE:—On motion of Tilghman Smith, Conference requested the Board of Bishops to set the date for convening the Conference of 1935, on Wednesday, March 27th.

ORDER OF THE DAY—TEMPERANCE REPORT:—The Order of the Day was taken up and A. C. Goddard read the Report of the Temperance Committee and at his request, Clarence True Wilson, Dayton E. McClain and George W. Crabbe addressed the Conference. On motion of A. C. Goddard the United Session by a rising vote unanimously adopted the report.

SESQUI-CENTENNIAL PAGEANT:—O. A. Bartley presented the following resolutions which were adopted and on his motion Conference took an offering to defray the expenses of the pageant, the surplus to be retained for the use of the Sesqui-Centennial Commission in financing the historical pilgrimages:

WHEREAS, The Pageant, "The Early Voice from the Peninsula," given last night, was not only interesting and instructive, but also deeply spiritual, and,

WHEREAS, It was an original production in the use of the material of our own history; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, We highly commend all who participated in the Pageant and express our delight in the way the authors and directors used the material; be it furthermore

RESOLVED, That we express to J. R. Bicking, R. C. Jones, Rev. and Mrs. F. D. Milbury, and J. Harry Wright our debt of gratitude for their leadership in writing and directing the pageant.

EXCUSED:—O. P. Jefferson was excused.

NUMBER OF DISTRICTS:—Wilmer Fell Davis presented a request from the Laymen that the discussion be held and the vote on the number of Districts be taken in the United Session this afternoon.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE MISSIONARY & CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY:—D. W. Jacobs presented the following motion and after Preston W. Spence, pastor of Kingswood Church had addressed the Conference it was adopted. "At the request of the Wilmington City Missionary Society, I move that \$3,500 be apportioned to the charges of the Conference for the support of the Society the ensuing year, said amount to be divided by the Superintendents and apportioned to the respective districts."

AFTERNOON SESSION:—On motion of Leonard White Conference voted to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS:—The Bishop's devotional address was based on the last two verses of the book of Malachi.

Prayer was offered by J. M. M. Gray and Conference adjourned, Dr. Allan MacRossie pronouncing the benediction.

UNITED SESSION.

OPENING:—Conference convened in United Session at 2 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding, assisted by President I. Elmer Perry.

NUMBER OF DISTRICTS:—Discussion of the resolution on Number of Districts was resumed, and the ministerial vote was taken with the following result: For the Wimbrow motion limiting the Conference to three Districts—65; against the motion—35.

BOOK CONCERN:—E. H. Collins and Frank Herson spoke in the interests of the Book Concern.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS ENDOWMENT FUND:—G. P. Jones read a report of the Conference Claimants Endowment Fund and it was ordered printed in the Minutes.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES:—O. A. Bartley read the report of Goodwill Industries and on his motion it was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT OF UNITED SESSION:—After brief addresses by Bishop Hughes and President I. Elmer Perry the United Session adjourned for this year, the Bishop pronouncing the benediction.

MINISTERIAL SESSION:—Conference resumed in Ministerial Session.

DELMARVA INSTITUTE FOR YOUTH:—On motion of W. Vaughn Moore the report of the Delmarva Institute for Youth was ordered printed in the Minutes.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:—On motion of E. P. Thomas, Conference approved the request of the Board of Stewards to set aside the sum of \$2500. for Necessitous Cases.

STORM RELIEF FUND:—At the request of Leonard White, Conference granted permission to have included in the Minutes a list of contributors to the Storm Relief Fund.

IVANHOE WILLIS:—On motion of D. W. Jacobs Conference requested the Bishop to appoint Ivanhoe Willis as Assistant Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Delaware.

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

TENTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

ORDINATION SERVICE.

OPENING:—Conference convened at 3 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

DEACONS:—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders and Jacob C. Hanby, Leon W. Ross and George V. Turner were ordained as Deacons.

ELDERS:—Those elected to Elder's Orders were called and presented and the Bishop assisted by the District Superintendents and other elders ordained Henry T. Caldwell, and Preston W. Spence, as Elders.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that on the eighth day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Four, I ordained as DEACONS

Jacob C. Hanby

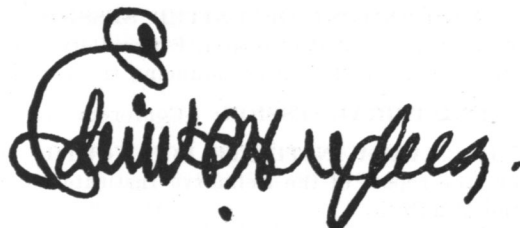
Leon W. Ross

George V. Turner

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

Henry T. Caldwell

Preston W. Spence, Jr.



Newark, Del.

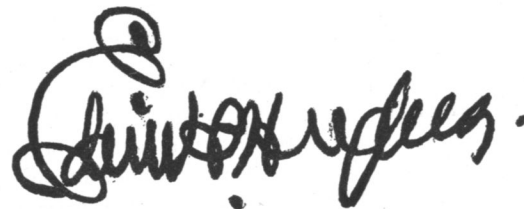
The following certificate has been filed with the Secretary,

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that on the first day of October, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Three, assisted by several Elders, I ordained as Elder

Sidney B. Bradley

he having been duly elected to the above orders by the Wilmington Conference.



Barratt's Chapel, Del.

ELEVENTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

OPENING:—Conference convened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the Devotions.

JOURNALS:—The Journals of Saturday's Sessions and Sunday's Session were read and approved.

INTRODUCTION:—E. M. Conover, of the Board of Home Missions, Department of Architecture, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

E. N. WRIGHT:—On motion of E. H. Collins, Conference by a rising vote, extended sympathy to E. N. Wright, on the death of his mother.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS FUND:—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, Willis Overdeer was elected Treasurer of the Domestic Missions Fund.

QUESTION 39:—The Thirty-Ninth Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Ministers and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?" was taken up. W. F. Godwin was called, his character passed and he was continued in the Supernumerary Relation for the Fifth Year.

QUESTION 40:—The Fortieth Question, "Who are the Retired Ministers?" was taken up. The Retired Ministers of the Conference were called, their characters passed and their relation continued.

QUESTION 42:—The Forty-Second Question, "Who are the Triers of Appeals?" was taken up. Answer: T. F. Beauchamp, J. W. Colona, Frank Herson, J. L. Johnson and W. A. Wise. Reserve: G. W. Dawson and Leolan Jackson.

QUESTIONS 45-46-47:—The questions relating to Conference Claimants Funds and Apportionments were taken up, and Conference ordered proper notations made in the record.

BOARD OF STEWARDS:—E. P. Thomas read the Report of the Board of Stewards, which was adopted with the recommendations.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:—H. B. Kelso read the Auditor's Report, which was adopted.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:—On motion of M. S. Andrews the following resolutions were adopted: "Resolved, That in the case of any properties not held under the regular law, as prescribed in the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in the case of any trust funds secured by insurance or otherwise, that the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference be and is hereby empowered to appoint a Committee of investigation composed of said Trustees or other persons in whole or in part to establish the rights of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in every case where necessary to institute legal proceedings to protect the rights of the Church. The necessary expense of such proceedings shall be met out of any funds in the hands of the Trustees that may not be otherwise designated."

W. A. Hearn presented the following resolutions and on his motion they were adopted: "That the Conference authorize the Board of Trustees to receive the Saint Paul's insurance fund now on deposit in the County Trust Company, Hurlock, Md., subject to such provisions of the civil law as may be involved, and that M. S. Andrews and T. R. VanDyke be the committee to act for the Trustees in the matter. That the use of this fund be directed toward the Hurlock charge of which Saint Paul's was once a part."

G. A. COOKE:—On motion of W. E. Habbart, Conference requested the Bishop to appoint George Alfred Cooke as Conference Evangelist, at his own request.

A. L. GREY FUND:—T. J. Sard read a statement concerning fund for support of A. L. Grey.

STATISTICIANS REPORT:—The report of the Statistician was read by J. W. Wootten and ordered received and printed in the Minutes. On motion of D. W. Jacobs, J. W. Wootten was reelected Statistician for the next session of Conference.

AUDITOR:—On motion of Leonard White, H. B. Kelso was reelected Auditor for the next session of Conference.

TREASURER:—J. J. Bunting, Treasurer, read his report, which was received and ordered printed in the Minutes. On motion of J. W. Prettyman, J. J. Bunting was reelected Treasurer for the next session of the Conference.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION:—At the request of E. C. Hallman, J. H. Bishop presented a prize in the form of a bas-relief map of Palestine made by R. C. Jones, to the Denton, Md., Sunday School for having the largest percentage of officers and teachers present in training school.

STATE OF CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE:—The report of the Committee on State of the Church and Social Service as read at Thursday afternoon's session was adopted, on motion of J. J. Bunting.

BOARD OF STEWARDS:—L. E. Windsor presented the Auditor's Report of the Board of Stewards, which was ordered printed without reading.

RESOLUTIONS AND THANKS:—The report of the Committee on Resolutions and Thanks was presented by R. S. Hodgson and it was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:—L. E. Windsor, for the Committee on Committees, offered the nominations for the various Boards, Standing Committees, and Commissions, and on his motion they were elected.

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE COMMITTEE:—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, the Cabinet was authorized to name laymen to the Committee of Cooperation on the Bishop's Residence.

QUESTION 49:—The Forty-Ninth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up, and on motion of W. E. Habbart, the invitation presented by L. E. Windsor to hold the next Conference in Seaford, Delaware, was referred to the Commission on Conference Entertainment.

QUESTION 14:—The Fourteenth Question, "Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?" was resumed. The Bishop announced the transfer of Dayton E. McClain from the Maine Conference.

ADJOURNMENT:—On motion of Leonard White, it was ordered that after suitable devotions and the reading of the appointments, Conference stand adjourned until such time as called by the Resident Bishop.

APPOINTMENTS:—Appointments were read, the Bishop pronounced the benediction, and Conference adjourned.

Quinton H. Jones

President.

J. R. Bicking

Secretary.

IV DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

A: UNITED SESSION.

1. Who are the members of the Lay Conference present, and who are its officers?
(See Secretaries' record for names of members.) President, I. Elmer Perry, Wilmington, Del.; Secretary, Charles W. Cook, Jr., Wilmington, Del.; Treasurer, Frank D. Layfield, Princess Anne, Md.
2. Is the Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?
It is. Corporate Title, "Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."
3. What Officers and Persons holding Moneys, Funds, etc., are Bonded, and in what Amounts, According to the Requirement of the Discipline?
J. J. Bunting, Conf. Treasur., \$25,000; W. A. Hearn, Treas. Board of Conf. Trustees, \$20,000; Jefferson Cooper, Treas. Board of Stewards, \$30,000.
4. What are the Statistical and Financial Reports for the year?
 - (a) From the Statistician. See Statistical Report.
 - (b) From the Treasurer. See Treasurer's Report.
 - (c) Other items. See various reports.
5. What are the Items and Aggregate of General Conference Benevolences apportioned to this Conference and approved by this body for the ensuing year?
World Service, \$58,547; Episcopal Fund, 2½% of cash salary paid for current year; General Conference Expenses, (for the Quadrennium), \$5143.
6. What Reports and Exhibits are presented by the Conference Boards and Institutions?
See answers 43-47.
7. What are the Items and Aggregate of Annual Conference Benevolences approved by this body for the ensuing year?
No report possible at this time.
8. What approved financial campaigns are to be carried on in this Conference during the ensuing year, and for what amounts?
Richardson Park, \$4000, on basis of designated gifts as approved by Board of Home Miss. and Ch. Ex. and the Conf. Board of Home Missions.
9. What is the schedule of Minimum Support?
None established for the present.

10. What are the approved claims for the support of the District Superintendents, Bishops and Conference Claimants for the ensuing year?
District Superintendents, not yet determined: Bishops, 2½%; Conference Claimants, \$49,028.
 11. What shall be the Evangelistic and Religious Educational Plan for the ensuing year?
See printed report on Christian Education as adopted.
 12. What Standing Committees shall be appointed by this body?
See Committees, as reported by Committee on Committees.
 13. What other items of business shall be considered by this United Session?
Discussion of number of Districts. By vote of ministers, the number of districts will be 3, to take effect not later than the 1935 Session of Conference.
- ### B. ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION.
14. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?
Glen E. Aldrich, Michigan. Full member in studies of 4th year.
George W. Humphreys, Phila.; Dayton E. McClain, Maine.
 15. Who have been Readmitted?
None.
 16. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?
None.
 17. Who have been Received on Trial?
 - (a) In Studies of First Year.
John Edward French, Daniel T. Pritchard.
 - (b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.
None.
 - (c) Exempt from Course of Study under Seminary Rule.
None.
 18. Who have been Continued on Trial?
 - (a) In Studies of First Year.
Joseph B. Dickerson, Joseph B. Vaughn.
 - (b) In Studies of Second Year.
Richard M. Green, Ray W. Kirwan, D'Arcy A. Littleton, Theodore O. M. Wills.
 - (c) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
 - (d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
Wm. M. Parker, Raymond W. Hallman.

- 19. Who have been Discontinued?**
None.
- 20. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
Jacob C. Hanby, Leon W. Ross, George V. Turner.
(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
None.
(c) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.
None.
(d) Ordained Deacon, having been previously elected by — Conference.
None.
- 21. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
Jacob C. Hanby, Leon W. Ross, George V. Turner.
(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
None.
- 22. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
Glen E. Aldrich, Oliver J. Friedel, William H. Kohl, James F. Langrall, Roland H. Nelson, Lucian L. Powell.
- 23. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
Henry T. Caldwell, Preston W. Spence, Jr.
(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.
- 24. 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.

- 25. 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.
- 26. Who have been left without Appointment to Attend One of our Schools?**
Oliver J. Friedel.
- 27. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**
Yes.
It was.
- 28. Who are accepted as Supply Pastors?**
Reuben H. Adams, William F. Atkinson, Elmer L. Bennett, Walter L. Beckwith, William C. Buckson, Charles G. Cannon, David T. Campbell, William C. Buckson, Charles G. Cannon, E. Fosnocht, John C. Galloway, John T. Graham, Samuel L. Hanby, Arthur T. P. Hudson, John R. Jester, John E. Jones, Edward C. Justis, John P. Kelley, Robert L. Kirby, Jr., Joshua E. Layton, Jefferson G. Lynn, William L. McClintock, Frank K. McCorkle, Leroy V. Pratt, Daniel B. Prettyman, Harlan M. Ralph, Maurice M. Romans, Charles D. Sharpless, James C. Steen, Arthur G. Thomas, John H. Thornton, Alonzo Travers, Edward Walraven, John F. Willis, Robert H. Wilson, Alfred L. White, Ernest N. Wright.
- 29. (a) What Accepted Supply Pastors now in charge are taking**
I. The Conference Course of Study?
1. In the First Year.
R. G. Conner, J. E. Jones, J. E. Layton.
2. In the Second Year.
W. L. Beckwith, E. N. Wright.
3. In the Third Year.
None.
4. In the Fourth Year.
None.
- II. The Local Preachers' Course of Study?**
1. In the First Year.
None.
2. In the Second Year.
None.
3. In the Third Year.
None.
4. In the Fourth Year.
None.

- (b) Was the character of each Accepted Supply Pastor now in charge examined?
It was.
- (c) What Local Preachers have completed satisfactorily the studies prescribed?
1. For Deacon's Orders.
None.
 2. For Elder's Orders.
None.
 3. Completed Local Preachers Course of Study without Ordination.
David T. Campbell.
30. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?
N. B. Lawrason, Michigan; F. D. Lawrence, Philadelphia.
31. Who have Died?
George W. Bounds, Goldsborough W. Hastings, John P. Otis, Allison P. Prettyman, William P. Taylor, Daniel H. Willis.
32. Who have been Located at their own Request?
None.
33. Who have been Located?
None.
34. Who have Withdrawn?
- (a) From the Ministry.
None.
 - (b) From the Ministry and Membership of the Church.
None.
 - (c) By surrender of the Ministerial Office.
None.
35. Who have been Deprived of the Ministerial Office?
None.
36. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?
None.
37. Who have been Expelled?
None.
38. What other personal Notation should be made?
1. Those whose Orders have been recognized without Admission to the Annual Conference.
Jefferson G. Lynn, Local Elder from the Methodist Protestant Church; Charles V. Steininger, Local Elder from Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
39. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?
Wm. F. Godwin (5).

40. Who are the Retired Ministers?
W. O. Bennett, G. W. Bowman, W. H. Briggs, L. M. Broadway, J. A. Buckson, H. G. Budd, E. H. Collins, V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran, J. W. Easley, T. N. Given, J. H. Geoghegan, J. W. Gray, W. E. Greenfield, E. L. Hoffecker, T. S. Holt, O. E. James, G. P. Jones, L. W. Layfield, J. M. Lindale, O. L. Martin, W. E. Matthews, F. X. Moore, W. R. Mowbray, M. D. Nuttin, J. P. Outten, L. E. Poole, J. D. Reese, J. T. Richardson, V. E. Rorer, F. B. Short, Adam Stengle, R. K. Stephenson, E. C. Sunfield, C. H. Williams, Daniel Wilson, J. H. Wilson, W. A. Wise, G. E. Wood, W. R. Woodell.
41. Who have been granted Leave of Absence?
W. L. Hess.
42. Who are the Triers of Appeals?
T. F. Beauchamp, J. W. Colona, Frank Herson, J. L. Johnson, W. A. Wise. Reserves: G. W. Dawson, Leolan Jackson.
43. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?
No report.
44. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?
No report.
45. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?
For Annuity distribution, 2446 years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$24 per Year, \$58,704; For Necessitous distribution, \$2500; Total, \$61,204.
46. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?
From The Book Concern, \$0; From Annual Conf. Investments, \$12,116; From the Chartered Fund, \$60; From Pastoral Charges, \$26,328; From Board of Pensions and Relief, \$0; From Other Sources, \$0. Total, \$38,504.
- (b) How has it been Applied?
See report of Board of Stewards.
47. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?
\$49,028.
48. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See List of Appointments.
49. Where shall the Next Session of the Conference be held?
Invitation from Seaford, Del., referred to the Commission on Conference Entertainment.

V
APPOINTMENTS

DOVER DISTRICT.

- W. E. Habbart, District Superintendent, (P. O., Dover, Del.). (6).
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| Beckwith & Spedden,
R. H. Nelson (3)
(P. O. Cambridge, Md.) | Hoopers Island,
(Sup.) C. G. Cannon (2)
(P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.) |
| Bethel, Del. (Sup.) J. R. Jester (5) | Houston, Del.,
(Sup.) J. T. Graham (1) |
| Blades, Del.,
(Sup.) F. K. McCorkle (1)
(P. O. Seaford, Del.) | Hurlock, Md., W. M. Nesbit (2) |
| Bridgeville, Del., J. H. Brasher (3) | Laurel, Del., M. W. Marine (6) |
| Camden, Md., W. G. Harris (4) | Lewes, Del., O. H. Connelly (1) |
| Camden, Del., R. W. Campbell (1) | Lincoln, Del.,
(Sup.) S. L. Hanby (1) |
| Canterbury, Del.,
(Sup.) H. G. Budd (3) | Little Creek, Del.,
(Sup.) J. B. Chadwick (1) |
| Church Creek, Md.,
(Sup.) Waldo Dize (1) | Magnolia, Del., R. L. Tawes (1) |
| Crapo, Md., (Sup.) A. G. Thomas (1) | Milford, Del., Frank Herson (8) |
| | Milford Neck, N. C. Benson (9)
(P. O. Frederica, Del.) |
| Dover, Del.: | Millsboro, Del., J. A. Clark (3) |
| St. Paul's, (Sup.) A. L. White (8) | Milton, Del., Howard Davis (1) |
| Wesley, E. P. Thomas (2) | Mt. Pleasant, J. C. Hanby (1)
(P. O. Laurel, Del.) |
| East New Market, Md.,
A. F. Zimmerman (2) | Mt. Zion, L. E. Windsor (5)
(P. O. Seaford, Del.) |
| Ellendale, Del.,
(Sup.) E. N. Wright (1) | Nassau, Del., D. J. Ford (2) |
| Elliott's Is., Md.,
(Sup.) E. L. Bennett (1) | Rehoboth, Del., H. V. Branford (1) |
| Farmington, Del., J. F. Langrall (3) | St. Thomas, To be supplied
(P. O. Bishop's Head, Md.) |
| Federalsburg, Md.,
C. I. Carpenter (1) | Seaford, Del., L. E. Windsor (9) |
| Felton, Del., H. T. Caldwell (4) | Seaford Ct., R. W. Mills (1)
(P. O. Seaford, Del.) |
| Frederica, Del., N. C. Benson (9) | Secretary, Md.,
(Sup.) J. P. Outten (1) |
| Galestown & Reliance,
(Sup.) W. F. Corkran (2)
(P. O. Seaford, Del.) | Vienna, Md., J. W. Sutton (2) |
| Georgetown, Del., O. E. Jones (4) | Williamsburg, Md.,
(Sup.) W. F. Atkinson (1) |
| Georgetown Ct., J. H. Gardner (1) | Woodside, Del., F. D. Milbury (1) |
| (P. O. Georgetown, Del.) | Wyoming, Del., F. D. Milbury (4) |
| Greenwood, Del., R. E. Green (2) | Zoar Circuit,
(Sup.) Tilghman Hastings (2)
(P. O. Laurel, Del.) |
| Harrington, Del., J. E. Parker (1) | |

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

- E. C. Hallman, District Superintendent, (P. O., Middletown, Del.). (2).
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| ✓ Bayside, (Sup.) J. G. Lynn (1) | Marydel, Md.,
(Sup.) R. G. Conner (1) |
| (P. O. Sherwood, Md.) | Middletown, Del., M. E. Wheatley (5) |
| ✓ Bozman and Neavitt,
(Sup.) J. F. Willis (1) | Millington, Md., A. W. Goodhand (2) |
| (P. O. Bozman, Md.) | Odessa, Del., F. C. Louhoff (3) |
| ✓ Cecilton, Md., E. W. Hervis (1) | Oxford, Md., Glen E. Aldrich (2) |
| ✓ Centreville, Md., R. T. Thawley (3) | Pomona,
(P. O. Chestertown, Md.) |
| ✓ Chestertown, Md., Frank White (3) | Preston, Md., T. R. Van Dyke (4) |
| ✓ Cheswold, Del.,
(Sup.) J. E. Jones (1) | Queenstown, Md., R. W. Kirwan (1) |
| ✓ Church Hill, Md.,
(Sup.) Walter Beckwith (1) | Ridgely, Md., Leon Ross (1) |
| ✓ Clayton, Del., C. W. Strickland (2) | Rock Hall, Md., Conrad Hamer (1) |
| ✓ Concord, W. M. Parker (1) | Royal Oak, Md., E. B. Taylor (1) |
| (P. O. Federalsburg, Md.) | Smyrna, Del., J. L. Johnson (2) |
| ✓ Cordova, Md., John French (1) | Still Pond and Betterton,
W. V. Moore (1)
(P. O. Still Pond, Md.) |
| ✓ Crumpton, Md.,
(Sup.) A. T. P. Hudson (3) | St. Michaels, Md.,
Leolan Jackson (1) |
| ✓ Denton, Md., M. S. Andrews (2) | St. Paul's, E. W. Hervis (1) |
| ✓ Easton, Md., J. Harry Wright (3) | (P. O. Cecilton, Md.) |
| ✓ Fairlee, S. T. Hamblin (1) | Sudlersville, Md.,
J. C. B. Hopkins (3) |
| (P. O. Chestertown, Md.) | Tilghman, Md., W. G. Barlow (3) |
| ✓ Galena, Md., D. J. Givan (1) | Townsend, Del., C. N. Jones (4) |
| ✓ Greensboro, Md., G. W. Dawson (3) | Trappe, Md.,
(Sup.) D. B. Prettyman (2) |
| ✓ Henderson, Md.,
(Sup.) Alonzo Travers (1) | Wye Mills, Md.,
(Sup.) W. L. McClintock (8) |
| ✓ Hillsboro, Md., John Kelso (1) | |
| ✓ Kent Island, C. W. Spry (1) | |
| (P. O. Stevensville, Md.) | |
| ✓ Kenton & Hartley, James O'Neil (1) | |
| (P. O. Kenton, Del.) | |
- James Mills*

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

- Leonard White, District Superintendent, (P. O., Salisbury, Md.). (6).
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| ✓ Berlin, Md., J. R. Bicking (4) | Dagsboro-St. Georges,
R. S. Hodgson (1)
(P. O. Dagsboro, Del.) |
| ✓ Bishopville, Md., L. L. Powell (2) | Deals Island, Md.,
D. E. McClain (1) |
| ✓ Cape Charles, Va.,
J. W. Wootten (1) | Delmar, Del., R. C. Jones (1) |
| ✓ Chincoteague, Va.,
C. W. Branford (2) | Fairmount, (Sup.) R. H. Wilson (3)
(P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.) |
| Crisfield, Md.: | Frankford, Del., J. C. Bolton (1) |
| ✓ Asbury, J. T. Rowleson (2) | |
| ✓ Immanuel, J. J. Bunting (10) | |

✓ Fruitland, Md., F. A. Baker (3)	Princess Anne, Md.,	✓
✓ Girdletree, Md.,	R. P. Nichols (1)	
(Sup.) L. V. Pratt (1)	Quantico, Md., W. J. Ennis (5)	✓
✓ Gumboro, (Sup.) J. P. Kelley (5)	Roxana, Del., W. J. McKee (1)	✓
(P. O. Frankford, Del.)	St. Peters, W. D. Short (1)	✓
✓ Hebron, Md., W. C. Poole (2)	(P. O. Oriole, Md.)	✓
✓ Mardela Springs, Md.,	Salisbury, Md.:	
(Sup.) C. D. Sharpless (1)	Asbury, G. W. Humphreys (1)	✓
✓ Marion, Md., (Sup.) M. W. Clow (1)	Grace, J. S. Eldridge (5)	✓
✓ Mt. Vernon, Md., O. B. Reed (2)	Selbyville, Del., E. M. Shockley (1)	✓
✓ Nanticoke, Md., J. P. Landon (1)	Sharptown, Md., G. S. Thomas (2)	✓
✓ Newark, Md., G. H. Wheatley (2)	Smith's Island,	
✓ Ocean City, Md., D. A. Littleton (1)	(Sup.) H. M. Ralph (1)	✓
✓ Ocean View and Millville,	(P. O. Ewell, Md.)	✓
D. J. Moore (2)	Snow Hill, Md.,	✓
(P. O. Ocean View, Del.)	T. F. Beauchamp (5)	✓
✓ Onancock, Va., Willard Everett (2)	Somerset, D. T. Pritchard (1)	✓
✓ Parsonsburg, Md.,	(P. O. Chance, Md.)	✓
E. B. Eckhart (1)	Stockton, Md., O. T. Baynard (2)	✓
✓ Phoebus, Va., G. E. Sterling (2)	Tangier, Va., H. N. Bailey (1)	✓
✓ Pittsville, Md., J. H. Whedbee (1)	Westover, Md.,	
✓ Pocomoke City, Md., H. B. Kelso (1)	(Sup.) R. L. Kirby (3)	✓
✓ Pocomoke Circuit,	Whitesville, Del.,	✓
(Sup.) F. G. Buckley (1)	(Sup.) W. C. Buckson (4)	✓
(P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.)	Willards, Md., To be supplied	✓
✓ Powellville,		
(Sup.) D. T. Campbell (3)		
(P. O. Pittsville, Md.)		

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Disston W. Jacobs, District Superintendent, (P. O., 2705 Harrison St., Wilmington, Del.). (6).

Bethel and Town Point,	Chester-Bethel, S. B. Bradley (3)
J. B. Vaughn (4)	(P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.)
(P. O. Chesapeake City, Md.)	Christiana, Del., R. M. Green (4)
Brack-Ex, (Sup.) R. H. Adams (15)	Claymont, Del., E. W. McDowell (5)
(P. O. Elsmere, Del.)	Delaware City, Del.,
Charlestown, Md.,	(Sup.) E. H. Collins (1)
(Sup.) J. H. Thornton (2)	Ebenezer, T. O. M. Wills (3)
Cherry Hill, W. H. Kohl (1)	(P. O. Newark, Del.)
(P. O. Elkton, Md.)	Edge Moor, Del.,
Chesapeake City, Md.,	(Sup.) W. E. Fosnocht (8)
J. T. Price (1)	Elk Neck, G. V. Turner (3)
	(P. O. North East, Md.)

Elkton, Md., L. B. Morgan (5)	St. John's, J. W. Prettyman (2)
Hockessin and Cedars,	(P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)
W. H. Revelle (1)	Stanton, Del., J. B. Dickerson (2)
(P. O. Hockessin, Del.)	Zion Circuit, C. H. Atkins (2)
Holly Oak, Del.,	(P. O. North East, Md.)
(Sup.) J. E. Layton (10)	
Hopewell, J. R. Diehl (1)	
(P. O. Port Deposit, Md.)	
Marshallton, Del., H. M. Parks (2)	
Mt. Lebanon, P. W. Spence, Jr. (3)	
(P. O. Wilm., Del., R. D. #1)	
Newark, Del., W. E. Gunby (6)	
New Castle, Del., H. R. McDade (1)	
Newport, Del., J. C. McCoy (1)	
North East, Md., P. E. Reynolds (2)	
Perryville, Md., O. P. Jefferson (1)	
Port Deposit and Colora,	
Tilghman Smith (5)	
(P. O. Port Deposit, Md.)	
Red Lion, A. W. Strickland (4)	
(P. O. Bear, Del.)	
Richardson Park, Del.,	
W. A. Hearn (3)	
Rising Sun, Md., A. B. Frye (3)	
St. Georges and Summit,	
J. L. Sparklin (2)	
(P. O. St. Georges, Del.)	

WILMINGTON:

Asbury, C. E. Davis (1)
Bellefonte, (Sup.) J. C. Steen (7)
Brandywine, O. A. Bartley (1)
Cookman, V. E. Hills (1)
Eastlake, C. C. Harris (5)
Epworth, W. S. Grant (2)
Grace, B. M. Johns (12)
Harrison Street, J. W. Colona (6)
Hillcrest, R. W. Hallman (1)
Kingswood, P. W. Spence, Jr. (3)
Madeley, Oren Rice (1)
McCabe, A. C. Goddard (3)
Mt. Salem, J. W. Jones (4)
Scott, L. E. Wimbrow (1)
Silverbrook, R. L. Minker (5)
St. Paul's, O. J. Collins (2)
Trinity, C. H. Hudson (5)
Union, T. J. Sard (2)

- F. A. Lindhorst, Field Director Board of Education of Methodist Episcopal Church, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del. (3).
- E. C. Prettyman, Superintendent Connecticut Anti-Saloon League, McCabe Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del. (20).
- George Alfred Cooke, Conference Evangelist, 231 N. Rodney St., Wilmington, Del., Harrison St. Quarterly Conference. (1).
- Ivanhoe Willis, Assistant Superintendent Anti-Saloon League of Delaware, Marshallton Quarterly Conference. (1).
- W. L. Hess, Year's Leave of Absence.
- O. J. Friedel, Left Without Appointment to Attend School. (4).
- Miss Ruth Stow, The Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.
- Miss Ruth E. Wheatley, The Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.
- Miss E. Louise Smith, Mary Todd Gambrill Neighborhood Home.

VI REPORTS

(a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

DOVER DISTRICT.

W. E. HABBART, Superintendent.

We come at the close of another year to report the visible results of our labors. We desire first to express our profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His protection and care. Through stress and storm, snow banks and miry roads, duty has called us by day and by night, and through the kind providence of God we have answered the calls, met the engagements, and now we lay our trophies at His feet.

Three of the Retired Ministers of the Dover District passed to their Heavenly reward during the year:

Daniel H. Willis died July 31st, in Washington, D. C.

William P. Taylor died Dec. 10th, in Detroit, Michigan.

Goldsborough W. Hastings died Feb. 28th, 1934, in Blades, Del.

"He sees when their footsteps falter, when their hearts grow weak and faint;

He marks when their strength is falling, and listens to each complaint;
He bids them rest for a season, for the pathway has grown too steep;
And folded in fair green pastures, He giveth His loved ones sleep."

Evangelism.

Our great Church was born, nurtured, and has grown to its present proportions under the influence and power of genuine evangelism, and we look upon true evangelism as the chief duty, the crowning joy, and the most glorious opportunity, of our ministry, hence the men of the Dover District have gone forth with a flaming passion for the salvation of the lost. In mass evangelism, in visitation evangelism, and in personal evangelism, they have sought diligently to garner the unsaved into the fold of the Lord, and the Lord has honored their efforts, and crowned them with success, and in many places gracious revivals have quickened the spiritual life of the Church, and added new life and enthusiasm to the entire congregation.

Greenwood leads with 90 conversions and accessions to the Church. Camden 52, Harrington 40, Laurel 29, Wyoming 25, Georgetown Ct. 24, Houston 40, Cambridge 24, Vienna 18, Bridgeville and Georgetown 15 each, and many, many others that I have not been able to hear from, because the men could not report in full till after Easter and that was too late to get those in this report.

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Daily Vacation Church School.

