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## CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL

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| 1870 Adam Stengle           | 1900 Clarence N. Jones     |
| 1871 Levin W. Layfield      | 1900 William C. Poole      |
|                             | 1900 William E. Greenfield |
| 1876 Wilbur F. Corkran      | 1902 William E. Matthews   |
| 1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker    | 1902 James H. Gardner      |
|                             | 1902 Oram T. Baynard       |
|                             | 1902 James W. Colona       |
| 1882 Charles H. Williams    |                            |
| 1883 Vaughan S. Collins     | 1903 Arthur W. Goodhand    |
|                             | 1903 George S. Thomas      |
| 1884 William A. Wise        | 1903 Walter E. Gunby       |
|                             | 1903 William E. Habbart    |
| 1885 James D. Reese         | 1904 Joseph A. Buckson     |
| 1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield   | 1904 Alvin C. Goddard      |
|                             | 1904 John M. Kelso         |
| 1886 George E. Wood         | 1904 Edwin B. Taylor       |
| 1886 William R. Mowbray     |                            |
| 1887 James H. Wilson        | 1905 Lewis B. Morgan       |
|                             | 1905 Daniel J. Ford        |
| 1888 Joshua W. Gray         | 1905 Jesse C. McCoy        |
|                             | 1905 Howard R. McDade      |
| 1889 Vinal E. Hills         | 1905 William R. Woodell    |
|                             | 1905 William M. Nesbit     |
| 1890 Melvin D. Nutter       | 1906 William G. Harris     |
| 1890 Virgil E. Rorer        | 1906 John L. Sparklin      |
|                             | 1906 Emory W. McDowell     |
| 1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan    | 1906 Benjamin M. Johns     |
| 1891 George P. Jones        |                            |
| 1892 Theodore F. Beauchamp  | 1907 William H. Briggs     |
| 1892 Clarence W. Strickland | 1907 Tilghman Smith        |
|                             | 1907 Oden E. James         |
| 1893 John P. Outten         | 1907 John R. Bicking       |
| 1893 James T. Richardson    | 1907 William H. Revelle    |
|                             | 1907 Ransom P. Nichols     |
| 1894 Henry G. Budd          | 1908 John W. Sutton        |
|                             | 1908 Leonard White         |
| 1895 Edward H. Collins      | 1908 James T. Price        |
| 1895 Daniel J. Givan        | 1908 Jesse P. Landon       |
| 1896 Luther E. Poole        | 1909 John J. Bunting       |
| 1896 Leolan Jackson         | 1909 Edgar C. Prettyman    |
|                             | 1909 Frank Herson          |
| 1897 John W. Prettyman      | 1910 Melvin E. Wheatley    |
| 1897 Thomas S. Holt         | 1910 Thomas J. Sard        |
| 1897 William O. Bennett     | 1910 Ernest C. Hallman     |
|                             | 1910 John C. B. Hopkins    |
| 1898 Omar E. Jones          | 1910 Daytor E. McClain     |
| 1898 John W. Jones          |                            |
| 1898 Frederick X. Moore     | 1911 Oren B. Rice          |
| 1898 Hugh B. Kelso          | 1911 David J. Moore        |
| 1899 John L. Johnson        | 1911 Charles W. Spry       |
| 1899 George W. Dawson       |                            |
| 1900 Howard Davis           | 1912 Olie H. Connolly      |
|                             | 1912 Charles M. Griffeth   |

1912 George E. Sterling  
 1912 Ivanhoe Willis  
 1912 Frank A. Lindhorst  
 1912 George W. Humphreys

1913 Disston W. Jacobs

1914 Frank White  
 1914 Norman C. Benson  
 1914 Marion W. Marine  
 1914 William J. McKee  
 1914 Essell P. Thomas

1915 Ralph C. Jones  
 1915 Luther M. Broadway  
 1915 Alpha B. Frye

1916 Roy T. Thawley  
 1916 Charles C. Harris  
 1916 Otis B. Reed  
 1916 Lester E. Windsor

1917 Walter A. Hearn  
 1917 Charles H. Atkins  
 1917 William S. Grant

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

1919 Earl M. Shockley  
 1919 John H. Whedbee

1920 John C. Bolton  
 1920 William L. Hess  
 1920 Ralph L. Minker

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

1922 Charles H. Hudson  
 1922 Wingate D. Short  
 1922 Johnson H. Wright

1923 Walter G. Barlow  
 1923 Lawrence E. Wimbrow

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

1925 Henry M. Parks

1926 Frank A. Baker

1926 Sidney B. Bradley  
 1926 Charles W. Branford  
 1926 Harry V. Branford  
 1926 Otis P. Jefferson  
 1926 Preston W. Spence

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

1928 Robert E. Green  
 1928 Frederick C. Louhoff  
 1928 James O'Neil  
 1928 Alfred W. Strickland  
 1928 Roy L. Tawes

1929 Charles I. Carpenter  
 1929 Elwood B. Eckhart  
 1929 Grayson H. Wheatley

1930 Henry T. Caldwell  
 1930 William J. Ennis  
 1930 Frank D. Milbury  
 1930 Roland H. Nelson  
 1930 Lucian L. Powell

1931 Richard M. Green  
 1931 Jacob C. Hanby  
 1931 William H. Kohl  
 1931 James F. Langrall  
 1931 Joseph B. Vaughn  
 1931 Theodore O. M. Wills

1932 Leon W. Ross

1933 Joseph B. Dickerson  
 1933 Raymond W. Hallman  
 1933 Ray W. Kirwan  
 1933 D'Arcy A. Littleton  
 1933 William M. Parker

1934 John E. French  
 1934 Daniel T. Pritchard

1935 Elmer L. Bennett  
 1935 Frank G. Buckley  
 1935 James H. Clow, Jr.  
 1935 Ewell E. Crockett  
 1935 Louis R. Dennis  
 1935 Waldo L. Dize  
 1935 Walter A. Glass  
 1935 John E. Jones

1936 Walter L. Beckwith  
 1936 Ira E. Crum  
 1936 Vernon M. Goodhand  
 1936 Frederick H. Truitt

# 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
1921 Andrews, M. S.	E Denton, Md.	4
1917 Atkins, C. H.	E Zion Cir. (P.O. North East, Md.)	4
1924 Bailey, H. N.	E Tangier, Va.	3
1926 Baker, F. A.	E Dagsboro, Del.	2
1923 Barlow, W. G.	E Galena, Md.	2
1924 Bartley, O. A.	E Brandywine (P. O. Wil., Del.)	3
1902 Baynard, O. T.	E Blades (P. O. Seaford, Del.)	1
1892 Beauchamp, T. F.	E Greensboro, Md.	2
1936 Beckwith, Walter L.	P Church Hill, Md.	3
1935 Bennett, E. L.	P Beckwith (P. O. Cambridge, Md.)	1
1897 Bennett, W. O.	R Hurlock, Md.	6
1914 Benson, N. C.	E Odessa, Del.	1
1907 Bicking, J. R.	E Immanuel (P. O. Crisfield, Md.)	1
1920 Bolton, J. C.	E Frankford, Del.	3
1926 Bradley, S. B.	E Fruitland, Md.	2
1926 Branford, C. W.	E Chincoteague, Va.	4
1926 Branford, H. V.	E Centreville, Md.	1
1907 Briggs, W. H.	R Wilmington, Del.	6
1915 Broadway, L. M.	R Wilmington, Del.	6
1935 Buckley, F. G.	P Annessex (P. O. Marion, Md.)	1
1904 Buckson, J. A.	R Rehoboth, Del.	5
1894 Budd, H. G.	R Dover, Del.	6
1909 Bunting, J. J.	E D. S., Salisbury, Md.	2
1930 Caldwell, H. T.	E Chesapeake City, Md.	1
1927 Campbell, R. W.	E North East, Md.	1
1928 Carpenter, C. I.	E Federalsburg, Md.	3
1927 Clark, J. A.	E Millsboro, Del.	5
1935 Clow, J. H., Jr.	P Greenwood, Del.	1
1883 Collins, V. S.	R Wilmington, Del.	8
1895 Collins, E. H.	R Marshallton, Del.	3
1924 Collins, O. J.	E St. Pauls (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	4
1902 Colona, J. W.	E Smyrna, Del.	1
1912 Connelly, O. H.	E Berlin, Md.	1
1876 Corkran, W. F.	R Seaford, Del.	7
1935 Crockett, Ewell E.	P Girdletree, Md.	2
1936 Crum, Ira E.	P & D Burrsville, Md.	1
1900 Davis, Howard	E Milton, Del.	3

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1921 Davis, C. E. . . . .	E Cecilton, Md. . . . .	1
1899 Dawson, G. W. . . . .	E Hurlock, Md. . . . .	2
1935 Dennis, Louis R. . . . .	P & D Concord, Md. . . . .	2
1927 Diehl, J. R. . . . .	E Parsonsburg, Md. . . . .	1
1933 Dickerson, J. B. . . . .	E Hillcrest (P. O. Wil., Del.) . . . . .	1
1935 Dise, Waldo L. . . . .	E Pittsville, Md. . . . .	2
1929 Eckhart, Elwood B. . . . .	E Fairmount . . . . .	1
	(P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.)	
1930 Ennis, W. J. . . . .	E Quantico, Md. . . . .	7
1927 Everett, Willard . . . . .	E Onancock, Va. . . . .	4
1905 Ford, D. J. . . . .	R Camden, Del. . . . .	2
1934 French, J. E. . . . .	P Cordova, Md. . . . .	3
1915 Frye, A. B. . . . .	E Lewes, Del. . . . .	1
1902 Gardner, J. H. . . . .	E Georgetown, Del. . . . .	3
1891 Geoghegan, J. H. . . . .	R Newport, Del. . . . .	3
1895 Givan, D. J. . . . .	E Mt. Vernon, Md. . . . .	2
1935 Glass, W. A. . . . .	P Bayside (P. O. Sherwood, Md.) . . . . .	1
1904 Goddard, A. C. . . . .	E McCabe (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . . .	5
1903 Goodhand, A. W. . . . .	E Salisbury, Md. (Grace) . . . . .	2
1936 Goodhand, Vernon M. . . . .	P Crapo, Md. . . . .	1
1917 Grant, W. S. . . . .	E Ocean View, Del. . . . .	2
1888 Gray, J. W. . . . .	R Willards, Md. . . . .	14
1928 Green, R. E. . . . .	E Magnolia, Del. . . . .	1
1931 Green, R. M. . . . .	D Christiana, Del. . . . .	6
1900 Greenfield, W. E. . . . .	R Perryville, Md. . . . .	6
1912 Griffeth, Charles M. . . . .	E Sudlersville, Md. . . . .	2
1903 Gunby, W. E. . . . .	E Wilmington, Del. (D. S.) . . . . .	2
1903 Habbart, W. E. . . . .	Sy Brandywine Summit, Pa. . . . .	1
1910 Hallman, E. C. . . . .	E Dover, Del. (D. S.) . . . . .	4
1933 Hallman, R. W. . . . .	E Still Pond, Md. . . . .	1
1921 Hamblin, S. T. . . . .	E Hopewell . . . . .	1
	(P. O. Port Deposit, Md.)	
1927 Hamer, Conrad . . . . .	E Rehoboth, Del. . . . .	1
1931 Hanby, J. C. . . . .	E Mt. Pleasant (P. O. Laurel, Del.) . . . . .	3
1906 Harris, W. G. . . . .	E Cambridge, Md. . . . .	6
1916 Harris, C. C. . . . .	E Eastlake (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . . .	7
1917 Hearn, W. A. . . . .	E Laurel, Del. . . . .	2
1918 Hervis, E. W. . . . .	E Felton, Del. . . . .	1
1909 Herson, Frank . . . . .	E Milford, Del. . . . .	10
1920 Hess, W. L. . . . .	E Somerset (P. O. Chance, Md.) . . . . .	1
1889 Hills, V. E. . . . .	R Weldin Road (Wil., Del.) . . . . .	1
1918 Hodgson, R. S. . . . .	E Red Lion (P. O. Bear, Del.) . . . . .	2
1876 Hoeffcker, E. L. . . . .	R Easton, Md. . . . .	19
1897 Holt, T. S. . . . .	R Federalsburg, Md. . . . .	25
1910 Hopkins, J. C. B. . . . .	E Bridgeville, Del. . . . .	2
1922 Hudson, C. H. . . . .	E Trinity (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . . .	7
1912 Humphreys, G. W. . . . .	E Salisbury, Md. . . . .	3
1927 Hufnal, H. O. . . . .	E Church Creek, Md. . . . .	2