The vacation time presents a splendid opportunity to the churches of our territory to carry out the admonition of our Lord to Peter, when He said, "Feed My Lambs," hence the Daily Vacation Church School has been organized and operated with most gratifying results in a number of our churches. The demonstrations given at the close of the schools, in genuine Christian training, as well as the hand work and memory work is a fine tribute to the devotion and labor of those who directed the work. Some of the outstanding schools of the District are: Georgetown, with an enrollment of 192, Cambridge 156, Wyoming 122, Felton 50, Rehoboth 96.

Epworth League and Young Peoples Work.

The Epworth League, which for so many years was the right arm of the Church, the training camp, where ministers, and missionaries, and Sunday School workers got their first vision and inspiration, is coming back into its own, and it and other kindred young peoples organizations are marshalling their forces, and with renewed vigor are taking their places in the leadership of the church.

The Epworth League Institute held in Dover in the Summer under the direction of Rev. Vaughn Moore, the Dean, and a capable corps of workers, was well attended, and will leave its impress, for good upon the hearts and minds of the many who were privileged to attend.

The Epworth League Convention held in Seaford in the Fall, under the direction of Rev. R. W. Campbell, the District President, was a glorious success. The program was excellent, the spiritual tone of the Convention was good, and for those who were present it was a very helpful season.

The Youth Conference held in Dover in the Winter, under the direction of Bro. James H. Bishop, the Director of Religious Education, had for its major subject "World Peace." The Conference was well attended by young people from all over the Peninsula, and the Faculty consisted of some of the outstanding exponents of that subject of national and international repute.

The Woman's Home and Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies.

We feel moved to record our high appreciation of the splendid contribution of those Godly women in helping to bring the World to Christ. Possessed, as they are, with a sympathy as world-wide as human needs, embracing every modern movement for the betterment of humanity. They possess a Christian heroism that knows no bounds, and fears no barriers, and in the face of this awful depression, they have displayed remarkable business sagacity, and have continued their activities with but little retrenchment.

Ladies' Aid Society.

I do not know how it would be possible for us to go on without this wonderful organization. Vigorously, energetically, resourcefully, and indefatigably, they do the impossible, bring order out of chaos, and find

money where you would least expect to find it. Their supervision of the pastors home is a modern miracle, however, they do not stop with the parsonage, but during these lean years they have gone to the aid of the finance committee in 90% of our churches, and have supplemented the church budget whenever and wherever a deficit has occurred.

A District Ladies' Aid Society has been organized on the Dover District, consisting of the Presidents of the various Aids of the District, to look after the up-keep and furnishing of the District Parsonage. They have painted and papered, and added to the furnishing of the District Parsonage, and now the District Superintendent doesn't have to look with envy on his more favored brother in the parsonage homes.

World Service.

We are proud of the fact that the Methodist Episcopal Church has always been a missionary Church, and we believe the phenomenal growth, and unusual success of our Church can be attributed largely to the manifestations of God's favor upon us as a consequence of our obedience to His commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach My gospel to every creature." We are impressed that the need has never been greater nor the call more urgent than right now for this great work, and the preachers of the Dover District in the face of almost unsurmountable difficulties have conscientiously, and consistently represented this great cause, and have used every available means to maintain the high standard of sacrificial giving that has characterized our people in the past, and to my delight, the reports that have come to me are considerably in advance of last year.

Building and Improvement.

A comfortable and well equipped Church property is a credit to any community. In all our Church Programs we have tried to keep abreast with the advanced ideas of Religious Education, but in many places we find our buildings inadequate, and our equipment antiquated. When we observe the magnificent Public School Buildings being erected, and furnished with the most modern equipment for the technical training of our youth, we long to see a building program, conference wide, commensurate with the religious and recreational needs of our day. Some have caught the vision, and are making the sacrifice, and we are sure others will follow.

At Beckwith and Speddens, Brother Roland H. Nelson doesn't stop for wind or weather, but in the face of real discouragements, wipes out an old debt of \$150.00, and beautifies the church property at a cost of \$300.00 all paid.

At Bridgeville, Brother J. H. Brasher has added extra room to their Church Plant, for Sunday School purposes, at a cost of \$700.00.

At Cambridge, Brother Harris improves the Church Property at a cost of \$700.00, and reports \$900.00 paid on old debt.

At Hoopers Island, where the church was nearly wrecked with the storm and tidal wave last August, Brother C. G. Cannon, who was a carpenter before he was a preacher, gathered material, and enlisted volunteer labor, and repaired the Church at a cost of \$125.00 which has been paid.

At Houston, Brother J. C. Hanby, the ingenious pastor, bought the material, and hired and directed the labor, to paint and decorate the church from floor to ceiling at a cost of \$400.00 most of which has been paid.

At Careys Church, on the Millsboro Circuit, Brother J. A. Clark led a movement to remodel and enlarge the church at a cost of \$3000.00 all of which has been paid, and they have a very attractive property.

Under the direction of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Sutton, Reeds Grove Church on the Vienna Circuit has been painted and decorated in the interior, and the parsonage has been renovated, and a new roof put on it, at a cost of \$120.00.

The Church at Seaford has been veneered with brick, and the pastor, Brother Windsor assumed the role of an architect, and is constructing an educational building that when completed, with the entire church plant will have 30 rooms, and will be one of the largest and most complete Church Properties in the Conference. The improvements will cost approximately \$15,000.00.

Finally.

I think you will all agree that we have had rather a hectic year. A prolonged depression has had the effect of not only deflating the pocket-book, but deflating the spirit as well, and we have been looking around the corner for prosperity for so long that we have about decided that the Earth is round. The devastating storm and tidal wave of last August wrought havoc and destruction to crops and property on our peninsula which are beyond description. Bridges were washed away. Properties were swept from their foundations. Great boats were wrecked and sunken. Vaults were washed out of the cemeteries, and in some places churches were almost demolished.

I have done my utmost to see a silver lining in every cloud, and have used all the optimism I could command to maintain the morale of preachers and people, and now if President Roosevelt and his Brain Trust fail me, I am ruined.

It has been a rare pleasure to labor with the splendid group of heroic, and self-sacrificing preachers and laymen on the Dover District, during this trying year, and while the results are not what we had hoped for, yet under the circumstances they are amazingly encouraging, and we can conscientiously say, we have done our best.

We are not discouraged. We are not tired. We are not convinced that the church has lost its grip, nor the prophet his vision and commission. We believe a new day is dawning, a day of hope and optimism, with a real challenge for the church and her ministry, and we want to be in the vanguard of the Lord's army, and with Anna B. Warner sing,

O blessed work for Jesus,
O rest at Jesus' feet,
There toil seems pleasure,
My wants are treasure,
And pain for Him is sweet,
Lord, if I may,
I'll serve another day.

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

E. C. HALLMAN, Superintendent.

In this, our initial report, we desire to express our deep sense of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His mercy, His redeeming grace, His guiding spirit and for the consciousness of His Presence. Without these our efforts would have been vain and fruitless.

In several of the parsonage homes on the District, the shadow of serious illness caused many anxious hours; but through the mercy of God's goodness in the skill of surgeons and the efficiency of hospitals, not a death occurred in the active ranks. Through affliction many have entered into a deeper religious experience and enjoyed a sweeter fellowship with others in this holy calling.

The fluttering of sombre wings has been heard but one time by any of our official family. On Sunday, February 18, our beloved and highly esteemed Brother, A. P. Prettyman, heard the eternal call. His life had been a continuous sermon of unswerving fidelity to the high principles of his calling. He possessed a faith that was his consolation and joy. We laid his weary body to rest in the beautiful little cemetery at Galena.

There has been but one change in our active ranks this Conference year. Brother N. B. Lawrason could no longer resist the seductive call of his native state. In an exchange for Brother Glen Aldrich we made it possible for him to breathe Michigan air once more. Brother Aldrich has made a favorable impression on our men since coming among us late in February.

When we assumed charge of the District, we found salaries tumbling, pessimism running riot, and a few quarterly conferences demoralized. We did not shut our eyes to facts, but faced them squarely and attempted to change rout into victory. We freely acknowledged the hardships and admitted the stress and storm. We tried to point to the lesson of history that the church was always at the best when she had her back to the wall. There never has been a time, in our day at least, when materialism so completely revealed its nakedness and incompetency. In the very failure of those forces we had a golden opportunity of presenting the saving qualities of our faith. We felt this was the day of challenge. Under these conditions it was imperative for us to take our rightful place and assume the leadership of moulding the destinies of the years to come. Souls were groping amidst the uncertainties of the day and there was a tendency to test the soul values; crystallize this questing and a real revival of religion would result.

Life to us is a great game of selecting values. The forces of good are arrayed against the things that are mediocre and evil. We determined to play this game as best we could in this new task assigned us. Our team consisted of the men in charge of the churches. We were only the captain in the contest. The first few innings of this great game the score was against us. All of our men were sorely tested. In spite of it all, be it said to the everlasting credit of the ministers of the District, there was no whining, no growling, no surrendering to circumstances of evil. On the other hand there was a willingness to suffer if it were necessary. Some

did go hungry. Some lived on nothing but sweet potatoes for a week at a time. I do not mean that was the chief dish but it was the only one. But how they played the game! By mid-summer we had tied the score. Our men were out to win. Then came that bad inning of August 23rd. Can we ever forget it?

There was a time when our Peninsula boasted of many things. We said that crime could not touch us in any major fashion because our outlets were few and easily guarded. We also said we were free from blighting droughts and destructive storms. Alas and alack, our boasting has been in vain! Crime and drought and storm have hit us broadside. Catastrophes we have had, but usually the destruction has been localized. The echo of that terrible day in Lewes Harbor of Refuge, when that September gale destroyed scores of ships and drowned so many, is still heard; the swish of that tornado cutting its way across Cecil County is vividly recalled by those who witnessed it; the fire siren has aroused many of our towns to battle a conflagration; silently we have girded our loins to fight pestilence; but August 23rd, 1933, will go down in our history as the day when our Peninsula, already lashed by a Northeast gale, was smitten hip and thigh by the tail end of a West Indian hurricane. From Rockland to Cape Charles, damages amounting to thousands of dollars testify to its force.

Study our geography and note how easily the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays become natural chimneys to carry winds from the Atlantic Ocean to mountain peaks. Picture to yourself rain driven by a gale, until in an incredibly short time twenty inches have fallen; watch streams, swollen beyond their banks, pour their muddy contents into rivers and bays; see the ocean, foaming in its madness, rush over flattened dunes and thrust its fist deep into the bosom of the bays. Now turn your hurricane loose driving directly from the East, keep it howling until it strikes the mountains and swerves upward forming a partial vacuum, thus pulling air by its natural chimneys to fill the vacuum, causing the gale to swing Southeast, pushing a record tide to meet outpouring rain torrents creating unprecedented high water. The upper Chesapeake had a twelve foot tide that is normally three. Three elements had met; waves, currents, and wind, all three of them raging. Fields were inundated, crops ruined, bay-side property wrecked or partially destroyed. Nets, oyster houses, crab cars, boats and gear; the tools of the fishermen, meant not only property loss, but in living as well.

That was a bad inning for us! A home run by our opponents does discourage and oftentimes demoralizes a loyal band of rooters. But our team came to bat with the deep conviction that the game must be won in spite of handicaps. They began to hit Mr. Pessimism, the pitcher; they rattled Mr. Cynic, the catcher; they made the first baseman, Mr. Ignorance wince when they raced toward him; they stole second while Mr. Indolence was napping; the short-stop Mr. I-Told-You-So did not know what to do with their grounders, they bounded in a peculiar way; Mr. Worldly Pleasure, third baseman, discovered they were sending spiritual liners too hot for him to handle; the outfielders, Mr. Indifference, Mr. Selfishness, and Mr. Mediocrity, were kept busy catching hard hit balls. Such determina-

tion and playing resulted in our team taking the lead. Then came the seventh and eighth innings! Severe cold breaking all records; snow blocking roads for a week at a time; freezes that stopped all oystering for seven weeks and prevented nets being placed; ruinous prices for oysters, as low as ten cents a bushel at the low peak; thaws making lanes and dirt roads impassable; it surely tested one's mettle to go into the ninth inning with any kind of courage. Yet the team did not falter nor give up. It proved to be a glorious inning! Sacrifice hits, self effacement, loyal rooting and hard hitting brought us the victory. The team deserves the highest commendation for their unselfish service, their loyalty and their esprit de corps. The captain of this team heralds the victory as significant of the grit and perseverance of the players.

The influence the ladies of any organization wield is not to be measured by tabulated returns. The inspiration of their success, won by persistence, resourcefulness, consecration and leadership, cannot be registered in figures. Nor can their loyalty to the church, their willingness to sacrifice for any worthy cause, or their ability to make bricks without straw, be set down in any column. The Ladies Aid, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies continued their high standard of usefulness. The reports are not complete but such as I have indicate they will surpass last year's giving.

There is one group of women that should have special mention in a report of this nature. The Pastor's wife is more than the wife of the minister. In marrying she was aware of the subordinate place she was to fill. What she may not have sensed is the fact she is the background of the entire church. Any church will quickly detect this value if the wife is missing or out of harmony with any movement or organization in the church. She is expected to carry the melody and frequently called upon to produce the harmony as well. Gracious, diplomatic, self sacrificing, interested in every organization, keen of mind and alive to every change of sentiment, is it any wonder the churches that are changing pastors are very much interested in knowing the type of wife that is to grace the manse? Any one knowing these good women would expect the children of such mothers to be the leaders of men. The children of the parsonage are unmercifully teased, oftentimes unjustly criticised, expected to be the example of perfection not even emulated by the elders; but in spite of it all some climb to the head of the classes in life's school.

Heartening and outstanding has been the response of the youth to the challenge of the day's need. They have demonstrated, in many ways, that they are vitally interested in the things of the soul. Much is being said about the lack of interest of the youth in religion. In our judgment, it is not a lack of interest in religion as much as it is a lack of enthusiasm for our methods. Given an opportunity to work under conditions that appeal to them as efficient, there is no criticism of their enthusiasm or loyalty. They will die for the same principles we think so essential. Where the pastor has sensed this, there is no trouble to enlist the youth to any service. In increasing numbers they have, this year, rallied in Epworth Leagues, sung in Junior Choirs, studied in Bible and Mission Classes, led in various kinds of services, visited the sick and proven a real joy to many

pastors. Again and again we have counted more young people in the worship service than those of mature years. There have been seven new Leagues organized. Two are worthy of special mention; Chestnut Grove on the Concord Charge organized in May and now have a membership of sixty four, Blackbird on the Townsend Charge organized in September and boasts of eighty three members. In our Efficiency Conferences, under the splendid leadership of the District President, Melvin E. Wheatley, we had a total of two hundred forty two enrolled, the highest number we have ever had in the history of the District. Our Epworth League Convention was the best in attendance and in interest in all the annals of our District League work. At the banquet we seated two hundred sixty seven at one time. We now have thirty six Leagues with a total membership of fourteen hundred twenty nine—an increase of four hundred eighty two over last year. We also have thirteen Junior Leagues and one Junior Church with a total membership of three hundred thirty two—an increase of twenty five. The District has supported the Summer Institute, the Youth Conference, and all other movements for the advancement of youth.

Every indication points to a dissatisfaction of the soul life of the day. Our fathers called this conviction and would proceed to give the clarion call to repentance. We have tried to focus the attention of the District to this supreme task and glorious opportunity. The form of the revival does not interest us as much as its arrival. Method is only a means to an end. We all recognize the factors of a revival are not the same in every charge. If, in former days, some seed sowing has occurred, it may be our joy to garner the harvest. In many places the real need is the breaking up of the soil and the planting of the seed. We dare not minimize the honor due the men who dare stand on Zion's walls and preach against the sins of the day. The open saloon, disguised as a respectable place of business and sometimes run by state or county, the passion for gambling, the sensuous tendencies of the day, and the subtle attacks on the doctrines of grace, surely need the clarion note of warning from the watchmen of Israel. The men whose pleasure it is to garner the harvest, how they have labored and prayed as they guided the destiny of the meeting, forces of evil have tried to mar and hinder at every turn of the road. Wise to every move, pressing the battle to the enemies gates, they have come to report their victories in His Name. Our church in Millington had a gracious outpouring under the leadership of their pastor. They report eighty nine conversions. There is a new day dawning for Millington. As an evidence of it the pastor's salary has been increased one hundred seventy five dollars. Matthewstown on the Cordova Charge, has employed an evangelist and are happy to report forty two conversions. Preston also reports a like number. Cheswold had an old fashioned meeting when thirty five came to the altar and claimed conversion. Smyrna reports sixty one. The total for the District is four hundred eighty two.

The Sunday Schools continue to be the main training ground for Christian Education. The volunteer forces in this field need our encouragement. They do wonders! The crying need of this District, in the field of teaching, is a coordinated education of both head and heart. When these are properly harnessed as true yoke fellows the results are Heaven regis-

tered. Smyrna has had a transformation in their Sunday School. It is a wide awake, energetic, volcano of activity. To see a class of men well over a hundred fifty in number and a class of women numbering nearly a hundred, gathered in one room and to be told none were coming to Sunday School a year ago, sort of takes your breath. This school has broken all its former records—and the end is not yet!

This has been an abnormal year in financing the churches. We have had to face, not only the general depression, but also the storm of August, the snow blocked roads of February and March, the severest freeze in our history, thaws that left no bottom to lanes or dirt roads, and some loyal congregations with the majority of their members on charity. With this statement we shall take pleasure in presenting some achievements that are worthy of note.

Our World Service giving is not up to where we fully expect it to be. We are hindered by the causes enumerated above. However, we are glad to report the giving exceeds that of last year by a few dollars. Twenty six charges will increase over last year. Four charges will report the same and eleven charges are compelled to bring less money to the Conference for World Service than was brought last year. Twenty nine charges have reported on Conference Claimants. Of this number four will pay less than last year; three will pay the same as last year, but in each of these cases they are meeting their apportionment in full. The drop is due to the lowering of the pastor's salary. Twenty two charges have increased the item \$1075.65 making a net gain of \$962.65 or an increase of 35.8%. So far as I know every charge excepting one, reporting to me will either pay their apportionment in full or more than they paid last year.

Thirty two charges have reported on the Episcopal Fund. Two will remain the same as last year; four will decrease twenty three dollars; all of these charges are meeting their apportionment in full. Twenty seven charges will make an increase of \$411.00 giving us a net gain of \$388.00 or a percent increase of 69.5. One of the interesting side lights on this increase comes from the giving of those churches served by our supplies. We have eight supplies in the District. Six of the eight increased the Conference Claimant Fund \$281.00 and the Episcopal Fund \$89.00.

The amount given to the Methodist Hospital will exceed that of last year as does the amount presented for the Director of Christian Education.

The total amount of old indebtedness paid this year \$2390.00. We are happy to report that Centreville paid its last dollar of indebtedness this year. It was a signal victory for these times. Wise leadership and co-operation was the secret of the achievement. Smyrna paid \$1400.00 on current expense debt. Easton reduced their debt \$1000.00.

The matter of improvements has received considerable attention. Preston decided it was time to repair and refinish. By the time they had completed the task they had made all necessary repairs, redecorated the auditorium, laid new linoleum on the floors, installed new lights, etc. Total cost \$1250.00. Every dollar paid as soon as the work was finished. As is their custom, every so often, Betterton, quietly refinished the auditorium, and beautified the church at a cost of \$350.00. The running mate of this happy team, Still Pond, bought a new furnace and is keeping comfortable in spite of sub zero weather. Millington built a new garage and installed a

bath room in the parsonage; the cost of which was \$440.00. Clayton modernized the parsonage at a cost of \$600.00. Bayside reshingled the parsonage and did some other improvements at a cost of \$360.00. The total expenditures on the District for all improvements was \$5957.00. Last year \$485.00.

These items will only indicate the type of work we are doing on the District. The truly great things have been the kind that cannot be told on paper. The Book of Life will record the anguish of souls that have wrestled till break of day to save delicate situations, the midnight prayers for the lost and erring only Heaven can realize, and the service of faithful men and women, who have stood true in the face of heavy criticism, will be forced to await the Judgment for recognition.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

LEONARD WHITE, Superintendent.

Tragedy, grim, stark tragedy stalked the District this last year. Nature seemed in her ugliest mood. Storm after storm of unprecedented severity marked a year that was climaxed by a winter that made history for this section of the country. The wrath of Nature was matched by the ferocity, the stupidity and moral callousness of man as revealed in certain terrible happenings that wrought cruel injury to the fair fame of our beloved Eastern Shore. Like the breath of a blighting pestilence the depression bit deeper and deeper into the harassed souls of our people, while the Shadow of Death while shifting from Parsonage to Parsonage never seemed to lift from the District.

The Shadow of Death.

Immediately upon receiving his reappointment to his Charge at Frankford, Brother W. L. Hess hurried to his parsonage home and found his beloved wife in such suffering that it was deemed best to take her to the Beebe Hospital at Lewes. An operation revealed that the malignant disease that held her in its grip was too far advanced to yield to the surgeons skill and she ceased to suffer on April 17th, passing to her eternal home in the strength of a sure and certain hope. Funeral services were held in the church at Frankford in charge of the District Superintendent assisted by former pastors of the Frankford Charge and neighboring ministers. Burial followed in her childhood home in New Jersey. Memoir will be presented by Vaughn S. Collins.

On November 8th the talented wife of that remarkable Supply Preacher, L. T. McLain whom she had married but four years before passed away. After a brave but hopeless fight for over a year the loving heart that had been forced from its natural position and ruptured by a fall in the home ceased to beat, the frail body released the brave spirit, and our brother, for the second time, was left in his extreme old age, desolate and lonely save for his unflinching confidence of the presence of the Great Companion. Funeral services in charge of the Superintendent were held in the church at Mardela with burial in the family lot at Easton, Md.

For many years, Anna May, wife of the pastor of Deals Island, J. C. Bolton had been making a brave fight against the dread malady, cancer. For six months, as the disease moved into its final stage her sufferings were indescribable. On February 15, 1934 she was released from it all and joined the fellowship of those from whom pain and death have been banished forever. Funeral services were held in the church, at her request, in charge of the District Superintendent, a labor of love, for nowhere had we found a warmer welcome or more gracious hospitality than in the charming Island parsonage. Again at her request burial was made in the beautiful cemetery surrounding the church, not far from the plot that holds the dust of the immortal Joshua Thomas, Parson of the Islands.

Early on the morning of Tuesday, March 6th, the death angel for the second time within two and a half years entered the parsonage at Delmar and George W. Bounds, stricken with paralysis immediately on his return from a funeral, deserted his useless body which he had driven with relentless will to the crowning achievement of his ministry, the building of the Delmar Church, and winged his way on the pinions of a triumphant faith into the unveiled presence of the God he loved and the Christ he served, whose Gospel he had preached for forty and four years as a member of this Conference, with eloquent tongue and unflinching faith. Funeral services were held in the transformed church at Delmar in charge of the District Superintendent, assisted by Dr. D. W. Jacobs of the Wilmington District and Rev. Milton McCann of Malaga, N. J., a life-long ministerial friend of the deceased. Interment was at Barratt's Chapel, the Superintendent being assisted by the Rev. E. H. Collins and Rev. Milton McCann. The love and esteem in which our beloved and lamented brother was held was evidenced by the fact, that notwithstanding it was one of the worst days of this terrible winter the church was crowded to its capacity by sorrowing friends and more than 50 of his ministerial brethren were in attendance.

The Wrath of Man.

Within a month from his reappointment to Smith's Island for the third year of an unusually successful pastorate, M. T. Romans, a Supply Preacher who had come to us from the Philadelphia Conference was the victim of a brutal, cowardly and wholly unprovoked assault receiving injuries of such a serious nature that he was compelled to relinquish the work and return to his home in Pennsylvania. His two years work in this Island Charge was the most fruitful in its history. As the result of two sweeping revivals it was estimated that less than 100 of the inhabitants of the Island, numbering more than 800, who were under ten years of age were unchurched. The work was taken in charge by a young local preacher from Tangier, the neighboring Island, who rendered acceptable service until January of this year when he left to enter Asbury College to continue his preparation for the Ministry. The intervening months were taken care of by local men who have honor in their own country. The punishment meted out to the perpetrator of this dastardly crime was in our judgment wholly inadequate and incommensurate with the magnitude of the offense and the seriousness of the injuries to our Brother Romans. It should be added that the people

of Smiths Island were cruelly hurt and humiliated that one of their own number should have been guilty of an attack upon a Minister of the Gospel, their own Pastor whom they greatly loved. The Minister is revered and honored by these loyal people as perhaps nowhere else among us.

In October the entire Eastern Shore but particularly the portion covered by the Salisbury District experienced a social convulsion growing out of dreadful crime leading to the spirit of mob vengeance unrestrained and savage, which reverberated throughout the Nation, had repercussions in the White House itself and inflicted wounds upon the spiritual life of our people from which we will not easily recover. It is not my purpose to recapitulate here the incidents that make up the tragic and pitiful story. We have neither space nor inclination to do so. Suffice it to say here that never were the futilities and inanities of our local procedure and the stupidities and selfishness of professional politicians brought into sharper relief than in the incidents that clustered around the lynching at Princess Anne and the invasion of the Eastern Shore by a Company of Militia from Baltimore under orders from the Governor of the State. We offered a defense of the people of the Eastern Shore under circumstances not of our own choosing in opposing a resolution before the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Over its account of this episode one of the Wilmington newspapers with a large circulation in our territory placed the headlines—"Minister Defends Eastern Shore in Lynching of Negro" giving the impression to the casual reader that the defense was of the lynching itself. We are bringing this in here for two reasons. First—To make it clear that we did not defend the lynching nor justify the lynchers. On the contrary we condemned and deplored that terrible and tragic thing. We did defend the people of the Shore against the cruelly unjust accusations that were being made throughout the land that they were moronic, backward, savage and lacking in culture and we did protest most emphatically against a resolution of commendation for the Governor of Maryland for his part in the affair. We left no doubt of our attitude toward the lynching. The second reason we bring this matter into our report is that we might in this presence raise a solemn voice of protest against the spirit of lawlessness evidenced in mob violence and lynch law which threatens to tear down the structure of social security which society itself has built up through the long centuries. No people or group can revert to the savageries of lynch law without dealing a deadly blow at the social and political fabric and seriously impairing their moral and spiritual ideals. The law of the Christ is not hate but not vengeance but mercy. We are Christians, we speak for those who are the professed followers of Him who prayed forgiveness for those who nailed Him to the cross, and we plead for the Christian attitude towards all our fellow-men.

The Wrath of Nature.

Three out of five years we have served in this office have been marked by disastrous visitations of major proportions. The first was drought, prolonged and devastating. The second was a tidal wave that swept the Islands and the coastal sections of the lower Peninsula and wrought thousands of dollars of damage. The third was the hurricane of August

21st. Beginning in the early hours of Monday, the 21st. the storm attained hurricane proportions on Wednesday afternoon and lashed the entire Peninsula with terrific force. It came at the right time to inflict the utmost possible damage. Tomatoes, beans, corn, apples, garden vegetables were totally destroyed at many points and the yield reduced to a small fraction of the usual crop everywhere. The sea food industry was paralyzed, boats destroyed, crab and oyster houses swept away. Only a sudden shift of wind saved Ocean City from complete destruction. Tangier Sound and the Chesapeake Bay flowed together and there was but a narrow strip of land on Tangier Island that the water did not cover. One week before the storm we were travelling the District and were heartened by what we saw and heard. Never were crops more promising, prices were rising, the people hopeful. When we got to the field after the storm all had changed. Desolation of every hand, and the people, for the time at least, crushed and hopeless. Miraculously no lives were lost and the pastor of Tangier began a letter to the Superintendent detailing the havoc wrought at that point with "Praise God for His great mercy. No lives were lost."

We thought that this was enough for one year, but Nature was not through with us. We have just passed through the severest winter most of us have ever experienced. Ten, twelve, fourteen degrees below zero were temperatures never dreamed about in this section. Snow and rain, freeze and thaw followed the Arctic cold, until the tortured roads gave up the fight the bottom dropped out of the dirt and shell roads and the people in the rural sections were isolated for days and weeks. No mail got into one of our Charges for two weeks. The wife of one of our pastors reported not having seen a single individual save the members of her family for the same period of time. The people of Tangier and Smiths were cut off from the mainland for weeks until Coast Guard cutters broke through the ice to replenish the food supplies which were approaching exhaustion. Fuel gave out and stakes were pulled up from the harbor and weather stripping torn off the houses to keep the fires going within the homes. We thought and stated last year that, with the closing of the banks, tying up church as well as private funds, we had reached the bottom of the depression. We were mistaken. We have only fragmentary reports from the Charges but cannot see how we can possibly come up to last years figures in any particular.

The Other Side of the Picture.

Never have we seen loftier courage, a more sacrificial spirit nor greater devotion to the Church than during these same terrible months. Many have not done their duty, no doubt, and have used the untoward events of the year as an excuse for the evasion of their responsibility towards the Kingdom. But many more have made real sacrifices to maintain the program of the church at as high a level as possible. This devotion, with few exceptions, has been matched by the fine spirit of the Pastors. Attendance upon the services of the various churches, where weather and road conditions permitted has been uniformly good, some fruitful revivals have been held, and a fine District spirit has been maintained. To refer to any particular Charge, where so many have wrought so sacrificially and well,

would seem to be unfair. However, with full appreciation of what all have done, we feel that all would unite in a special word of commendation for Tangier Island, which despite the terrible damage of the hurricane reports all items of Ministerial Support in full and World Service in advance of last year. A truly remarkable achievement.

Another evidence of the fine morale on the District is the fact that only three Charges have voted a reduction in salary for next year, and at least two of these state that the reduction is but temporary, while four Charges have announced increases for next year more than offsetting the decreases. Sharptown has added \$200 to its salary for next year and to show that they meant it the officials paid it this year. Chincoteague paid \$100 more this year than the estimate applying the increase to all other items of Ministerial Support and announced an increase of \$300 for next year. Fruitland is expecting to put its salary back where it was before the depression forced a reduction which will mean at least \$150 added to the present salary. Girdletree asks for a young minister and adds \$200 to its estimate for next year.

Evangelism.

The Group Plan of District Evangelism was again used this past Fall. Four groups were organized and meetings were held at Salisbury, Princess Anne, Newark and Selbyville. The results were not as we had hoped. While the Group Meeting was under way at Princess Anne revivals of marked power broke out at Asbury-Crisfield and Asbury on Mt. Vernon Charge. There were 117 conversions and reclamations at Crisfield, 58 of whom have been advanced to Full Membership and 38 are still in the Preparatory relationship, while a number of others joined other churches in the community. There were 63 conversions at the Mt. Vernon church every one of whom was received first into Preparatory Membership and then advanced to Full Membership. Another blessed meeting was held in the Fruitland church with 57 conversions, many young people in their teens. Fifty were admitted into Preparatory membership and with this careful pastor watching over them most of them undoubtedly will be advanced to Full Membership in due time. Other churches reporting fine meetings are Ocean View with 31 conversions, Dagsboro 28, Princess Anne 20, Parsonsboro 16, Gumboro 19. The District total is not available.

Young Peoples Program.

One of the things that has rejoiced our heart has been the large number of young people who have come to Christ and the fellowship of the church in the various meetings on the District. It was our happy privilege to preach in one of these meetings and afterwards see the altar crowded with young folks from 15 to 21 years of age. The District activities among our Young People have been very gratifying. In June we held a series of Group Meetings at Delmar, Princess Anne, Pocomoke and Selbyville. Each group put on a splendid program while Dr. J. Waskom Pickett brought inspiring messages. Over 900 young people by actual count attended these rallies and Dr. Pickett testified that he has never see a finer series of young peoples rallies than the one he was privileged to address. In October

a supper conference in behalf of the Cabinets of the Epworth League and Young Peoples organizations on the District was held at Fruitland with 105 in attendance and keen interest shown by the young folks. This was followed by the finest District Convention in our history, held at Asbury Church-Crisfield. The Convention opened at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon with a fine registration of delegates. A six o'clock banquet was attended by about 200 and the District Superintendent was greeted at the evening service by an inspiring audience of youth as it has been his privilege to address in all his Ministry. The Convention continued on into the late afternoon of the following day, adjourning after a beautiful service of installation and the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's supper, followed by a gracious message from Dr. W. M. Nesbit. It was an upper room experience for those of us who braved the threat of a snow storm and remained to the finish. Thirty of our young people were registered at the Delmarva Institute and 79 at the Youth Conference at Dover. There were four Standard Training Schools, all cooperative, held on the District with over 200 registrations from Methodist Episcopal churches. The School at Berlin was discontinued for lack of sufficient registrations. The financial conditions cut down our registrations at all of these points. The District contributed approximately \$400 from Rally Day offerings for the Conference Program, only a little less than last year, and \$75 from the Leagues for the North African Project. We have a fine group of young people in the District Cabinet with alert, forward looking young preachers as Counselors. The future is bright with promise.

Building and Improvements.