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1896 Jackson, Leolan . . . . .	E St. Michaels, Md. . . . .	3
1913 Jacobs, D. W. . . . .	E Snow Hill, Md. . . . .	2
1907 James, O. E. . . . .	R Baltimore, Md. . . . .	13
1926 Jefferson, O. P. . . . .	E Perryville, Md. . . . .	3
1906 Johns, B. M. . . . .	E Grace (P. O. Wilmington, Del.) . . . . .	14
1899 Johnson, J. L. . . . .	E Seaford, Del. . . . .	1
1891 Jones, G. P. . . . .	R Smyrna, Del. . . . .	8
1935 Jones, J. E. . . . .	P & D Cheswold, Del. . . . .	3
1898 Jones, J. W. . . . .	E Camden, Del. . . . .	1
1898 Jones, O. E. . . . .	E Georgetown, Del. . . . .	6
1900 Jones, C. N. . . . .	E New Castle, Del. . . . .	2
1915 Jones, R. C. . . . .	E Delmar, Del. . . . .	3
1898 Kelso, H. B. . . . .	E Frederica, Del. . . . .	1
1904 Kelso, J. M. . . . .	E Marshallton, Del. . . . .	1
1933 Kirwan, Ray. W. . . . .	D Queenstown, Md. . . . .	2
1931 Kohl, W. H. . . . .	E Houston, Del. . . . .	1
1908 Landon, J. P. . . . .	E Bishopville, Md. . . . .	2
1931 Langrall, J. F. . . . .	E Kent Island . . . . .	1
	(P. O. Stevensville, Md.)	
1871 Layfield, L. W. . . . .	R Greenwood, Del. . . . .	13
1912 Lindhorst, F. A. . . . .	E Dover, Del. . . . .	5
1933 Littleton, D'Arcy A. . . . .	D Ocean City, Md. . . . .	3
1928 Louhoff, F. C. . . . .	E Rock Hall, Md. . . . .	1
1905 McCoy, J. C. . . . .	E Newport, Del. . . . .	3
1905 McDade, H. R. . . . .	E Port Deposit, Md. . . . .	2
1906 McDowell, E. W. . . . .	E Richardson Park, Del. . . . .	2
1914 McKee, Wm. J. . . . .	E Epworth (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . . .	2
1910 McClain, D. E. . . . .	E Deal's Is., Md. . . . .	3
1914 Marine, M. W. . . . .	E Harrison St. (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . . .	1
1902 Matthews, W. E. . . . .	R Smyrna, Del. . . . .	15
1930 Milbury, F. D. . . . .	E Wyoming, Del. . . . .	6
1927 Mills, R. W. . . . .	E Leave of Absence . . . . .	1
1920 Minker, R. L. . . . .	Sy. Wilmington, Del. . . . .	1
1898 Moore, F. X. . . . .	R New Freedom, Pa. . . . .	16
1911 Moore, D. J. . . . .	E Chester-Bethel . . . . .	2
	(P. O. Wilm., Del. R. F. D.)	
1918 Moore, W. V. . . . .	E Cape Charles, Va. . . . .	1
1905 Morgan, L. B. . . . .	E Middletown, Del. . . . .	1
1886 Mowbray, W. R. . . . .	R Lewes, Del. . . . .	11
1930 Nelson, R. H. . . . .	E Sharptown, Md. . . . .	1
1905 Nesbit, W. M. . . . .	E Claymont, Del. . . . .	2
1907 Nichols, R. P. . . . .	E Princess Anne, Md. . . . .	3
1890 Nutter, M. D. . . . .	R Newark, Del. . . . .	7
1928 O'Neil, James . . . . .	E Kenton, Del. . . . .	3
1893 Outten, J. P. . . . .	R Laurel, Del. . . . .	4
1924 Parker, J. E. . . . .	E Harrington, Del. . . . .	3
1933 Parker, W. M. . . . .	E Roxana, Del. . . . .	2
1925 Parks, H. M. . . . .	E Asbury (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . . .	1
1896 Poole, L. E. . . . .	R Snow Hill, Md. . . . .	3

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1900 Poole, W. C. . . . .	R Easton, Md. . . . .	1
1930 Powell, L. L. . . . .	E Bethel, Del. . . . .	2
1897 Prettyman, J. W. . . . .	R Lewisville, Pa. . . . .	1
1909 Prettyman, E. C. . . . .	E Wilmington, Del. . . . .	22
1908 Price, J. T. . . . .	R East New Market, Md. . . . .	1
1934 Pritchard, D. T. . . . .	D Newark, Md. . . . .	1
1916 Reed, O. B. . . . .	E Ridgely, Md. . . . .	2
1885 Reese, J. D. . . . .	R Frederica, Del. . . . .	18
1907 Revelle, W. H. . . . .	E Hockessin, Del. . . . .	3
1927 Reynolds, P. E. . . . .	E Chestertown, Md. . . . .	1
1911 Rice, Oren . . . . .	E Fairlee, Md. . . . .	1
1893 Richardson, J. T. . . . .	R Middletown, Del. . . . .	8
1924 Robb, Charles W. . . . .	E Millington, Md. . . . .	2
1890 Rorer, V. E. . . . .	R Philadelphia, Pa. . . . .	4
1932 Ross, Leon W. . . . .	E Tilghman, Md. . . . .	2
1918 Rowlenson, J. T. . . . .	E Asbury (P. O. Crisfield, Md.) . . . . .	4
1910 Sard, T. J. . . . .	E Union (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . . .	4
1919 Shockley, E. M. . . . .	E Dover, Del. . . . .	1
1922 Short, W. D. . . . .	E Smiths Is. (P. O. Ewell, Md.) . . . . .	1
1907 Smith, Tilghman . . . . .	E Clayton, Del. . . . .	2
1906 Sparklin, J. L. . . . .	E St. Georges, Del. . . . .	4
1926 Spence, P. W. . . . .	E Preston, Md. . . . .	3
1911 Spry, C. W. . . . .	E Hillsboro, Md. . . . .	1
1870 Stengle, Adam . . . . .	R Wilmington, Del. . . . .	22
1912 Sterling, G. E. . . . .	E Phoebus, Va. . . . .	4
1892 Strickland, C. W. . . . .	R Clayton, Del. . . . .	2
1928 Strickland, A. W. . . . .	E Townsend, Del. . . . .	2
1885 Sunfield, E. C. . . . .	R Barnegat, N. J. . . . .	15
1908 Sutton, J. W. . . . .	R Princess Anne, Md. . . . .	1
1928 Tawes, R. L. . . . .	E Seaford Ct., Del. . . . .	1
1904 Taylor, E. B. . . . .	R Springfield, S. C. . . . .	2
1916 Thawley, R. T. . . . .	E Selbyville, Del. . . . .	1
1903 Thomas, G. S. . . . .	E Stockton, Md. . . . .	1
1914 Thomas, E. P. . . . .	E Easton, Md. . . . .	1
1936 Truitt, Frederick H. . . . .	P Pomona, Md. . . . .	1
1931 Vaughn, J. B. . . . .	E Madeley (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . . .	1
1910 Wheatley, M. E. . . . .	E Elkton, Md. . . . .	1
1929 Wheatley, G. H. . . . .	E St. Peters (P. O. Oriole, Md.) . . . . .	1
1919 Whedbee, J. H. . . . .	E Nanticoke, Md. . . . .	2
1908 White, Leonard . . . . .	E Newark, Del. . . . .	2
1914 White, Frank . . . . .	E Rising Sun, Md. . . . .	1
1882 Williams, C. H. . . . .	R Snow Hill, Md. . . . .	23
1912 Willis, Ivanhoe . . . . .	E Anti-Saloon League . . . . .	3
	(P. O. Marshallton, Del.)	
1931 Wills, T. O. M. . . . .	D Ebenezer (P. O. Newark, Del.) . . . . .	5
1887 Wilson, J. H. . . . .	R Elsmere, Del. . . . .	10
1923 Wimbrow, L. E. . . . .	E Scott (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . . .	3

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1916 Windsor, L. E. . . . .	E Mt. Salem (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . . .	1
1884 Wise, W. A. . . . .	R Wilmington, Del. . . . .	7
1886 Wood, G. E. . . . .	R Oxford, Md. . . . .	5
1905 Woodell, W. R. . . . .	R Denton, Md. . . . .	3
1918 Wootten, J. W. . . . .	E Pocomoke City, Md. . . . .	1
1922 Wright, J. H. . . . .	E Silverbrook (P. O. Wil., Del.) . . . . .	1
1918 Zimmerman, A. F. . . . .	E East New Market, Md. . . . .	4

## STREET ADDRESSES OF WILMINGTON PASTORS.

Asbury, H. M. Parks . . . . .	222 Walnut Street
Bellefonte, J. C. Steen . . . . .	1103 Rosedale Ave., Bellefonte, Wil- mington
Brandywine, O. A. Bartley . . . . .	2206 Market Street
Eastlake, C. C. Harris . . . . .	2921 Tatnall St.
Epworth, W. J. McKee . . . . .	922 Lombard Street
Grace, B. M. Johns . . . . .	9th and Washington Sts.
Harrison Street, M. W. Marine . . . . .	7th and Harrison Sts.
Hillcrest, J. B. Dickerson . . . . .	402 Hillcrest Ave., Hillcrest, Wil- mington
Kingswood, W. H. Revelle . . . . .	Hockessin, Del.
Madeley, J. B. Vaughn . . . . .	1218 "B" St.
McCabe, A. C. Goddard . . . . .	2202 Boulevard
Mt. Salem, L. E. Windsor . . . . .	1701 Mt. Salem Lane
Scott, L. E. Wimbrow . . . . .	3613 Washington St.
Silverbrook, J. H. Wright . . . . .	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.)	17
Boulden, J. W.	Elk Neck, Md.	1
Buckson, W. C.	Little Creek & St. Pauls, Del.	1
Campbell, David T.	D Powellville (P. O. Pittsville, Md.)	5
Cannon, C. G.	Hoopers Island (P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.)	4
Conner, R. G.	D Marydel, Md.	3
Curtis, A. E.	Westover, Md.	1
Elwood, Ceusey	Pocomoke Ct. (P. O. Pocomoke, Md.)	1
Fosnocht, W. E.	Mt. Lebanon, Del.	3
Graham, J. T.	E Nassau, Del.	1
Hanby, S. L.	E Lincoln, Del.	3
Kelley, J. P.	E Wye Mills, Md.	2
Kirby, R. L., Jr.	Williamsburg, Md.	1
Knotts, L. L.	Delaware City, Del.	2
Layton, J. E.	D Holly Oak, Del.	12
Lewis, B. L.	Mardela Springs, Md.	1
Lynn, J. G.	E Farmington, Del.	1
McClintock, W. L.	E Bozman, Md.	2
McCorkle, F. K.	E Cherry Hill, Md.	1
Morgan, J. H.	Elliott, Md.	1
Pratt, L. V.	E Bethel & Town Point (P. O. Chesapeake City, Md.)	1
Prettyman, D. B.	E Trappe, Md.	4
Sharpless, C. D.	E Galestown, Md.	1
Steen, J. C.	E 1103 Rosedale Ave., Bellefonte, Del.	9
Thomas, A. G.	Whitesville, Del.	1
Thornton, J. H.	E Charlestown, Md.	4
Travers, Alonzo	E Henderson, Md.	3
Willis, J. F.	Vienna, Md.	2
Wilson, R. H.	St. Thomas (P. O. Bishop's Head, Md.)	1
White, Alfred	D Hebron, Md.	2
Wood, David	E Crumpton, Md.	2
Wright, E. N.	D Ellendale, Del.	3

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Lynn, J. G., Farmington, Del.	
McClintock, W. L., Bozman, Md.	

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Boulden, J. C., Elkton, Md.	Dougherty, Geo. W., Hillcrest, Del.
Brewington, Wm. K., Salisbury, Md.	Ely, T. B., Wilmington, Del.
Briscoe, W. E., Chesapeake City, Md.	Emerson, Rietta M., Wilmington, Del.
Buckson, W. C., Delmar, Del.	Fogwell, S. J., Centreville, Md.
Campbell, Miss Emma, Wilmington, Del.	Ford, Walter, Smyrna, Del.
Cannon, C. G., Fishing Creek, Md.	Golt, John, Jr., Stanton, Del.
Cantwell, W. S., Cheswold, Del.	Gibbons, S. O., St. Georges, Del.
Cason, W. G., Georgetown, Del.	Graham, Alfred, Perryville, Md.
	Hampson, L. J., Odessa, Del.
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Howie, Miss Annie, Salisbury, Md.  
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 Hudson, T. H., Ocean View, Del.  
 Jarrett, Louis, Wenona, Md.  
 Isenberg, Burton, East New Market, Md.  
 Jester, John R., Church Creek, Md.  
 Jones, H. C., New Castle, Del.  
 Jordan, L. W., Wilmington, Del.  
 Justis, E. C., Bloxom, Va.  
 Keene, Milton, Wilmington, Del.  
 Kirk, C. A., Kirkwood, Del.  
 Kohl, Mrs. W. H., Cherry Hill, Md.  
 Latta, J. Ed., Townsend, Del.  
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 Morgan, Henry, Denton, Md.  
 Mower, W. D., Hurlock, Md.  
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 Perdue, Sampson, Salisbury, Md.  
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Ralph, W. E., Elkton, Md.  
 Ralph, Wm., Elkton, Md.  
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 Shores, Thomas, Monie, Md.  
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 Truitt, W. C., Millsboro, Del.  
 Twigg, J. H., Deal's Island, Md.  
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**Term Expires 1938:**

Ministerial—L. B. Morgan, L. E. Windsor.

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

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1939—J. T. Richardson, J. M. Kelso, M. E. Wheatley.

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Lay: A. C. Hitchens, L. M. Price, Levin E. Layfield.

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

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

1938—Ministerial: Leonard White, T. S. Holt, D. W. Jacobs, E. W. McDowell, J. W. Colona, E. C. Hallman.

Lay: A. B. Magee, V. C. Hitchens, H. H. Nuttle, E. J. Winder, W. H. Jump, E. F. Melson.

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1938—Leolan Jackson, L. B. Morgan, Frank Herson, J. W. Jones.

1939—M. W. Marine, L. E. Windsor, M. E. Wheatley, J. W. Colona.

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1938—M. S. Andrews, D. W. Jacobs.

1939—T. F. Beauchamp, E. M. Shockley, J. Everett Walls, Roland Messick.

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Wilmington District: G. France Alderson, R. O. Bailey, William Harris, Miss Rietta Emerson.

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Frank Herson, R. P. Nichols, J. C. McCoy.

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III  
**DAILY PROCEEDINGS**  
**OFFICIAL JOURNAL**

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**FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.**

**OPENING:**—The Wilmington Annual Conference convened for its Sixty-Eighth Session in Delmar Methodist Episcopal Church, Delmar, Delaware, on Wednesday morning, March 25, 1936, 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.

W. E. Matthews pronounced the benediction.

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**SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.**

**OPENING:**—Conference convened in business session at 10.15 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding.

**ROLL CALL:**—The Roll was called by the Secretary of the previous Conference. 150 members and probationers answered to their names.

**ORGANIZATION:**—On motion of Tilghman Smith, J. R. Bicking was elected Secretary and he named the following assistants, and they were confirmed: O. A. Bartley and Wm. J. Ennis.

**TREASURER:**—The following were nominated for the office of Treasurer of the Conference: R. T. Thawley and Wm. H. Revelle. Ballots were then distributed for the election.

**TELLERS:**—On motion of their respective District Superintendents the following were elected Tellers who were also to serve during the election of delegates to the General Conference: O. H. Connelly, Leon W. Ross, Sidney B. Bradley, Elmer L. Bennett, Raymond W. Hallman and Joseph B. Dickerson.

**RESULT OF BALLOT:**—The tellers reported the result of the ballot for Treasurer to be as follows: W. H. Revelle, 57; R. T. Thawley, 54.

W. H. Revelle, Treasurer, then nominated the following assistants, and they were confirmed: V. E. Hills, J. H. Clow, O. H. Connelly, J. E. Parker, W. H. Kohl, L. L. Powell, Wm. J. McKee, W. L. Beckwith, L. W. Ross, R. G. Conner, J. R. Diehl and F. C. Louhoff.

**ASSISTANT TREASURER:**—J. J. Bunting was elected Assistant Treasurer.

**AREA OF CONFERENCE:**—The Area of the Conference was made to include the first ten rows of pews.

**STATISTICIAN:**—J. W. Wootten was reelected Statistician and named the following assistants, who were confirmed: L. E. Windsor, First Assistant; W. L. McClintock, P. E. Reynolds, S. T. Hamblin, H. N. Bailey, R. W. Mills, 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 W. A. Glass.

**EDIT MINUTES:**—On motion, the Secretary was instructed to Edit the Minutes and the Printed Journal was made the Official Journal of the Conference.

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

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**—On motion of Tilghman Smith, the calling of the Classes was made the Order of the Day, immediately after the reading of the Journal, Thursday Morning, to be followed by the balloting for Delegates to the General Conference.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**—On motion of M. S. Andrews, the report of the Conference Board of Education was made the order of the day for Friday afternoon immediately after the reading of the Journal.

**BUREAU OF BUDGET:**—On motion of R. P. Nichols the members of the Bureau of Budget were excused to attend to the Conference Treasurer's Bond.

**EXCUSED:**—E. W. McDowell, P. E. Reynolds, and Raymond W. Hallman were excused to attend funerals.

**W. C. I. CONTRIBUTIONS:**—On motion the Pastors were instructed to place contributions to Wesley Collegiate Institute in column 20 of the Pastor's Report to the Conference Treasurer, headed "Educational."

**INTRODUCTION:**—W. W. Banks, Secretary of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, was introduced.

**POSTMASTER:**—E. H. Collins was reelected Postmaster.

**PENDING MARYLAND GAMBLING LAWS:**—On motion of J. J. Bunting the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, There is now pending in the General Assembly of Maryland Bills to legalize the Numbers Game; (2) To authorize the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City to license gambling devices; (3) To legalize Book-Making; (4) To legalize claw machines; (5 and 6) To legalize dog racing in Maryland and to authorize the Governor to name a commission of three (3) with combined salaries of \$10,000

to operate same and with an allowance of \$20,000 in addition for operating expenses, making a total of \$30,000.

WHEREAS, These Bills, with the exception of the Ocean City Bill, are State-wide in character; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Session this, the 25th day of March, that we most earnestly request the Legislature of Maryland to defeat all of these Bills as destructive to the character of our people and demoralizing the youth of our State beyond all possibility of correction; be it further

RESOLVED, By the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, representing a large number of Churches in every one of the nine counties of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, having a voting constituency of many thousands, that we call upon every State Senator and every member of the House of Delegates from the Eastern Shore of Maryland to do their utmost to defeat all these Bills; be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Hon. Straughn Lloyd and Hon. Kent R. Mullikin, Annapolis, Maryland, with the request that they be presented to their respective Legislative Bodies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this action be sent to Governor Nice.

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

QUESTION 27:—The Twenty-seventh Question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. E. C. Hallman, Superintendent of the Dover District, was called, his character passed, and he read a report of the work of his District.

QUESTION 31:—The Thirty-first Question, "Who have died?" was taken up. Conference arose and stood while the Secretary called the names of those who have died since last Conference.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE.

L. E. Poole was requested to preside at the Memorial Service. C. Irving Carpenter sang a solo entitled "Face to Face." On motion of E. P. Thomas the memoir of O. L. Martin was ordered printed without reading.

The memoir of James W. Easley was read by H. G. Budd; that of George A. Cooke by J. W. Colona and that of George W. Bowman by W. E. Habbart.

At the request of Brother Bowman's family, C. I. Carpenter sang a solo entitled "In the Garden."

The memoir of Daniel Wilson was read by R. T. Thawley; and that of Francis B. Short by Frank Herson.

The memoir of Mrs. Mary E. Grise was read by H. B. Kelso.

On motion of G. W. Dawson a suitable memoir of Mrs. Laura W. Burke was ordered prepared and printed in the Minutes.

On motion of E. C. Hallman, J. S. Potts was instructed to prepare a suitable memoir of L. T. McLain, Supply Pastor, and it was ordered printed in the Minutes.

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

ADJOURNMENT:—A hymn was sung, announcements were made and Conference adjourned, the Bishop pronouncing the benediction.

#### THIRD SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING:—Conference convened at 1.30 o'clock with Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

SALE OF CHOPTANK CHURCH:—E. C. Hallman presented a petition from the Preston Charge, asking permission to sell the Choptank Church on that Charge to the Methodist Protestant Church. On his motion Conference authorized the Preston Board of Trustees to make the sale, and the proceeds to be turned over to the Conference Board of Trustees, in conformity with the provisions of the Discipline.

GREETING TO BISHOP McDOWELL:—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, the Secretary was instructed to send the greetings and love of the Conference to Bishop Wm. F. McDowell.

ADAM STENGLE:—On motion of H. B. Kelso, the Secretary was instructed to send greetings to the Senior Member of the Conference, Dr. Adams Stengle, who is very ill.

Dr. A. C. Goddard conveyed the blessing and good wishes of Dr. Stengle to the Conference.