The one building project on the District was the completion of the church at Delmar under the leadership of George W. Bounds. We reported last year the progress of this enterprise, the raising of the original building, the lengthening of the windows of the basement and laying of hardwood floors therein, the modernizing of the kitchen equipment and the veneering of the whole edifice with brick. This year a two story addition in brick was erected giving fine equipment for a modern Sunday School. Rooms for Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediates are on the first floor. A large assembly room in the chapel is on the second floor with additional rooms for senior and adult classes. The Men's Bible Class meets in the basement. The auditorium has been transformed, the pulpit recess widened and deepened, the organ placed to the side, the communion table to the rear, the choir divided on each side, the pulpit on one side of the platform, hardwood floors on the whole auditorium including the annex with deep-pile carpet in the aisles, front and rear and pulpit platform. The walls have been redecorated and the whole given a churchly and reverent atmosphere. A fine lighting system has been installed throughout. A large lot on the side and rear is to be beautified and a drive is to be built encircling the church, with parking space for over 100 cars. When the entire work is completed Delmar will have a church worth more than \$7500, splendidly equipped for all purposes, and with no indebtedness. A truly remarkable achievement accomplished in the face of incredible difficulties. It was re-

opened for use on the first Sunday in January, the District Superintendent and Rev. J. W. Jones preaching the sermons. In the Christian Advocate of February 1st in an article describing these reopening exercises we wrote these words—"The Pastor, G. W. Bounds, who came out of retirement to take up this enterprise at the death of Dr. E. H. Dashiell and who has carried on through personal affliction is supremely happy". These words were true, he was supremely happy remarking to one of his officials, "This is the crowning moment of my ministry". Two months later, as already noted he took his place in the Temple of the Heaven. He is still supremely happy.

Other improvements to churches or parsonages have been made at Dagsboro, Fruitland, Crisfield-Asbury, Asbury-Salisbury, Pittsville and other Charges aggregating \$2500. Asbury-Crisfield, Asbury-Salisbury, Sharptown, Chincoteague and other Charges in small amounts have reduced the total indebtedness on the District by about \$3000.

Exchange of Pastors.

On the first Sunday in February a transfer of pastors between the Wilmington Conference and the Philadelphia Conference went into effect. F. D. Lawrence, for nearly two years pastor at Asbury, Salisbury, returned to his old Conference and was stationed at St. Paul's Church, Lancaster, Pa., while G. W. Humphreys of the latter church was appointed to Asbury. The latter at once took hold of the work with vigor and enthusiasm and the response of the church is seen in the fact that at the Easter services last Sunday before a congregation that taxed the capacity of the church, 64 persons were admitted into the fellowship of the church, 34 by Certificate of Transfer, the fruit of more than 500 pastoral visits in two months. We welcome Dr. Humphreys to our Conference and trust that, unlike his predecessor, he may be contented and happy therein.

The Methodist Hospital.

We have stressed the interests of The Methodist Hospital in every Quarterly Conference and by special appeals in District letters. At our suggestion as Chairman of the Cabinet, Dr. C. M. Boswell, the Secretary of the Hospital, was invited to address our District meetings and to speak, with no mufflers on, concerning our failure to properly support this Institution to which our ministers and people owe so much. Reports that have come to me indicate that we have made a much better showing this year than last.

Just to Complete the Record.

This Conference would be surprised if this Superintendent closed a report without some mention of the Temperance issue. It will be brief. We carried the record last year to the passage of the Beer Bill and the submission of the 21st Amendment repealing the 18th and entrenching the liquor business in the Constitution. The Administration threw all of its power into the fight to restore the legalized liquor traffic. The club of

withheld patronage was swung vigorously where it would do the most good. Relief for hungry and destitute unemployed was denied in some instances until steps were taken towards repeal. The President maker, the most influential member of his official family, fought valorously and vociferously for the cause of John Barleycorn. State after State yielded to the pressure and by a pitably small minority vote turned against Prohibition and on Dec. 6th the 21st Amendment went in and the 18th came out. To change a word in a famous utterance of President Roosevelt's—the restored liquor traffic with the tragic evils that will inevitably, that have already followed, is most emphatically his baby. Had he chosen to throw the weight of his unparalleled popularity and power on the side of Prohibition the latter would have become an accomplished fact. He chose otherwise and the wet era must be laid for good or ill on his doorstep.

Though knowing we were fighting a losing battle we gave all that we had to fight to save the 18th Amendment. We couldn't have lived with ourselves had it been otherwise. We spoke a number of times in the Delaware campaign and in six of the Eastern Shore counties during the campaign in that State. AND I HAVEN'T QUIT YET. Nor will I as long as God gives me breath withdraw from the fight against the intoxicating liquor traffic. The lines will have to be reformed, new recruits summoned to the colors, new methods of attack worked out—but the fight will go on. And as sure as God lives victory will come to the forces that are fighting for righteousness, sobriety and decency.

A Personal Word.

God has been good to me and mine. My health has been good on the whole. There was a little weakening under the pressure of the strenuous winter but I have come through it as strong and vigorous as ever. I have travelled 23,000 miles, smashing up one car by running it against an unlighted farm wagon and putting 13,000 miles upon the new car that replaced it. The brethren have been kind, kinder than I have deserved, no doubt. I have sympathized with them and their people more deeply than I have been able to express. May the God of all compassion and love have them and us all in His care and keeping until the "daybreak and the shadows flee away."

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

D. W. JACOBS, Superintendent.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

For the twenty-second time during the history of our Conference the annual session is convening within the bounds of this district. To this beautiful town and to this most excellent and commodious church building we bid you a hearty welcome. Every effort has been made by the faithful pastor, and his loyal people to provide for your personal comfort and convenience, and it is our sincere prayer that when this annual session shall have come to a close it may have been a season of spiritual refreshment to all who have been in attendance.

The grim reaper has not invaded the ranks of our Effective Ministers on this district during the year. Neither has any minister been compelled to relinquish his work because of failing health.

In the early hours of Sunday morning, March 4th, the silent messenger from heaven's hillsides reached down and took the waiting hand of our friend and brother, John P. Otis, who for nearly fifteen years had enjoyed the well-earned rest of the Retired Relation, and led that consecrated and genial soul into the presence of his Christ, Whose love he knew, Whose redeeming gospel he delighted to preach. Appropriate memoir will be presented.

Pastoral Changes.

On June first, Rev. Oliver J. Collins was transferred from Marshallton and appointed pastor of St. Paul's Church, Wilmington. Rev. Raymond W. Hallman, a student at Boston University, was appointed to fill the vacancy at Marshallton until the opening of the school year in the Fall. Upon his return to school on October first, Rev. Henry M. Parks was transferred from Delaware City and appointed pastor at Marshallton, and Rev. L. V. Pratt was appointed supply pastor at Delaware City.

Repairs, Improvements and Indebtedness.

The extreme financial stringency through which our people have been passing has so decreased the normal income of both people and churches that very little money has been expended for repairs and improvements to church and parsonage properties. Indeed, some of the properties are beginning to show signs of much needed improvements and repairs. We are earnestly hoping that conditions will improve so that our churches will be able to secure sufficient funds over and above their necessary current expenses and benevolences to enable them to improve their properties, and in a number of places make extensive repairs in order to adjust their physical equipment to the needs of an expanding program. \$8,556. was spent this year in making repairs and improvements to both churches and parsonages.

The indebtedness of the churches of the district was reduced by \$9,369., \$2,000. of which was paid by Newark on the indebtedness against its newly erected building. Claymont paid \$650. on its debt; and Richard-

son Park, with the aid of a number of the churches throughout the Conference, paid \$3,475. on the principal of its debt. In two years this church has paid \$13,385 on indebtedness and interest, \$6716 of which they have paid themselves.

Eighteen churches made some payment on the reduction of their indebtedness, even though some of them were only a hundred or two dollars.

Again we call attention of pastors and church officials to Paragraphs 363 and 364 of the 1932 discipline regarding incurring debts for building and improvements and we request faithful observance of these requirements.

Designated Gifts.

We have been working under the designated gift provisions of the discipline now for nearly two years, and while it does make it possible for the contributor, be he person or organization, to determine for what purpose the contribution shall be expended in which respect it appeals to not a few of our contributors, on the other hand it has introduced into our program of benevolence a method for the support of certain local projects which, if not studiously guarded, may foster and increase the selfish motive in our giving to worthy causes.

Due to the receipts of the Benevolence Boards through these difficult financial years decreasing so unprecedentedly that not a few have been fearful there might be a collapse of our missionary program, the church has been urged to avail itself of the privilege of designating its gifts, and, doubtless, many projects have been continued by this provision. I know this to be the case in this district. Year by year the maintenance appropriations from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension have been reduced until now they are an almost insignificant sum, and the only way I have been able to continue the major part of our city missionary work even with a greatly reduced budget has been primarily through the privilege of designated gifts.

As this is our procedure for this quadrennium at least, and other Conferences throughout Methodism are availing themselves of the provision, we will continue to cooperate on this basis for only by so doing can we hope to provide the necessary funds with which to carry on. Not to do so would be to cause our whole home missionary and educational programs in the Conference territory to cease to function. This would be disastrous in view of the exceptional opportunity afforded the Church to minister to the youth of this age.

Sesqui-Centennial.

The Conference year of 1934 is Methodism's Sesqui-Centennial year. Most interesting is the story of the rise of Methodism in America. When Philip Embury, Robert Strawbridge, Thomas Webb and others came to America about 1766 there were 2,926 congregations of other denominations already established in this country. The zeal and fervor, the spiritual quality of the sincere and thoroughly consecrated lives of those early Methodist lay preachers and the persuasive manner in which they

presented the convincing truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ soon won converts to the Christian life and increased the numerical strength of the Societies so that when the Revolutionary War was ended and Methodism organized in this country at the Christmas Conference in Baltimore in 1874 there were approximately eighty traveling preachers and 15,000 members. This number has grown during the one hundred and fifty years until today there are approximately 5,000,000 Methodists in America. Our universities, colleges and secondary schools, hospitals and homes for the aged are strategically located throughout this land, educating the youth in Christian citizenship and ministering to the needs of our American citizens.

In the quarterly conferences of every charge at least twice during this year I have called attention to our Sesqui-Centennial and requested the appointment of a committee, which committee together with the pastor will formulate plans for the proper commemoration of this historic event in each local church sometime during the ensuing Conference year. Many of the committees have been appointed and are preparing plans for the celebration in their churches. Where committees have not been appointed they will be early in the new Conference year.

One has truly said: "We have come to a period that calls upon us to take our bearings once more, and trim our sails for the further and even more exacting demands of the future. . . . An honest and sincere review of our recent past, and our present state, is not such as to fill us with vain boasting or contemptuous comparison with the other branches of the Church of Christ in the world. . . . As we look once again at our past history we feel that we need today not a show of our greatness, or a parade of our wealth and power in material things, but a spirit of fervent gratitude to those who have preceded us in this work, and a renewed consecration to the cause for which so many have suffered and died. Our object (in these anniversary celebrations) will be to review the past, to discover the sources of power and the methods of work that have accomplished these marvelous results, and to urge anew a determined forward march."

Valuable suggestions for the pastors and local committees are contained in a small booklet published by the Methodist Book Concern and which, I presume, has been received through the mail by each pastor.

The "Jason Lee Special" will arrive in Wilmington on the afternoon of April 30th. In Asbury Church, Wilmington, that evening a religious pageant entitled "Two Thousand Miles For a Book" will be presented under the direction of Mrs. G. F. Alderson, depicting the quest of the Indians of the Northwest for the White Man's Book. A very interesting program is being arranged for the service to which the public is invited. All Methodist pastors will urge their people to be present on that occasion. Following this Conference session, the program of which provides for a proper recognition of this historic year in the life of American Methodism, the coming of the "Covered Wagon" or the "Jason Lee Special" to Wilmington on April 30th marks the beginning of the historic celebrations of Methodism's Sesqui-Centennial within the bounds of our Conference within whose bounds Asbury, Coke and many others of those worthies of that early day preached the Word to waiting multitudes.

City Missionary Work.

With more than one-half of the 120 million people in this country living within one hour's drive by auto of a city of not less than 100,000 population, and with those dwelling in the rural sections greatly influenced in thought and habit by our urban population, one of the major opportunities as well as responsibility of the Church of Jesus Christ is to christianize our vast city population.

Then, too, in these days of stress and strain when millions of unemployed walk our city streets, when illness and hunger follow in the wake of an unprecedented economic depression, many in our cities are living a tragic existence with the women and children the chief sufferers. The church must not cease its ministry to these people.

Your Society has faithfully endeavored to carry the christianizing influence of the gospel of Jesus Christ and serve a distracted and distressed humanity in those sections of the city of Wilmington where the tragic economic conditions and the social breakdown are shattering faith, destroying courage and testing the very elect of God.

The funds of the Society are composed of the amounts received from the charges on apportionments together with the amount received from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, which amount must be secured by designated gifts. We secured every dollar of the required designated gift amount, but the amount which came from the charges on apportionment at last Conference session, which is the amount we always depend upon with which to begin our Conference year, was greatly reduced. This seriously handicapped us throughout the year and thus you were appealed to from time to time to remit your apportionment. The charges that granted our request greatly aided us and enabled us to meet our obligations at least within a reasonable time after they were due and payable.

Even with a greatly reduced budget we have had an extremely difficult year financially, but we have kept our workers in the field for we are convinced that if the people to whom our workers minister ever needed the Church of Jesus Christ they need it now. What will those people, living in certain sections of our cities to whom the church has ministered through the years and taught that it (the Church) is the one institution that represents Christ and upon which they may depend, think if now the church withdraws its workers which is the method by which the church demonstrates its practical interest in those people and says to them if not by words by actions: "You will have to get along the best you can in your struggle with the evil forces within and without, for the great Church is too poor to help you any more." Brethren, does that represent the Christ Who gave us the beautiful lesson of the Good Samaritan, and Who opened the eyes of the blind, healed the leper and went about continually doing good?

Our budget for the ensuing Conference year carries still further reductions, but we must carry on, and we earnestly solicit your continued cooperation in the remitting of your apportionment as early in the Conference year as possible and your prayers.

We have had through the years no more zealous worker in behalf of our Society than our friend and brother, George W. Bounds, who has served as Treasurer for a number of years. Having served ten years as pastor of one of the churches through which this Society has endeavored to minister in Christ's name, he knew the inestimable value of such a ministry and, therefore, continued until his death his interest in and labors for this cause. Rev. O. A. Bartley is the newly elected treasurer of the Society.

Christian Education and Young People's Work.

We have had a successful year in our program of christian education and young people's work throughout the district.

Three cooperative Standard Training Schools were held within the bounds of this district. One at North East in October with a total registration of 93, 61 of whom were from our own denomination. Two schools were held in Wilmington, one being in November, with a registration of 144, 80 of whom were Methodists; one in February with 115 registered of whom 77 were from our own denomination. Twenty-seven charges of the district were represented in these schools. We consider these schools a very necessary and vital part of the total education program of our churches.

Not as many of our youth availed themselves of the opportunity to attend the Summer Institute for Youth as we had hoped would do so, for the report shows only nineteen were enrolled from the churches of this district, seven charges being represented in the enrollment. Under our Conference Board of Education our Summer Institute for Youth is a very worth-while part of our total program. The officers and instructors are capable and carefully selected, the courses are chosen with the view of giving our youth an appreciation and knowledge of the history and benevolence program of our church and its endeavor to take the message of Jesus Christ to all mankind. I sincerely hope more of our young people from this district will be in attendance upon our next Institute.

One hundred and thirty-six, representing twenty-five charges, were in attendance from this district at the Fourth Annual Youth Conference held in Dover last February. This was an increase in the enrollment from the district of forty-seven over the previous year. This district provided 35% of the total enrollment of the Conference. The Conference was inspirational and instructive, and too much credit cannot be given our efficient Director of Christian Education, Mr. James H. Bishop, by whose self-sacrificing and consecrated leadership our program of Christian education throughout the Conference moves steadily forward.

Thirteen hundred and seventy five scholars were enrolled in Vacation Church Schools which is an increase of at least ten percentum over the enrollment the previous year.

An increasing interest is being manifested on the part of both pastors and church school teachers and workers with youth in conserving the religious life of our youth. Decision (Declaration) Days in Church Schools are being more generally observed and the programs more carefully planned. More attention is being paid to the organizing of youth into preparatory classes and instructing them for church membership.

"A Builder builded a temple,
He wrought it with grace and skill;
Pillars and groins and arches
All fashioned to work his will.
Men said, as they saw its beauty
'It shall never know decay;
Great is thy skill, O Builder!
Thy fame shall endure for aye.'

A Teacher builded a temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised her unceasing efforts,
None knew of her wondrous plan,
For the temple the Teacher builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the Builder's temple,
Crumbled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the Teacher builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul."

Pastor's reports indicate 716 have been received into full membership this year.

We have 1505 enrolled in Epworth Leagues or similar organizations; 712 in Junior Epworth Leagues; 755 in Junior and Young People's Choirs.

Under the direction of our District Officers our Epworth Leagues have grown in numerical strength and a revived interest is being manifested by these groups throughout the district. In December a very successful rally of the Leagues in the southern part of the district was held at Chesapeake City. This was followed by the great rally of youth held in Asbury Church, Wilmington, on January 18th, at which time our Resident Bishop, Edwin H. Hughes, delighted, inspired and instructed the vast audience that crowded that large auditorium and gallery, approximately 700 of whom were the youth of this district. Two other largely attended rallies have been held, one at Scott Church and the other at Union Church in the city of Wilmington.

The district officers have willingly cooperated with the District Superintendent and plans are being formulated for even a greater year next year.

Finances.

Our churches have just closed the most difficult financial year they have yet experienced. The economic reasons for the financial difficulties encountered by the churches during the past year are too well known and have been too widely published for me to presume upon your time to enumerate them in this report. But the struggle to meet their financial obligations which some of the churches experienced is not due solely to economic reasons but also to a lack of a well-planned financial system. Some churches formulate no budget at all and attempt no every member

canvass and distribute few if any envelopes to their people for the purpose of receiving weekly offerings. In those same churches the Finance Committee seldom if ever functions. Soup sales, suppers, bakes, plays, etc., are resorted to in order to secure funds. The pastor exists through the year on a very uncertain weekly amount, and the last few weeks of the Conference year there is a "grand rush" for funds which consumes the time and energy of the faithful folk of the church to such an extent that they are prevented from giving proper thought and attention to spiritual matters. This ought not to be and it would not have to be if throughout the year the people were encouraged to support a financial plan of systematic giving according as God has prospered them.

The lamentable decrease in our general benevolences is due to a great extent to the lack of a well ordered financial system. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, standing on the deck of the S. S. Manhattan on February 28th, about to sail from his native land back to his great work in India, after having for months toured this country as an evangel of the Christ, made this very truthful statement: "Our great loss results from lack of a plan for getting in the money for foreign missions in the midst of many urgent, local appeals."

Those churches whose ministers and officials inform their people of the total program of the church at home and abroad and that have a carefully planned financial program are the churches continuing their liberal gifts to missions and at the same time adequately caring for their current expense obligations.

Throughout the district I have urged the churches to adopt the disciplinary financial plan and practice the principles of christian stewardship as taught by our church. Wherever this is done there are few, if any, worries regarding finances; there will always be worries both on the part of pastors and laymen wherever it is not done.

The financial report of the churches on this district in the total will show a decrease even though many of our good people have made earnest and sacrificial effort to prevent such decrease. As every pastor knows back of the printed statistics there are the love and loyalty of scores of devoted men and women who have sacrificially given to support the entire program of the church they love.

Evangelism and Church Membership.

Every discerning pastor and thoughtful spiritual leader of people thoroughly agrees with the statement of Dr. E. Stanley Jones when he said: "The outstanding single thing that has borne in upon us everywhere is the conviction that there is an undertone of spiritual hunger upon the American people such as we never before have seen. This spiritual hunger has been born, seemingly, of perplexity and disillusionment regarding material values. The old has gone out from under many. Nothing has taken its place—except yearning." What an opportunity the Church of Jesus Christ has today to present the truths and ideals of the Christian religion to mankind and demonstrate the effectiveness of Christian living!

The primary emphasis in the program of the churches of this district has been evangelistic. While we are ever mindful of the opportunity to reclaim the lost—to assist men to a knowledge of Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour, we have not been unmindful of that vast field where the harvest is ripe for our evangelistic efforts known as the non-resident and inactive lists of our churches.

An added emphasis was given to this part of our evangelistic program when our Resident Bishop sent to all the pastors through the District Superintendents a statement showing the tragic situation facing our Church in America. In that statement he called attention to the fact that in the Washington Area, of which our Conference is a part, the number of baptisms and receptions was sufficient to give us an increase of 35,412 active members during the four year period from 1929 to 1932, whereas during that period we had a loss of full members from our rolls. In this Conference during that period there were enrolled 8,017 preparatory members, and while the deaths totaled 2,689 and there were only 841 members received by transfer more than were removed by transfer, yet the full membership rolls decreased 144 and the non-resident and inactive rolls increased 622.

Brethren, is it not possible these facts might indicate a low spiritual tone in the individual and church life, an absence of profound conviction regarding Christ's life and sacrificial death on the cross for the redemption of man? Have we as ministers unconsciously become inoculated with the materialistic philosophies so voluminously propagated and so universally practiced today that we have ceased to fervently preach to sinful man the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Have the "times" caught us up in their sweep so that we have been unable to turn the search-light of Christian truth and ethics upon these mad philosophies and show them to our people in all their crass soullessness? Good ministers of Jesus Christ, these facts of astonishing decreases in membership and failure to win men to Christ are indictments of our spiritual leadership and should be sufficient to cause us to search our own souls and renew our vows.

Those of us who have been making a study of these matters for several years are convinced that the very drastic reductions reported in the membership rolls are partly due to a disregard of the disciplinary provisions for the transfer of names from such rolls to the non-resident and inactive lists. In quarterly conferences I have frequently called the attention of pastors and officials to the provisions of the discipline in these matters and have urged faithful adherence thereto. One of the most fruitful fields of our evangelistic endeavor is to be found in that host of folk who are enrolled in the non-resident and inactive list or who are nominally considered to be among that group of our church adherents.

With prayer for the guidance of the Heavenly Father we prepared a proposed evangelistic program for the churches of the district from January first to Easter. This program was unanimously adopted by our District Ministers' Association and forwarded to the pastors under date of Nov. 15th, with the understanding that it was suggestive and not unalterable and could be modified and adapted to the program of the local church, but with the earnest request that the main features of the program be

followed as closely as possible. Many of the pastors appreciated the suggestions contained therein and followed closely the general outline of the program.

Nearly all the pastors report having held some special evangelistic services during the year. The futility of relying chiefly upon two or three weeks' evenings' services primarily attended by the church people for the conversion of the unsaved people of our communities is readily recognized by both pastors and people. Consequently, the public appeal in the protracted evening services is being supplemented by methods of personal visitation evangelism and more and more the folk definitely deciding for Christ and joining the Church are being won by this method. Let us continue to use not one but any and all legitimate methods to win people to Christ.

The following increases in full membership have been reported:—Harrison Street, 60; Grace, 41; Claymont, 46; Silverbrook, 50; McCabe, 48; Brandywine, 37; St. Paul, 26; Eastlake, 26; Hopewell, 23; Richardson Park, 22; North East, 22; Rising Sun, 21; Elkton, 19; Union, 17; Newark, 16; Hillcrest, 19; Newport, 14; Chester-Bethel, 12; and many other charges reporting from one to 12 accessions.

These are eventful days through which we are passing. The present crisis in our American life offers the Church a supreme opportunity to proclaim the gospel of the Redeeming Christ to an age steeped in selfishness and sin. Wherever the Church, layman and minister, has availed itself of its opportunity and has passionately interpreted spiritual phenomena and "instructed men in the utilization of great spiritual laws by which the soul lives" there the Kingdom's interests have advanced and the heart of a weary-worn and distracted mankind has been melted and won to God. "No ritual, Gothic architecture, efficiency program, campaign, drive, method or ecclesiastical machinery can save any church which has ceased to redeem life on earth." It, therefore, needs the consecration of life and possessions in its supreme task of saving the people.

Charles Sumner Hoyt in his brief but suggestive poem entitled "Looking Forward", notes the tendency of the Church today in its dealing with present day conditions and then sounds a clarion call for unprecedented faith and sacrifice in order that Christ's spiritual Kingdom may come and His "will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

"Is this the time, O Church of Christ, to sound retreat?
To arm with weapons cheap and blunt
The men and women who have borne the brunt
Of truth's fierce strife, and nobly held their ground?
Is this the time to halt?
When all around horizons lift, new destinies confront,
Stern duties wait our Nation,
Never wont to play the laggard when God's will was found.
No! Rather strengthen stakes and lengthen cords,
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,
And to thy kingdom come for such a time!
The earth with all its fullness is the Lord's
Great things for Him attempt, great things expect,
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime."

How impossible it is to enumerate all the labors of love and achievements of pastors and people in a brief report like this, for there is no way of accurately registering all the results of earnest prayers, courageous faith, sacrificial giving and consecrated labor such as has characterized pastors and faithful people of the churches of this district during the year.

With sincere appreciation of the cooperation of pastors and people during one of the most difficult years the church has ever experienced, and with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His continued presence with us I humbly submit this report.

(b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

The liquor traffic has been legalized again. There is no evidence that legalizing it has improved it. All liquor is still poison, a habit forming, irritant, narcotic drug.

The manufacture and sale of it for beverage purposes is not a business, but a crime against the public welfare. It was legalized under a false pretense. We were promised there should never be a saloon again. Two hundred thousand of them are now open without the least protest from any of those who made the promises. We were assured that hard liquor should never be allowed, yet the distilleries are making whiskey as readily as the brewers are making beer.

We were assured we needed to legalize it because the bootleggers were poisoning our people's drink. The Federal Government and some of the States have analyzed, through expert chemists, the new liquors, and in every section of the United States, they are poisoning the liquors just as did the bootleggers. The stills are making it today; they age it over night with poisonous chemicals and sell it tomorrow as pre-war stuff.

The reports of chemists in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D. C., show that the legalized manufacturers have no more concern for the people's health or morals than the bootlegger. Every promise made by the wets to the decent element of the people has been broken.

We now have the uphill climb back to decency and freedom. There is a way back. We as Methodists are willing to take that way if we can be shown the path. Law and enforcement must no longer be our chief emphasis. We must get back to the moral appeal, "not to drink"; not to set drink before our neighbor. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink" applies to voting it to him, as well as to handing it to him.

As Methodists we have not sold our principles for taxes and revenue. We set ourselves squarely against all Governmental policies designed for the purpose of producing revenue at the expense of personal and national honor and decency. We can never approve any law or laws enacted for revenue at the expense of moral character. We believe in a saloonless nation and a Christian people who refuse to bow the knee to Baal, even for the vast revenue that is promised us,—a revenue that has not materialized.

The Methodist Church can never be accused of being in sympathy with the bootlegger, and we are just as much opposed to the liquor traffic when legalized as when carried on by bootleggers. In our opinion the liquor traffic when legalized by the state is no more decent and respectable than when carried on by bootleggers. We call the attention of our people to the fact that those who led the campaign for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, declaring that they were doing so in the interest of temperance, and because there was more drinking under prohibition

than under the licensed saloon, are now giving themselves to the task of creating an appetite for strong drink. There is being sold, in some sections, small bottles of liquor, two for twenty-five cents. This puts the drink within reach of those with little means and at the same time creates an appetite for more drink. We maintain that these and other practices similar to this, even though within the law and under the direction of some of our supposedly most respectable citizens, are just as disreputable as anything the bootlegger ever did.

We pledge ourselves to the five following ways of temperance education:

1. We must have again the Quarterly Temperance lessons in the Church School Curricula, so that all the millions of American youth entrusted to our denomination for religious instruction, shall, every three months, face the Bible teaching on the liquor problem until our growing youth shall have intelligent foundation for moral conviction against the liquor traffic. We urge all our pastors to present from their pulpits the righteousness of the temperance cause and to expose the criminal activities of the liquor traffic, even though legalized. We urge our pastors and lay officials to see that regular temperance instruction is given in all our Church schools classes and Epworth Leagues.

2. We must petition our commission on Conference Course of Study to put a strong textbook in the course of study so that all our young ministers shall be equipped with the facts and stirred in soul, so that the temperance sermon may again call to judgment and condemnation the liquor traffic.

3. We must go to our boards of education in the several states and see that the laws shall require systematic temperance instruction in the public schools; information on the effects of alcoholic liquor upon the human system shall be given to the new generation as it was to the last. The Normal Schools and Colleges and Universities sending out teachers for the public schools should give to each student an adequate knowledge so that they shall be able to teach the dangers of alcoholism, and the advantage of abstinence and prohibition. The alcohol problem is our most acute social question, and those who are educated at public expense have a right to know what alcohol does to the mind, to the body and to the character.

4. We pledge our support to our Board of Temperance in its insistence that all our church colleges shall have an adequate text book on alcoholism, that the educated minds coming out of our Christian schools shall be equipped to help solve our most acute social problem.

5. We pledge our influence and our money to help hold the states that we have, as their fights come on, one by one, and to the creation of new dry territory free from the dominance of the liquor traffic by means of local option, where local sentiment is available for prohibition.

The Wilmington Conference is glad to support its own Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, of which our Resident Bishop is the President and to which one of our Conference members belongs, and of which a former member of our Conference has been Executive Secretary for twenty-four years.

We give our support to the W. C. T. U. and the Anti-Saloon League. We believe that these two organizations merit our heartiest support and cooperation and urge our pastors, as far as possible, to give their representatives a hearing in their pulpits.

We are not discouraged by the back-set our cause has received. We see a light ahead. We believe that a strong, vigorous program of education, a passion for truth and right under the guidance of the spirit of God will eventually bring death to the legalized liquor traffic and open the eyes of our people to the disreputable leadership of those who led the forces of hell to a temporary victory of the people of God.

STATE OF CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

We are followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and members of His Church. It is true that we call ourselves **Methodists**—because our churchly activities are theoretically methodical—and because John Wesley, our founder, was called a "Methodist." But this is incidental. First and foremost we are **Christians**. Christ is our ideal and our standard. His spirit and His teachings must rule in the activities of our organization, and in the lives of its individual members. Our goal is that ideal time when He shall rule over a world of humanity redeemed and regenerated by him.

Evangelism.

The primary work of the Church is Evangelism—the gathering of souls for Christ's Kingdom. The enterprise of soul-winning is carried out along two diverse lines of endeavor, both of which have been used by the Christian Church throughout its history—and are necessary today. One of these is the persistent presentation of the Gospel of Jesus to those who are without Christ. This frequently calls for periods of special effort, when revival-fires burn with particular brightness and the Holy Spirit is manifest in pentecostal power with numerous conversions. Let us however bear in mind that in the Apostolic Church, from the time of Pentecost on, God's light burned with a steady glow and the Spirit added daily those who were being saved. The most efficient minister of Christ is the one who is constantly and unceasingly bringing folks to the Master, even if it be only by ones and twos. The second line of evangelistic endeavor is the careful training and education of the young in the knowledge of Christ and the understanding of Christianity—so that their hearts may open to their Savior as flowers open to the rays of the sun. The faithful pastor will diligently watch the progress and development of his young people, awaiting the proper moment in each individual life for definite decision.

Christian Training.

The winning of converts, the reaping of decisions for Christ is, however, only half the task of evangelization. Our aim should be the making of a community of earnest, intelligent and useful Christians. The

raw recruits whom we have enrolled must be systematically built into the life and organized activity of the Church. This requires unceasing emphasis on the teaching ministry. It is not enough that our converts have had an emotional experience that has warmed their souls. They should understand what they believe and why they believe it. They should appreciate the manifold task of the Church, and should themselves become intelligent workers for the Kingdom. Such Christians are not readily tossed about by every wind of false doctrine, by every "ism" and "ology" that presents its allurements to them.

The Minister's Intellectual Equipment.

No army can be more efficient than its leaders. If the rank and file of our church membership are to be intelligent and efficient Christians, they must be led by a broad-minded and well-trained ministry. Whenever possible, our candidates for the ministry should have the broadening cultural experience of college or university. They should also receive the specialized technical training of the theological school. Both these together, however, are insufficient, unless the minister keeps, throughout his career, the alert mind and the open heart of an eager seeker after truth. Nothing that is of human interest should be foreign to him—nevertheless he should relate all the varied fruits of his study and his thinking to the personality and principles of Jesus of Nazareth. The Bible is the Christian's text-book; the man who would know Jesus and absorb the spirit of His teachings, must have thorough firsthand knowledge of the Book which contains all the information that we have concerning the Galilean and what He taught. Let us unceasingly proclaim the vital importance of Bible Study, both for ourselves and for our church-members, so that we and they, through learning about the Christ, may come to know Him as He was and is!

The Social Ministry.

The normal man is a social being. He is healthiest and happiest when living in friendliness and cooperation with his fellows. In the second chapter of Genesis, Jehovah says, "It is not good that the man should be alone," and near the close of the Apocalypse, we behold a glorious vision—the vast host of the redeemed worshipping together in fellowship. Our Lord showed constantly His full appreciation of man's social nature. He entered wholeheartedly into the simple joys of man's everyday life. He was a welcome guest at wedding festivities. He was constantly accepting invitations to dinner; in fact, His enemies accused Him of eating and drinking too much. He gladly made friends of little children. Even on the night before the Crucifixion, he had a farewell dinner with His disciples. If we would be true followers of Jesus, we too must recognize the value of the social life and of social service within the Church. People must be made to feel that the Christian Church is interested in their happiness, in their friendships, in all the little things that go to make up their everyday life. Young people especially should be kept conscious that the Christian life is healthy and normal—not negative and sombre, but positive and uplifting, with proper provision for youthful pleasure.

The Ideal of Brotherhood.