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

QUESTION 27:—The Twenty-seventh Question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was resumed. W. E. Gunby, District Superintendent of the Wilmington District, and John J. Bunting, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, were called, their characters passed, and each read a report of the work of his District.

CHARTERED FUND:—The Bishop presented a draft from the Chartered Fund for \$65 and it was ordered paid in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

QUESTION 27:—The Twenty-seventh Question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was resumed. The effective elders of the Dover, Wilmington and Salisbury Districts were called and their characters passed, J. J. Bunting stating that one man had been deprived of the ministerial office during the year, and that an explanation of the case would be given in Executive Session.

F. A. Lindhorst, E. C. Prettyman and Ivanhoe Willis, all in detached service, were called, and their characters passed.

**COMMUNION OFFERING:**—R. C. Jones announced that the communion offering, amounting to \$40, had been given to the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.

**T. S. HOLT:**—E. C. Hallman announced that T. S. Holt, who had previously made a gift of \$10,000 in stock in the Holt Oil Company, the income from which being applied to the support of Retired Supply Pastors, had increased the gift by an additional \$5000 worth of stock under the same conditions as the original gift.

Conference then, by rising vote, expressed to Brother Holt its deep appreciation for the generous spirit evidenced by this gift.

**COMMISSION ON SUPPLEMENTARY MINISTERIAL SUPPORT:**—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, the Cabinet was instructed to appoint a Commission to consider the matter of establishing a minimum salary, and supplementing inadequate salaries of ministers, the Commission being instructed to report to the next session of the Conference.

**COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CONFERENCE MEMORIALS:**—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, the Cabinet was requested to nominate a Committee to consider all General Conference Memorials and proposed Constitutional Amendments, and the following were elected: Frank Herson, Norman Jefferson, E. M. Shockley, J. Wellington Tawes, A. C. Goddard and Willis Overdeer.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Dr. J. H. Morgan pronouncing the benediction.

#### FOURTH SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

**OPENING:**—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**—Conference went into Executive Session and E. H. Collins and James O'Neill were appointed doorkeepers.

**BARRATT'S CHAPEL:**—E. C. Hallman made a verbal report concerning Barratt's Chapel and on motion of G. W. Dawson, Conference reaffirmed its action of last year and continued the Committee.

**QUESTION 20:**—The Twentieth Question, "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. John E. French and Daniel T.

Pritchard were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, 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.

The Bishop asked the usual Disciplinary Questions, and having answered them satisfactorily, they were so admitted.

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

**RULES GOVERNING ELECTION OF DELEGATES:**—On motion of the Secretary, the following rules governing the election of delegates to the General Conference were adopted:

1. That the tellers already appointed and one of the secretaries shall receive the ballots and count same.
2. That three delegates be elected to attend the next General Conference.
3. Every member entitled to vote shall be ordered within the area of the Conference, and those not within the area of the Conference shall not be entitled to vote.
4. That the persons receiving the highest number of votes, provided the same be a majority of the votes cast, shall be chosen as delegates.
5. That any ballot containing more or less than the number of names to be voted for be rejected, and, therefore, not counted.
6. That where there are two or more members of the Conference of the same name, only such names as contain the Christian name or initials of the person for whom the ballot is cast shall be counted, but such omission of the Christian name or initial shall not affect the other names upon said ballot.
7. That the Conference elect two reserve delegates in accordance with these rules.
8. That no member of the election both shall give out any information whatever concerning any ballot before the same is announced officially by the presiding officer.

**FIRST BALLOT:**—L. E. Wimbrow was added to the group of tellers and O. A. Bartley was appointed secretary. The first ballot was then taken and the Tellers retired.

**GEORGE V. TURNER:**—J. J. Bunting reported in the case of George V. Turner and on motion of G. W. Dawson, his name was ordered placed under the Thirty-sixth Question, "Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?"

**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 Frederick H. Truitt, Vernon M. Goodhand, Walter L. Beckwith, and Ira E. Crum, and they were introduced. The District Superintendents represented, the Committee recommended, the Registrar reported, and by formal action they were Received on Trial and

placed in Studies of First Year with the exception of Ira E. Crum, who was Received on Trial, placed in Studies of Third Year and elected to Deacon's Orders under the Seminary Rule.

**TRANSFER OF LEGACIES AND FUNDS:**—On motion of G. W. Dawson, the Conference Board of Stewards and the Trustees of the Wesley Collegiate Institute were authorized to act as legal agents for reception and transfer of certain funds.

**MRS. RUTH CAHALL:**—Frank White presented the following resolutions and they were adopted:

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruth Cahall, of Chestertown, Md., in her last will and testament, has kindly remembered the Conference Claimants of this Conference in a gift of \$2000 to the Endowment Fund; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we record our appreciation and gratitude for this gift of Mrs. Cahall and send a copy of this resolution to the nearest living relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Thompson of Chestertown, Maryland.

**RECOGNITION OF ORDERS:**—On motion of W. E. Gunby, the credentials of David Wood from the United Brethren Church were recognized and he became a Local Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**OPEN SESSION:**—The Executive Session was adjourned and Conference went into Open Session.

**SUMMER SCHOOL OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING:**—On motion of T. F. Beauchamp, the Bureau of Conference Budget was requested to allow \$560 for the Summer School of Ministerial Training.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS CHARTER:**—After E. P. Thomas spoke concerning the Charter of the Conference Board of Stewards, the following was presented by W. E. Gunby and on his motion it was adopted:

"That the Cabinet recommends that the Officers of the Board of Conference Stewards continue in office until after the General Conference in May, and then such revision of the present charter be made, as to make it conform to the requirements of the three districts as the Conference is now constituted, and to make any other changes as may be found necessary to conform to the requirements of General Conference Legislation."

**CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**—J. M. Kelso presented and read the report of the Conference Historical Society, and on his motion it was adopted.

**FIRST BALLOT RETURNED:**—The Tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the First Ballot as follows: Total number of ballots cast, 122; defective ballots, 0; total number of ballots counted, 122; necessary to choice, 62.

E. C. Hallman having received 82 votes; J. J. Bunting having received 81 votes, they were declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as

follows: W. E. Gunby, 60; A. C. Goddard, 19; D. W. Jacobs, 17; Leonard White, 12; E. P. Thomas, 12; E. W. McDowell, 9; W. A. Hearn, 7; Frank Herson, 7; J. R. Bicking, O. J. Collins and J. W. Colona, 6 each; T. J. Sard, 5; W. G. Harris, 4; R. P. Nichols, M. S. Andrews, and R. C. Jones, 3 each; M. E. Wheatley, J. L. Sparklin, Tilghman Smith, B. M. Johns, G. W. Dawson, D. E. McClain and E. M. Shockley, 2 each; C. C. Harris, J. W. Jones, W. E. Habbart, T. F. Beauchamp, Leolan Jackson, L. B. Morgan, J. T. Rowleson and O. E. Jones, 1 each.

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

**LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE:**—Dr. W. W. Davis, representing the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland, was introduced and addressed the Conference. On motion of W. E. Gunby the following resolution was adopted:

"In order to promote an educational program in the home, church, and church school to hold the Lord's Day for its divine purpose, be it

RESOLVED, That a Lord's Day Committee be named consisting of the three District Superintendents and two others named by each Superintendent from their respective districts."

The following committee was named, the District Superintendents, Leonard White, O. A. Bartley, Preston W. Spence, Lester Windsor, A. W. Goodhand, and W. A. Hearn.

**STRAWBRIDGE HOME:**—The report of the Strawbridge Home for Boys was read by Thos. 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.

**SECOND BALLOT RETURNED:**—The Tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the second ballot as follows: Total number of ballots cast, 121. Defective ballots, 0; total number of ballots counted, 121; necessary to choice, 61. W. E. Gunby having received 81 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: A. C. Goddard, 13; D. W. Jacobs, 7; E. P. Thomas, 5; Frank Herson, 3; Leonard White, O. J. Collins, R. P. Nichols, W. A. Hearn, 2 each; M. S. Andrews, E. W. McDowell, J. L. Sparklin, J. W. Colona, 1 each.

**RESERVE DELEGATES—FIRST BALLOT:**—The first ballot for reserve delegates was taken and the Tellers retired.

**BISHOP HUGHES:**—On motion of the Secretary the Bishop was requested to give his devotional address at this time.

The Secretary then presented the following memorial to the General Conference:

WHEREAS, Four years ago, Bishop Edwin H. Hughes was assigned to the Washington Area, which includes our own Conference, and WHEREAS, Our resident Bishop has endeared himself both to the ministers and to the laymen for many reasons, including these:—

He has presided over our Conference with dignity and grace, ruling with gentle firmness, showing himself a past master parliamentarian, and being uniformly kind and considerate.

He has exhibited a deep concern for the welfare of our ministers and for our churches, both in his supervision and in the making of appointments.

His devotional addresses and sermons have stirred our hearts with a new vision of the Master, inspiring us to become better Christians and better ministers of Jesus Christ.

We find in him not only our spiritual overseer but a true warm hearted human brother; and

**WHEREAS**, In these days when the war clouds are gathering for what many fear may be another titanic conflict, we need in Washington a true representative of the Prince of Peace;

In this day when laws pertaining to gambling and other public immoralities are being flung to the winds, and the very evils themselves being legalized, we need a true prophet of God to speak with no uncertain tones within the hearing of our national lawmakers;

In this day when repeal has brought about the debauchery of women, the betrayal of youth, the corruption of public news channels, such as the newspapers and the radio, and has caused death in horrible form to stalk over every highway, we need a man to sit in the shadow of the Capitol who will fearlessly lead in the battle for the final extermination of legalized rum, and

**WHEREAS**, In our judgment that man is Edwin H. Hughes, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That we earnestly request the General Conference to reassign Bishop Edwin H. Hughes to the Washington Area for the ensuing quadrennium.

On motion of G. W. Dawson, this memorial was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

**BISHOP'S DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS**:—Bishop Hughes gave a devotional address, taking as his text this extract from the 109th Psalm: "Let his prayer become sin."

The Bishop then led the Conference in the Lord's Prayer.

**RESERVE DELEGATES—FIRST BALLOT RETURNED**:—The Tellers returned and the Bishop announced the first ballot for Reserve Delegates as follows: Total number of ballots cast, 120; defective ballots, 3; ballots counted, 117; necessary to choice, 59. No one having received a majority vote there was no election. The ballot follows: A. C. Goddard, 51; D. W. Jacobs, 42; E. P. Thomas, 22; Leonard White, 20; Frank Herson, 14; W. A. Hearn, 10; E. W. McDowell and J. R. Bicking, 9 each; J. W. Colona, 8; R. P. Nichols, 7; T. J. Sard, 5; W. G. Harris, 4; L. E. Windsor, O. J. Collins, E. M. Shockley, M. E. Wheatley, R. C. Jones, M. S. Andrews, 3 each; Tilghman Smith, 2; J. T. Rowlenon, L. E. Wimbrow, J. L. Johnson, B. M. Johns, W. E. Habbart, J. L. Sparklin, J. W. Jones, O. E. Jones, C. C. Harris, Harry Wright, 1 each.

**RESERVE DELEGATES—SECOND BALLOT**:—The second ballot for reserve delegates was taken and the Tellers retired.

**PHILA. M. E. HOSPITAL**:—Dr. Geo. W. Henson, Corresponding Secretary of the Phila. M. E. Hospital, was introduced and addressed the Conference. D. W. Jacobs presented the following resolution and it was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, That we frequently recommend to our people the Methodist Episcopal Hospital and urge a greater financial cooperation be given this, our denominational institution of healing.

**INTRODUCTIONS**:—The following were introduced: Cornelius Hudson, George A. Loughhead, A. C. F. Ottey and R. L. Downes, of the Phila. Conf.; J. Yancey Fincher, of the Baptist Temple, Crisfield, Md.; S. J. Batten, F. R. Holland, A. L. Franklin, J. L. Hobbs, A. A. Mason, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; J. Leas Green, J. W. Townsend, J. L. Elderdice, of the Methodist Protestant Church.

**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 elected for a term of three years: J. L. Johnson, G. W. Dawson, W. F. Corkran, L. B. Morgan, and T. F. Beauchamp.

**CONFERENCE SESSION**:—The Bishop resumed the Chair. J. F. Langrall and O. H. Connelly were excused to attend funerals.

**RESERVE DELEGATES—SECOND BALLOT RETURNED**:—The Tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the second ballot for reserve delegates as follows: Number of ballots cast, 121; defective ballots, 2; number counted, 119; necessary to choice, 60. A. C. Goddard having received 77 votes, and D. W. Jacobs having received 63 votes, they were declared elected. The remainder of the ballot follows: E. P. Thomas, 20; Leonard White, 19; Frank Herson, 13; W. A. Hearn, 7; T. J. Sard, 5; J. W. Colona, 4; R. P. Nichols, E. W. McDowell, J. R. Bicking, 3 each; B. M. Johns, O. E. Jones, L. E. Windsor, 2 each; Tilghman Smith, T. F. Beauchamp, S. B. Bradley, O. J. Collins, W. G. Harris, Harry Wright, J. T. Rowlenon, Frank White, M. E. Wheatley, J. L. Sparklin, J. W. Jones, 1 each.

**ADJOURNMENT**:—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Cornelius Hudson pronouncing the benediction.



## FIFTH SESSION—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

**OPENING:**—Conference convened at 1.30 o'clock, Bishop Hughes conducting the devotions.

**QUESTION 18:**—The Eighteenth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Frank G. Buckley, Jr., Elmer L. Bennett, James H. Clow, Ewell E. Crockett, Walter A. Glass, John E. Jones and Louis R. Dennis were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and they were Continued on Trial. Frank G. Buckley, Jr., was Continued in Studies of First Year; Elmer L. Bennett, James H. Clow, Jr., Ewell E. Crockett and Walter A. Glass were advanced to Studies of Second Year. John E. Jones was advanced to Studies of Third Year, and elected to Deacon's Orders under the Local Rule. Louis R. Dennis was advanced to Studies of Fourth Year.

**QUESTION 22:**—The Twenty-second Question, "What members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?" was taken up. R. M. Green, Ray W. Kirwan, T. O. M. Wills and D'Arcy A. Littleton were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and they were advanced to Studies of the Fourth Year, the last named being conditioned in one subject.

**GLEN E. ALDRICH:**—On motion of G. W. Dawson, Glen E. Aldrich was Located on the grounds of having failed to finish the Conference Course of Study in the required time as found in the Discipline, paragraph 199, section 6.

**QUESTION 23:**—The Twenty-third Question, "What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Jacob C. Hanby, Leon W. Ross, Joseph B. Dickerson, Joseph B. Vaughn were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and on motion they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elder's Orders, the last two named under the Seminary Rule.

**QUESTION 24:**—The Twenty-fourth Question, "What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?" was taken up. Joshua E. Layton, Robert G. Conner, Alfred L. White, were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and they were elected to Deacon's Orders under the Local Rule.

**QUESTION 25:**—The Twenty-fifth Question, "What others have been elected and ordained Elders?" was taken up. Samuel L. Hanby was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and on motion he was elected to Elder's Orders under the Local Rule.

**QUESTION 29:**—The Twenty-ninth Question, "What Accepted Supply Pastors now in Charges are taking the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. I. Conference Course of Study First Year? None. Second Year: Walter E. Fosnocht, Robert L. Kirby, John F. Willis. Third Year: Robert G. Conner, Joshua E. Layton, Alfred L. White. Fourth Year: Ernest N. Wright. II. The Local Preachers Course of Study, Second Year, Charles G. Cannon.

c. What Local Preachers have completed satisfactorily the studies prescribed? 1, for Deacon's Orders, Joshua E. Layton, Robert G. Conner, Alfred L. White. 2, For Elder's Orders, Samuel L. Hanby.

**CONFERENCE RELATIONS COMMITTEE:**—On motion of L. E. Poole, F. A. Baker was elected a member of the Committee on Conference Relations to fill the unexpired term of R. P. Nichols, who was released at his own request.

On motion of G. W. Dawson, J. M. Kelso, J. L. Sparklin, J. W. Jones, and C. C. Harris were elected members of the Committee on Conference Relations for a term of three years.

**MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS:**—On motion of Tilghman Smith the following were reelected members of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications for a term of three years: M. W. Marine, L. E. Windsor, M. E. Wheatley, J. W. Colona.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—Conference adjourned, the Bishop pronouncing the benediction.

## SIXTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

**OPENING:**—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, the Bishop presiding and conducting the devotions.

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

**CONFERENCE TRUSTEES:**—W. A. Hearn, Treasurer of the Conference Board of 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 his motion they were adopted.

On motion of M. S. Andrews, the following were elected Trustees for a term of three years, the Secretary casting the ballot: J. T. Richardson, M. E. Wheatley, and J. M. Kelso.

**CONFERENCE 1937:**—A motion of Tilghman Smith requesting the Board of Bishops to call the Conference in session on Thursday, April 1, 1937, was by motion of D. W. Jacobs amended to read as follows: We request the Board of Bishops to call the Conference in session the first Wednesday after Easter, March 31, 1937. The motion as amended was then adopted.

**BUREAU OF CONFERENCE BUDGET:**—On motion of R. P. Nichols the apportionment to the charges of 1 3/4 per cent. for the Bureau of Budget was continued.

On motion of J. Harry Wright, amended by J. W. Colona, the Bureau of Budget was instructed to pay the ministers on the basis of six days at Conference, the laymen on the basis of two days attendance at Conference, both orders to share on a pro-rata basis in the event of a shortage in funds.

**CHANGE OF RELATIONS:**—On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, the requests of J. W. Sutton, J. T. Price and W. C. Poole for the Retired Relation on the ground of physical disability were granted; the requests of J. W. Prettyman and V. E. Hills for the Retired Relation on the ground of age were granted.

**TEMPERANCE REPORT:**—On motion of A. C. Goddard, the report of the Temperance Committee was made the order of the day, in the United Session, Saturday morning, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

**QUESTION 14:**—The Fourteenth Question, "Who have been Received by Transfer and from what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of Charles M. Griffeth and Charles W. Robb, both from the New Jersey Conference, and they were introduced.

**QUESTION 28:**—The Twenty-eighth Question, "Who are accepted as Supply Pastors?" was taken up. Howard Davis presented the list of Accepted Supply Pastors from the Committee on Conference Relations, and on his motion they were confirmed. (See list.)

**MORGAN COLLEGE:**—Dr. Wm. H. Easton, representing Morgan College, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

A. C. Goddard presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, Morgan College, a grade A institution for the training of Negro youth, was founded, and has always been controlled by the Methodist Episcopal Church, and

WHEREAS, The Wilmington Conference has always been interested, and officially represented on the board of trustees, in the work of the College, and

WHEREAS, At this present time, the Board of Education of our church has generously and kindly offered to allow 8 per cent. of world service money, raised by any conference to be designated to the support of Morgan College, and for which full world service credit will be given to each pastoral charge contributing, and voucher furnished; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Conference recommends that this amount be designated by our churches during the ensuing year—this being in harmony with the action of the General Conference and the provisions of the Discipline; further, be it

RESOLVED, That this amount of 8 per cent. of world service collections be forwarded as soon as practicable, to the Board of Education at Chicago, for which World Service voucher will be returned.

**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS:**—Disciplinary Questions numbers 15, 16, 26, 32, 34, 35 and 37 were taken up. The answer in each case was: "None."

**QUESTION 30:**—The Thirtieth Question, "Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the

transfer of James H. Brasher to the Philadelphia Conference, and Joseph S. Eldridge to the New Jersey Conference.

**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.

**W. A. WISE:**—On motion of J. W. Colona, Conference requested W. A. Wise to preach a semi-centennial sermon at the next session of Conference.

**BOOK CONCERN:**—Dr. Harold Paul Sloan and Edward H. Collins were introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Book Concern.

**LIFE OF RICHARD WHATCOAT:**—S. B. Bradley announced the publication in the near future of his book, entitled "The Life of Richard Whatcoat."

**H. G. BUDD:**—H. G. Budd assumed the Chair at the request of the Bishop.

**INTRODUCTION:**—Dr. Winfield Scott Kroger, retired Presbyterian minister of Snow Hill, Md. was introduced.

**COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE:**—O. A. Bartley read the report of the Committee on Social Service, and after discussion, on motion of Frank White, the Committee was asked to revise one section of the report, and resubmit it to the Conference.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**—Dr. J. W. Long, President of Williamsport-Dickinson Seminary, and Dr. George L. Dilworth, representing the American Bible Society, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**—Announcements were made, and a hymn was sung.

**BISHOP'S ADDRESS:**—Bishop Hughes then addressed the Conference on the text taken from Luke 23:26, making special mention of St. Christopher.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—Conference adjourned, the Bishop pronouncing the benediction.

## SEVENTH SESSION—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

## UNITED SESSION.

**OPENING:**—Conference convened in United Session at 2 o'clock. Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

**OFFICERS OF THE LAY CONFERENCE:**—At the request of the Bishop, I. Elmer Perry introduced the new President of the Lay Conference, Harry B. Wright, of Preston, Md.

President Wright then introduced C. W. Cook, Jr., Secretary, and announced the reelection of O. M. Shockley, Treasurer.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**—The Order of the Day, the consideration of the report of the Board of Education, was taken up. On motion of M. S. Andrews, J. H. Bishop, Conference Director of Christian Education, was granted the privilege of the floor, and made his report.

O. E. Jones presented the following resolutions, and on his motion they were adopted:

Seven years ago, Mr. James H. Bishop, whose resignation has just been given to us, came to us to take up the leadership in the work of Christian Education. These have been pretty severe and trying years. Those of us who are now engaged in the work of the Church have never seen anything like them. In such a time Mr. Bishop has done his work among us and we all will agree that he has been unceasing in his efforts. His earnestness, his sincerity, the purity of his character, and the fineness of his ideals, no one will question. We believe that he has helped us very greatly and, with the timely assistance of his wife, has done a work the importance of which we cannot now realize. As a Conference, we wish to express our high appreciation of their labors and pray God's blessings upon them in whatever new work of the Kingdom they enter upon.

We feel that Miss M. Yolande Thomas, who has been in charge of the office of our Board in Dover, has had a very large part in making this work possible and, as a Conference, we record our appreciation of her services and our desire that she may continue her work with us.

Our appreciation goes as well to our brother minister, the Rev. Essell P. Thomas, who, until recently has been president of our Conference Board of Education. His genial spirit, his wholehearted devotion to the work of Religious Education, and his understanding of that work, have been of inestimable value as he has presided over and guided the meetings of the Board. We feel that we have been greatly favored in our leadership and that our highest tribute to these men will be faithfully and loyally to continue to carry forward this work.