Our Master summarized the requirements of religion in two commandments—love for God, and love for our fellow-men. At the Last Supper, He prayed that the Disciples might be united as one. The ideal of Love for God has never been beyond the reach of ardent church members; adoration, worship and self-sacrificial consecration have characterized Christians in all branches of the Church, and in all periods of its history. The other commandment however has always proven much more difficult. To renounce dislikes and prejudices, to forget disagreements, to set aside the spirit of envy—to open the heart to our fellow-man and really love him—has been a task beyond the achievement even of many whom mankind has hailed as saints. Always, there are plenty who are ready to bow the knee and say, "Lord, Lord!"—who on the other hand are deaf to Jesus' call to broadmindedness and brotherhood. It behooves us, as preachers of the entire Gospel, that we stress the obligation of brotherhood equally with the obligation of Love to God. We should also foster every Christian activity and influence which tends to bring men to closer fellowship and better mutual understanding.

Christianizing Temporal Relationships.

Seven centuries before Christ, the prophet Micah asked the question, "Shall I be pure with wicked balances, and with a bag of deceitful weights?" When Zacchaeus the publican announced to Jesus that he was turning away from unfair and dishonest financial practices, our Lord accepted the declaration as evidence of conversion and said, "Today is salvation come to this house." Certainly honesty and fair dealing are part of brotherhood. If we love our neighbor as we do ourself, his temporal welfare must of necessity become an immediate concern of ours. Nevertheless there has been throughout the ages strange slowness in recognizing this vital truth. The Christian Church, if it would really represent the spirit of the Gospel, must stand at the forefront in championing honest industrial methods and economic relations permeated by brotherly love. Opposed to it are: the old Individualism, which cries, "Look out for yourself, and devil take the hindmost!"—Non-Christian Socialism, which indeed talks of brotherhood, but it is a brotherhood in selfishness that says, "I'm just as good as the other fellow"—and Anti-Christian Communism, which glorifies class prejudice and hatred, and openly proclaims inter-class war. Christianity, without tying itself to any particular economic system or any fixed method of procedure, seeks to bring all human relationships into subjection to the will of Christ. It points to the Cross of Calvary and reminds men of Jesus' words, "That ye love one another as I have loved you."

Christ the Peacemaker.

"It shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of Jehovah's house shall be established above the mountains . . . and all nations shall flow unto it . . . He will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths . . . he will judge between the nations . . . and they shall beat

their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." We reaffirm the pronouncements of the General Conference of 1932 concerning the hope for World Peace (see Discipline 1932, p. 562.) This hope of an ideal time "when the war-drums sound no longer and the battle-flags are furled" has been an inspiration to earnest souls for nearly thirty centuries—and never more so than today—when a world is still groaning beneath the unspeakable burdens bequeathed to it by that holocaust known as the World War. It is quite natural that, beset by the nightmare-dread of another conflict, men with frenzied eagerness propose many schemes and methods for avoiding the recurrence of such a fearful catastrophe. Unfortunately most of these suggestions are palliatives—not cures, laying their emphasis on the prevention of conflict rather than on the promotion of true peace—and they give little thought to the eradication of the real root of the evil. War is caused by the presence of hatred, fear, distrust and envy, among the nations. If these are present, war is an ever-present liability. Take, however, the hatred, the fear, the distrust and the envy out of men's hearts, and they will have no desire to fight. There is but one sure antidote for these things. "Perfect love casteth out fear" and all these other demons of the pit. Again and again the Scriptures promise us the glorious day of peace unbroken—but every such promise is conditioned upon the rule of God's Spirit in men's hearts. There is no substitute for the Gospel, and no short cut to peace. We must, with greater determination than ever, preach everywhere the old, old story of the Cross—and teach embittered men, whose minds are filled with mutual distrust, to love one another as brothers in Christ.

W. V. MOORE, Chairman;
RALPH C. JONES,
ROY T. THAWLEY,
WILLIAM M. NESBIT.

CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Wilmington Conference Historical Society offers the following Annual Report.

One of the outstanding activities this year was that on May 24th we entertained in Asbury Church, Wilmington, the meeting of the Combined Methodist Historical Societies. At the evening banquet our president, E. C. Hallman, read a valuable paper on a phase of early Methodism on this peninsula, which paper he read again to the gathering of the Wilmington and Middletown Districts ministers and laymen, at Newark, Del., Sept. 25th. The day following the Asbury Church convention the said E. C. Hallman conducted the delegates on an itinerary which included Old Swede's Church, New Castle, Cooch's Bridge, Old Bethel Church and Bohemia Manor. This was a most enjoyable experience for all who participated.

Material of local church history steadily accumulates, and efforts are made to keep it well classified for easy reference. Many clippings from current newspapers have been added. Also another filing cabinet has been secured.

Numerous letters of inquiry have been received and answered, and several addresses have been made by the president besides the two mentioned earlier in this report.

During the year the Society has secured from the research secretary a complete transcript of his indexed material of personalia and incidents of Peninsula Methodism found in the Christian Advocate from its first issue.

Our Society happily possesses bound volumes of the said Advocate of the years 1884, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1895, 1896 and 1897, and one volume, unbound, of the Peninsula Methodist of the year 1887—all these the valuable gift of the Philadelphia Conference Historical Society.

We hope we are of some worth to our Conference, and trust we shall be increasingly so. Much matter, printed and in manuscript, must certainly be lying about, waiting to be carefully gathered by any of us who are interested, besides other volumes or even single copies of the Christian Advocate, Peninsula Methodist, and district or local church publications. Brethren, save such while you can; pass it on to the Society, and we intend to preserve it faithfully.

JOHN M. KELSO.

FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE, WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

A year ago at the Session at Rehoboth the Conference named a "Follow-Up" Committee, to undertake to carry out certain recommendations which had just been adopted by the Conference relative to the Wesley Collegiate Institute. That Committee consists of Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, W. E. Gunby, J. L. Johnson, Melvin Hopkins, W. W. Mack, Harry H. Nuttle, E. P. Thomas, E. C. Hallman, E. F. Melson, T. J. Mowbray, Granville Hooper, and the District Superintendents. We ask today that this Committee be continued, and that the name of W. G. Harris be added to it.

Not long after the Conference the Board of Trustees was called and took steps looking toward the settlement of accounts, the collection of bills due and payable, and the other matters properly before the meeting. After a frank facing of the situation it was unanimously agreed that nothing of advantage could be gained by any sort of effort that was not carefully planned, and highly organized, and requiring more time than was available before the summer. Ground plans were laid however, and correspondence was begun with the Board of Education in Chicago. The entire matter was placed before their consideration. It should be remembered that the first of the Recommendations, and the one that seemed basic, and the one upon which we placed our largest hopes, was that for

a period of three years, we receive from the Board as Designated Gifts with World Service credit an amount of \$6,000 for this work, looking toward the reopening of our School. The Board had held its Annual Meeting and the reply from the Board to this request for its permission, did not come till November. Without this help from the Board, the Board of Trustees felt its hopes to be groundless. When the reply came we found the Board sympathetic but altogether unable to grant only such part of our request as we felt would lend little hope to our cause, and this only on the condition that we are actually and hopefully expecting to reopen without great delay. The Board was again called and faced the matter of policy. Meanwhile the entire Conference territory had been swept by the most devastating storm of wind, and rain, and tides in the memory of the oldest inhabitants, working unprecedented loss and property destruction, and doing more to break down an already impoverished morale of the people, than the depression already existing had wrought. Again the Board felt itself doomed to failure in the attempt to inaugurate a money-raising campaign under existing conditions. Not willing that the matter should go by default or inaction, the Follow-Up Committee was called in February, and again after lengthy study of the problem, it was the unanimous vote of the Committee, that the present situation had no promise of hope, and the matter was again postponed.

It is the settled policy of the Board to attempt to reopen the School at the earliest date the hope seems justified. We feel keenly the sense of responsibility and trust the Conference has imposed on us. We have acted and moved only after careful study, and on the advice of the two lawyers and the bankers who are members of the Board. We have tried to conserve every interest of the Institution, and its business, and its property. Acting under the advice of our counsel, and with which we agreed, we have not felt it to be the best policy to advertise our troubles. We are better off financially than we were. Bills are being collected; debts are being paid; the proper legal status is being maintained with reference to our obligations. All accounts are audited by certified accountants, and those responsible are bonded. We have never been without a definite date for reopening, though we have been compelled to move that date forward from time to time. We are doing the best we know. Our interests are both parallel and identical with yours. We wish we were able to make the kind of report we would like to make. We ask your patience, your helpfulness, and your confidence. We ask the continuation of the Follow-Up Committee with the addition of the name of W. G. Harris, and with you we indulge the hope that conditions may warrant the honest attempt to recover our School to the helpful ministry of this Conference, our young people to allegiance to Christ, and again to make its enriching contribution to the life of this patronizing territory, and to the world.

W. E. GUNBY.

COMMITTEE ON NUMBER OF DISTRICTS.

By the action of the Conference as recorded on page 27 of the Minutes of 1933, this Committee was continued and instructed to present to the District Stewards, the financial plan as set forth in paragraph 329 of the Discipline, and report their opinion to the Conference this year.

We report as follows concerning this financial plan:

Dover District—Voted against.

Middletown District—Voted unanimously in favor of Plan.

Salisbury District—Voted disapproval.

Wilmington District—Voted disapproval by a vote of 22 against, 4 in favor.

We have expressions regarding the number of districts from the Wilmington District only. The Wilmington District voted unanimously in favor of the reduction of districts to not more than three.

Signed: TILGHMAN SMITH,
I. ELMER PERRY,
R. W. SLAUGHTER.

REPORT OF GOODWILL INDUSTRIES FOR YEAR 1933.

This so-called time of depression has made a great change in the Goodwill Industries, as well as in other business places and plants.

In the first place, the Goodwill Industries depend largely upon the cast-off materials of the public, and because of the depression, the people have not been in a position to give as they have in past years. This condition makes it necessary for the workers of the Goodwill Industries to put forth more effort to get materials, to renovate them, and to sell them.

Secondly, there are more men and women who need help than ever before. Not only are we taking care of the aged and handicapped, but also men and women who are still self-respecting enough not to want charity, but only a chance to work for self-respecting wages.

Thirdly, because we find that people applying at the Goodwill Industries are more discouraged and down-at-heart with the Spiritual part of life. It is very hard to see these people who have lost their faith and are just drifting along. So the business of the Goodwill Industries is "helping to save souls for Jesus Christ and giving these people a self-respecting job."

For the year 1933 the total receipts amounted to \$22,186.10. Of this total receipts \$13,023.71 were paid out in self-respecting wages to 1,438 persons.

During the year the trucks made 12,441 calls, which netted 9735 filled bags of clothing, 2341 filled bags of paper, and 6057 pieces of furniture. Total number of new contributors secured during the year were 2242; old contributors dropped were 566; total active contributors for the year were 12,016. Attendance at Daily Chapel was 3200.

During the year of 1933 the Goodwill Industries purchased a new truck for \$650.00 cash and a Ladies' Shoe Stitcher for \$527.00 cash.

The Supervisor wishes to take this opportunity to thank the different members of the conference who have been very kind in coming to the Goodwill Industries and helping in our religious services. This has been a great inspiration to me as well as the others at the Goodwill Industries.

H. E. BEAUCHAMP,
Supervisor.

REPORT OF DEL-MAR-VA INSTITUTE FOR YOUTH.

Registrations (1933).

District	Boys	Girls	Adults	Total	No. Charges	% Repres.
Dover District	6	21		27	9	19
Middletown District	3	10		13	7	17
Salisbury District	4	25		29	8	18
Wilmington District	4	15		19	7	14
Leaders			19	19		
Totals	17	71	19	107	31	17

1. The registrations were only 3 less than in 1932.
2. A larger number of charges are urged to enroll delegates in the 1934 Institute.

Finances (1933).

Receipts	\$ 803.29
Expenditures for 1933	728.76
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	\$ 74.53
Previous balance	\$ 12.78
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	\$ 87.31
Expenses at Institute Council Meeting	\$ 35.02
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Balance on hand	\$ 52.29
Date of 1934 Institute, July 7-15..	

THE TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS, INC.

There are two big problems that are always in the minds of those who conduct the affairs of a children's Home. One is the proper growth and development of the home family, and the other is finances. Strawbridge Home has been very successful in both problems. We have no debts for buildings or equipment, but the maintenance problem in an institution as young as ours is always a serious one, especially because of the lack of endowment. Our records show that only one quarter of the money for support of the Home comes from the churches, and the rest has to come by special appeal.

The report of our auditor to the last Trustee Meeting held last May showed a deficit of \$1,577.15. The auditor's report for this fiscal year will not be ready until May, but we know that the deficit will be very much larger.

We are giving by Districts the amount of support received from the Wilmington Conference this year, and of this total amount, \$528.37 came from the churches and \$87.50 came by our special appeals.

Dover District	\$135.66
Middletown District	136.50
Salisbury District	47.00
Wilmington District	296.71
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	\$615.87

Last year the total contributions from your Conference were \$962.84.

We do not admit boys by Conferences or Districts, but they are admitted solely on the basis of poverty and need, no matter what Conference or District they may be in. Therefore, it is possible for more boys to come from the Wilmington Conference than from the Baltimore Conference, so the question of the support of any boy admitted to the Home ought not to be on the basis of whether he came from the Baltimore or Wilmington Conference, but solely on the basis of his need. It ought to be that both Conferences and each District should do their very best to maintain the Home.

It happens that year before last James Richards of the Baltimore Conference graduated from High School taking the honors for the "Best All Around Boy", and now last year your own Reginald McNamara, one of three brothers in our Home from Crisfield, won the same honors in a large graduating class.

So far this year our Endowment has increased \$14,484.25: One lady gave us \$5,000 as a memorial to her parents, \$8,411.35 was received from the Bawden Estate, \$500 from the Pentz Estate, \$97.90 on the Hindes legacy, and \$475.00 in settlement of the Winks legacy.

Our Boys, our quarterly magazine, is sent out to ten thousand interested friends, keeping our work before the people, and each issue brings a most generous response.

The moral training of the boys is an ever present problem. No two boys are alike and each must receive special attention. Rev. C. H. Richmond, the pastor of our church at Sykesville, has a probationers class of ten boys every Wednesday night, and they expect to be admitted to full

membership in the church. When we state that almost every boy is a member of the church, it shows how high our standards are.

A fund contributed by friends enables us to use the envelope system with each boy; thus he is taught to contribute to the maintenance of his church and the benevolences.

We have a schedule of work for each boy covering every day, with certain hours for recreation. Part of their work is in the Mechanical Arts shop, whose teacher is financed by Mrs. Mary T. Gambrill of your Conference. Samples of the boys work have received high praises from many quarters.

Our doors are always open to our pastors and laymen, and we are hoping you will come and see for yourself the kind of work we are doing. We are inviting this Conference especially to join us on Methodist Day next September in a great celebration of the tenth anniversary of the opening of the Strawbridge Home. Our magnificent outdoor stone pulpit and large amphi-theatre make provisions for the thousands that gather on these yearly Methodist Day events.

Bishop W. A. Candler, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in a recent article on "Orphans and Orphanages" says, that the most beautiful of all the benevolent institutions of the church are the orphanages, and that most precious fruits have issued from these establishments for parentless children.

Bishop Candler further writes of George Whitfield who established the Bethesda Orphanage in Colonial days, and who went up and down the Atlantic Coast making fervent appeals for the Institution. A boy was admitted to this orphanage by the name of John Milledge, and he became one of the strongest men of his time, serving in later years as governor of the state, and as one of its representatives in the United States Senate. In turn he promoted the cause of education and gave 500 acres of land upon a part of which was set up Franklin College, now known as the University of Georgia.

Bishop Candler also writes that the great Horace Mann, in making an address at the founding of a reform school, said: "If this institution saves but one boy, it will be worth all that it has cost of \$250,000." When the occasion had passed, one of Mr. Mann's hearers said to him: "Did you not overstate the case when you said if the institution saved but one boy it would be worth all it cost?" To this question the great man replied, "No, I did not overstate the case. Certainly not if that boy happened to be my son." Who can over-value the life of the humblest orphan boy?

Strawbridge Home is but ten years old, and time has not been sufficient to know the kind of product we shall turn out, but if some of these boys make good and great men, it will be worth all our effort, and we believe this great Conference will not let this merciful ministry fail.

With gratitude to the Heavenly Father for his blessings, and with appreciation of the cooperation of pastors and people, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS S. LONG,
Executive Secretary.

April, 1934.

We are asking this Conference to re-elect Dr. J. W. Colona, Dr. C. Wilson Hughes, and Mrs. Mary T. Gambrill as Trustees of the Strawbridge Home for Boys, Inc., representing this Conference.

THANKS.

The giving of thanks for favors received and for work well done is a wise and gracious thing to do. "Forget not all His benefits", is an ancient suggestion that has a fresh and modern meaning. The one man in ten who turned back to acknowledge what had been done for him showed insight into the finer courtesies of life. It is in this spirit that we remember our debt to those who have made our conference session a success.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the favors which have come to us. We deeply appreciate our leadership. The program has given variety and rich inspiration. The press, the banks, the school board, the police and the boy scouts have all contributed to our comforts. Our entertainment in the homes has been delightful, the sister churches have cooperated in a fine way. The pastor and people have given us splendid facilities and a hearty welcome. They have done their work well.

We express our feeling of appreciation for all the warmth of service and good fellowship that has been ours and with warm hearts say, "Thank you and God speed".

ROBERT S. HODGSON,
J. THOMAS PRICE,
C. W. STRICKLAND.

PETITION.

A Petition from Mt. Pleasant Quarterly Conference, Dover District, to the Wilmington Annual Conference, which is to convene at Newark, Del., Apr. 3, 1934, Bishop E. H. Hughes, D. D., presiding. The Quarterly Conference of Mt. Pleasant Charge on the Dover District, Wilmington Annual Conference, acting within our legal rights, would earnestly petition the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, through our Resident Bishop E. H. Hughes, D. D. to give careful consideration and appropriate action to the confusing situation in which we find ourselves in view of the unwise legislation introduced into the constitution of our church, by the General Conference of 1934, pertaining to Lay Conferences. We call attention to the following errors, upon which our petition is based.

First. The adoption of this amendment known as paragraph 37 in the Discipline of 1932, abrogated and destroyed the Lay Electoral Conference, as provided in the Constitution under paragraph 39, a part of the constitution established as the fundamental law of the Church by the General Conference of 1900, and published in all editions of the Discipline

from 1904 to 1928 inclusive. It is contrary to sound principles of government, civil or ecclesiastical, to repeal or destroy any part of the basic law on which the structure rests. Such action is not within the legitimate purview of the proviso for amendment of our church constitution. The church is built on a solid foundation of truth and law. Amendment and destruction are antagonistic conceptions.

Second. The General Conference, our chief legislative body meets regularly once in four years, and is a **delegated** body with **restricted** powers. The Annual Conferences are not legislative bodies, but administrative bodies,—a vast difference. They are composed of ministers only who are elected to them and by them for life, or during good behavior. Those who belong to it are in no sense delegates to it. As members of annual conference, our ministers have no right to participate in the legislation of the church except in amending the Constitution. The chief function of the annual conference is to enforce the rules of the church, and safe-guard the constitution under which it exists. No reason can be given for the election of lay delegates each year to attend the sessions of a ministerial body of which they cannot be members.

Third. The terms of this new law relating to Lay Conferences are so indefinite that it is impossible for ministers or laymen to know what rights or privileges are conferred by it. The presiding Bishop has no precedents or judicial decisions to guide him in relation to lay delegates to an Annual Conference. We feel that a great wrong has been done to our ministers and the worthy laymen who compose the rank and file of our membership. Our bishops who are our chief pastors would be justified in issuing directions or an official edict that would put an end to the confusion brought about by this new law, whose legitimacy is questioned. The Lay-Electoral Conference would be thus automatically restored.

GEORGE A. COOKE, Pastor.

REPORT OF

(d) CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN

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J. W. WOOTTEN, Statistician.

Assistants.

L. E. WINDSOR, 1st Asst.

R. W. Mills,	S. T. Hamblin,	P. E. Reynolds,
H. N. Bailey,	W. L. McClintock,	O. J. Collins,
H. O. Hufnal,	Willard Everett,	T. O. M. Wills,
J. B. Vaughn,	R. S. Hodgson,	R. M. Green,
		F. A. Baker.
	D. A. Littleton.	

REPORT OF

(e) CONFERENCE TREASURER

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J. J. BUNTING, Treasurer.

Assistants.

J. L. Sparklin,	W. J. McKee,	W. L. Beckwith,	R. G. Conner,
V. E. Hills,	J. E. Parker,	R. T. Thawley,	O. H. Connelly,
F. C. Louhoff,	W. H. Revelle,	L. L. Powell,	
L. W. Ross,	W. H. Kohl.		

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Total Claim Including House Rent, Total Paid Including House Rent, Rental Value of Parsonage, Support District Supt., Support Bishop, Support Conf. Cl'mnts, Total Paid for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency), Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized).

District Parsonage at Dover, Del., estimated value, \$15,000.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'y Mem., Full Members), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Parsonages, etc.), Miscellaneous (Local Preachers, Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society, etc.), Epw th League (Senior and Young People, Intermediate and Juniors).

STATISTICAL

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Baptisms		
		Support of Pastor		Support District Supt.		Support Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'mnts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support		Children Baptized	Adults Baptized	
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Total Claim incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Total Paid incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Total			Deficiency
1 Bayside.....	J. H. Geoghegan ..	\$1125	\$900	\$100	\$76	\$58	\$18	\$14	\$95	\$65	\$1037	\$277	6	14
2 Bozman & Neavitt	A. H. Travers ..	1150	900	150	80	56	26	10	110	25	991	375	14	14
3 Burrsville.....	W. R. Woodell.....	870	575	120	60	44	22	10	60	20	649	363	10	10
4 Cecilton.....	J. C. McCoy.....	1400	1400	200	96	96	33	33	148	148	1677	75	9	9
5 Centreville.....	R. T. Thawley.....	2200	2200	400	144	144	35	25	230	175	2544	65	6	6
6 Chestertown.....	Frank White.....	2400	2400	400	160	160	50	50	365	465	3075	55	9	9
7 Cheswold.....	R. W. Kirwan.....	1000	1000	150	68	68	25	25	85	85	1178	13	13	13
8 Church Hill.....	L. W. Ross.....	1150	1150	150	80	80	30	30	110	110	1370	6	6	6
9 Clayton.....	C. W. Strickland.....	1700	1700	300	112	112	40	40	182	182	2034	3	3	3
10 Concord.....	S. L. Hanby.....	1100	1100	100	80	80	25	25	119	40	1245	70	17	17
11 Cordova.....	W. M. Parker.....	800	715	150	52	52	19	18	65	60	845	91	4	4
12 Crumpton.....	A. T. Hudson.....	1320	1195	120	96	84	30	20	132	75	1374	204	4	1
13 Denton.....	M. S. Andrews.....	2300	2300	300	160	160	60	60	280	280	2800	2800	2	1
14 Easton.....	J. H. Wright.....	2400	2400	400	160	160	62	62	280	280	2902	202	2	1
15 Fairlee.....	E. N. Wright.....	1400	1400	200	96	96	30	30	165	50	1576	115	9	9
16 Galena.....	E. B. Eckhart.....	1150	1150	200	76	76	28	28	95	95	1349	5	5	5
17 Greensboro.....	G. W. Dawson.....	1900	1700	300	128	112	40	30	208	50	1892	384	12	12
18 Hillsboro.....	J. H. Gardner.....	1400	1400	200	96	96	30	30	132	75	1601	57	8	8
19 Hende'n & Barc'y	J. G. Lynn.....	1130	1035	100	80	74	22	10	110	15	1134	178	1	1
20 Kenton & Hartley	Oren Kie.....	1550	1091	150	112	66	38	4	154	54	1250	639	26	26
21 Kent Island.....	Leolan Jackson.....	1400	1250	200	112	100	30	20	208	30	1400	350	12	12
22 Middletown.....	M. E. Wheatley.....	2300	2300	300	160	160	60	60	280	280	2800	2800	6	1
23 Marydel.....	A. G. Thomas.....	1050	955	100	72	50	18	100	3	1008	232	12	12	
24 Millington and Dulaneys	A. W. Goodhand ..	1400	1400	200	82	83	30	15	132	75	1572	72	15	1
25 Odessa & Friend'p	F. C. Louhoff, Jr..	1500	1500	200	104	104	33	33	143	143	1780	1780	8	1
26 Oxford.....	Gien Aldrich.....	1100	1100	200	88	35	22	5	110	18	1158	162	9	9
27 Preston.....	T. R. Van Dyke.....	2100	2100	300	144	144	50	234	234	2528	2528	9	9	
28 Pomona.....	H. O. Hufnal.....	900	775	100	64	25	22	4	80	804	262	8	8	
29 Queenstown.....	C. D. Sharpless.....	1100	717	100	80	50	25	100	5	772	533	19	19	
30 Ridgely.....	W. D. Short.....	1400	1400	200	72	72	37	14	132	40	1526	115	10	10
31 Rock Oak.....	C. W. Spry.....	1700	1334	200	120	67	37	2	195	50	1448	604	11	11
32 Royal Oak.....	W. F. Atkinson.....	550	550	150	40	40	10	10	45	45	645	2	2	2
33 St. Michaels.....	E. W. Hennis.....	1560	1525	200	108	96	40	50	150	167	1838	20	14	14
34 Smyrna.....	J. L. Johnson.....	2700	2700	200	200	62	62	375	375	3337	3337	23	23	
35 Still Pond & Btrn	J. T. Fric.....	1600	1600	200	112	112	40	16	154	60	1788	118	5	5
36 Sudlersville.....	J. C. B. Hopkins.....	1800	1800	200	128	128	40	40	208	208	2176	2176	8	8
37 St. Pauls.....	J. C. McCoy.....	400	400	32	32	12	12	40	40	432	52	11	11	
38 Tighman's Is.	W. G. Barlow.....	1500	1345	100	112	110	27	20	141	70	1545	235	10	10
39 Townsend.....	C. N. Jones.....	1700	1700	200	120	120	40	20	195	50	1890	165	5	5
40 Trappe.....	D. B. Prettyman ..	140	1200	200	80	80	25	25	90	90	1395	1395	7	7
41 Wye Mills & Starr	W. L. McClintock.	1050	1050	150	72	72	23	23	90	72	1217	18	7	5
Total.....		59825	65412	7890	4114	3748	1346	1023	6318	4364	65547	5656	358	11

District Parsonage at Middletown, Del., estimated value \$10,000.

STATISTICAL

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

List No.	Church Membership							Church Property							Miscellaneous			Rpw'th League				
	Received During Year	Full Members			Deaths	Charges	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc.	Paid by Charge for Buildings and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest	Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Exp'ses	Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support	Local Preachers	Subscribers to the Advo-cates	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society		No Cong or Pich'g Pks	Senior and Young People	Intermediate and Juniors	
		Now on Roll	Rec'd from P. M. or Prof'n of Faith	Received by Transfer																		Full Members on Roll Including Inactive Members	Inactive Members	Removed by Transfer
1	2	1	104	158	28	1	2	\$15000	1	\$2500	.....	\$360	\$65	\$250	\$225	1	2	\$275	2	26	30
2	12	1	158	28	7	1	2	15000	1	2500	.....	122	74	170	200	.....	2	263	2	70	18
3	10	10	35	15	2	3	1	2000	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	6	75	3	.....	.....
4	10	3	35	15	2	3	1	35000	1	3500	2500	125	100	.....	400	.....	15	250	1	26	.....
5	14	2	99	25	2	3	1	30000	1	4500	.....	125	700	.....	1000	.....	8	600	1	30	.....
6	15	5	367	54	3	3	1	88000	1	8000	.....	50	20	12079	1052	.....	1	100	1	39	.....
7	31	2	238	51	1	1	1	7500	1	2300	.....	100	.....	.....	175	.....	1	250	3	36	.....
8	5	30	279	9	1	2	2	12000	1	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	406	.....	2	600	2	25	.....
9	10	1	160	50	3	3	3	10000	1	4000	.....	600	.....	.....	250	.....	1	260	3	124	.....
10	1	4	282	10	1	3	3	13700	1	2100	3500	.....	100	250	100	.....	2	212	2	25	.....
11	7	15	113	3	.....	1	2	8000	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	1	700	3	.....	16
12	1	1	128	58	.....	1	3	9000	1	2500	2000	107	64	43	360	.....	1	565	1	8	22
13	5	7	385	23	6	6	1	15000	1	1000	2000	200	.....	.....	1500	.....	8	370	1	38	22
14	23	20	432	56	2	4	1	50000	1	8000	.....	1000	8000	1500	.....	8	370	1	40	.....	
15	9	6	165	11	4	2	2	12000	2	4000	.....	130	.....	.....	280	.....	.....	700	3	.....	.....
16	4	8	216	38	2	3	1	17000	1	5000	2000	50	145	800	215	.....	1	193	1	24	58
17	15	13	257	25	1	3	1	4000	1	1200	.....	100	.....	100	400	.....	1	250	2	.....	.....
18	3	3	165	50	1	7	2	10000	1	5000	1000	75	.....	.....	300	.....	1	119	3	.....	.....
19	5	4	176	57	.....	3	3	5000	1	2200	.....	125	.....	.....	140	.....	.....	119	3	.....	.....
20	6	1	247	38	3	1	3	17000	1	2000	.....	30	250	285	78	.....	3	78	3	30	.....
21	7	5	349	65	.....	6	3	20000	1	4000	.....	.....	.....	.....	450	.....	1	40	1	82	.....
22	8	7	401	82	8	8	1	30000	1	6000	.....	156	20	.....	175	.....	1	300	4	3	3
23	4	8	140	63	.....	1	4	5000	1	2200	.....	440	78	.....	281	.....	3	274	2	23	53
24	39	3	247	62	1	.....	2	10000	1	2000	.....	400	.....	.....	490	.....	.....	302	2	35	.....
25	23	13	223	22	.....	2	2	15000	1	3000	.....	353	.....	.....	940	.....	.....	200	1	.....	.....
26	1	13	126	12	.....	1	1	4000	1	2100	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	3	414	2	42	24
27	30	3	257	13	.....	2	3	15000	1	3000	.....	1250	.....	.....	430	.....	.....	275	2	50	.....
28	20	2	135	13	.....	3	2	6000	1	1500	950	25	50	75	50	.....	150	2	400	3	.....
29	2	1	115	30	.....	2	3	12000	1	3000	.....	85	600	338	235	.....	.....	45	1	30	24
30	25	2	166	2	2	9	1	15500	1	2500	2500	.....	.....	.....	4300	.....	2	100	1	35	.....
31	7	2	155	15	1	1	1	13000	1	6000	.....	250	.....	.....	70	.....	1	60	3	.....	.....
32	.....	.....	48	8	.....	3	3	8000	1	3000	.....	.....	.....	.....	987	.....	.....	280	1	20	.....
33	6	3	275	13	7	1	30000	1	3000	655	800	800	3000	1800	1	9	335	1	125
34	73	73	37	745	46	4	7	25000	1	3500	2000	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	3	600	2	118	12
35	7	9	186	6	.....	5	2	25000	1	3000	.....	500	.....	.....	225	.....	.....	345	1	84	26
36	.....	4	229	66	6	2	1	10000	1	5000	.....	242	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	200	1	.....	.....
37	.....	2	90	20	.....	.....	.....	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	200	1	.....	.....
38	6	32	161	10	.....	2	2	22000	1	4100	.....	50									

STATISTICAL

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Baptisms			
		Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'mnts		Ministerial Support		Total Deficiency	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Total Claim incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Total Paid incl. H. R. & Adm. Ex.	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Total Paid for Ministerial Support				
1 Berlin	J. R. Bicking	2150	2150	250	133	133	\$47	\$47	\$322	\$322	\$2652		7	8	
2 Bishopville	L. L. Powell	1350	1176	150	84	80	24	10	143		1266	335	8	2	
3 Cape Charles	L. F. Poole	2250	2250	250	140	140	50	50	400	200	2640	200	4		
4 Chincoteague	C. W. Branford	1650	1750	150	105	112	38	40	214	214	2116		6		
5 Crisfield-Asbury	J. T. Rowlenson	2250	2250	250	140	140	35	35	315	175	2600	140	50		
6 Immanuel	J. J. Bunting	2800	2800	200	182	182	65	65	420	247	3294	173	21	1	
7 Dagsboro and St Georges	O H Connelly	2100	2100	200	133	133	50	50	308	308	2591		15		
8 Deal's Island	J. C. Bolton	1800	1500	200	112	85	35	17	234		1602	579	10		
9 Delmar	G. W. Bounds	2350	2350	250	147	147	53	53	352	352	2902		10		
10 Fairmount	R. H. Wilson	1400	1400	200	84	83	30	25	154	60	1568	100	6		
11 Frankford	W. L. Hess	1350	1350	150	84	84	30	30	189	19	1483	170	9		
12 Fruitland	F. A. Baker	1950	1950	300	115	115	41	41	253	253	2359		22	5	
13 Girdletree	E. B. Taylor	1150	985	150	56	50	25	5	200	25	1065	366			
14 Gumboro	J. P. Kelly	1000	752	200	63	45	18	10	110	60	867	324	2		
15 Hebron	W. C. Poole	1200	1145	200	70	55	23	10	132	40	1259	175	3		
16 Mardela Springs	L. T. McLain	800	666	100	52	45	20	13	80	15	739	213	1		
17 Marion	J. T. Graham	1000	1000	150	63	63	25	25	145	60	1148	85	3		
18 Mt. Vernon	O B Reed	1150	1150	150	70	70	12	12	100	60	1292	40	2		
19 Nanticoke	H. V. Branford	1600	1550	200	98	92	38	20	208	50	1712	232	7		
20 Newark	G. H. Wheatley	1400	1400	200	84	84	20	10	144	20	1514	134	10		
21 Ocean City	R. L. Tawes	1900	1800	400	84	70	37	15	186		1885	312	4		
22 Ocean View and Millville	D J Moore	1650	1650	150	105	105	38	38	214	214	2007		8	1	
23 Onancock	Willard Everett	1500	1500	300	84	84	30	15	180	59	1658	136	2		
24 Parsonburg	Conrad Hamer	1500	1477	300	84	82	30	23	195	48	1630	179	4		
25 Phoebus	G. E. Sterling	2500	2500	500	140	140	40	40	312	150	2830	162	2		
26 Pittsville	W. H. Kohl	1400	1400	200	84	84	35	35	154	85	1604	69	5		
27 Pocomoke City	L. E. Wimbrow	2160	2160	360	126	100	45		302		2260	373	12	4	
28 Pocomoke Circuit	D'Arcy Littleton	800	780	100	49	46	13	13	80	46	885	57	1	2	
29 Powellville	D. T. Campbell	925	925	125	56	56	21	15	98	10	1006	94	10		
30 Princess Anne	J. E. Farker	1800	1800	300	105	105	38	38	234	234	2177		10		
31 Quantico	W. J. Frnis	1550	1550	150	98	98	35	19	201	175	1842	42	3		
32 Roxana	F. K. McCorkle	1350	1350	150	84	84	40	30	148	30	1494	128	10		
33 St. Peters	R. W. Mills	1700	1700	200	105	105	38	10	221	50	1865	189	2		
34 Salisbury-Asbury	G. W. Humphreys	3480	3480	480	210	210	100	100	500	500	4290		4		
35 Grace	J. S. Eldridge	1900	1600	400	70	40	20	5	235		1645	580	18	3	
36 Selbyville	W. V. Moore	2400	2400	200	159	159	55	55	367	367	2981		4		
37 Sharptown	G. S. Thomas	1500	1500	300	70	70	26	15	195		1585	206	2		
38 Smith's Island	M. T. Romans	1300	900	150	84	48	30		120		948	536			
39 Snow Hill	T. F. Beauchamp	2350	2350	250	147	147	52	35	353	290	2822	80		3	
40 Somerset	W. I. McKee	1200	1130	200	70	60	25	20	132	100	1310	117	2		
41 Stockton	O. T. Baynard	1400	1400	200	84	83	35	30	154	140	1653	20	4		
42 Tangier Island	H. B. Kelso	1750	1750	250	105	105	34	34	164	164	2053		35	1	
43 Westover	K. L. Kirby, Jr.	1150	741	100	70	29	15	7	100	38	815	520	3		
44 Whitesville	W. C. Buckson	1150	1150	150	70	28	28	28	148	50	1298	98	8		
45 Willards	J. W. Gray	600	500		45	30	10	10	45	45	585	115	15	1	
Total		73615	71167	9715	4403	4148	1549	1198	9461	5275	81788	7180	360	23	

District Parsonage at Salisbury, Md., estimated value \$15,000.