M. S. Andrews presented the following recommendation of the Board, which on the motion of W. E. Gunby, were adopted:

## Recommendations From the Board of Education to the Annual Conference.

We recommend that the program of Christian Education in the Conference be continued the next Conference year on the following basis:

1. The organization of the Board be maintained on its present basis and that the Board be responsible for carrying on the work of Christian Education and the Youth Program of the Conference.

2. The services of the present Director be continued to April 30, 1936, with an additional bonus of \$200.00.

3. The Board be authorized to employ a Director of Christian Education when the financial conditions and the needs of the field seem to justify this procedure.

4. That if a suitably trained Director of Christian Education can be found from within the membership of our Conference, he shall be given preference.

5. That the Conference hereby give permission to change the Constitution of the Board so that its membership shall include four ministers and four laymen from each of the three Districts instead of three ministers and three laymen from each District as now provided.

6. That the report of the Nominating Committee of the Board presenting names for election to membership on the Board be approved by the Conference. (See list.)

7. That this year's asking of \$3,600.00 for Christian Education be approved for the ensuing year.

8. That Conference affirm its conviction of the need for true co-operative work of Christian Education on this Peninsula.

9. That Conference approve the election of E. P. Thomas, M. S. Andrews, Leonard White, R. P. Nichols, and Ralph Dulany to membership on the Maryland-Delaware Council of Religious Education and the Eastern Shore Cooperative Board of Education.

**DELMARVA INSTITUTE:**—M. S. Andrews introduced the new Dean of the Delmarva Institute, F. D. Milbury, who addressed the Conference.

**CHAIR:**—Bishop Hughes resumed the Chair.

**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: Wm. H. Revelle, 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?" was taken up. Answer: World Service, \$47,000; Episcopal Fund, 2½ per cent. of cash salary paid for current year; General Conference Expenses, balance due for this quadrennium to be reapportioned to the charges.

**QUESTION 8:**—The Eighth Question, "What approved financial campaigns are to be carried on in this Conference during the ensuing year, and for what amounts?" was taken up. On motion of W. E. Gunby, Conference reaffirmed its action of last year in regard to the W. C. I. financial campaign, and \$4000 was ordered apportioned to the charges for the ensuing year.

At the request of O. E. Jones, the Bishop made a statement concerning the present status of W. C. I.

The following resolutions were presented by W. E. Gunby and they were adopted:

WHEREAS, There is a heavy debt on our properties at both Ocean City and Rock Hall, Maryland, and

WHEREAS, We have admired the sacrificial efforts of these congregations to free themselves from those burdens, and

WHEREAS, It has become increasingly evident that they need more than the local help; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the ministers and laymen of the Wilmington Annual Conference request the Board of Home Missions to grant unto each of these congregations the privilege of securing as designated gifts an amount not to exceed the sum of one thousand dollars for each Church; and be it furthermore

RESOLVED, That we pledge our support in the efforts of each to reach their goal.

**QUESTION 10:**—The Tenth Question, "What are the approved claims for the support of the District Superintendents, Bishops and Conference Claimants for the ensuing year?" was taken up. District Superintendents referred to the District Stewards; Bishops, 2½% of cash salary paid for current year; Conference Claimants, see questions 45, 46, 47.

**QUESTION 11:**—The Eleventh Question, "What shall be the Evangelistic and Religious Educational Plan for the ensuing year?" was taken up. 1. Evangelistic Plan was referred to the Cabinet. 2. For religious education, see the plan as adopted.

**LAY DELEGATES—GENERAL CONFERENCE:**—President Harry B. Wright announced the result of the balloting for lay delegates and reserve lay delegates to the General Conference to be as follows: Willis L. Overdeer, Victor J. Carmine, and Edward J. Winder, delegates; Wilmer F. Davis and John W. Downing, reserve delegates, the first three being introduced to the Conference.

**O. M. SHOCKLEY:**—O. M. Shockley, Treasurer of the Lay Conference, was introduced and made a financial report.

**SATURDAY MORNING SESSION:**—The hour for beginning the Saturday morning United Session was changed to 9 o'clock.

**BUREAU OF CONFERENCE BUDGET:**—On motion of J. Harry Wright, Conference voted to reconsider the action of the morning session setting the basis of payment for entertainment of ministers at six days.

On motion of J. W. Prettyman, Conference set the basis of payment at five days for ministers, 2 days for laymen, the two groups sharing on a pro-rata basis in the event of a shortage in funds.

**INTRODUCTION:**—Dr. Wm. J. Davidson, representing the Board of Education, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—Announcements were made and the United Session adjourned, M. D. Nutter pronouncing the benediction.

#### EIGHTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

##### UNITED SESSION.

**OPENING:**—Conference convened in United Session at 9 o'clock, the Bishop presiding and conducting the devotions.

**JOURNAL:**—The Journals of Friday's sessions were read and approved.

**INTRODUCTION:**—Dr. Allan MacRossie, representing the Commission on Courses of Study, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**EXCUSED:**—Paul E. Reynolds was excused to attend a funeral.

**ORDER OF THE DAY—TEMPERANCE REPORT:**—The order of the day, the consideration of the report of the Temperance Committee, was taken up, and A. C. Goddard read the report.

On his motion, Conference granted ten minutes each to Ivanhoe Willis, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Delaware, and Geo. W. Crabbe, Superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, and they addressed the Conference. I. Elmer Perry, President of the Anti-Saloon League of Delaware, also addressed the Conference. The report was then adopted.

On motion of Ivanhoe Willis, the following were made Directors of both the Maryland and Delaware Anti-Saloon Leagues, to represent the Conference: O. E. Jones, Leonard White, E. J. Winder, and John L. Johnson.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**—Mrs. Edwin H. Hughes, Mrs. Ralph C. Jones and Miss Rebecca Jones were introduced, and Mrs. Hughes addressed the Conference.

**HAROLD PAUL SLOAN:**—R. C. Jones requested that an offering be taken in appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. Harold Paul Sloan in the evening evangelistic services. The offering was then taken.

**WASHINGTON CONFERENCE:**—O. A. Bartley read a telegram of greetings from Bishop Clair and the Washington Conference now in session in Metropolitan Church, Baltimore, Maryland, and on motion the Secretary was instructed to fittingly respond to the greetings.

**CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY:**—On motion of H. G. Budd, the following were elected members of the Conference Education Society, for a term of three years: M. E. Wheatley, D. W. Jacobs, M. S. Andrews, A. C. Humphreys, J. M. Tawes and J. Everett Walls.

**STATISTICIAN:**—J. W. Wootten, Conference Statistician, read his report, and on motion of G. W. Dawson, it was adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes.

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARIES:**—On motion of R. T. Thawley, Conference voted to request each District Superintendent to indicate by a foot note to the statistical page of his District, the actual salary received, or any amount returned to the District work.

**AFTERNOON SESSION:**—On motion of G. W. Dawson, Conference ordered a session for Saturday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock.

**HARRY B. WRIGHT:**—At the request of the Bishop, Harry B. Wright, President of the Lay Conference, assumed the Chair.

**BISHOP'S ADDRESS:**—A hymn was sung, Harry B. Wright led in prayer, and Bishop Hughes addressed the Conference on the subject, "A Conversation with Bishop Francis Asbury."

**ADJOURNMENT:**—Conference adjourned, Bishop Hughes pronouncing the benediction.

#### NINTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

##### UNITED SESSION.

**OPENING:**—Conference convened in United Session at 4.30 o'clock, the Bishop presiding.

**W. F. CORKRAN:**—The Secretary read a communication from W. F. Corkran, whose wife is very ill.

**NECESSITOUS CASES:**—On motion of J. W. Jones, Conference ordered the Board of Stewards to set aside the sum of \$2350 for necessitous cases.

**YOLANDE THOMAS:**—E. C. Hallman presented the following resolutions and they were adopted:

"Moved that the Board of Education on employing Miss Thomas as Secretary be requested to loan her services, as occasion may de-

mand, to such Conference Committees and Commissions that may be meeting in Dover, and that the Cabinet be permitted to occasionally secure her services in furthering the work of the Conference."

**QUESTION 49:**—The Forty-ninth Question, "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" was taken up. J. J. Bunting presented an invitation from Asbury Church, Salisbury, Md., and it was referred to the Commission on Conference Entertainment.

**C. C. C. CHAPLAIN:**—A communication from Henry R. Westcott, Jr., District Chaplain, United States Army, stationed at Fort Du Pont, Del., commending the pastors of the churches in Delaware for their cooperation with him in religious work for the Civilian Conservation Corp Camps in the State, was read by the Secretary.

**TREASURER:**—Wm. H. Revelle, Conference Treasures, read his report and it was received and ordered printed in the Minutes.

On the motion of R. T. Thawley, he was reelected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

**INTRODUCTION:**—E. E. Coleman, Pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church of Delmar, Del., was introduced.

**STATISTICIAN:**—On motion of M. S. Andrews, J. W. Wootten was reelected Statistician for the ensuing year.

**SECRETARY:**—On motion, J. R. Bicking was reelected Secretary for the ensuing year.

**AUDITOR:**—On motion of E. W. McDowell, H. B. Kelso was reelected Conference Auditor for the ensuing year.

**BISHOP'S RESIDENCE:**—On motion of L. E. Windsor, the District Superintendents were requested to name a representative from each District to serve on the Committee on Bishop's Residence. The following were appointed: D. W. Jacobs, O. A. Bartley, Preston W. Spence.

**UNITED SESSION ADJOURNED:**—On motion of L. E. Wimbrow, the United Session adjourned, and the Annual Session was called to order.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**—On motion Conference went into Executive Session, E. H. Collins and James O'Neil being appointed doorkeepers.

**COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS:**—Howard Davis presented the report of the Committee on Conference Relations in regard to the case of Ralph L. Minker, and on his motion he was placed in the Supernumerary relation according to Paragraph 212, page 200 of the Discipline.

On motion of G. W. Dawson, the following recommendation of the Committee in regard to the case of Frank A. Lindhorst was adopted:

"The Committee recommends that notice be given by the Secretary of this Conference and his District Superintendent, that, if he fails to transfer to another Conference before the next session of the

Wilmington Conference, his relation to this Conference shall be changed."

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:**—On motion of L. E. Windsor, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That beginning with the opening of the new Conference Year, no candidate for Admission on Trial, or for Full Membership, into the Wilmington Annual Conference, shall be admitted without a certificate of health by a reputable physician selected by the Board of Ministerial Qualifications."

**ORDER OF DAY—MONDAY:**—On motion of Frank Herson, consideration of General Conference Memorials and Constitutional Amendments, was made the order of the day for Monday morning, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

**TIME OF SESSION:**—On motion of W. M. Nesbit, the hour for convening the Conference Monday morning was set at 9 o'clock.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, J. Harry Wilson pronouncing the benediction.

#### TENTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

##### ORDINATION SERVICE.

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

**DIPLOMAS:**—Bishop Hughes, on behalf of the Committee on Conference Course of Study and the Conference Board of Ministerial Training, presented diplomas to those who had completed the Conference Course of Study, Joseph B. Dickerson, Jacob C. Hanby, Leon W. Ross, and Joseph B. Vaughn and Samuel L. Hanby, who had completed the Local Preacher's Course of Study.

**DEACONS:**—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacons Orders, and Ira E. Crum, John E. French, Daniel T. Pritchard, Robert G. Conner, John E. Jones, Joshua E. Layton, Alfred L. White, were ordained as Deacons, the last four named under the Local Rule.

**ELDERS:**—Those elected to Elders Orders were called and presented and the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders ordained Joseph B. Dickerson, Jacob C. Hanby, Leon W. Ross, Joseph B. Vaughn and Samuel L. Hanby as Elders, the last named under the Local Rule.

The credentials of David Wood having been recognized he became an Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church under the Local Rule.

#### CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

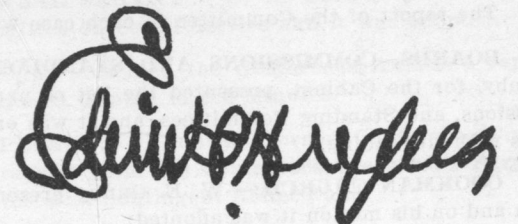
This is to certify that on the 29th day of March, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-six, I ordained as Deacons:

Robert Gambrill Conner  
Ira Elbert Crum  
John Edward French  
John Edward Jones  
Joshua Edward Layton  
Daniel Thomas Pritchard  
Alfred Lincoln White

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

Joseph Biard Dickerson  
Jacob Carroll Hanby  
Samuel Larkin Hanby  
Leon Warren Ross  
Joseph Burton Vaughn

they having been duly elected to the above orders respectively by the Wilmington Annual Conference. Robert G. Conner, John E. Jones, Joshua E. Layton, Alfred L. White, and Samuel L. Hanby were ordained under the Local Rule.



Delmar, Del.

Bishop.

#### ELEVENTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

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

**JOURNAL:**—The Journals of Saturday's sessions, and the Journal of Sunday Afternoon's session, were read and approved.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS:**—E. P. Thomas read the report of the Board of Stewards, and it was adopted with the recommendations contained therein. The privilege of the floor was granted to Jefferson Cooper, Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, and he read his report. On motion it was ordered printed in the Minutes.

**MRS. W. F. CORKRAN:**—The Secretary read a message from W. F. Corkran announcing the death of Mrs. Corkran, and on motion of W. E. Gunby, the Secretary was instructed to send to Dr. Corkran a telegram of condolence and sympathy.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**—The order of the day, the consideration of General Conference Memorials and Constitutional Amendments, was taken up. Frank Herson, reporting for the Committee, read the proposed Constitutional Amendments, the Committee recommending non-concurrence in each case. The vote was as follows:

**Wisconsin Amendment**—For the amendment, 0; against the amendment, 93.

**Northwest Indiana Amendments**—In each of the five amendments, the vote was—for, 0; against, 97.

**Rock River Lay Conference Amendments**—In each of the five amendments, the vote was—For, 0; against, 103.

**MEMORIALS:**—In connection with the Memorials to General Conference, the Committees report was as follows:

1. Newark Annual Conference Memorials, number one—non-concurrence; numbers two and three—no action.
2. Idaho Conference Memorials, number one—non-concurrence; number two—no action; number 3—non-concurrence.
3. Wilmington Conference Memorial—concurrence. See page immediately following this session.

The report of the Committee in each case was adopted.

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:**—W. E. Gunby, for the Cabinet, presented the list of names for the Boards, Commissions, and Standing Committees, and it was ordered printed in the Minutes without reading.

**COOKMAN CHURCH:**—W. E. Gunby presented the following resolution and on his motion it was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Conference give me permission to request the Trustees of Cookman M. E. Church, Wilmington, Delaware, to convey the property to the Trustees of the Wilmington Conference and to sell the property, with the concurrence of the other two District Superintendents, if and when good opportunity is found, full report to be made to this body."

**BISHOP HUGHES—ALLAN MACROSSIE:**—On motion of T. F. Beauchamp, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the outstanding work of the Chairman, Bishop Hughes, and the Secretary, Dr. Allan MacRossie, of the Commission on Conference Courses of Study, make it very desirable that they be continued in these respective offices of the above named Commission, and that our delegation to General Conference be instructed to use their influence to that end."

T. F. BEAUCHAMP,  
E. W. McDOWELL,  
TILGHMAN SMITH,  
FRANK HERSON.

**BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING:**—The Bishop announced the appointment of O. A. Bartley and Leonard White to the Board of Ministerial Training.

**W. E. HABBART:**—On motion of G. W. Dawson, representing the Committee on Conference Relations, W. E. Habbart was granted the Supernumerary Relation, at his own request.

**WORLD SERVICE:**—Tilghman Smith presented the following resolutions on World Service and they were adopted:

WHEREAS, The report of the amount raised for World Service again shows a decrease, a decrease so small that the sum of three dollars additional from each pastoral charge would have converted it into an increase.

RESOLVED: 1. That we appeal to every pastoral charge to make some increase next year, no matter how small it must of necessity be.

2. That a missionary rally be held at the seat of the Conference, and that the Committee on Program be instructed to arrange the same at a date convenient for the members of the United Sessions.

3. That every pastor be entreated to do an increased amount of missionary reading and study, and to promote the same, and thus make permanent and temporary gains we may make.

**COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE:**—O. A. Bartley presented the revised report of the Committee on Social Service and it was adopted.

**AUDITOR:**—H. B. Kelso presented the Conference Auditor's report and it was adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes.

**TREASURER'S SURPLUS:**—J. J. Bunting, former Conference Treasurer, was authorized to transfer from the Conference Treasurer's Surplus the sum of \$100 to the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS—AUDITOR'S REPORT:**—L. E. Windsor presented the Auditor's report of the Board of Stewards, and on motion it was ordered printed in the Minutes, without reading.

**STATE OF THE CHURCH:**—E. M. Shockley presented the report of the Committee on the State of the Church and it was adopted.

**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. Reserves: G. W. Dawson and Leolan Jackson.

**QUESTION 43:**—The Forty-third Question, "What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?" was taken up. Answer: See part of Sustentation Report.

**QUESTION 44:**—The Forty-fourth Question, "What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?" was taken up. Answer: No report.

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

**INTRODUCTIONS:**—R. C. Jones introduced the following who have helped him in entertaining the Conference:

Mrs. Martha Tingle, President of the Ladies Aid.

Roy T. Lockerman, Mayor of Delmar.

Everett Hutchinson, President of the Delmar Fire Company.

Ralph Williams, Chief of the Delmar, Del. police.

Richard Godfrey, Chief of the Delmar, Md. police.

**O. E. JONES:**—At the request of the Bishop, O. E. Jones took the Chair.

**CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY:**—On motion of W. E. Gunby, at the request of the Society, \$3500 was ordered apportioned to the charges of the Conference for the support of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society for the ensuing year, the said amount to be divided by the Superintendents and apportioned to the respective districts.

**MISSIONARY SERMON:**—On motion of V. E. Hills, Conference requested the Bishop to appoint at once a preacher from the Conference to preach the Missionary Sermon at the next session of the Conference.

On motion of Frank Herson, the Bishop was requested to appoint V. E. Hills to this task.

**BISHOP'S ADDRESS ON ASBURY:**—On motion of E. B. Eckhart, the Bishop was requested to deliver his address on Bishop Asbury to the Delmarva Institute for Youth.

On motion of R. T. Thawley, the Bishop was requested to put the address in print when convenient.

**COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM:**—On motion of T. J. Sard, the following were named to the Commission on Evangelism, to serve for a term of three years: R. C. Jones, C. C. Harris and J. H. Wright.

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**—R. C. Jones and E. B. Eckhart rendered several selections on the Orchestral Harp and Vibraharp.

**THE CHAIR:**—Bishop Hughes resumed the Chair. A hymn was sung.

**QUESTION 26:**—The Twenty-sixth Question, "Who have been left without Appointment to Attend one of our schools?" was taken up. Answer: Vernon M. Goodhand.

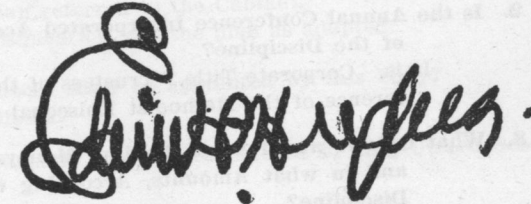
**QUESTION 41:**—The Forty-first Question, "Who have been granted Leave of Absence?" was taken up. Answer: Rufus W. Mills.

**COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND THANKS:**—Wm. J. McKee read the report of the Committee on Resolutions and Thanks and it was adopted.

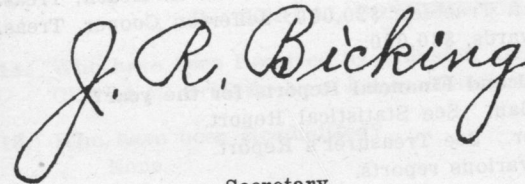
**INTRODUCTION:**—O. P. Jefferson introduced W. Vaughn Moore, Jr., the former President of the Youth Conference, and Miss Alice Sheldon, the new President of the Youth Conference.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—On motion, 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, a hymn was sung, the Bishop pronounced the benediction and Conference adjourned.



President.



Secretary.

### MEMORIAL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, A number of Conference Historical Societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church in conjunction with similar societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the Methodist Protestant Church and other bodies have united in organizing the association of Methodist Historical Societies for the purpose of promoting, through local historical Societies, the discovery, collection and cataloguing of Historical books, pamphlets, pictures, journals, manuscripts, pictures of personages and institutions, and antiquities, also the creation of a system of exchange of duplicates, looking to the formation of a general catalogue of such collections of source material,

Therefore, we respectfully request the general conference to recognize and approve of the association and to suggest the affiliation therewith of historical societies of all Methodist branches including the United Church of Canada, the United Brethren in Christ, the Evangelical Conference and all bodies welcome to membership in the Ecumenical Methodist Conference to the end that a complete survey of Historical materials relating to our common Methodism may be made and become accessible to all our people.



## 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, Harry B. Wright, Preston, Maryland; Secretary, C. W. Cook, Jr., Wilmington, Del.; Treasurer, O. M. Shockley, Showell, 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?  
Wm. H. Revelle, Conf. Treasurer, \$25,000; W. A. Hearn, Treas. of Board of Conf. Trustees, \$20,000; Jefferson Cooper, Treas. of 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, \$47,000; Episcopal Fund, 2½% of cash salary paid for current year; General Conference Expenses, Balance due for this quadrennium to be reapportioned to the Charges.
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?  
Wesley Collegiate Institute, \$4000. Request also made of the Board of Home Missions to grant privilege of securing designated gifts not to exceed \$1000 for our church at Ocean City, Md., and a like amount for our church at Rock Hall, Md.
9. What is the schedule of Minimum Support?  
A commission appointed to report at the next session of Conference.