STATISTICAL

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

List No.	Church Membership							Church Property										Miscellaneous			Epw'th League	
	Received During Year	Now on Roll	P. M. or Rec'd from Prof'n of Faith	Received by Transfer	Full Members on Roll including Inactive Members	Inactive Members	Removed by Transfer	Deaths During Year	Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties Fndwms, Bonds, etc	Paid by Charge for Buildings and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest	Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Exp'ses	Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial support	Local Preachers subscribers to the Advo-cates	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society	No. Cong. or Prch'g P'cs.	Senior and Young People	Intermediate and Juniors
1	4	19	4	345	15	3	6	1	\$25000	1	\$5000		\$105				\$583	4	595	1	30	50
2	12	12	1	370	19	1	19	4	10000	1	1200	500	300				200	1	430	4		
3	12	12	1	270	22	5	1	1	20000	1	5000						1000	2	300	1		
4	1	8	1	205	8	1	11	1	30000	1	2000	1500	500	450			600	3	300	1	25	
5	52	52	10	702	70	4	7	1	200000	1	5000		100	50			2500	2	512	1	80	
6	32	32	4	954	200	16	15	1	40000	1	8000		700	50			436	4	1065	1	180	200
7	16	22	3	595	16		7	2	20000	1	5000		760				800	1	514	2		
8	100			346	25		4	2	30000	1	2500		100				700	1	312	1		
9				648	50		2	3	25000	1	10000		10000				1983	3	100	3		
10	4	2		203	50	3	2	3	12500	1	3500		100	50			250	1	83	2		
11				267	20	4	4	2	10000	1	2000		355				500	5	973	2	64	
12	51	57	15	377	10	4	4	2	15000	1	6000	500	200	100			500	2	100	1	15	
13	19	17		117	25	1	3	1	10000	1	3000		75				155	1	3			
14				200	17		1	1	12000	1	2000		88				120	2	406	1	40	
15				75	7		1	1	15000	1	2500		200				210	1	225	3		
16	2			175	15	1	3	2	3000	1	2000		275				128		230	2		
17	3			261	30		4	2	5000	1	2000		200				215		400	3	45	
18	66		66	140	35	3	3	3	10000	1	5000		50	50	275	300	1	140	3			
19				236	31	1	4	3	15000	1	3600	6000	200	50			210		400	2	10	34
20	12	12	1	196	90	1	2	2	30000	1	7000		60	100	63	50	425	1	410	2	27	
21	1			225	20		2	2	15000	1	2500		500	125			220	1	150	3		
22	18	5	13	246	33	3	2	3	15000	1	5000		100	50	625	220	1	401	3	28		
23	3	3		343	63	1	4	3	8000	1	4500		50	110	2640	180	1	400	1	21	10	
24	10	6		180	40	1	1	1	59000	1	7500	350	75	76		17000	2100	1	525	3	35	
25	8	8	1	450	50	1	8	3	10000	1	3500		57	458	7100	753	1	612	1	18	15	
26	3	15	3	419	33	12	3	3	30000	1	15000	3000	200				37	1	38			

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Baptisms		
		Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.	Support of Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'mnts	Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized		
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage		Total Claim incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Total Paid incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.								Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid
1 Bethel & TownPt.	J. B. Vaughn	\$1225	\$1225	\$125	\$55	\$26	\$17	\$135	\$85	\$1382	\$59	20	4	
2 Brack-Ex	R. H. Adams	1900	1900	400	90	38	38	247	100	2128	147	20	4	
3 Charlestown	J. H. Thornton	1050	1023	150	45	40	21	100	50	1134	82	1	1	
4 Cherry Hill	J. R. Diehl	1350	1332	150	72	51	33	16	149	87	1486	118	4	
5 Chesape'ke Cy.	O. P. Jefferson	1600	1600	200	84	32	32	208	140	1856	68	11	1	
6 Chester-Bethel	S. B. Bradley	1400	1400	200	72	72	30	154	154	1656	4	4	2	
7 Christiansa	R. M. Green	1240	1240	200	52	26	26	136	136	1454	15	2	2	
8 Claymont	E. W. McDowell	2200	2200	200	120	52	53	308	308	2681	38	3	3	
9 Delaware City	L. V. Pratt	935	710	300	25	15	22	15	94	22	762	314	1	
10 Ebenezer	T. O. M. Willis	1350	1350	150	72	72	30	149	149	1601	7	7	7	
11 Edge Moor	W. E. Fosnocht	300	300	...	12	12	8	8	30	30	350	...	...
12 Elk Neck	G. V. Turner	770	770	200	12	12	6	6	30	10	798	20	...	
13 Eltkon	L. B. Morgan	2700	2700	300	144	144	60	60	405	405	3309	44	3	
14 Hockessin & Ced's	C. E. Davis	1840	1690	240	96	87	38	35	239	100	1912	301	5	
15 Holly Oak	J. E. Layton	850	850	150	28	28	21	21	85	85	984	12	1	
16 Hopewell	H. N. Bailey	1700	1700	200	90	66	34	10	221	122	1898	147	8	
17 Marshallton	H. M. Parks	1500	1500	300	74	74	45	45	200	200	1819	3	...	
18 Mt Lebanon	P. W. Spence	1000	1000	200	32	32	18	9	90	45	1086	54	4	
19 Newark	W. E. Gumbo	3550	3550	400	189	189	78	78	532	532	4349	19	3	
20 New Castle	O. A. Batley	2300	2300	300	120	120	50	50	322	322	2792	17	1	
21 Newport	H. R. McDade	1800	1800	200	96	96	40	40	252	252	2188	22	2	
22 North East	P. E. Reynolds	1810	1810	250	94	94	39	39	235	235	2178	11	1	
23 Perryville	Howard Davis	1800	1800	300	90	90	48	48	234	234	2172	8	...	
24 Port Deposit and Colora	Tilghman Smith	1750	1750	300	87	87	42	35	221	221	2093	7	10	
25 Red Lion	A. W. Strickland	1750	1750	250	90	90	38	38	228	228	2106	20	1	
26 Richardson Park	W. A. Hearn	2600	2600	300	138	138	70	70	390	390	3198	16	...	
27 Rising Sun	A. B. Frye	1900	1900	200	102	102	45	45	247	247	2294	12	6	
28 St. Georges & Sur	J. L. Sparklin	1500	1500	300	72	72	30	30	195	120	1722	75	3	
29 St. Johns	J. W. Prettyman	1150	1150	150	50	50	75	10	100	50	1260	65	3	
30 Stanton	J. B. Dickerson	800	800	...	28	28	20	20	70	70	918	3	1	
31 Zion Circuit	C. H. Atkins	1425	1425	200	74	74	33	33	157	157	1689	1	...	
32 Wilmington—														
32 Asbury	Ivanhoe Willis	1600	1600	300	78	78	30	30	208	208	1916	52	6	
33 Bellefonte	J. C. Steen	500	275	...	20	20	10	5	50	350	230	8	2	
34 Brandywine	E. M. Shockley	2700	2700	300	144	144	60	60	405	405	3309	17	...	
35 Cookman	W. H. Revelle	1900	1900	300	96	36	40	20	247	98	2054	229	...	
36 East Lake	C. C. Harris	2100	2100	300	108	108	55	55	294	294	2557	12	...	
37 Epworth	A. S. Grant	1500	1500	300	72	72	40	40	195	195	1807	8	...	
38 Grace	B. M. Johns	6600	6600	1200	324	324	135	135	990	990	8049	16	2	
39 Harrison St.	J. W. Colona	3000	3000	500	150	63	63	450	450	3663	14	2		
40 Hillcrest	J. M. Kelso	1200	1195	200	50	45	38	25	132	85	1350	70	4	
41 Kingswood	P. W. Spence	800	800	...	32	32	19	19	80	80	931	20	2	
42 Madeley	V. E. Hills	1500	1350	300	72	35	24	10	190	50	1445	341	25	
43 McCabe	A. C. Goddard	4100	4100	600	210	210	88	88	615	615	5013	13	4	
44 Mt Salem	J. W. Jones	2200	2200	300	114	114	47	47	308	308	2669	4	...	
45 Scott	J. W. Wootten	2550	2550	600	117	117	55	35	365	230	2932	155	12	
46 Silverbrook	R. L. Minker	2600	2600	300	138	138	58	58	390	292	3088	98	4	
47 St. Pauls	O. J. Collins	3200	3200	400	168	168	70	70	480	480	3918	17	...	
48 Trinity	C. H. Hudson	2100	2100	300	108	108	45	45	294	294	2547	20	...	
49 Union	T. J. Sard	2500	2500	500	120	50	50	375	375	3045	6	1		
Total		91695	90995	13515	4536	4355	2026	1863	12231	10685	107898	2580	622	65

District Parsonage at 2705 Harrison St., Wilmington, Del., estimated value \$15,000.

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

List No.	Church Membership							Church Property										Miscellaneous		Epw'th League					
	Received During Year	Now on Roll	Rec'd from P. M. or Prof'n of Faith	Received by Transfer	Full Members on Roll Including Inactive Members	Inactive Members	Removed by Transfer	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 by Charge for Building and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest	Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Exp'ses	Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support	Local Preachers	Subscribers to the Advo-cates	Amount Contributed by Ladies Aid Society	No. Cong or Prch'g Ples.	Senior and Young People	Intermediate and Juniors		
1	2	3	1	2	4	75	15	...	1	2	\$11000	1	\$2600	...	\$40	...	\$7020	...	\$112	2	357	2	...		
2	1	1	1	1	1	200	18	...	1	1	20000	1	7800	...	60	...	532	...	200	1	244	1	74	42	
3	2	3	3	2	2	120	4	...	2	2	10000	1	3500	...	275	...	300	...	200	1	190	2	25	49	
4	3	4	4	3	3	242	25	...	4	3	10000	1	2000	\$1000	200	...	47	...	300	3	350	1	60	...	
5	4	5	5	4	4	179	10	...	2	1	12000	1	2250	1000	200	...	...	...	300	2	135	1	50	40
6	5	6	6	5	5	140	3	...	3	3	15000	1	5000	4030	250	...	...	...	300	1	350	2	...	...
7	6	7	7	6	6	214	20	...	4	2	10000	1	1500	...	350	...	...	...	300	1	621	1	35	30
8	7	8	8	7	7	438	28	...	6	1	50000	1	10000	...	400	650	7650	...	150	11	435	1	27	...	
9	8	9	9	8	8	126	6	...	2	1	14000	1	10000	...	50	150	150	...	150	...	200	1	...	...
10	9	10	10	9	9	137	5	...	2	1	15000	1	5000	...	25	25	...	...	100	...	149	1	20	...
11	10	11	11	10	10	60	...	...	1	1	6000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	350	2	...	...
12	11	12	12	11	11	44	6	...	2	2	2000	1	1000	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	200	1	60	...
13	12	13	13	12	12	172	14	...	10	2	50000	1	7000	12000	300	...	500	...	1000	14	410	2	35	...	
14	13	14	14	13	13	514	44	...	11	14	11000	1	5000	...	...	...	...	...	250	...	550	1	15	10
15	14	15	15	14	14	172	14	...	2	2	10000	1	...	...	225	100	50	...	500	1	3	421	2	...
16	15	16	16	15	15	83	18	...	2	2	10000	1	2000	2000	108	240	...	500	1	8	45	45
17	16	17	17	16	16	258	52	...	1	2	20000	1	4000	...	75	...	...	...	500	1	60	1	51	...
18	17	18	18	17	17	247	...	...	2	2	6000	1	6000	...	...	...	135	...	60	...	2630	1	35	...
19	18	19	19	18	18	56	...	...	1	1	75000	1	5000	8220	600	2000	19320	...	2000	1	672	1	55	...
20	19	20	20	19	19	528	6	...	6	10	45000	1	4700	...	...	...	1705	...	1004	5	400	1	22	...
21	20	21	21	20	20	467	38	...	10	1	14000	1	5000	600	200	...	...	...	450	...	600	1	30	62
22	21	22	22	21	21	166	12	...	3	1	40000	1	5000	4700	100	100	2660	...	800	...	421	1	28	34	
23	22	23	23	22	22	293	35	...	11	3	35000	1	5000	10000	...	...	...	...	900	...	600	1	4	50
24	23	24	24	23	23	252	28	...	2	1	68000	2	4500	46000	111	297	1079	...	1425	...	6	463	2	18	
25	24	25	25	24	24	265	52	...	7	2	23000	1	5000	700	100	157	50	...	500	2	2	700	3	...	
26	25	26	26	25	25	170	14	...	2	3	60000	1	8000	4000	...	3475	45225	...	903	...	3	132	1	30	35
27	26	27	27	26	26	415	42	...	4	1	60000	1	3000	500	...	...	...	...	750	...	200	2	30	...
28	27	28	28	27	27	319	25	...	4	2	20000	1	5000	7500	...	...	...	...	400	...	2	550	2	...
29	28	29	29	28	28	174	17	...	2	2	12000	1	2000	...	...	...	...	...</		

CIRCUIT REPORT.

Dover District.

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
Beckwith	125		\$ 600	\$ 75
Spedden	175		600	75
Crapo:				
Ebenezer	47	57	417	38
Wesley	38	45	243	8
Bounds	31	36	118	4
Streets	18	12	92	6
Ellendale	225	196	666	54
McColley	55	55	167	13
Union	16	20	167	13
Georgetown Circuit:				
St. Johns	75	144	400	24
Cokesbury	66	100	300	19
Bethesda	55	75	197	22
Sand Hill	65	85	200	9
Greenwood	210	123	480	40
St. Johnstown	148	69	240	32
Trinity	100	83	240	28
Chaplain's Chapel	89	60	240	
Hoopers Island:				
Hooper's Memorial	60	82	301	6
Mt. Zion	31	24	137	6
Magnolia	165	180	880	70
Bower's Beach	106	55	140	10
Barratt's Chapel	40	50	280	20
Millsboro	356	200	1280	240
Carey's	215	135	320	60
Mt. Pleasant			400	
St. George's			400	
Kings			400	
Seaford Circuit:				
Wesley	125	130	540	25
Bethel	60	110	465	25
Concord	65	105	413	25
Vienna	40	47	250	
Salem	50	26	254	
Wainwrights	40	26	145	
Reeds Grove	50	41	109	
Williamsburg	98	40	267	27
Nichols	42	10	149	7
Friendship	42	12	170	
Zoar	80	60	300	7
Unity	60	45	225	5
St. Thomas	25	20	150	
Central		25	80	

Middletown District.

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
Bayside:				
Sherwood	60	55	\$ 500	\$ 118
Wittman	70	49	225	
Burrsville:				
Wesley	10	10	220	10
Hickman	15	15	130	10

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
Whites	10	10	105	10
Church Hill			470	71
Price			380	35
Roesville			150	24
Concord			500	137
Bloomery			313	
Chestnut Grove			187	
Galena	90	136	800	69
Locust Grove	20	50	150	
Henderson	54	84	326	22
Barclay	45	41	400	31
Bridgetown	61	51	209	9
Kent Island:				
Stevensville		148	810	66
Kingsley		132	280	33
Dominion		69	160	
Odessa (St. Paul's)	189	128	800	175
Friendship	89	95	500	
Royal Oak	49	34		55
Tunis Mills		14		
Tilghman	314	136	1116	35
Fairbank	50	25	262	
Wye Mills	112	67	663	50
Starr	70	53	332	16

Salisbury District.

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
Bishopville (Wilson)	125	97	\$ 400	\$ 25
Showell	150	100	400	15
St. Martin (Zion)	191	115	195	50
Friendship	70	58	81	12
Dagsboro	303	246	950	100
St. Georges	399	349	950	100
Frankford (Antioch)	200	167	950	86
Houston	100	100	250	14
Fruitland (St. John's)	256		1100	430
Siloam	169		550	43
Gumboro	145	99	483	75
Westwoods	80	66	135	15
Bethel	52	34	84	10
Newark (Bowen)	121	170	800	45
Ironshire	60	50	200	5
Wesley	40	16	200	6
Pittsville (Ayer's)	135		500	61
Melson	190		500	61
Wango	65		200	55
Pocomoke Circuit:				
Cokesbury	75	75	291	10
Emmanuel	42	56	200	14
Williams	40	30	189	5
Powellville (St. Johns)	90	40	400	28
Friendship	90	50	200	29
Mt. Pleasant	80	83	200	11
Quantico	89	52	350	70
Rockawalkin	101	121	850	105
Wetipquin		11	200	
Roxana	291	170	600	125
Sound	205	140	600	65

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
Somerset:				
Rock Creek	109	65	466	100
Dame's Quarter	82	64	464	50
Stockton (Wesley)	62	77	600	30
Grace	198	50	250	44
Remson	98	110	350	60

Wilmington District.

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
Charlestown	80	64	\$ 480	\$ 100
Principio	89	46	393	29
Cherry Hill	126	126	600	150
Elk Mills	80	73	332	
Big Elk	36	43	250	40
Christiana	120	124	640	100
Salem	69	90	400	100
Port Deposit:				
(Tome Memorial)	131	185	1200	258
Mt. Pleasant	66	48	250	15
Red Lion	90	111	800	64
Glasgow	90	27	400	20
Kirkwood	65	32	300	12
St. Georges	182	141	850	150
Summit Bridge		33	350	25

(f) OTHER TREASURERS

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Treasurer's Report, April 1, 1934.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank March 29, 1933	\$1602.28	
Earnings on Investments	618.30	
July 20, 1933, T. S. Holt Fund for Supply Pastors . .	300.00	
Aug. 19, 1933, E. W. McDowell, Registrar	75.00	
Dec. 29, 1933, Leonard White, Sale Crowsontown Ch.	120.00	
Jan. 23, 1934, T. S. Holt Fund for Supply Pastors . .	300.00	
Mar. 24, 1934, Bal. of Loan, Publishing Conf. Minutes	35.00	
Interest on Account	30.05	\$3080.63

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mar. 30, 1933, Charged against account	\$ 90.00	
Mar. 30, 1933, Board of Stewards, T. S. Holt Fund . .	600.00	
Apr. 4, 1933, Beckwith, from Thomas Fund	110.00	
Apr. 4, 1933, Goshen, from the Carey Fund	115.00	
Apr. 4, 1933, Clayton, from Clifton Fund	25.00	
Apr. 4, 1933, Parsonburg, from Wimbrow Fund	45.00	
Apr. 4, 1933, Chesapeake City, from Lindsay Fund . .	60.00	
Apr. 4, 1933, Historical Soc., from Conowingo Fund .	90.00	
Apr. 4, 1933, Expenses	6.94	
July 14, 1933, E. W. McDowell, Registrar	75.00	
Aug. 11, 1933, Renewal of Treasurer's Bond	12.50	
Jan. 31, 1934, Box Rent	5.50	
Mar. 8, 1934, Board of Stewards, T. S. Holt Fund . .	600.00	
Mar. 16, 1934, Expenses	2.66	
Apr. 1, 1934, Tax . . . . .	.28	\$1837.88

Balance in Bank April 1, 1934 \$1242.75

W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.

BARRATT'S CHAPEL FUND.

Treasurer's Report, April 1, 1934.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank, March 29, 1933	\$ 689.18	
Earnings on Investments	58.50	
Interest on Account	9.00	\$ 756.68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Apr. 4, 1933, Expenses, C. S. P. Weber	\$ 10.00	
Apr. 4, 1933, Expenses, W. F. Corkran	16.00	
Apr. 4, 1933, Expenses, M. S. Andrews	19.70	
Apr. 4, 1933, Expenses, W. A. Hearn	9.60	
Apr. 5, 1933, I. D. Short Co., Floor, Repairs, etc. ...	550.82	
Apr. 21, 1933, Wilbur D. Wilds, Prothonotary	3.04	
Apr. 1, 1934, Tax12	\$ 609.28

Balance in Bank, April 1, 1934

	\$ 147.40
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W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.

WASHINGTON FOSTER ESTATE.

Treasurer's Report, April 1, 1934.

CORPUS.

Third account of Walter A. Hearn, Treasurer of the Washington Foster Estate, debtor to amount received of the Washington Foster Estate July 21, 1931	\$13504.43
Ordered by Orphan's Court of Cecil Co., Md., and authorized to charge off of Corpus on account of loss occasioned by the adjustment of the mortgage debt on farm near Newark, Del., the sum of \$879. If the sum of \$179 of this amount is recovered from the persons who held the mortgage then in that event \$179 shall be placed in the Corpus of said trust	879.00
Total Corpus, April 1, 1934	\$12625.43

CORPUS, APRIL 1, 1934.

Mortgage, 6%, Elkton	\$1200.00	
Mortgage, 6%, Rising Sun (\$2300) to Corpus	2204.43	
Mortgage, 6%, Elkton	3500.00	
Mortgage, 6%, Elkton	2000.00	
Mortgage, 6%, Elkton	3700.00	
Balance in Bank to Corpus, Apr. 1, 1934	21.00	\$12625.43

INCOME.

Balance in Bank to Income, Mar. 29, 1933	\$ 636.35	
Receipts from Investments	618.00	
Interest on Account	18.75	
Surrender of Mortgage, Feb. 20, 1934	3721.00	\$4994.10

DISBURSEMENTS.

April 12, 1933, R. J. McCauley, Recording Account..\$	1.00	
Apr. 17, 1933 to Mar. 14, 1934, Pastor Elk Neck Chg.	800.00	
Sept. 19, 1933, Insurance	2.98	
Dec. 19, 1933, Renewal of Treasurer's Bond	36.66	
Mar. 5, 1934, Joshua Clayton, Attorney	3700.00	
Mar. 16, 1934, Expenses, W. A. Hearn	11.29	
Apr. 1, 1934, Tax .....	.42	\$4552.35

Balance	\$ 441.75
Balance to Corpus, Apr. 1, 1934	21.00

Balance in Bank to Income, Apr. 1, 1934	\$ 420.75
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W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

G. FRANCE ALDERSON, Treasurer.

March 29, 1933 to March 31, 1934.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 29, 1933	\$ 391.27
Received from Conference Treasurer, 1932-33	810.00
Received from Churches account of apportionments, 1933-34	1005.00
Refunds, Training Schools, Travel, etc.	216.03
Rally Day Offerings	1512.07
Designated Gifts	1086.64
Borrowed from Delaware Trust Co., Dover, Delaware	600.00
F. A. Lindhorst, interest on bond	27.10
F. A. Lindhorst, to reduce principal on bond	30.00
F. A. Lindhorst, credit against rent	75.00
Accrued Interest	1.32
Total Receipts	\$5754.43

EXPENDITURES.

Salary, James H. Bishop	\$1804.74
House Rent	420.00
Office Rent	157.50
Travel	588.25
Field Expense	13.70
Supplies and Postage	140.01
Telephone and Telegraph	63.65
Clerical	540.00
Printing	53.00

Insurance	5.45	
Interest paid	75.95	
Paid on account notes, People's Bank, Denton	1533.00	
Paid on account note, Delaware Trust Co., Dover	300.00	
Miscellaneous	15.00	
Check Tax . . . . .	.90	\$5711.15

Balance March 31, 1934 \$ 43.28

ASSETS.

Bond of F. A. Lindhorst, balance unpaid	\$ 395.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	135.00	\$ 530.00

LIABILITIES.

Note with People's Bank, Denton, Md.	\$ 750.00	
Note with Delaware Trust Co., Dover, Del.	300.00	\$1050.00

MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, April 4, 1933	\$ 524.98	
Received from Conference Treasurer	43.00	
Received from Pastors	17.00	
Interest on Deposits	15.93	\$ 600.91

DISBURSEMENTS.

W. E. Habbart, District Needs	\$ 100.00	
Leonard White, District Needs	50.00	\$ 150.00

Balance in Treasury \$ 450.91

R. K. STEPHENSON, Trustee.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

Your Auditor has examined with painstaking care the accounts of the following Treasurers and believes each to be entirely correct:

Rev. W. James Ennis, Treasurer of Wilmington Conference Minutes Publication Fund.

Rev. O. A. Bartley, Treasurer Wilmington Conference Historical Society.

Rev. E. C. Hallman, Treasurer District Maintenance, Treasurer Domestic Missions.

Rev. E. W. McDowell, Treasurer of Summer School of Theology Fund.
Mr. G. France Alderson, Treasurer Board of Education.
Rev. Leonard White, Treasurer Storm Relief Fund, Treasurer Domestic Missions.

Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer Conference Trustees, Treasurer Barratt's Chapel Fund, Treasurer Washington Foster Estate.

Mr. Willis L. Overdeer, Treasurer of Wilmington Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Rev. D. W. Jacobs, Treasurer of Domestic Missions, Treasurer of World Service Maintenance.

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

Rev. W. E. Habbart, Treasurer of Domestic Missions, Treasurer District Maintenance.

Rev. John J. Bunting, Treasurer of Wilmington Annual Conference.

Mr. Jefferson Cooper, Treasurer Conference Board of Stewards.

HUGH B. KELSO, Conference Auditor.

Rev. O. A. Bartley, Treas. Wilmington Conference Historical Society.

Balance March 28, 1933	\$ 24.00
Receipts	90.00

Total Receipts	\$ 114.00
Disbursements	\$ 97.52

Balance March 31, 1934 \$ 16.48

Rev. E. C. Hallman, Treasurer Domestic Missions.

Receipts	\$ 239.00
Disbursements	245.00

Overdrawn \$ 6.00

Rev. E. C. Hallman, Treasurer of District Maintenance.

Receipts	\$ 488.50
Disbursements	397.25

Balance on hand \$ 91.25

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

Balance on hand March 16, 1933	\$ 51.91
Receipts	475.00

Total Receipts	\$ 526.91
Disbursements	489.19

Balance March 22, 1934 \$ 37.72

Mr. G. France Alderson, Treas. Board of Education.

Balance March 29, 1933	\$ 391.27
Receipts	5363.16
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Total Receipts	\$5754.43
Disbursements	5711.15
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Balance March 31, 1934	\$ 43.28

Rev. Leonard White, Treas. Storm Relief Fund.

Receipts	\$ 511.12
Disbursements	504.08
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Balance April 6, 1934	\$ 7.04

Rev. Leonard White, Treas. Domestic Missions.

Balance March 30, 1933	\$ 276.00
Receipts	425.00
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Total Receipts	\$ 701.00
Disbursements	425.00
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Balance April 6, 1934	\$ 276.00

Mr. W. L. Overdeer, Treas. Wilmington Conf. Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Receipts	\$4503.32
Disbursements	4501.88
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Balance March 9, 1934	\$ 1.44

Rev. D. W. Jacobs, Treas. Domestic Missions.

Balance on hand March 31, 1932	\$ 252.00
Receipts	818.64
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Total receipts	\$1070.64
Disbursements	950.42
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Balance March 28, 1934	\$ 120.22

Rev. D. W. Jacobs, Treas. World Service Maintenance.

Receipts	\$ 97.50
Disbursements	85.02
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Balance February 2, 1934	\$ 12.48

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

Balance April 4, 1933	\$ 524.98
Receipts	75.93
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Total Receipts	\$ 600.91
Disbursements	150.00
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Balance April 5, 1934	\$ 450.91

Rev. W. E. Habbart, Treas. Domestic Missions and District Maintenance.

Total Receipts	\$ 751.85
Disbursements	747.00
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Balance April 5, 1934	\$ 4.85

Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treas. Washington Foster Estate.

Balance in Bank March 29, 1933	\$ 636.35
Income	4357.75
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Total Receipts	\$4994.10
Disbursements	4552.35
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Balance April 1, 1934	\$ 441.75

Mr. Jefferson Cooper, Treas. Board of Stewards.

Balance in hand March 31, 1933	\$12350.52
Receipts during the year	40799.33
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Total Receipts	\$53149.85
Disbursements	38689.12
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Balance in hand April 7, 1934	\$14460.73

Rev. J. J. Bunting, Treas. Wilmington Annual Conference.

Balance in hand March 29, 1933	\$ 110.67
Receipts	45208.17
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Total Receipts	\$45318.84
Disbursements	45183.08
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Balance in hand	\$ 135.76

HUGH B. KELSO,
Conference Auditor.

SUMMARY CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT REPORT.

Conference	Dover Dist.	Middletown	Salisbury	Wilmington	Total
Totals	\$15947.99	\$11983.50	\$8886.00	\$31322.66	\$68140.15
1925-32		65.00	18.00	50.00	132.00
1933		65.00	85.00	97.00	248.00
1934					
Totals	\$15947.99	\$12114.50	\$8989.00	\$31469.66	\$68521.15
Personal Contributions					\$19000.00
					\$87521.15

GEORGE P. JONES, Treasurer.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE MINUTES' PUBLICATION FUND.

RECEIPTS

Sale of Conference Minutes	\$ 529.71	
Advertising	110.00	\$ 639.71

DISBURSEMENTS.

1933		
May 8, J. W. Stowell Printing Co., Printing	190.00	
May 8, Berlin Printing Company, Printing	1.25	
May 13, J. W. Stowell Printing Co.	175.00	
May 19, J. W. Stowell Printing Co.	95.00	
May 21, J. W. Stowell Printing Co.	35.00	
May 24, J. W. Stowell Printing Co.	41.86	
May 24, J. R. Bicking, Postage	4.30	
June 29, J. R. Bicking, Expense Account	10.00	
June 29, J. R. Bicking, Refund from 1932 Account	10.00	
1934		
Jan. 29, J. R. Bicking, For Balancing 1932 Account	25.00	
Tax on Checks	.20	
		\$ 587.61
Balance in Bank, March 31, 1934.		\$ 52.10

Respectfully submitted,

W. JAMES ENNIS, Treasurer.

Correct: Audited April 4, 1934.

HUGH B. KELSO, Conference Auditor.

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE FUND.

Statement of Morris E. Swartz, Financial Secretary, to Close of 1934 Conference Session.

(Charges whose names are omitted have paid their apportionment in full.)

Dover District.

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
Beckwith and Spedden	\$ 73.00	\$ 36.50	\$ 36.50
Bethel	56.00	—	56.00
Blades and Epworth	36.00	—	36.00
Bridgeville	93.00	6.00	87.00
Camden	64.00	5.00	59.00
Canterbury	50.00	—	50.00
Church Creek and Taylor's Is.	45.00	—	45.00
Crapo	51.00	—	51.00
Dover, St. Paul's	21.00	—	21.00
Dover, Wesley	158.00	1.00	157.00
East New Market	85.00	—	85.00
Ellendale	46.00	—	46.00
Farmington and Epworth	71.00	18.00	53.00
Frederica	86.00	11.00	75.00
Galestown	29.00	—	29.00
Greenwood	73.00	43.00	30.00
Hooper's Island	33.00	—	33.00
Houston	64.00	5.00	59.00
Hurlock	69.00	—	69.00
Laurel	181.00	20.00	161.00
Lincoln	73.00	—	73.00
Little Creek	34.00	—	34.00
Magnolia and Barratt's Chapel	81.00	—	81.00
Milford Neck	33.00	3.00	30.00
Milton	89.00	30.00	59.00
Mt. Pleasant	64.00	—	64.00
Nassau	67.00	—	67.00
Rehoboth	85.00	28.00	57.00
Reliance	63.00	—	63.00
St. Thomas	50.00	—	50.00
Seaford Circuit	95.00	—	95.00
Secretary	—	—	—
Vienna	33.00	12.00	21.00
Williamsburg	41.00	—	41.00
Wyoming	70.00	—	70.00
Zoar Circuit	—	—	—

Middletown District.

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
Barclay Circuit	—	—	—
Bayside	34.00	16.00	18.00
Burrsville	32.00	—	32.00
Clayton	57.00	28.00	29.00
Cordova	47.00	5.00	42.00
Galena	53.00	10.00	43.00
Greensboro	79.00	32.00	47.00
Henderson	27.00	9.00	18.00
Hillsboro	57.00	51.00	6.00
Kent Island	76.00	—	76.00
Kenton	44.00	12.00	32.00
Marydel	53.00	23.00	30.00
Pomona	40.00	10.00	30.00
Preston	68.00	25.00	43.00
Queenstown	42.00	20.00	22.00
Ridgely	64.00	29.00	35.00
Rock Hall	62.00	11.00	51.00
Trappe	43.00	—	43.00
Wye Mills and Starr	26.00	—	26.00

Salisbury District.

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
Ayres Chapel	60.00	—	60.00
Bishopville	70.00	—	70.00
Claremont	30.00	—	30.00
Crisfield, Asbury	188.00	—	188.00
Dagsboro and St. Georges	110.00	—	110.00
Deal's Island	100.00	—	100.00
Fairmount	105.00	—	105.00
Frankford	80.00	—	80.00
Fruitland	85.00	—	85.00
Girdletree	65.00	—	65.00
Gumboro	70.00	5.00	65.00
Hebron	65.00	1.00	64.00
Mardela Springs	45.00	—	45.00
Marion	50.00	4.00	46.00
Mt. Vernon	85.00	—	85.00
Nanticoke	69.00	—	69.00
Newark	59.00	—	59.00
Ocean City	35.00	—	35.00
Ocean View and Millville	85.00	—	85.00
Onancock	120.00	20.00	100.00
Parsonsborg	85.00	—	85.00
Phoebus	44.00	11.00	33.00
Pittsville	70.00	—	70.00
Pocomoke City	135.00	—	135.00
Pocomoke Circuit	50.00	—	50.00

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
Powellville	60.00	—	60.00
Quantico	80.00	10.00	70.00
Roxana	70.00	—	70.00
St. Peter's	84.00	2.00	82.00
Salisbury, Grace	50.00	—	50.00
Selbyville	129.00	—	129.00
Smith's Island	105.00	70.00	35.00
Somerset	85.00	—	85.00
Stockton	115.00	—	115.00
Tangier	159.00	59.00	100.00
Venton	10.00	—	10.00
Westover	39.00	—	39.00
White Haven	29.00	—	29.00
Whitesville	100.00	—	100.00
E. H. Dashiell	—	100.00	—

Wilmington District.

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
Bethel and Town Point	18.00	2.00	16.00
Cedars	—	—	—
Colora	24.00	12.00	12.00
Hopewell	60.00	50.00	10.00
New Castle	140.00	—	140.00
North East	101.00	—	101.00
St. John's	30.00	—	30.00
Wilmington—			
Asbury	85.00	15.00	70.00
Cookman	75.00	55.00	20.00
Eastlake	92.00	55.00	37.00
Epworth	128.00	—	128.00
Madeley	105.00	—	105.00
Mt. Salem	120.00	—	120.00
St. Paul's	315.00	263.00	52.00
Trinity	105.00	5.00	100.00
Union	188.00	—	188.00

Make checks and money orders payable to Morris E. Swartz, Financial Secretary, and send to him at Newberry, Pa.

The following Charges have paid their apportionments in full and in addition have given this year as follows:

Dover District: Cambridge \$25.00; Georgetown \$5.00; Lewes \$3.00; Millsboro \$1.50; Seaford \$3.00; Federalsburg \$1.00; J. M. Kelso \$4.00.

Middletown District: Centreville \$4.00; Church Hill \$3.00; Denton \$5.00; Easton \$25.00; St. Michaels \$8.00; Smyrna \$11.00; Sudlersville \$2.00; Tilghman \$2.00.

Salisbury District: Immanuel, Crisfield \$7.00; Delmar \$7.00; Princess Anne \$2.00; Asbury, Salisbury \$25.00.

Wilmington District: Claymont \$5.00; Elkton \$7.00; McCabe, Wilmington \$10.25; Newark \$2.00; D. W. Jacobs \$5.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT, BUREAU OF CONFERENCE BUDGET.

RECEIPTS.

1933

March 27, To Balance	\$ 760.74
March 31, To Check, Rev. J. J. Bunting, Conference Treasurer . .	1000.00
April 3, To Check, Rev. J. J. Bunting, Conference Treasurer . . .	1500.00
April 6, To Check, Rev. J. J. Bunting, Conference Treasurer . . .	709.00
April 10, To Check, D. F. Quillen, return of excess money	300.00
May 1, To return of check to E. M. Culley, No. 138	4.50
May 3, To return of check to Miss Eleanor Maddox, No. 130	4.50
May 3, To return of check to J. B. Hunt, No. 140	4.50
May 3, To return of check to W. L. Overdeer, No. 162	4.50
May 3, To return of check to Fred Kelley, No. 169	4.50
May 3, To return of check to A. A. Hearn, No. 170	4.50
May 3, To return of check to Mrs. Mattie Townsend, No. 184 . . .	4.50
May 5, To return of check to J. Everett Walls, No. 136	4.50
May 5, To Check, Rev. J. J. Bunting, Conference Treasurer	15.00
May 8, To return of check to W. E. Walsh, No. 175	4.50
May 11, To return of check to H. A. Thompson, No. 177	4.50
May 11, To return of check to A. G. McFarland, No. 131	4.50
May 11, To Cash, Rev. C. I. Carpenter	4.50
May 15, To Check, D. F. Quillen, return of excess Con. Enter. . .	3.14
May 22, To return of check to Fred Kelley, No. 152	4.50
May 23, To Check, Rev. J. J. Bunting, Conference Treasurer	60.00
May 23, To return of check to Maude G. Thornton, No. 158	4.50
May 23, To return of check to E. T. Barnard, No. 181	4.50
July 19, To Cash, Rev. E. B. Eckhart, Galena, Md.	17.00
Oct. 28, To Cash, Barclay and Henderson	10.00
Total Receipts	\$4442.38

DISBURSEMENTS.

1933

March 31, By Check, D. F. Quillen, Assistant Treasurer	\$1500.00
April 3, By Check, D. F. Quillen, Assistant Treasurer	200.00
April 3, By Check, Rev. C. Irving Carpenter, Acct. Conf. Expense . .	500.00
April 5, By Check, D. F. Quillen, Services as Assistant Treasurer . .	25.00
April 5, By Check, W. O. Hoffecker, Conference Treas. bond	125.00
April 5, By Check, W. O. Hoffecker, personal bond	12.50
April 5, By Check, First Nat. Bk., Dover, Del., Vault rent, 1933 . . .	10.00
April 5, By Check, Rev. J. W. Wootten, expense Statistical Sec. . . .	4.00
April 5, By Check, Rowlinson Printing Co., printing bills	9.95
April 6, By Check, Rev. J. R. Bicking, Conference Sec. expense	25.00
April 6, By Check, Rev. T. R. Van Dyke, Postage	6.00
April 10, By Check, Rev. C. I. Carpenter (Janitor Service)	25.00
April 10, By Check, A. C. Goddard, 6 days at Conference	13.50
April 10, By Check, I. W. Warren, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 10, By Check, Rev. L. E. Windsor (error—previously paid)	
April 12, By Check, Harry L. Harcum, 2 days at Conference	4.50

April 12, By Check, Rev. G. W. Bounds, Conf. Post-master	15.00
April 12, By Check, Rev. C. I. Carpenter, full pmt. Conf. enter. . .	1214.50
April 12, By Check, Tax . . . . .	.36
April 12, By Check, C. A. Clarke, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 12, By Check, Jas. C. Eshleman, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 12, By Check, W. O. Hoffecker expense—books, post., etc. . .	14.00
April 12, By Check, Rev. J. L. Johnson, 6 days at Conference	4.50
(paid by church)	
April 27, By Check, Miss Eleanor Maddox, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, A. G. McCarland, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, J. E. Katz, 1 day at Conference	2.25
April 27, By Check, H. H. Nuttle, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, J. L. Everngame, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, Howard T. Landon, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, J. Everett Walls, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, Walter Bennington, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, E. M. Culley, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, Mrs. Cora B. Boley, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, J. B. Hunt, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, Harry E. Palmer, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, O. M. Shockley, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, Dr. C. E. Collins, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, James Williams, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, W. J. Blake, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, Walter W. Gray, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 27, By Check, Thomas A. Cooper, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 28, By Check, Sampson Purdue, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 28, By Check, Algie E. Wimbrow, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 28, By Check, Charles E. Rickards, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 28, By Check, W. C. Pruitt, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 28, By Check, Fred Kelley, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, T. H. Dorman, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, W. H. Wingate, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, Dr. E. B. Crooks, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, Wm. Deakyne, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, A. M. Craig, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, Mrs. Maude G. Thornton, 2 days at Confer. . . .	4.50
April 29, By Check, Dr. E. R. Miller, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, Mrs. Edna Everett, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, J. F. Holt, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, W. L. Overdeer, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, Mrs. Mary T. Gambrill, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, I. Elmer Perry, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, T. B. Ely, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, C. H. Brown, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, J. F. Peeney, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, Robert E. Pyle, 2 days at Conference	4.50
April 29, By Check, Fred Kelley, 2 days at Conference	4.50
May 1, By Check, A. A. Hearn, 2 days at Conference	4.50

May 1, By Check, Oscar Jones, 2 days at Conference	4.50
May 1, By Check, W. Fell Davis, 2 days at Conference	4.50
May 1, By Check, H. E. Hudson, 2 days at Conference	4.50
May 1, By Check, W. W. Sharp, 2 days at Conference	4.50
May 1, By Check, W. E. Walsh, 2 days at Conference	4.50
May 1, By Check, W. H. Macklin, 2 days at Conference	4.50
May 1, By Check, H. A. Thompson, 2 days at Conference	4.50
May 1, By Check, F. S. Parker, 2 days at Conference	4.50
May 1, By Check, E. B. Hastings, 2 days at Conference	4.50
May 1, By Check, E. J. Winder, 2 days at Conference	4.50
May 1, By Check, E. T. Barnard, 2 days at Conference	4.50
May 1, By Check, Frank Lawson, 2 days at Conference	4.50
May 1, By Check, Thomas Davis, 2 days at Conference	4.50
May 1, By Check, Mrs. Mattie Townsend, 2 days at Conference..	4.50
May 1, By Check, Tax .....	.92
May 5, By Check, Rev. J. J. Bunting, Conf. Treas. expense	10.00
July 12, By Check, Rev. E. W. McDowell, Summer School	400.00
Nov. 1, By Check, W. O. Hoffecker, Postage and check tax.....	2.50
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Total Disbursements	\$4376.48
April 4, 1934, By Balance	\$ 65.90
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	\$4442.38

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

We are thankful to be able to report that the annuity rate need not be reduced this year below fifteen dollars. This is brought about by reason of a slight growth in our total income, which however, could not be used in raising the rate because of the large number of years of service involved in the retirements allowed in our present session.

Although we trust our people have checked the recent alarming downward movement of the offerings to this cause, all we can hope for from this slight increase in giving, is that we have now set our faces steadfastly toward something like a returned normal income for our retired brethren and for the children and widows of our sainted dead.

Too many pastors and churches again have allowed Claimant collections to suffer out of proportion to the general reductions in giving. Again we remind you of the undiminishing number of charges reporting collected salaries of fifteen hundred dollars and above, in which pro-rating seems not to have been taken into anything resembling serious consideration. With the growing tendency toward retirement at the legal age, unless we apply ourselves with unaltering determination to the practicing of a sharing ministry, the men who at present are taking care of Claimant collections will have to live on a far smaller income than we are granting this year.

It is a matter for rather grave consideration to be forced by the facts to conclude that our only way of escape from penury in our period of retirement is by conscientiously keeping faith with the Claimants of our active years. We do not sit in judgment regarding the ministry of any man or the habits of any church. But we now soberly urge our brethren to return to conference next year with the rightful and just increase in giving that a sensible and general application of the pro-rating principle will undoubtedly guarantee. We request the appointment of Lester Windsor as trustee for Mrs. Laura Williams and her four children.

We have received from the charges this year \$26,327.00; a Conference increase of \$731.00. Our report by districts is as follows:

Wilmington District	\$10,785.00	
Middletown District	4,364.00	
Salisbury District	5,275.00	
Dover District	5,903.00	26,327.00
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Income from investment		12,116.00
Income from chartered fund		60.00
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Total for distribution		\$38,504.00

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. THOMAS.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Board of Stewards

Newark, Delaware, April 7, 1934.

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

Brethren:

As the Auditing Committee of your Board we respectfully submit the following report:

Following our usual custom, the securities covering the investments of the Board for the Claimants of the Wilmington Conference, were inspected under date of March 19, 1934.

These securities are in the form of first mortgages on real estate in the city of Wilmington and immediate vicinity, to the number of 105 and amount to a total of \$202,540. The investments are covered by insurance policies to the amount of \$349,700 which are in the custody of your Treasurer.

The accounts of the Treasurer have been audited and the same found to be correct, the balance on hand being \$5,405.59 in the savings account and \$63.19 in the checking account with the Fruit Growers' Bank of Smyrna and \$7,388.08 in the savings account and \$1,603.87 in the checking account with the Farmers' Bank of Dover or a total of \$14,460.73.

FRANK P. GENTIEU,
L. E. WINDSOR,
Auditing Committee.

AMENDMENT TO CHARTER, BOARD OF STEWARDS.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly moved, seconded and unanimously adopted at the regular meeting of the Stewards, they being the governing body of "The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church," a religious corporation of the State of Delaware, held at Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, Dover, Delaware, on Thursday, March 6, 1930:

WHEREAS, there was passed by the General Assembly of the State of Delaware (two-thirds of each branch concurring therein) on April 1, 1869, an Act entitled "An Act to Incorporate The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church"; and

WHEREAS, the said corporation did, by its proper officers, on the Seventeenth day of March, A. D. 1909, accept by Certificate duly filed, the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Delaware in compliance with Section 2 of Article 9 thereof; and

WHEREAS, the method of election of the members of the said corporation, as set out in the original charter, as amended, is not now in harmony with Paragraph 387, Section 1, of the "Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church"; and

WHEREAS, the said corporation is a religious corporation and has no capital stock, so that the capital of this corporation will not be reduced under or by reason of this amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Stewards of "The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church," they being the governing body thereof, deem and declare that it is advisable to amend the charter of the said corporation with respect to the manner of election of stewards, by striking out Section 2 of the said charter and by substituting in lieu thereof a new section 2 to read as follows:

"Section 2. The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be composed at any given time of such a number of members as shall be equal to twice the number of District Superintendent's Districts within the bounds of the Wilmington Annual Conference, one-half of which the said number of members shall be laymen residing within the territorial confines of the Wilmington Annual Conference, and the remaining half of whom shall be ministers in the effective relation in the Wilmington Annual Conference; that the said members shall be elected as follows:

The Wilmington Annual Conference of 1930 shall elect, as nearly as practicable, one-half of the ministerial members of the said Board at large for the term of one year, and the remaining half at large for the term of two years, and at each succeeding session of the Wilmington Annual Conference, shall elect at large ministerial members for the term of two years to fill the expiring terms.

The lay members of the said Board shall be elected by the Wilmington Annual Conference in manner and form as follows:

The several and respective boards of District Stewards of the various District Superintendent's Districts of the Wilmington Annual Conference, as the same are now constituted, or may hereafter be constituted, shall each select one layman to be a member of the said Board of Stewards, which said layman, unless sufficient reason appear to the contrary, shall be elected by the Wilmington Annual Conference as a member of the said Board of Stewards. The lay members shall be elected, in manner and form as aforesaid, in classes, so that the terms of one-half, as nearly practicable, of the said lay members shall expire at each Annual Conference, and in order to accomplish this purpose, there shall be elected by the 1930 Wilmington Annual Conference, in manner and form as aforesaid, one half, as nearly as practicable, of the total number of lay members for the term of one year, and the remaining half, as nearly as practicable, for the term of two years, and at each succeeding session of the Wilmington Annual Conference there shall be elected in manner and form as aforesaid, lay members for the term of two years to fill the expiring terms."

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a meeting of the Stewards aforesaid be called to be held at Silverbrook Methodist Episcopal Church, located at Lancaster Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue, in the City of Wilmington, New Castle County and State of Delaware, on Tuesday, March 25th, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. for the consideration of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of this corporation be and is hereby directed to notify each member of the board of stewards hereof as to the time, place and purpose of the said meeting, by mailing to each member of the Board of Stewards hereof, at his post office address, at east ten (10) days before the said Twenty-fifth day of March, A. D. 1930, a notice of the said meeting."

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the meeting of the Stewards of the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, called pursuant to the said Resolution, and at the time and place and upon the notice prescribed therein, and for the purpose as stated therein, the aforesaid Resolution was duly presented for consideration, and that there were present at the said meeting more than two-thirds of the whole number of the said Stewards, the whole number thereof being eight; and that more than two-thirds of the whole number thereof, to-wit, the number of seven, voted in favor of the Resolution amending the charter of the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and that attached hereto and marked "Exhibit A," is the assent in writing of more than two-thirds of the whole number of the members of the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate is signed and sealed by its President, Essell P. Thomas, and its Secretary, J. W. Jones, and the common or corporate seal of the said The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is hereunto affixed, this 31st day of March, A. D. 1930.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Everett E. Borton

THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
OF THE WILMINGTON
CONFERENCE OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
INCORPORATED 1869
DELAWARE

THE BOARD OF STEWARDS OF THE
WILMINGTON CONFERENCE OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

By Essell P. Thomas
President
Attest: J. W. Jones
Secretary

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, regularly elected and duly constituted seven members of the governing body of The Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being more than two-thirds of the whole number of the members of said governing body, the whole number thereof being eight, do by these presents make known that we, and each of us do hereby give our assent to the attached Certificate and to the Resolution contained therein; and do further assent to the Amendment to the Charter of the Board of Stewards of the Wil-

ington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church as is contemplated and set forth in the foregoing Certificate and Resolution.

WITNESS our hands and seals this the 24th day of April, A. D. 1930.

WITNESS

Elwood F. Melson
Eva Enkemeier

Essell P. Thomas (Seal)
George P. Jones (Seal)
J. W. Jones (Seal)
L. B. Morgan (Seal)
Frank P. Gentieu (Seal)
Jefferson Cooper (Seal)
Ralph O. Dulany (Seal)

STATE OF DELAWARE }
NEW CASTLE COUNTY } SS:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 31st day of March, A. D. One thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty, personally came before me, the subscriber, a notary public for the State of Delaware, Essell P. Thomas, President and J. W. Jones, Secretary of the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, parties to this Instrument of Writing, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged this Instrument to be their act and deed and the act and deed of said Corporation; that the signature of the President and Secretary thereto is in their own proper handwriting and the seal affixed is the common and corporate seal of said corporation, and that their act of sealing, executing, acknowledging and delivering said Instrument of Writing was duly authorized by a resolution of the Board of Stewards of said corporation.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

EVERETT E. BORTON
NOTARY PUBLIC
APPOINTED MARCH 9, 1929
TERM TWO YEARS
DELAWARE

Everett E. Borton
Notary Public

May 2, 1934

Mr. Jefferson Cooper, Treasurer,
Board of Stewards of the Wilmington
Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,
Cheswold, Delaware.

Dear Sir:

The Certificate of Amendment of THE BOARD OF STEWARDS OF THE WILMINGTON CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH was received and filed in this office the 28th day of April, A. D. 1930, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Yours very truly,

Charles H. Grantland
Secretary of State.

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.	\$7,000.00
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 1934. They were approved by the Conference.

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.				Total
		CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES				
		Annuity Claim	Annuity Allowed	Special Fund		
MINISTERS						
1931	34	W. O. Bennett, Hurlock, Md.	\$816	\$510	\$	\$510
1906	17	G. W. Bowman, Laurel, Del.	408	255		255
1931	24	W. H. Briggs, 302 W. 24th St., Wilmington, Del.	576	360	120	480
1932	28	J. A. Buckson, 417 Pine St., Ridley Park, Pa.	672	420		420
1931	16	L. M. Broadway, 3310 Madison St., Wilmington, Del.	384	240	152	392
1931	37	H. G. Budd, Dover, Del.	888	555		555
1934	39	E. H. Collins, Marshallton, Del.	936	585		585
1929	46	V. S. Collins, 2422 West St., Wilmington, Del.	1104	690		690
1930	53	W. F. Corkran, Seaford, Del.	1272	795		795
1919	34	J. W. Easley, 4632 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.	816	510		510
1934	43	J. H. Geoghegan, Newport, Del.	1032	645		645
1923	34	T. N. Given, Cheswood, Del.	816	510		510
1925	35	J. W. Gray, Willards, Md.	840	525		525
1931	31	W. E. Greenfield, Perryville, Md.	744	465	55	520
1918	42	E. L. Hoffecker, Easton, Md.	1008	630		630
1911	10	T. S. Holt, Federalsburg, Md.	240	*		
1924	16	O. E. James, Central Y. M. C. A., Baltimore, Md.	384	240		240
1929	38	G. P. Jones, P. O. Box #3, Mystic, Conn.	912	570		570
1924	53	L. W. Layfield, Greenwood, Del.	1272	795		795
1919	40	J. M. Lindale, 1106 Greenhill Ave., Wilmington, Del.	960	600		600
1924	16	O. L. Martin, Edmonston, Md.	384	240		240
1922	20	W. E. Matthews, Smyrna, Del.	480	300	150	450
1921	23	F. X. Moore, New Freedom, Pa.	552	345		345
1926	40	W. R. Mowbray, Lewes, Del.	960	600		600
1930	40	M. D. Nutter, Newark, Del.	960	600		600
1933	40	J. P. Outten, Laurel, Del.	912	570		570
1934	38	L. E. Poole, Snow Hill, Md.	816	510		510
1919	34	J. D. Reese, Frederica, Del.	864	540		540
1929	36	J. T. Richardson, Middletown, Del.	72	45		45
1933	3	V. E. Rorer, 318 Sterling Road, Elkins Park, Pa.	960	600		600
1915	40	Adam Stengle, 407 W. 21st St., Wilmington, Del.	1224	765		765
1929	51	R. K. Stephenson, 300 W. 19th St., Wilmington, Del.	888	555		555
1922	37	E. C. Sunfield, 143 Pleasant St., Hanover, Pa.	1008	630		630
1934	42	F. B. Short, Milford, Del.	744	465		465
1904	31	C. H. Williams, Snow Hill, Md.	476	285		285
1925	19	Daniel Wilson, 3721 Reisterstown Road, Balto., Md.	936	585		585
1927	39	J. H. Wilson, 9 Spruce Ave., Elsmere, Del.	1104	690		690
1930	46	W. A. Wise, 317 W. 19th St., Wilmington, Del.	1032	645		645
1932	43	G. E. Wood, 4004 Roland Ave., Baltimore, Md.	696	435		435
1934	29	W. R. Woodell, Blades, Del.				
CHILDREN.						
1930	8	Charles Law McCabe	48	30		30
1923	10	Maleta Williams	60	38		38
1923	10	Sherman Williams	60	38		38
1923	10	Hugh Williams	60	38		38
SPECIAL CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.						
RETIRED SUPPLY MINISTERS AND WIDOWS						
1931		T. S. Barrett, Rock Island, Md.		260		260
1934		L. T. McLain, Mardela Springs, Md.		230		230
1933		Ella Horner, Newark, Del.		230		230

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.		Annuity Claim	Annuity Allowed	Special Fund	Total
		CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES					
WIDOWS.							
1930	37	Alphonsa M. Alderson, 1001 Madison St., Wilm., Del.	\$666	\$416			\$416
1915	43	Mary R. Adams, Rehoboth, Del.	774	484			484
1903	21	Lydia M. Avery, St. Moritz Hotel, 50 Central Park, New York City	378	236			236
1903	9	Selma C. Bovie, 37 Red Road, Chatham, N. J.	162	101	99		200
1926	18	Ida V. Brewington, Hebron, Md.	324	203	97		300
1934	42	Minnie F. Bounds, 301 W. 30th St., Norfolk, Va.	756	473			473
1915	30	Laura W. Burke, 66 Broadway, Ocean Grove, N. J.	540	338			338
1924	30	Ella E. Burr, 3 Nassau Place, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.	540	338			338
1925	33	Annie V. Carpenter, Seaford, Del.	594	371	29		400
1909	31	Mary E. Chandler, Crumpton, Md.	558	349			349
1920	23	Sarah W. Chairs, Bozman, Md.	414	259			259
1922	6	Blanche E. Compton, 741 N. 64th St., Phila., Pa.	108	68	50		118
1922	5	Nora B. Cochran, 517 Belleview Ave., Hammonton, N. J.	90	56			56
1905	25	Mary E. Collins, 1607 W. 13th St., Wilmington, Del.	450	281			281
1931	26	Ethelyn S. Corkran, Sudlersville, Md.	468	293			293
1931	13	Mabel V. Cummings, Tilghman, Md.	234	146	100		246
1929	13	Emma M. Dawson, 347 Ilchester Ave., Baltimore, Md.	234	146	34		180
1931	32	Martie B. Darrickson, Odessa, Del.	576	360			360
1932	31	Addie T. Derrickson, Odessa, Del.	558	349			349
1931	41	Ella G. Dulaney, Fruitland, Md.	738	461	59		520
1932	37	Jane J. Ewing, 130 W. High St., Elkton, Md.	666	416			416
1914	39	Bessie B. Fosnacht, 67 Putnam Ave., Whitneyville, Conn.	702	439			439
1931	23	Cora W. Faulkner, Delmar, Del.	414	259			259
1908	27	Mary E. Grise, Pocomoke City, Md.	486	304			304
1921	34	Elizabeth B. Guthrie, Kenton, Del.	612	383			383
1934	26	Martha L. Hastings, Seaford, Del.	468	293			293
1932	29	Grace E. L. Jones, Charlestown, Md.	522	326	39		365
1919	17	Mary J. Kenney, Selbyville, Del.	306	191			191
1917	9	H. Bertrude Lewis, Laurel, Del.	162	101			101
1930	49	Tryphena MacSorley, 2209 Baynard Blvd., Wilm., Del.	882	551			551
1917	23	Sallie W. Martindale, Salisbury, Md.	414	259			259
1931	18	Elizabeth S. Marshall, 612 Tenn. St., Salem, Va.	324	203			203
1930	8	Ada L. McCabe, Bishopville, Md.	144	90			90
1920	31	Jennie S. Mitchell, Middletown, Del.	558	349			349
1930	25	Gertrude B. Moore, 106 Palisades Ave., Santa Monica, Calif.	450	281			281
1917	24	Minnie S. Morgan, 1400 W. 7th St., Wilmington, Del.	432	270			270
1916	10	Pauline N. Murray, 4637 Sansom St., Phila., Pa.	180	113			113
1909	35	Evelyn J. Nelson, 1025 Spruce St., Phila., Pa.	630	394			394
1921	38	Elizabeth F. Neese, 221 Geddes St., Wilm., Del.	684	428			428
1924	28	Lelia M. Northrup, 913 Park Place, Wilmington, Del.	508	315			315
1917	32	M. Cornelia O'Brien, 2709 Jefferson St., Wilm., Del.	576	360			360
1882	8	Emma Prettyman, Salisbury, Md.	144	90	150		240
1934	35	Ida A. Prettyman, Galena, Md.	630	394			394
1932	26	Georgia M. Prouse, Edgemoor, Del.	468	293			293
1928	18	Emma J. Reed, Milton, Del.	324	203			203
1919	29	Mary B. Roberts, 143 W. Cedar Ave., Merchantville, N. J.	522	326			326
1929	35	Janie M. Smith, Denton, Md.	630	394			394
1884	15	Emma F. Shilling, 600 Del. Ave., Wilmington, Del.	270	169			169
1905	12	Sarah D. Sidell, 220 Grove St., Montclair, N. J.	216	135	200		335
1922	8	Carrie W. Stallings, Lovettsville, Va.	144	90	225		315
1901	12	Martha H. Swain, Dover, Del.	216	135	170		305
1933	32	Della D. Taylor, Dover, Del.	576	360			360
1934	26	Jennie G. Taylor, 2216 Grandview Ave., Cleveland, O.	468	293			293
1926	16	M. Louise Van Blunk, 902 Howard St., Camden, N. J.	288	180	50		230
1929	14	Sarah E. Walton, Route #1, New Castle, Del.	252	158	60		218
1927	39	Martha S. Watt, 17 Homer St., Worcester, Mass.	702	439			439
1918	21	Lulu V. G. Westerfield, Port Deposit, Md.	378	236			236
1924	16	Belle V. White, Salisbury, Md.	288	180	154		334
1929	9	Carrie E. Wilson, Aberdeen, Md.	162	101	150		251
1923	10	Laura E. Williams, Buxton, N. C., Rev. L. E. Windsor, Trustee, Seaford, Del.	180	113	300		413
1923	19	Kate Williams, Georgetown, Del.	324	214			214

MEMOIRS

DANIEL H. WILLIS.

Daniel Henry Willis, son of Armiah and Abigail DeNeuville Willis, was born at Allen, in Allengheny County, New York State, January 6, 1846; and died July 31, 1933 in Mt. Alto Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Daniel H. Willis, physical giant and Man of God, seemed to us who knew him best, and had the good fortune to live under his ministry, the highest type of Christian Minister.

His giant form moved among us so quietly and tenderly that he won us all to his great heart.

His life was a varied one as this brief memoir will show. Born of sturdy Christian parents, and raised on the beautiful farm near Allen, N. Y., he early developed a strong physique so that at the age of sixteen he placed himself upon the altar of his country's great need and entered the cause of the Civil War on August 11, 1862, serving in Company G First New York Dragoons. He remained in this service until April 1, 1865. Three times he was wounded on the field of battle, and at the Battle of Five Forks a minnow ball pierced his thigh, bringing to him a very serious wound. After this noble service, he returned to his native state to again take up farming. In 1876 he heard the call to the ministry and yielded by going to Iowa to preach the Gospel, where he remained for a brief period, returning East to settle in Washington, D. C. Here he connected himself with Hamline Church and its Quarterly Conference, from which he went into the Virginia Conference in 1885. Here he served the Church through very troublous days and was transferred to the Wilmington Conference in 1891. His first appointment was Hoopers Island, and it was here that he met Miss Jennie Phillips, of the prominent Phillips family of Dorchester County. On January 5th, 1893, they were married. This proved to be a benediction to his ministry. As this beautiful, consecrated woman moved with him among the people with whom he labored, their influence together left its imprint that was indeed uplifting. To them was born a son, Daniel P. Willis, who is now a prominent lawyer in our Nation's capitol.

Fifteen of our appointments came under the influence of this consecrated couple, and all rise up to call him blessed.

His preaching was forceful and stirring. His ministry always appealed to the youth of the community. They flocked about him and found in him a real friend. Dr. George L. White, of Dakota, and one time of the Baltimore Conference, and the writer, were two of the boys for whom he opened the doors of the ministry, and it was beneath his hand that your humble servant was made an Elder, an honor that we have always greatly appreciated.

Brother Willis retired from the active ranks in 1913 and made his home in Cambridge, Maryland, where he and his wife loaned themselves to the work of the Church and community. After the death of Mrs. Willis, in 1930, he went to live with his son in Washington, where he again entered the fellowship of Hamline Church.

A fall, on June 2, 1933, compelled his removal to Mt. Alto Hospital, where he died in triumph July 31, 1933. Funeral services were in charge of his pastor, Dr. H. W. Burgan, of Hamline Church, and his body was interred in the beautiful Arlington Cemetery, of Washington, the resting place of our Nation's heroes.

W. G. HARRIS.

WILLIAM PRETTYMAN TAYLOR.

William Prettyman Taylor was born in Dover, Delaware, August 16th, 1864, the son of the late Severn and Cornelia P. Taylor. He died in Cleveland, Ohio, December 10th, 1933.

Brother Taylor graduated from the following institutions of learning; The then Wilmington Conference Academy, class of 1884; Dickinson College, class of 1890; Drew University—School of Theology, class of 1893.

He joined the Wilmington Conference on probation in 1886, and was excused to attend the schools as above mentioned. After graduation at Drew, he returned to this conference and began his life work.

He served the following charges: St. John's; Mt. Lebanon; Christina; Bethel and Summit; Elk Neck; Crapo; Smith's Island; Beckwith and Spedden; Quantico; Lincoln; Grace Church, Salisbury; Oxford; Hillsboro; Bayside; Kenton and Whitesville.

On account of poor health he retired from the active work in 1931, making his home in Cleveland, Ohio. He had had a slight stroke of paralysis before retiring from the active work; and a second stroke, aggravated by a carbuncle, was the immediate cause of his death.

He was twice married. His first wife was Mary Hunter Buyers, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, sister to the late Reverend Frank Buyers, of the Central Pennsylvania Conference. By this marriage there was one son, William, Jr., who died of flu in an aviation camp in Texas during the World War. His second wife was Jennie B. Graves, of Cambridge, Maryland. By this second marriage there were two children, the first dying in infancy; the second, Cornelius Graves Taylor.

Brother Taylor is survived by his widow, Jennie Graves Taylor, and son, Cornelius Graves Taylor; a sister, Mrs. Joseph Hazel, of Clayton, Delaware; and one brother, Herman C. Taylor, of Dover, Delaware.

Brother Taylor was converted at the age of eleven in Wesley Church, Dover, under the ministry of the late Dr. James H. Caldwell. While in Cleveland he attended the Methodist Episcopal "Church of the Savior," Dr. C. Jefferson McCombe, pastor.

He was buried in Bethel Cemetery, near Chesapeake City, the afternoon of December 13, 1933. The writer, for seven years a classmate and a lifelong friend, had charge of the service, assisted by Brothers W. E. Habbart, D. W. Jacobs and J. F. Langrall. Ten other ministers of the Conference were present. Brother Taylor was a member of the Masonic fraternity, a delegation of which was present at the funeral and took part in the service at the grave.

We who are destined to wait a bit longer the crossing, can say with Helen Peck Moore:

"I cannot see beyond the pines that hedge my house about,
But this I know, that just outside the curtain green
A sunset glows about the blue black hills;
A silver river flows through leas serene.
So I am happy here behind my screen.

I cannot see beyond the things of life that hem me in;
But this I know, that just above my sight
There is a world where I shall sometime be
Unfettered as a bird, free as the light.
So here I live content, both day and night."

As a student Brother Taylor was conscientious; as a pastor, hard working and faithful; as a friend, true; as a companion, cheerful; and always by nature religious.

In the future Sister Taylor plans to make her home with her son in Cleveland. Cornelius is Program Director and Announcer at the Broadcasting Station WGAR at Cleveland, Ohio.

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won.
And thou art crowned at last."

J. T. RICHARDSON.

ALLISON P. PRETTYMAN.

Allison Palmer Prettyman, son of Bagwell and Lavenia Prettyman, was born in Sussex County, near Georgetown, Del., August 29th, 1852, and died Feb. 18th, 1934.

Brother Prettyman was converted in childhood, and called to preach very early in life. He was licensed to preach when 19 years of age. He left home in 1873 as junior preacher under Rev. John A. B. Wilson, and studied under private instructors, and later at the Conference Academy, preparing himself for the ministry.

He was admitted to the Wilmington Conference in the Spring of 1882, and sent to Hillsboro, Md., as preacher in charge. While there he was married to Miss Ida A. Armstrong, of Galena, Md., who together with two children, remain to mourn the loss of husband and father.

Brother Prettyman's health prevented his remaining in the active ministry. In the Spring of 1898 he was given the Supernumerary Relation, and located on a farm at Galena, Md., where he remained until his

health would permit his returning again to the active ranks. In 1912, he was sent to Millville, Del., to fill a vacancy, and in the Spring of 1913, his relation was changed from Supernumerary to effective, and he was sent to Greensboro, Md. From here he was sent to Rising Sun, Md. In the Spring of 1917, he retired and located in Galena, Md. Here he remained till God called his home. In Galena, he won a large place in the hearts of the people. He was loved and respected by all, and proved himself a great blessing to the Church and community, and was an inspiration and help to the Pastor.

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18th, he quietly passed away, alone in his room, and went to be with God.

"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.

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 you found yourself where you long to be
In the repose of the Father's Land."

Brother Prettyman live a good long life, and possessed a beautiful Christian character.

Funeral services were held from his late home in Galena, Feb. 22nd, at 2 P. M., conducted by his pastor, E. B. Eckhart, assisted by the District Superintendent, Rev. E. C. Hallman, Rev. Frank White, Rev. C. H. Adkins, Rev. A. T. Hudson, and the writer. His body was laid to rest in Galena Cemetery, to await the Resurrection Morn.

"Servant of God well done,
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is won
And thou art crowned at last."

J. C. McCOY.

GOLDSBOROUGH W. HASTINGS.

Goldsborough W. Hastings was born January 4th, 1861, on a farm near Seaford, Del. His parents were Robert W. Hastings and Pinkey Williams Hastings. They were God-fearing people. The father died in middle life but the mother lived to a good old age. These parents were good people and associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church. They sought diligently to train their children in the fear of the Lord and succeeded in a large measure. Goldsborough was one of eight children—two girls and six boys, and was subjected therefore in childhood and youth to those influences that tend to neutralize the spirit of selfishness and to cultivate the spirit of helpfulness, both of which help in preparing the ground for a truly Christian character.

When Brother Hastings was about twelve years of age his parents moved to Blades. There he remained until he was about thirty years of age. He grew to manhood about as the average village boy, attending school when school was in progress and at intervals doing such work as the average village boy would find to do.

At the age of twenty-two he married Miss Martha L. Morgan, an attractive maid of his home village. This proved to be a happy union and awakened in him stronger purposes to make the most of his life. His companion was a helpmeet indeed, sharing with him the joy and sorrows, the defeats and successes of life for forty-three years. She abides in the shadow of her great bereavement, looking anxiously for the reunion in "the sweet bye and bye."

Of this union four children were born. Two of them passed on in early life. The other two, a son, Emanuel, a man of sterling character and real worth, lives in Charleston, South Carolina, a prototype in features and character of his father, and a daughter, the joy of the sorrowing mother, is a wife and mother of two children, and lives at Westover, Md.

Bro. Hastings was converted in 1884 in a gracious revival in the Blades Church. He at once joined the church, became a faithful member and an enthusiastical worker.

His gifts and graces were outstanding and they were recognized by the pastor and the church and in 1890 he was licensed to preach.

In the Spring of 1891 he was sent to Reid's Wharf, Northampton Co., Va. as a supply pastor. From the first he proved his superior ability as a young preacher and his skill in the management of the affairs of the church. For nine years he served as a supply pastor and at intervals attended school. During those nine years he served Reids Wharf, Powellville, Lincoln, Armory (Dover), Frankford, Stockton, Selbyville and Stockton the second time.

He joined the Conference in 1900 and his appointments from that time on were as follows: Gumboro, 1900 and 1901; Mt. Vernon, 1902-1904; Frankford, 1905-07; Nanticoke, 1908-09; Frankford, 1910-12; Deals Island, 1913-16; Hebron, 1917-19; Perryville, 1920-21. Retired in 1922 for one year on account of broken health. Ocean View, 1923-24; Somerset, 1925. He retired the second time on account of broken health in 1926.

In 1927 he took up the work again and served Mt. Vernon for three years retiring permanently in the spring of 1930, although he preached for a few months after that at Galestown and Farmington. His health was always frail, yet he did heroic work as a preacher, evangelist, pastor and financier.

He was endowed by nature with a pleasing personality, a clear, musical voice and a quick active mind. These consecrated to God made him an eloquent convincing preacher.

He had revivals in every charge and in some very many were added to the Lord. Taking it all in all he was an unusually successful and popular minister of Jesus Christ.

From the time of his final retirement till his passage to his heavenly home he lived in Blades, the home of his childhood and young manhood. His last illness was quite protracted and he suffered much. But his abiding faith in God and the indwelling Spirit gave him great peace, so much so that none who visited him in these last days could doubt that he looked forward to his departure with joyful anticipations.

By his request the writer had charge of the funeral services. Bro. J. J. Bunting a long time personal friend and his pastor Bro. James O'Neil assisted.

Burial was in the Blades Cemetery.

W. F. CORKRAN.

JOHN PICKERING OTIS.

Rev. John Pickering Otis, the son of Isaac L. and Sarah Discho Otis, was born July 31st, 1846 in Middletown, Conn., and died March the 4th, 1934, in the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, Delaware, after a brief illness. Impressive funeral services were held in Brandywine M. E. Church, Wilmington, Delaware, amid a large gathering of ministers and sympathetic friends, from many different parts of our conference territory. Rev. D. W. Jacobs, superintendent of the Wilmington District conducted the service and addresses were delivered by Rev. Earl M. Shockley, pastor of Brandywine M. E. church where Brother Otis worshipped during the period of his retirement and where he had one of the happy and successful pastorates of his ministry, also by the Rev. John Blake pastor of Red Clay Creek Presbyterian church and an intimate friend of the deceased and by the writer. His body was laid to rest in Silverbrook Cemetery.

April the 27th, 1875 Brother Otis was united in marriage to Sarah Augusta Smith of Orange, New Jersey, the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. J. Read, pastor of the first M. E. Church in Orange assisted by the Rev. Henry White Warren, pastor of St. John's M. E., Brooklyn, N. Y. and afterward one of the honored Bishops of the M. E. church. Three children blessed that happy union. Professor Isaac Lewis Otis of Jessups, Md., Mrs. Susan L. Long of Wilmington, Del., and Mrs. Morris Groverman of Buffalo, N. Y. Sister Otis preceded her husband to the better land eight years ago.

Brother Otis was well born. Through his mother's family he was a descendant of the Huguenots who settled along the Hudson River. Through his father's family he was a descendant of the English Colonial settlers who came to this country in 1630. His parents were devout Methodists who feared God and loved the church. His father's family had a sprinkling of Presbyterianism, just enough to lend sturdiness of conviction to Methodist fervor and enthusiasm. He was converted in his 18th year while walking from New York City over to Brooklyn in a snow storm and joined old St. John's M. E. Church in Brooklyn, from which church he entered the Christian ministry.

He was finely equipped for the work of the Christian Ministry. He was graduated from the University of New York in 1869, leading his class. He was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa society. Two years later he was graduated from the law school in the same University. He was admitted to the bar and had a position with one of the oldest and best established law firms in New York City when he felt the call to the work of the Christian Ministry. Straightway he deserted the law office and entered Boston University school of Theology from which he was graduated. While a student in Boston University he joined the New England Conference on trial in 1872. During this student period he began a work at Allston near Boston which has since grown to be a strong church. In 1874 he was transferred to the Virginia Conference and stationed in Richmond. In 1878 he was transferred to the Wilmington Conference and stationed at Cambridge, Maryland. From then until the time of his retirement in 1919 he served many of the prominent churches in our Conference.

Brother Otis was a man of fine culture. The habits of study and reading formed during the days of his collegiate and seminary training remained with him during all of his life. He never lost his love for books. He was an omnivorous reader. Even in old age he read lots of books. This habit kept his mind vigorous and alert and his heart warm with human interest. He accumulated a marvelous fund of general information. He appeared always to have a comprehensive grasp of the leading topics of the day both in church and state. A ready memory gave him such command of his information that he was a most interesting conversationalist and yet there was never any parade of his scholarship. He was modest and humble withal. My second appointment was adjoining one of his appointments as also was my third appointment. Our work crossed and we frequently met. I came to know him well, to love and honor him. He had a large pastorate and I had a very small one in both instances. He was in the prime of his ministry. I was a probationer in the Conference. But he received me always as a brother minister. He was always friendly and never patronizing. His brotherly courtesy made the difference in our age and attainment to be forgotten. He always treated the young preachers with the utmost consideration. Though always employed he never seemed in a hurry. He would sit and talk about the topics of public interest, about the state of the church and about personal religion in a most helpful and inspiring way. I remember some of the visits, though brief, as a weary traveler remembers the cool spring by the way whose sweet waters gave new strength for the journey. When the late Newell Dwight Hillis of Plymouth church, Brooklyn heard that great English Wesleyan preacher W. L. Watkinson, Dr. Hillis said: "I gave up the Ghost." But it was not so with Brother Otis. Contact with him was inspirational, enheartening, work easier, burdens lighter and tasks more possible.

He was a christian gentleman. He lived above the smaller things in life. He never indulged in personalities. I never knew him to criticize a brother minister but frequently heard him speak generous words of praise. His spirit was exuberant, always overflowing with good humor.

He loved to laugh and was never long in any company that others were not laughing also. Depression took wings when he came around and heavy spirits grew light. He illustrated the words of Solomon: "A merry heart doth good like medicine."

He was a faithful pastor. He had the heart of the Good Shepherd; He was tender and sympathetic. He visited the sick, and he comforted the sorrowing. He carried the message of life to the poor. He never spared himself. It was marvelous how many pastoral calls he made. I followed him in one of his later pastorates where the congregation was scattered. I went everywhere but could find no home in all that community that Brother Otis had not been in. His tracks were through every woods and across every field. Out into the highways and hedges he went compelling them to come in. A passion for souls burned through his entire career. He was a wayside evangelist, scattering good seed by counter and work-bench, in the street and in the home. No wonder great revivals attended his ministry and that in one place he reported more than 125 conversions for the year.

As a preacher his gifts and graces were everywhere recognized. He early took rank as one of our best preachers, as is seen by the fact that the third appointment of his ministry and the first one in our Conference was Cambridge, Maryland. He was preeminently a preacher of the word. A scholar of the finest training and widest reading his love for the Bible and his faith in its integrity were beautiful. To him it was the word of God, the message of life and he preached it text and context. Sometimes his sermons were expository, again they were exegetical but always Biblical. He knew no other master but Christ, he had no other message but the glorious gospel of the son of God.

He loved to preach. The pulpit was his throne; the Christian ministry the highest calling in the world. Near the end of the way when the going was hard and finances low and things were needed for comfort, one day, his wife asked him if there were not moments when he regretted abandoning the profession of law, which might now have supplied the comforts of life, for the work of the christian ministry. His answer left no room for doubt, with flaming eye and quivering voice he said: "After all these years of experience, could I live my life over I would gladly do the same thing." Such beautiful consecration and unflinching loyalty to Jesus Christ reminds us of another preacher in the long ago who, when his friends were solicitous for his personal safety said: "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of grace of God." There were times when the fervor of his eloquence lifted the people to rare heights of praise and worship.

He was true to his high calling. He never once turned aside from the work of the christian ministry. This one thing I do was the motto of his life. With Charles Wesley he could say:

His only righteousness I show,
His saving truth proclaim;
'Tis all my business here below,
To cry, "Behold the Lamb."

Happy, if with my latest breath
I may but gasp his name;
Preach him to all, and cry in death,
"Behold, behold the Lamb."

J. W. JONES.

GEORGE W. BOUNDS.

George W. Bounds was born at Stockton, Md., February 10th, 1863. His parents were Washington and Sarah E. Bounds. When he was but four years old his father died and the lad was brought up in straightened circumstances, a fact which may, partly at least, account for his passionate interest in the poor and unfortunate, his devoted and unselfish ministry to the underprivileged which was one of his most marked characteristics. He spent but few days in the schools and his educational advantages were limited. He went to work as early as possible that he might take his full share of the family burden. His interest in religion was very keen from his earliest years and he gave himself in active service in the church.

While clerking in a store at Princess Anne the attention of John A. B. Wilson was drawn to him and under his counsel he went to the Conference Academy, that beacon of hope to so many who lacked early educational advantages. He remained here for three years when Dr. Wilson, his friend and benefactor sent him to Taylors Island in the summer of 1887. He remained on this distinctively Home Mission territory until 1891. In that time he led in the erection of five new churches and the rebuilding of two others. He would have been a man after Bishop McCabe's own heart had the great Bishop in the days of his Secretaryship of the Board of Home Missions known about him. Here was implanted or developed another marked characteristic of his ministry, namely an enthusiastic interest in work of pronounced missionary character. While still serving Taylors Island, in 1890, he was admitted to the Conference on trial. After a year at Church Creek he was sent to Armory, Dover in 1892. While a student at the Academy he had taken an active part in organizing the Sunday School which developed into the present St. Paul's Church. While pastor here he secured the lot upon which the church now stands from John Behen, a Roman Catholic friend, and led in the purchase and removal of the present building to the site it now occupies. A great revival followed leading to the conversion of 127 persons, 107 of whom united with the church. Another significant event of that year was his marriage to Miss Minnie F. Harvey, of Randallstown, Md. This cultured woman, endowed with much artistic talent, became a real helpmate, a true yoke-fellow to her zealous and enthusiastic minister-husband and was no small factor in his future success.

Then followed a long list of successful pastorates. Cape Charles, Deals Island, Tangier, St. Michaels, where he remained for the five year limit, Harrington, Federalsburg, Frederica, Dagsboro and St. Georges, Perryville and Richardson Park, one after another felt the vitalizing touch

of his consecrated ministry. His passion for paying debts and improving churches clung to him. At St. Michaels a debt of long standing was paid and the large Sunday School room improved at a cost of \$2000. At Dagsboro another debt of long standing was paid off and a new parsonage built. At the 1920 session of the Conference, Brother Bounds was appointed to Kingswood Church, Wilmington, Del. This church was situated in the midst of a foreign population in one of the poorest sections of the City. But he chose to remain here for ten years of sacrificial ministry, during which time he paid off a large debt on the church and another on the parsonage and raised and expended \$5200 in improving the church building. During this period he became one of the best known and most popular ministers in the city. He was actively identified with several fraternal organizations of a patriotic character and was in great demand for addresses upon special occasions.

In 1930 because of the impaired health of his devoted wife and his own physical affliction he asked for and was granted the retired relation. He immediately submitted to a painful operation, the partial success of which brought about an improvement in his own physical condition and his wife's health improving during the same interlude he was ready to respond to the call of the District Superintendent to step into the breach at Delmar caused by the death of Dr. E. H. Dashiell. It was planned that he should remain here only until the next session of the Conference. But he so captured the hearts of this people and was so wonderfully successful in the work that at the recommendation of the Superintendent he returned to the active work and was reappointed. Immediately he went at the task of remodelling and improving the church at this important Charge. The detailed account of this amazing achievement is in the report of the District Superintendent.

He was not permitted to long enjoy the fruits of his labors. On Friday, March 2nd he returned from a funeral in a state of collapse, paralysis supervened and on the following Tuesday, March 6th he went to be forever with the Lord, leaving the widow, two sons, Harvey and Francis, and one daughter, Katherine, to mourn his loss.

It is not easy to appraise the character or evaluate the ministry of such a man of God and Minister of Christ as our loved brother and friend was. At his funeral we were led to summarize the outstanding traits of his character, so far as we can recall, somewhat as follows: "Modest, self-effacing, unselfish gentleman; hater of pretense and sham; sympathetic friend of and passionate pleader for the poor and underprivileged; courageous battler against all forms of evil; a good soldier of Jesus Christ, equipped in the whole armor of God—the breastplate of an unsullied righteousness, the helmet of an assured salvation, the shield of an unwavering faith, the unstained sword of the Spirit, feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace, unceasing in prayer—he had them all and knew how to use them; diligent, thoughtful, untiring pastor and faithful shepherd of the sheep not neglecting the lambs of the flock; tender and understanding father; loving and devoted husband; every inch a man, every whit a Christian." This is our personal appraisal of George W. Bounds and we are confident that a great host of his friends,

both ministerial and lay, concur in our judgment. We are equally confident that a "Well done, good and faithful servant greeted him as he passed to his eternal reward. We were privileged to preach the Easter sermon in the Delmar Church last Sunday morning. Tired and weary, and suffering from a cold we wondered how we could get through with the service. I was to preach from the text—"Fear not; I am He that liveth and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore." We thought of our brother in the prayer and suddenly it was borne in upon me as never before that these words applied not simply to our dear Lord and Christ, but to our departed brother and to all who put their trust in Christ. New strength flowed into the body and new inspiration to the mind. They said that we had preached as never before. We felt that we were preaching better than we knew how, for it seemed to us that the radiant spirit of George Bounds was with us as we preached the glorious Gospel of the living Christ. He like the Christ he profoundly loved and gladly served liveth evermore.

When on my day of life the night is falling
And, in the wind from unsung spaces blown
I hear far voices out of darkness calling
My feet to paths unknown.

Thou Who hast made my home of life so pleasant
Leave not its tenant when its walls decay
O, Love Divine, O Helper ever present
Be thou my strength and stay.

I have but Thee, my Father, let thy Spirit
Be with me then to comfort and uphold
No gate of pearl, no branch of palm I merit
Nor street of shining gold.

Suffice it if my good and ill unreckoned
And both forgiven through Thy abounding grace
I find myself by hands familiar beckoned
Unto my fitting place.

Some humble door among the many mansions
Some sheltering shade where sin and striving cease
And flows forever through heavens green expansions
The river of thy peace.

There, from the music round about me stealing
I fain would learn the new and holy song,
And find at last, beneath thy trees of healing,
The life for which I long.

LEONARD WHITE.

MRS. ANNA MAE BOLTON.

Anna Mae Bolton, wife of the Rev. John C. Bolton, was born in Paterson, N. J. July 16, 1888. She was the daughter of Alfred and Minnie Robinson. She was educated in the Public Schools of Paterson being trained for a business career. At the age of sixteen she was converted in Market Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Paterson, under the preaching of Dr. James Robinson, well-known evangelist of the Newark Conference. She joined the church at that time and at once became an active member of it giving freely of her time and talents especially in the service of song.

She was married to John C. Bolton in Paterson, October 26, 1917. Shortly afterwards Brother Bolton answered the call of his country and entered military service as a chaplain in the army. During her husband's absence with the A. E. F. in France she did her part in Red Cross work, being very efficient in the raising of funds for that cause.

When the war was over and the army demobilised, Brother and Sister Bolton returned to the work of the pastorate and took up life in the Parsonage. She served faithfully in the capacity of the minister's wife, first in Paterson, N. J., and in the Wilmington Conference at Clayton, Delaware, and Pittsville and Deals Island, Md. She had an especial interest in the work among young people, always seconding the efforts of her husband on their behalf. In Mrs. Bolton the poor of the community had a constant and sympathetic friend. No appeal was made to her in vain. Her home was her throne. A gracious hostess, she adorned the "Manse" by her courtesy to those who entered there. A true help-meet to her husband she created the atmosphere of home life so necessary to a busy pastor's work.

For ten years she was a sufferer. But a stranger would never know it. Her cheerful spirit diverted attention from her own troubles. Her constant concern for the welfare of her husband, her home, and her friends held her interest so that she had no time for self pity. For months she was aware that the end was imminent but her faith and courage never faltered. She was ready to meet death with a smile.

There was no note of uncertainty about the assurance of salvation in her experience. Her life was a faithful testimony to Jesus Christ, her Savior and Lord. The influence of her christian character will not soon be forgotten by those who knew her. Heaven to her was home, and death no more to be dreaded than the passing to another room where is the light of God.

On February 15, 1934 she passed from earth to heaven. At her request Dr. Leonard White, District Superintendent, read the ritual service for the burial of the dead in the Church at Deals Island. Her tired body was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery; in the quiet God's Acre already hallowed by the dust of the Rev. Joshua Thomas, the Apostle of early Methodism on the Chesapeake Bay. We pause, therefore, to pay tender tribute to her memory, as one of the great army of noble and consecrated women who play the part of a Methodist minister's wife, who serve their day and generation and then "climb the Great World's altar stairs, which slope through darkness up to God."

Besides her husband she is survived by her mother and three brothers:—Ellis, Clark, and Fred; and a half brother Melvin.

"Are you undone with the toil of the day?
Almost too weary to think or to pray?
Look to the hills, where we'll gather some day,
In the morning, God's beautiful morning,
In the morning, God's beautiful morning,
We shall meet on that beautiful day,
With earth's trials all past, we shall gather at last.
In the Morning, God's beautiful Morning."

WILLIAM J. MCKEE.

MRS. NELLIE TERRY VAILL HESS.

The birth of a child is a momentous event in any Christian home. The launching of a human soul on life's troubled sea after months of prayerful waiting brings to father and mother alike a thrill of exaltation.

Such a thrill was experienced by Edward W. and Sarah Eliza Hendricks Vaill that bleak day, March first, 1879, when God sent into their home a blue-eyed baby girl. Both parents were active members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of New Brunswick, N. J.; the father for twenty years Superintendent of the Sunday School, and the mother for twelve years President of the Ladies Aid Society. These positions indicate in what esteem the parents were held by their fellow Church members, and the holy fire of the Family Altar constantly burning testified to their private life in the home. No wonder such parents soon dedicated their darling to God, in the holy rite of baptism, and vowed to teach the babe all things which a Christian ought to know and believe to her soul's health.

Born in such an atmosphere, and thus trained by both precept and example, it was most natural that little Nellie in early girlhood should yield her heart and life to Jesus, and become an active worker in both Sunday School and Epworth League.

Nor were her intellectual abilities neglected. After graduating from the High School of her home town in 1896 she was sent to the New Jersey State Normal School, from which she was graduated in 1898 and assigned to a rural school. In one year she was promoted to the Livingstone Avenue School in New Brunswick, where she taught with increasing success until her marriage. She loved music, and delighted in chorus singing. Blessed with a true alto voice she used it in choirs, and for several seasons she was a member of the New Brunswick Oratorio Society.

But all these years were but preparing her for her real life work which began September first, 1904, when at a large home wedding she was united in marriage to Wm. Lyndon Hess, of Collingswood, N. J., a graduate of Swarthmore College, and started the building of a Christian home. For sixteen years as a teacher's wife; then the call to the ministry became so urgent she followed her husband into the ranks of the itinerant ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was received on trial by the Wilming-

ton Annual Conference in March, 1920, and was appointed to Stockton, Md.

It was in the parsonage of this rural charge that the writer first met this good woman, and learned to appreciate her many virtues.

First of all she had the rare gift of home-making. Whenever she moved into a parsonage improvements started. With the eye of an artist and a hand almost magical she had the knack of transforming a very plain parsonage into a veritable love-nest, alluring to husband and children, and where friends found a fine type of Christian hospitality. Her piety, while not ostentatious, was a combination of steadfast faith and good works. She **knew** in whom she believed, and trusted His divine guidance from that day in early childhood when she gave herself into His keeping until that other day when she followed the beckoning of His pierced hand through the gates of pearl.

Not only was Mrs. Hess well-trained intellectually and deeply spiritual, but she had caught the vision of the perfect career for a woman, viz: wife and motherhood. She remembered that back in Eden God had said the reason he created woman was that she should be an help-meet for the man. She accepted fully this divine plan for human life, and surrendered her successful career as a teacher to become,—a wife, and **mother**.

To be entertained in that home was a benediction. Love was ruling everywhere. It was manifest in the address of parents to one another, and the respectful obedience of the children. One with an eye to see could readily discern the many ways in which she was a "helpmeet," and how the children were developing beautiful characters in that atmosphere of loving devotion. No wonder the children rise up today and call her "blessed," and the husband declares "Thou excellest them all."

It seems a pity that such a life should be cut off right at its acme of usefulness and beauty. Surely God's way are not as our ways. After three weeks of suffering with multiple embolism she slipped away from the weary body and entered into rest Easter Monday, April 17th, 1933.

Funeral services were held in Antioch Methodist Episcopal Church, Frankford, Del., April 19th, conducted by District Superintendent Leonard White, assisted by the Reverends G. A. Cooke, W. C. Poole, and O. H. Connelly, after which the body was taken to her sister's, at Highland Park, N. J. where next day, April 20th, the second service was conducted by the Rev. Albert E. Morris, Pastor of the Methodist Church at Highland Park, and interment made in Evergreen Cemetery, New Brunswick, N. J. where rest also the bodies of her father and mother.

Mrs. Hess is survived by her husband, Pastor of Antioch Church, Frankford, Del., and also by her two children, both of whom are graduates of the Millersville State Teachers' College, viz: Wm. Lyndon Hess Jr., teacher in the Brecht Public School, of Lancaster, Pa., and Miss E. Elaine Hess, teacher of Latin and English in the High School at New London, Pa. Also by one brother, Wm. C. Vaill, cashier of West Hudson County Trust Company, and organist of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Roseville, Newark, N. J., and one sister, Mrs. Edna Vaill Ackerman, of Highland Park, N. J., and who, like her brother, is a Church organist.

V. S. COLLINS.

MRS. SARAH MORRIS McLAIN.

Sarah Morris McLain, beloved wife of Rev. L. T. McLain, one of our most honored and effective Supply Preachers, was born in Baltimore, Md. on March 24, 1863. She was educated in the schools of that City, graduating at the head of her class from the Womans College. She travelled extensively in Europe, acquiring during that time marked proficiency in the French language and resided for some years in England. Upon her return to this country she established her residence in Easton, Md. She was an active member of the Protestant Episcopal Church in that city. Here she became acquainted with Rev. L. T. McLain who was serving the Bayside Charge on Middletown District. On May 30, 1929 she and Brother McLain were married in Grace Church, Salisbury, Md., by Rev. Henry S. Dulaney, pastor of that church. She immediately transferred her membership from the Church of her life-long affiliation and became an ardent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

None but the bereaved husband can know what she meant to him during the few years they were permitted to share each others life and labors. She moved with him to Mardela Springs in the Spring of 1931 and at once gave herself, with all her rich gifts, to the enrichment of the lives of the handful of people who made up the membership of this Charge. She accompanied her husband to all of his services and went with him into the homes of his people until her health broke and she became a semi-invalid. She made a gallant fight for health and life, grieving most because of the added burden her illness placed upon her crippled husband. At last she gave up the fight and on Nov. 8, 1933 quietly passed to her eternal home.

Funeral services were held in the little church at Mardela in charge of the District Superintendent Leonard White, assisted by local Ministers. Interment was in the family lot at Easton, Md.

LEONARD WHITE.

VIII

ROLL OF HONORED DEAD.

(a) MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

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

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EP- FECTIVE
1859	John E. Elliott	Nov. 8, 1868	Snow Hill, Md.	30	10
1836	Thos. J. Quigley	Oct. 19, 1870	Laurel, Del.	65	44
1850	Daniel Titlow	Feb. 7, 1871	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	4
1867	Amos A. Ewing	Jan. 19, 1872	Cecil County, Md.	30	4
1848	Alfred Cookman	Nov. 13, 1872	Newark, N. J.	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey	July 9, 1871	Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct. 3, 1872	Frankford, Del.	34	13
1825	T. J. Thomson	Nov. 29, 1874	Wilmington, Del.	71	49
1828	Robert E. Kemp	Mar. 6, 1875	Greensboro, Md.	73	32
1832	Wesley Kenney	June 24, 1875	Smyrna, Del.	70	42
1835	Henry Sutton	Mar. 23, 1876	Philadelphia, Pa.	68	23
1871	George A. Campbell	Sept. 7, 1876	Frankford, Del.	30	4
1862	John W. Weston	Apr. 23, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	38	15
1837	John D. Curtis	July 25, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	61	40
1845	David R. Thomas	Feb. 13, 1878	Wilmington, Del.	58	30
1870	Andrew J. Crozier	Jan. 21, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	41	7
1829	Joshua Humphriss	Jan. 23, 1879	Salisbury, Md.	78	41
1868	Francis M. Chatham	May 29, 1878	Berlin, Md.	41	8
1857	Edward G. Irwin	Mar. 12, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	50	21
1848	John Hough	Mar. 27, 1879	Near Trenton, N. J.	58	31
1857	Thomas J. Williams	Mar. 29, 1879	New Castle, Del.	53	21
1870	William I. Bain	May 13, 1880	Pocomoke City, Md.	36	10
1832	William Urie	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

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EP- FECTIVE
1859	Thomas E. Bell	Mar. 21, 1895	Easton, Md.	58	28
1868	James Conner	Sept. 10, 1896	Selbyville, Del.	59	34
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.	64	39
1845	Wm. E. England	Jan. 20, 1900	Philadelphia, Pa.	79	48
1857	Thos. S. Williams	Jan. 22, 1900	North East, Md.	65	41
1888	Chas. P. Swain	May 20, 1900	Deal's Island, Md.	41	12
1874	David F. Waddell	Dec. 20, 1900	Westminster, Md.	48	28
1836	Benj. F. Price	Mar. 22, 1901	Elkton, Md.	84	60
1851	Jas. W. Hammersly	Apr. 19, 1901	Brooklandville, Md.	73	40
1877	Walter E. Avery	Apr. 22, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	50	25
1860	J. Owen Sypherd	Sept. 3, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	69	39
1872	John D. Kemp	Sept. 21, 1902	Chestertown, Md.	65	30
1856	William F. Talbot	Feb. 26, 1903	Dover, Del.	73	27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard	Apr. 13, 1903	Frankford, Del.	65	41
1843	Thos. H. Haynes	May 23, 1903	Smyrna, Del.	81	51
1853	Geo. A. Phoebus	May 28, 1903	Brooklyn, N. Y.	74	33
1868	Jonathan S. Willis	Nov. 24, 1903	Milford, Del.	74	43
1867	John D. Rigg	Dec. 16, 1903	Hockessin, Del.	65	27
1869	Edward Davis	Jan. 9, 1904	Newark, Md.	84	28
1856	John France	Mar. 10, 1904	Wilmington, Del.	69	48
1879	E. K. Creed	Apr. 24, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	58	25
1890	E. R. Sidell	May 14, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	43	14
1853	J. B. Merritt	July 8, 1904	Fairlee, Md.	78	32
1872	G. W. Wilcox	Dec. 15, 1904	Salisbury, Md.	62	20
1889	James E. Graham	July 13, 1905	Seaford, Del.	52	16
1853	Robert W. Todd	Jan. 18, 1906	Baltimore, Md.	75	52
1858	S. T. Morris	Apr. 13, 1906	Roselle Park, N. J.	73	45
1879	C. A. Grise	Apr. 12, 1907	Berlin, Md.	71	40
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
1878	Charles A. Hill	Oct. 11, 1919	Smyrna, Del.	62	39
1870	Joseph A. Arters	Dec. 14, 1919	Cordova, Md.	86	40
1886	Clinton T. Wyatt	Feb. 7, 1920	Denton, Md.	56	34
1884	Daniel F. McFaul	Mar. 6, 1920	Wilmington, Del.	82	34
1878	Howard T. Quigg	Apr. 4, 1920	Newport, Del.	61	42

Entered Ministry	Name	Time of Death	Place of Death	Years Age Effective
1892	William O. Hurst	Aug. 4, 1920	Phoebus, Va.	54 28
1878	Gordon R. Neese	Feb. 10, 1921	Wilmington, Del.	62 41
1881	Frederick J. Cochran	Oct. 11, 1921	Hammononton, N. J.	71 40
1858	William W. Redman	Feb. 24, 1922	Lincoln, Del.	86 28
1869	Philip H. Rawlins	Nov. 11, 1921	Seaford, Del.	87 39
1887	Zach H. Webster	Dec. 10, 1921	Denton, Md.	63 33
1862	George S. Conaway	Feb. 25, 1922	Smyrna, Del.	86 44
1889	James W. Fogle	Feb. 26, 1922	Seaford, Del.	61 29
1888	William P. Compton	Mar. 11, 1922	Lansdowne, Pa.	63 20
1876	Louis E. Barrett	Mar. 25, 1922	Chestertown, Md.	78 43
1912	George W. Williams	Oct. 6, 1922	Mt. Vernon, Md.	50 10
1892	Wm. S. H. Williams	Mar. 3, 1923	Georgetown, Del.	71 25
1903	Walter W. White	June 21, 1923	Salisbury, Md.	72 16
1902	Benjamin F. Jester	July 13, 1923	Wilmington, Del.	66 11
1892	Van P. Northrup	Sept. 27, 1923	Baltimore, Md.	54 31
1898	George R. Ellis	Dec. 1, 1923	Millsboro, Del.	61 25
1871	William E. Tomkinson	Dec. 26, 1923	Harrisburg, Pa.	86 23
1888	Warren Burr	Feb. 12, 1924	Hempstead, L. I.	72 30
1886	William G. Koons	May 14, 1924	Rising Sun, Md.	60 31
1866	James Esgate	Nov. 9, 1924	Riverside, Cal.	85 5
1888	Frank F. Carpenter	Jan. 7, 1925	Cambridge, Md.	58 37
1871	Thomas H. Harding	Feb. 8, 1925	Wilmington, Del.	84 35
1890	Julius A. Brewhington	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	Nov. 29, 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	Sewall 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
1879	Olin S. Walton	April 3, 1928	Red Lion, Del.	73 27
1889	Truston C. Smoot	April 23, 1928	Jacksonville, Fla.	68 35
1873	William M. Greene	June 23, 1928	Milton, Del.	81 22
1868	C. W. Prettyman	June 28, 1928	Carlisle, Pa.	84 48
1871	Frans O. B. Wallin	July 4, 1928	Ahlefors, Sweden	90 30
1879	Alfred Smith	July 18, 1928	Camden, Del.	76 38
1883	George L. Hardesty	Sept. 15, 1928	Wilmington, Del.	75 31
1916	Joseph P. Wilson	Nov. 17, 1928	Baltimore, Md.	53 11
1884	William F. Dawson	Nov. 26, 1928	Hurlock, Md.	71 45
1920	Joshua B. McCabe	May 29, 1929	Wilmington, Del.	38 9
1888	George T. Alderson	Sept. 18, 1929	Wilmington, Del.	65 41
1876	George W. Townsend	Dec. 23, 1929	Ridley Park, Pa.	82 38
1870	George E. Reed	Feb. 7, 1930	Harrisburg, Pa.	84 52
1873	Frank C. MacSorley	Feb. 11, 1930	Middletown, Del.	79 53
1905	Charles W. Moore	May 20, 1930	Catonville, Md.	59 25
1873	Robert Roe	Nov. 15, 1930	Easton, Md.	85 38
1902	Edward H. Marshall	Jan. 6, 1931	Salem, Va.	77 23
1900	Frank N. Faulkner	Apr. 27, 1931	Delmar, Del.	64 23
1886	Henry S. Dulany	May 17, 1931	Wilmington, Del.	77 45
1894	John H. Beauchamp	June 4, 1931	Wilmington, Del.	68 37
1918	Wade H. Cummings	Sept. 10, 1931	Baltimore, Md.	55 13
1886	William W. Sharp	Sept. 29, 1931	Baltimore, Md.	78 39
1899	Edward H. Dashiell	Nov. 1, 1931	Delmar, Del.	58 32
1881	Louis P. Corkran	Nov. 27, 1931	Church Hill, Md.	79 36
1888	John F. Anderson	Jan. 21, 1932	Wilmington, Del.	73 34
1887	Harvey W. Ewing	Apr. 5, 1932	Newark, Del.	73 37
1903	Charles T. Jones	Aug. 28, 1932	Principio, Md.	60 29
1884	Edmund H. Derrickson	Oct. 18, 1932	Odessa, Del.	78 37
1886	James T. Prouse	Dec. 31, 1932	Gordon Hts, Del.	81 26
1897	Harry Taylor	Feb. 8, 1933	Dover, Del.	59 32
1885	Daniel H. Willis	July 31, 1933	Washington, D. C.	87 28
1886	William P. Taylor	Dec. 10, 1933	Cleveland, Ohio	69 45
1882	Allison P. Prettyman	Feb. 18, 1934	Galena, Md.	81 35
1900	G. W. Hastings	Feb. 28, 1934	Blades, Del.	73 26
1872	John P. Otis	Mar. 4, 1934	Wilmington, Del.	87 47
1890	George W. Bounds	Mar. 6, 1934	Delmar, Del.	71 42

HISTORICAL

(c) 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	W. A. Wise
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	Wilm'ton—Union	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
61	April 2, '29	Wilm'n—Harrison St.	F. D. Leete	J. R. Bicking
62	March 26, '30	Wilm'n—Silverbrook	W. F. McDowell	J. R. Bicking
63	April 8, '31	Crisfield—Asbury	H. Lester Smith	J. R. Bicking
64	March 29, '32	Salisbury—Asbury	W. F. McDowell	J. R. Bicking
65	March 29, '33	Rehoboth Beach	A. W. Leonard	J. R. Bicking
66	April 4, '34	Newark, Del.	E. H. Hughes	J. R. Bicking

(d) GENERAL

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

1872. J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney, Charles Hill. Reserves—
J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd.
1876. L. C. Matlack, W. E. England. Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.
1880. L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby, Charles Hill. Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R.
W. Todd.
1884. J. H. Caldwell, Charles Hill, J. B. Quigg. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, J.
A. B. Wilson.
1888. Jacob Todd, J. A. B. Wilson, N. M. Brown. Reserves—W. S. Robinson,
John France.
1892. W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, R. H. Adams. Reserves—T. E. Martin-
dale, T. E. Terry.
1896. Merritt 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. Re-
serves—G. T. Alderson, C. T. Wyatt.
1920. W. A. Wise, Robert Watt, H. G. Budd, W. R. Mowbray. Reserves—G. T.
Alderson, V. S. Collins, J. W. R. Sumwalt.
1924. G. T. Alderson, E. H. Dashiell, T. F. Beauchamp, F. C. MacSorley. Re-
serves—J. W. Colona, O. E. Jones, W. E. Gunby.
1928. J. W. Colona, W. E. Gunby, O. E. Jones, J. J. Bunting. Reserves—Leon-
ard White, D. W. Jacobs, E. H. Dashiell.
1932. W. E. Habbart, D. W. Jacobs, Leonard White, J. L. Johnson. Reserves—
J. J. Bunting, W. E. Gunby, E. C. Hallman.

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MISCELLANEOUS

(a) PLAN OF CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS

RULES.

1. For General Rules governing Examinations and Courses of Study, see Discipline, 1932, Paragraphs 198, 199, 200, 201, and 202.
2. 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.
3. 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, by Nov. 15th; all written work received and corrected, February 15th; all other work, both written and examinations, by Wednesday after Conference convenes.
4. All undergraduates and accepted supply pastors 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 order of the General Conference to attend the Summer School of Theology, which will be held this year at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., July 16-26. Board and lodging will be paid by the Conference.
5. No candidate will be admitted or advanced in classes with conditions, who has failed in more than one subject, 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.
6. 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. Papers on written work will not be accepted at Seat of Conference. No Examiner is permitted to excuse a student from the provisions of this rule except by vote of Board.
7. No student will be admitted to the Examination in any subject unless his required written work in that subject is in the hands of the proper Examiner.
8. 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.

9. 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 Board, will have authority to decide upon the acceptance of such certificate.

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

11. An undergraduate desiring entertainment by the Conference at the Summer School shall give to the Registrar written assurance that he intends to remain in this Conference until two years after graduation from the Course of Study, and in case he decides to transfer, and should do so within the specified time, he shall refund the money so spent in his behalf.

12. Probationers in the Conference are reminded that the discipline allows two years only on Trial for purposes of annuity upon retirement. Par. 345, Sec. 2. Members in full connections please read discipline, Par. 199, Sec. 5.

CONFERENCE STUDIES.

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

First Year—

The Abingdon Bible Commentary W. E. Gunby
The Work of Preaching Tilghman Smith
Psychology of Religious Experience Frank Herson

Second Year—

The Abingdon Bible Commentary R. S. Hodgson
The Church in History J. M. Kelso
Religious Education R. P. Nichols
a. New Tendencies in Teaching Religion.
b. Pastor and Religious Education.
c. Method in Teaching Religion.

Third Year—

Pastoral Office J. J. Bunting
Paul and His Epistles E. M. Shockley
Introduction to Philosophy L. E. Windsor

Fourth Year—

Systematic Theology M. S. Andrews
a. The Doctrine of God.
b. God and Ourselves.
c. Outline of Christian Theology.

Individual and Social Order R. S. Hodgson
The Christian Mission in the Modern Work W. E. Gunby

All written work on above books should be in the hands of the appropriate examiner on or before July 1, 1934.

EXAMINATIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATES AT CONFERENCE

Tuesday, 1:30 P. M.

First Year—The Teachings of Jesus O. E. Jones
Third Year—The Religions of Mankind E. W. Henvis

The required written work on above studies must be in the hands of the proper examiner on or before March 1, 1935.

EXAMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL TO BE HELD AT THE SEAT OF THE CONFERENCE.

Monday, 7:30 P. M.

Doctrines and Discipline W. E. Gunby

Tuesday, 9:00 A. M.

Life of John Wesley T. F. Beauchamp

Tuesday, 10:00 A. M.

Methodism in American History J. M. Kelso

Tuesday, 11:00 A. M.

Selections from Wesley M. S. Andrews

Written work on Life of Wesley and Methodism in American History should be in the hands of the examiner by March 1, 1935.

Tuesday, 1:30 P. M.

Bible Biography W. H. Revelle

Candidates will please send written sermon to W. H. Revelle, by March 1, 1935.

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.

October 15, 1934.

First Year—Jesus of History E. W. Henvis
The Technique of Public Worship R. P. Nichols

Second Year—Biblical Readings, etc.	Frank Herson
Beacon Lights	L. E. Windsor
Jesus and Ourselves	E. M. Shockley
Third Year—Biblical Readings	Tilghman Smith
Martin Luther	J. J. Bunting
Fourth Year—Biblical Readings	T. F. Beauchamp
Good Ministers of Jesus Christ	R. P. Nichols
Christ at the Round Table	Tilghman Smith

December 15, 1934.

First Year—Bible Readings	J. J. Bunting
Evangelism	O. E. Jones
Second Year—The Rural Billion	J. W. Prettyman
Francis Asbury	Frank Herson
Third Year—The Art of Preaching	E. M. Shockley
Christian Faith and Life	W. H. Revelle
Fourth Year—The Preacher as a Man of Letters	E. W. Hervis
Phillips Brooks	W. H. Revelle

February 15, 1935.

First Year—The Story of Methodism	J. M. Kelso
Homiletical Work (See D. & H.)	L. E. Windsor
Second Year—(a) Wesley's Sermons (Vols. I-II)	O. E. Jones
(b) Plain Account of Christian Perfection	O. E. Jones
Homiletical Work (See D. & H.)	O. E. Jones
Third Year—Religion In Life	J. W. Prettyman
Homiletical Work (See D. & H.)	R. S. Hodgson
Fourth Year—Religion In Life	J. W. Prettyman
Homiletical Work (See D. & H.)	M. S. Andrews

ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS.

Accepted Supply Pastors are now required to take the Conference Course of Study or the Local Preachers' Course of Study Year by Year. Read Paragraphs 171, 172 and 201, Sec. 7—1932 Discipline.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

Mid-Year Examinations for Local Preachers at the Summer School of Theology.

First Year—	
Discipline (1932)	W. E. Gunby
The Work of Preaching	Tilghman Smith
The Abingdon Commentary (N. T. Articles)	W. E. Gunby

Second Year—	
The Abingdon Commentary (General and O. T. Articles)	R. S. Hodgson
Church in History	J. M. Kelso
Religious Education	R. P. Nichols
Third Year—	
The Abingdon Commentary (New Testament Studies) ..	W. H. Revelle
Paul and His Epistles	E. M. Shockley
Psychology of Religious Experience	Frank Herson
Fourth Year—	
Outline of Christian Theology	M. S. Andrews
Teachings of Jesus	J. W. Prettyman
Christ at the Round Table	Tilghman Smith

Written work on above subjects should be in the hands of the appropriate examiner on or before July 1, 1934. If Accepted Supplies are taking the Conference Course of Study, they will follow Schedule of Studies for Undergraduates.

Examination for Local Preachers at Conference.

Tuesday, 1:30 P. M.

First Year—The Art of Writing English	T. F. Beauchamp
Second Year—The Pastoral Office	J. J. Bunting
Third Year—Religions of Mankind	E. W. Hervis
Fourth Year—Technique of Public Worship	R. P. Nichols

Tuesday, 3:00 P. M.

First Year—Jesus of History	E. W. Hervis
Second Year—American History	J. M. Kelso

Written work on above subjects should be in the hands of the appropriate examiner on or before March 1, 1935.

Schedule of Collateral Reading, Local Preachers' Course.

Oct. 15, 1934.

First Year—Biblical Readings (See D. & H.)	J. J. Bunting
First Year—The Life of Wesley	T. F. Beauchamp
Second Year—Abingdon Commentary (O. T. Studies)	R. S. Hodgson
Second Year—Biblical Readings (See D. & H.)	Frank Herson
Third Year—Beacon Lights of Prophecy	L. E. Windsor
Fourth Year—Phillips Brooks	W. H. Revelle

Dec. 15, 1934.

First Year—Evangelism	O. E. Jones
Second Year—The Rural Billion	J. W. Prettyman
Third Year—Biblical Readings (See D. & H.)	Tilghman Smith
Third Year—The Art of Preaching	E. M. Shockley
Fourth Year—Biblical Readings (See D. & H.)	T. F. Beauchamp
Fourth Year—Varieties of Present-Day Preaching	L. E. Windsor

Feb. 15, 1935.

First Year—Story of MethodismJ. M. Kelso
 Second Year—New Tendencies in Teaching ReligionFrank Herson
 Third Year—Selections from WesleyM. S. Andrews
 Fourth Year—Christian Faith and LifeR. S. Hodgson

Local Preachers' Orders.

Local Preachers who have taken the Local Preachers' Course and are candidates for Deacons' Orders must have passed the four years Course of Study for Local Preachers, and, in addition, must complete satisfactorily the course entitled, "A Study of John's Gospel" as provided by the Commission on the Courses of Study.

Local Deacons who are candidates for the Local Elders' Orders must complete in addition to the four years' Course of Study for Local Preachers and the Course entitled "A Study of John's Gospel," the course entitled "Pauline Christianity" as provided by the Commission on Courses of Study.

Local Preachers who shall have completed satisfactorily the Conference Course of Study shall be eligible to Deacon's and Elder's orders under conditions indicated in Par. 193, Sec. 2, and Par. 196, Sec. 2—1932 Discipline.

E. W. McDOWELL, Registrar,

Claymont, Del.

T. F. BEAUCHAMP, Chairman,

Snow Hill, Md.

(b) CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER

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 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.

(c) SUPPLIES AND LOCAL PREACHERS

PASTORAL RECORD OF ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS.

Note. This is only a partial list. All that have been sent to the Secretary are printed.

- Adams, R. High—1903-7, Edge Moor; '08-9, Marshallton; '10-11, Richardson Park; '12-19, Trinity, Wilmington; '20- , Brack Ex.
- Atkinson, Wm. F.—1896-7, Asst. Westover; '98, Venton; '99-03, Mardela Springs; '04-5, Salisbury Circuit; '06-08, Lakesville; '09-14, Annessex; '15-16, Westover; '17-18, Phoebus; '19, Zoar; '20-23, Elliott's Is.; '24-28, White Haven; '29-33, Royal Oak; '34- , Williamsburg.
- Cannon, Charles G.—1928, Church Creek; '29-30, Hooper's Island; '31-32, Vienna; '33- , Hooper's Island.
- Hanby, Samuel L.—1919-21, Royal Oak; '22-24, Henderson; '25-27, Fairlee; '28-33, Concord; '34- , Lincoln.
- Hudson, Arthur T. P.—1925-26, Annessex; '27-29, Ayers Chapel; '30-31, Williamsburg; '32- , Crumpton.
- Kelley, John P.—1912, Laws and Milford Neck; '13, Williamsville; '14-16, Ellendale; '17-19, Galestown; '20-21, Williamsburg; '22-23, Westover; '24-26, Bozman and Neavitt; '27-28, Marydel; '29, Bethel; '30- , Gumboro.
- Layton, Joshua E.—1923-24, Edge Moor; '25-26, Edge Moor & Holly Oak; '27- , Holly Oak.
- Lynn, Jefferson G.—1930, Charlestown; '31-33, Henderson and Barclay; '34- , Bayside.
- McClintock, William L.—1923-25, Pomona; '26, Henderson; '27- , Wye Mills & Starr.
- Travers, Alonzo—1909-11, Holland Island; '12, Riverside; '14-16, Piney Neck; '17-18, Salem; '19-21, St. Paul's, Dover; '22-24, Ellendale; '25-27, Williamsburg; '28-29, Cordova; '30-33, Bozman & Neavitt; '34- , Henderson.
- Wright, Ernest N.—1922-3, Little Creek; '24-27, Burrsville; '28-29, Henderson; '30-33, Fairlee; '34- , Ellendale.

(d) LAY CONFERENCE

FIRST SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Church was held in the Auditorium of the Presbyterian Church in Newark, Delaware, on Friday, April 6, 1934. It was also the second Annual United Session of the Annual and Lay Conference which was held at the seat of conference in Newark Methodist Episcopal Church.

The session was opened at 9:05 A. M. with a real old Methodistic devotional meeting conducted by Brother L. M. Price of Smyrna. We were led in prayer by T. H. Hudson of Ocean View. Brother I. Elmer Perry and Charles W. Cook, Jr., of Wilmington, were elected temporary chairman and secretary respectively. The secretary called the roll of the delegates, 137 delegates answering as follows: Dover District (31); Middletown District (35); Salisbury District (29); Wilmington District (42).

Dover District.

Beckwith and Speddens, Frank North; Bethel, P. R. Phillips; Blades, Albert Riggin; Cambridge, E. S. Hubbert; Camden, L. J. Tarburton; Canterbury, Wilbur Kersey; Church Creek, Carl Jones; East New Market, B. E. Isenberg; Ellendale, C. A. Timmons; Elliott's Island, Rannie Gray; Farmington, Miss Mary Lockerman; Federalsburg, W. F. Davis; Galestown and Reliance, Otis Hastings; Georgetown, A. P. Townsend; Georgetown Ct., Hollis Dodd; Greenwood, Wilson Hatfield; Harrington, H. J. Ramsdell; Houston, Walter Dill; Hurlock, S. Elwood Andrews and C. M. Phillips; Lewes, W. L. Burton; Magnolia, C. W. Johnson; Millsboro, F. S. Parker; Milton, George H. Waples; Nassau, Edward Aiken and Raymond Lank; Rehoboth, J. F. Hudson; Seaford, Jas. Friedel; Seaford Ct., Robert Allen; Wyoming, H. W. Harrison; Zoar Ct., Walter Warrington; Dover—St. Pauls, Harvey Farra; Wesley, A. A. Hearn.

Salisbury District.

Berlin, Herbert B. Powell; Bishopville, O. M. Shockley; Cape Charles, W. T. McGrath; Chincoteague, J. T. Mears; Crisfield—Asbury, G. E. Milbourne; Immanuel, Wm. E. Maddox; Dagsboro, Eben A. Townsend; Deals Island, Herbie Twigg; Delmar, J. H. Atwell; Fairmount, Wm. J. Blake; Frankford, Chas. H. Lockwood; Fruitland, Miss Ruth Banks; Mardela, Chas. C. Jones; Girdletree, Mrs. W. S. Townsend; Ocean View, T. H. Hudson; Parsonsburg, E. Urie Oliphant; Phoebus, Ralph Benthall; Pittsville, J. Ernest Evans; Powellville, Lawrence Penuel; Princess Anne, F. D. Layfield; St. Peters, H. T. Phoebus; Salisbury—Asbury, H. L. Harcum; Grace, Virgil Wilkins; Selbyville, W. A. Law; Sharptown, W. R. Robinson; Smith's Island, Wilbur A. Marsh; Stockton, C. C. Pilchard; Westover, Geo. Bell; Whitesville, Ernest Brittingham.

Middletown District.

Bayside, H. T. Landon; Burrsville, Geo. E. Wilson; Cecilton, M. Earl Davis; Centreville, H. O. Booker; Chestertown, J. C. Loud; Cheswold, Jefferson Cooper; Church Hill, S. J. Fogwell; Concord, Clarence Adams; Cordova, J. L. Gardner; Crumpton, Thomas Smith; Denton, Walter Sparklin; Easton, C. Norman Jefferson; Fairlee, B. F. Rash; Galena, Robert Bramble; Henderson and Barclay, I. W. Poole; Hillsboro, Charles Jarrell; Kenton and Hartley, Edgar Remley; Kent Island, W. E. H. Porter; Maryland, Harry Smith; Middletown, Samuel Buckworth; Millington and Dulaneys, R. J. Taylor; Odessa and Friendship, Elton V. Joseph; Oxford, Mrs. Edith Stevenson; Pomona, Wm. E. Greenwood; Preston, Harry B. Wright; Queenstown, J. K. Wrightson; Rock Hall, Elwood Taylor; Royal Oak, Mrs. Clara Benson Boley; St. Michaels, Joseph B. Hunt; Smyrna, L. M. Price; Still Pond, Harvey Moore; Sudlersville, Spencer Walls; Townsend, Walter Hart; Trappe, Harvey L. Slaughter; Wye Mills, D. B. F. Walcott.

Wilmington District.

Bethel and Town Point, W. S. Dean; Charlestown, A. F. Graham; Cherry Hill, Mrs. Ernest Miller; Chesapeake City, Herbert Wilfong; Christiansiana, Mrs. Ethel H. Eastburn; Claymont, E. T. Seibert; Delaware City, W. S. Morris; Ebenezer, J. H. Little; Edge Moor, T. H. Dorman; Elkton, J. H. Sloan; Hockessin, J. A. Polk; Hopewell, H. H. Kirk and W. B. Thomas; Marshallton, W. H. Wingate; Newark, Dr. E. B. Crooks; New Castle, Wm. Deakne; Newport, A. M. Craig; North East, R. C. Simpers; Perryville, E. H. Owens; Port Deposit, E. L. Gibson and Walter Todd; Red Lion, Mrs. Maude G. Thornton; St. Georges, H. L. Gray; St. John's, Mrs. Mary Gallaher; Zion Circuit, J. F. Holt; Wilmington—Asbury, W. W. Seymour; Brandywine, G. L. Bilderback; Brack-Ex, Miss Emma Reed; Cookman, J. R. Kendall, Jr.; Eastlake, Mrs. Laura Houston; Epworth, W. L. Overdeer; Grace, Mrs. Mary T. Gambrill and J. W. Lattomus; Harrison Street, I. Elmer Perry; Hillcrest, D. L. Gabke; Kingswood, Miss Emma M. Campbell; Madeley, Mrs. Anna Faulkner; McCabe, F. J. Wharton; Mt. Salem, C. H. Brown; Richardson Park, Dr. E. R. Miller and P. E. Strickland; Scott, C. P. Harvey; Silverbrook, J. F. Peeney; St. Paul's, Miss Rietta M. Emerson; Trinity, C. W. Cook, Jr.; Union, T. J. Biscoe.

Where two delegates are listed for one charge, the regular delegate was absent part of the sessions and was represented by the reserve delegate.

Committees.

The chairman appointed the following committees:

Resolutions—L. M. Price, Smyrna; Dr. E. B. Crooks, Newark; T. H. Hudson, Ocean View; E. T. Seibert, Claymont; O. M. Shockley, Bishopville.

Credentials—W. H. Wingate, Marshallton; W. Fell Davis, Federalsburg; W. T. McGrath, Cape Charles; Spencer Walls, Sudlersville.

The Laymen were given a royal welcome by the entertaining minister, Rev. W. E. Gunby, at this time, and said all provisions had been made to take care of every layman.

Rev. Tilghman Smith was introduced and spoke on the question of reducing the number of districts of the Wilmington Conference from four to three and was quite sure there would not be a misunderstanding upon the vote as had occurred the previous conference.

While the time for the United Session was near it was voted by motion to elect the permanent officers before we went into this session.

The following were nominated for President:

Willis Overdeer, Epworth, Wilmington.
Harry B. Wright, Preston, Md.
I. Elmer Perry, Harrison Street, Wilmington.
Dr. E. B. Crooks, Newark, Del.

The Secretary appointed the following tellers:

W. A. Law, Salisbury District.
Wm. L. Burton, Dover District.
J. W. Lattomus, Wilmington District.
Charles Jarrell, Middletown District.

The result of the vote for President was as follows:

I. Elmer Perry (55 vote).
Harry B. Wright (29 votes).
Dr. W. B. Crooks (26 votes).
Willis Overdeer (10 votes).

By motion, we voted that the candidate receiving the plurality be declared elected and this motion was afterward augmented with another that Brother I. Elmer Perry be elected unanimously as President. Charles W. Cook, Jr., of Trinity, Wilmington, was unanimously elected Secretary, and F. D. Layfield, of Princess Anne, as Treasurer.

The Credential Committee reported that the roll as called and checked by secretary be accepted as the roster of the delegates of this Lay Conference, additional names to be added upon reporting as present, providing they were officially elected as delegates.

We adjourned at 10:15 A. M. to go into United Session with the Ministers at the seat of Conference.

In the United Session the Laymen asked the privilege of taking a vote of the Laymen on the question of reducing the number of district in the Wilmington Conference from four to three. This vote was taken knowing that it would be for a matter of record only. This privilege was granted and resulted in sixty-six (66) for, and twenty-four (24) against, the reduction of the districts to three.

The following was offered by W. Fell Davis of Federalsburg, and seconded by Willis Overdeer of Wilmington, "Be it resolved, That the discussion and vote of the Ministers upon the question of the reduction of districts be taken while we were in joint session." Resolution was adopted, the vote to be taken on Saturday morning.

SECOND SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

Laymen convened at 9:00 A. M. with I. Elmer Perry presiding and L. M. Price conducting devotions.

By motion, we decided that the separate session of the Laymen at the next Annual Conference convene at 9:00 A. M. and go into United Session with the Ministers at 11:00 A. M. if this could be arranged and would meet with the approval of the powers that be.

We adjourned at 10:00 A. M. to go into United Session with the Ministers and to convene in separate session at 3:45 P. M.

In the United Session a resolution presented by W. Fell Davis to the effect that the United Conference vote the privilege to the Lay Conference to change their hours of session on first day of convening from 9 to 11 A. M. Same was passed unanimously and upon suggestion of the Bishop the President of the Laymen appointed a committee of three to cooperate with the Program Committee to so arrange. Committee appointed was Dr. E. B. Crooks of Newark, C. W. Cook, Jr. and Miss Rietta M. Emerson of Wilmington.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SATURDAY.

The Laymen convened in separate session at 3:45 P. M. with the President presiding.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was taken up as follows:

Resolutions.

Number 1.—Resolved that we have confidence in the worthwhileness of the Lay Conference and our belief that it has a valuable contribution to make for the good of our Master's cause.

Number 2.—Resolved that this Lay Conference expresses its deep regret at the temporary defeat of the temperance cause, and we now reaffirm our loyalty in the fight against liquor in all of its forms, and that we commend the devotion of organizations which are now making the good fight against intemperance and lawlessness, and that we hereby demand legislation restoring to our towns and other communities the right of local option.

Number 3.—Resolved that we commend the efforts of our various governmental agencies, local, state and federal, in their efforts to relieve the suffering of our people due to the depression and we hereby petition that these humane efforts be continued so long as they are necessary.

Number 4.—Resolved that our warm thanks be expressed to the pastor and to the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Newark, Delaware for the gracious hospitality which they have shown us.

Number 5.—Resolved that we express our hearty appreciation and admiration for the care given to our comfort by Dr. Walter E. Gunby, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Newark, and to the members of this Church for their many kindly services.

Number 6.—Resolved that this Lay Conference hereby express their appreciation of the efficient manner in which our Bishop, Edwin H. Hughes, has conducted our conference and we further express our appreciation to our President, I. Elmer Perry, Officers and Committees for their faithful service and also the Public Press for their courtesy and full reports of the proceedings of the Laymen's Conference.

Number 7.—In view of the great loss which we have suffered in the passing of our Brother Walter O. Hoffecker we wish to express our deep sorrow and sense of loneliness at not seeing his kindly face any more. He was a familiar and active figure in conference sessions for about a half century. He was deeply interested in many of the affairs of the Methodist Church, holding many prominent positions, among which were: Member of the Connectional Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; Lay Delegate to several General Conferences; President of the Conference Claimants Endowment Fund; Treasurer of the Bureau of Sessions; Treasurer of the Wilmington Conference Bureau of Budget, Treasurer of the Wilmington Conference Education Society; Trustee of Wesley Collegiate Institute; always a member of the Lay Conference; many times chorister of the sessions of the Wilmington Conference; director of the choir of his own church at Smyrna for forty-five years, and teacher of the Men's Bible Class for many years.

His commanding figure will long be missed, but we hope yet again to fellowship with him in another and better land.

Be it resolved that our deep sympathy be expressed by our secretary to Mrs. Hoffecker and to the other members of his family.

Each of these resolutions was unanimously adopted.

The motion that the Laymen ask the privilege of the Program Committee of the Conference to be notified ahead of time of any arrangements that might be of interest to the Laymen before or at the time of the convening of the next Annual Session of Laymen was voted down but it was suggested that important questions that would come before the United Session should be explained by the Laymen Program Committee in order that the Laymen may be able to vote intelligently in the United Session.

The Laymen were so pleased with the Conference as a whole and were so wonderfully moved by the spirit and enthusiasm of the Laymen's sessions that by motion of Miss Rietta Emerson of St. Pauls, Wilmington, the secretary was asked to read the name of the delegates once again in order that they be recognized and introduced and that as a whole, each and everyone might be better acquainted with one another. As the names were called the expression and sentiment of each was that this had been the best and greatest Conference that they had ever attended and they felt highly honored to be elected and have the privilege of being a part of it.

We then sung a hymn and adjourned.

C. W. COOK, JR., Secretary.

I. ELMER PERRY,
President.

OFFICERS OF LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

- 1872—President, John F. Williamson; Secretaries, Dr. W. T. Collins, I. T. Matthews.
 1876—Pres., R. J. Jump; Secretaries, I. T. Matthews, J. H. Bell.
 1880—Pres., John F. Williamson; Secy's, P. F. Causey, Dr. R. J. Price.
 1884—Pres., Henry F. Pickles; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, Henry S. Dulaney.
 1888—Pres., H. C. Dodson; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, W. H. Dashiell.
 1892—Pres., I. T. Matthews; Sec'y, Joseph Smithers.
 1896—Pres., H. F. Pickles; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. W. Coley.
 1900—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. S. Collins.
 1904—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, Wesley Webb.
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