10. What are the approved claims for the support of the District Superintendents, Bishops and Conference Claimants for the ensuing year?  
District Superintendents, referred to District Stewards; Bishops, 2½% of cash salary paid for current year; Conference Claimants, see Questions 45, 46, 47.
  11. What shall be the Evangelistic and Religious Educational Plan for the ensuing year?
    1. Evangelistic Plan referred to the Cabinet.
    2. For Religious Education, see the plan as adopted.
  12. What Standing Committees shall be appointed by this body?  
See list of Committees.
  13. What other items of business shall be considered by this United Session?  
None.
- B. ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION.**
14. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?  
Charles M. Griffeth, New Jersey; Charles W. Robb, New Jersey.
  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.  
Walter L. Beckwith, Vernon M. Goodhand, Frederick H. Truitt.
    - (b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.  
Ira E. Crum.
    - (c) Exempt from Course of Study under Seminary Rule.  
None.
  18. Who have been Continued on Trial?
    - (a) In Studies of First Year.  
Frank G. Buckley, Jr.
    - (b) In Studies of Second Year.  
Elmer L. Bennett, James H. Clow, Jr., Ewell E. Crockett, Walter A. Glass.
    - (c) In Studies of Third Year.  
John E. Jones.
    - (d) In Studies of Fourth Year.  
Louis R. Dennis.

19. Who have been Discontinued?  
None.
20. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?  
(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.  
John E. French, Daniel T. Pritchard.  
(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.  
John E. French, Daniel T. Pritchard.  
(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.  
None.
22. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?  
Richard M. Green, Ray W. Kirwan, D'Arcy A. Littleton, Theodore O. M. Wills.
23. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?  
(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.  
Jacob C. Hanby, Leon W. Ross.  
(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.  
None.  
(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.  
Joseph B. Dickerson, Joseph B. Vaughn.  
(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.  
Robert G. Conner, John E. Jones, Joshua E. Layton, Alfred L. White.  
(b) Under Missionary Rule.  
None.  
(c) Under the Seminary Rule.  
Ira E. Crum.  
(d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.  
None.

25. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?  
(a) As Local Deacons.  
Samuel L. Hanby.  
(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?  
None.
27. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?  
Yes.  
It was.
28. Who are accepted as Supply Pastors?  
Reuben H. Adams, William C. Buckson, David T. Campbell, Charles G. Cannon, Robert G. Conner, Arthur C. Curtis, Walter E. Fosnocht, John T. Graham, Samuel L. Hanby, John P. Kelley, Robert L. Kirby, Lawrence L. Knotts, Joshua E. Layton, Benjamin L. Lewis, Jefferson G. Lynn, William L. McClintock, Frank K. McCorkle, James H. Morgan, Leroy V. Pratt, Daniel B. Prettyman, Charles D. Sharpless, James C. Steen, Arthur G. Thomas, John H. Thornton, Alonzo Travers, John F. Willis, Robert H. Wilson, Alfred L. White, David Wood, 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.  
None.  
2. In the Second Year.  
Walter E. Fosnocht, Robert L. Kirby, John F. Willis.  
3. In the Third Year.  
Robert G. Conner, Joshua E. Layton, Alfred L. White.  
4. In the Fourth Year.  
Ernest N. Wright.  
II. The Local Preachers' Course of Study?  
1. In the First Year.  
None.  
2. In the Second Year.  
Charles G. Cannon.  
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?
- For Deacon's Orders.  
Robert G. Conner, Joshua E. Layton, Alfred L. White.
  - For Elder's Orders.  
Samuel L. Hanby.
30. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?  
James H. Brasher, Philadelphia; Joseph S. Eldridge, New Jersey.
31. Who have Died?  
George W. Bowman, George A. Cooke, James W. Easley, Oscar L. Martin, Francis B. Short, Daniel Wilson.
32. Who have been Located at their own Request?  
None.
33. Who have been Located?  
Glen E. Aldrich.
34. Who have Withdrawn?
- From the Ministry.  
None.
  - From the Ministry and Membership of the Church.  
None.
  - 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?  
George V. Turner.
37. Who have been Expelled?  
None.
38. What other personal Notation should be made?
- Those whose Orders have been recognized without Admission to the Annual Conference.  
David Wood, received as a Local Elder from the United Brethren Church.
39. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?  
Wm. E. Habbart (1). Ralph L. Minker (1).

40. Who are the Retired Ministers?  
W. O. Bennett, Wm. H. Briggs, L. M. Broadway, J. A. Buckson, H. G. Budd, E. H. Collins, V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran, D. J. Ford, J. H. Geoghegan, J. W. Gray, W. E. Greenfield, V. E. Hills, E. L. Hoffecker, T. S. Holt, O. E. James, G. P. Jones, L. W. Layfield, W. E. Matthews, F. X. Moore, W. R. Mowbray, M. D. Nutter, J. P. Outten, L. E. Poole, W. C. Poole, J. W. Prettyman, J. T. Price, J. D. Reese, J. T. Richardson, V. E. Rorer, Adam Stengle, C. W. Strickland, E. C. Sunfield, J. W. Sutton, E. B. Taylor, C. H. Williams, J. H. Wilson, W. A. Wise, G. E. Wood, W. R. Woodell.
41. Who have been granted Leave of Absence?  
R. W. Mills.
42. Who are the Triers of Appeals?  
J. W. Colona, Frank Herson, J. L. Johnson and W. A. Wise. Reserves: G. W. Dawson and Leolan Jackson.
43. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?  
See part of Sustentation 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, 2479 years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$24 per Year, \$59,496; For Necessitous distribution, \$2350; Total, \$61,846.
46. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?  
From the Book Concern, \$0; From Annual Conf. Investments, \$11,875; From the Chartered Fund, \$65; From Pastoral Charges, \$27,970; From Board of Pensions and Relief, \$0; From Other Sources, \$0. Total, \$39,910.
- (b) How has it been Applied?  
Under order of Stewards. See Report.
47. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?  
\$49,971.
48. Where are the Preachers Stationed?  
See List of Appointments.
49. Where shall the Next Session of the Conference be held?  
Invitation from Asbury Church, Salisbury, Md., referred to Commission on Conference Entertainment.

# APPOINTMENTS

## DOVER DISTRICT.

- E. C. HALLMAN, District Superintendent, (P. O. Dover, Del.). (2).
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| ✓ Bayside, Walter Glass (1)<br>(P. O. Sherwood, Md.)                        | ✓ Galestown and Reliance,<br>(Sup.) C. D. Sharpless (1)<br>(P. O. Galestown, Md.) |
| ✓ Blades, O. T. Baynard (1)<br>(P. O. Seaford, Del.)                        | ✓ Georgetown, Del.,<br>Omar E. Jones (6)  |
| ✓ Bozman and Neavitt,<br>(Sup.) W. L. McClintock (2)<br>(P. O. Bozman, Md.) | ✓ Georgetown Circuit,<br>James H. Gardner (3)<br>(P. O. Georgetown, Del.)         |
| Bridgeville, Del.,<br>J. C. B. Hopkins (2)                                  | ✓ Greensboro, Md.,<br>T. F. Beauchamp (2)   |
| ✓ Burrsville, Md., Ira B. Crum (1)  | ✓ Greenwood, Del., J. H. Clow, Jr. (1)  |
| ✓ Camden, Del., John W. Jones (1)   | ✓ Harrington, Del., J. E. Parker (3)  |
| Canterbury and Viola,<br>(Sup.) D. J. Ford (2)<br>(P. O. Canterbury, Del.)  | ✓ Henderson, Md.,<br>(Sup.) Alonzo Travers (3)                                    |
| ✓ Centreville, Md.,<br>Harry J. Branford (1)                                | ✓ Hillsboro, Md., C. W. Spry (1)  |
| ✓ Chestertown, Md.,<br>Paul E. Reynolds (1)                                 | ✓ Houston, Del., W. H. Kohl (1)   |
| Cheswold, Del., J. E. Jones (3)   | ✓ Kent Island, James Langrall (1)<br>(P. O. Stevensville, Md.)                    |
| ✓ Church Hill, Md.,<br>Walter L. Beckwith (3)                               | ✓ Kenton, Del., James O'Neil (3)  |
| ✓ Clayton, Del., Tilghman Smith (2)   | ✓ Lewes, Del., A. B. Frye (1)   |
| ✓ Concord, Md., Louis R. Dennis (2)<br>(P. O. Federalsburg, Md.)            | ✓ Lincoln, Del.,<br>(Sup.) S. L. Hanby (3)  |
| ✓ Cordova, Md., John E. French (3)  | ✓ Little Creek & St. Paul's,<br>(Sup.) W. C. Buckson (1)<br>(P. O. Dover, Del.)   |
| ✓ Denton, Md., M. S. Andrews (4)  | ✓ Magnolia and Barratt's Chapel,<br>Robert E. Green (1)<br>(P. O. Magnolia, Del.) |
| ✓ Dover—Wesley, Del.,<br>E. M. Shockley (1)                                 | ✓ Marydel, Md.,<br>(Sup.) R. G. Conner (3)  |
| ✓ Easton, Md., E. P. Thomas (1)   | ✓ Milford, Del., Frank Herson (10)  |
| ✓ Ellendale, Del.,<br>(Sup.) E. N. Wright (3)                               | ✓ Milford Neck, H. B. Kelso (1)<br>(P. O. Frederica, Del.)                        |
| ✓ Fairlee, Oren B. Rice (1)<br>(P. O. Chestertown, Md.)                     | ✓ Milton, Del., Howard Davis (3)  |
| ✓ Farmington, Del.,<br>(Sup.) J. G. Lynn (1)                                | ✓ Mt. Zion, J. L. Johnson (1)<br>(P. O. Seaford, Del.)                            |
| ✓ Federalsburg, Md.,<br>C. Irving Carpenter (3)                             | ✓ Nassau, Del.,<br>(Sup.) J. T. Graham (1)  |
| ✓ Felton, Del., E. W. Hervis (1)  | ✓ Oxford, Md., (Sup.) G. E. Wood (3)  |
| ✓ Frederica, Del., H. B. Kelso (1)  |   |

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| ✓ Poinona, Md., F. H. Truitt (1)                           | ✓ St. Michaels and Royal Oak,<br>Leolan Jackson (3)<br>(P. O. St. Michaels, Md.) |
| ✓ Preston, Md., P. W. Spence (3)                           | ✓ Tilghman, Md., Leon Ross (2)   |
| ✓ Queenstown, Md., R. W. Kirwan (3)                        | Trappe, Md.,<br>(Sup.) D. B. Prettyman (4)                                       |
| Rehoboth, Del., Conrad Hamer (1)                           | ✓ Woodside, Del., F. D. Milbury (3)  |
| ✓ Ridgely, Md., O. B. Reed (2)                             | Wye Mills and Starr,<br>(Sup.) J. P. Kelley (2)<br>(P. O. Wye Mills, Md.)        |
| ✓ Rock Hall, Md., F. C. Louhoff (1)                        | ✓ Wyoming, Del., F. D. Milbury (6)   |
| ✓ Seaford, Del., J. L. Johnson (1)                         |  |
| Seaford Circuit, Roy L. Tawes (1)<br>(P. O. Seaford, Del.) |  |
| ✓ Smyrna, Del., J. W. Colona (1)                           |  |
| ✓ Sudlersville, Md., C. M. Griffith (2)                    |  |

## SALISBURY DISTRICT.

J. J. BUNTING, District Superintendent, (P. O. Salisbury, Md.). (2).

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| Annemessex, F. G. Buckley (1)<br>(P. O. Marion, Md.)                   | ✓ Gumboro, (Sup.) W. F. Corkran (2)<br>(P. O. Seaford, Del.)                   |
| Beckwith and Spedden,<br>E. L. Bennett (1)<br>(P. O. Cambridge, Md.)   | Hebron, Md., (Sup.) A. L. White (2)  |
| Berlin, Md., O. H. Connelly (1)  | Hooper's Island,<br>(Sup.) C. G. Cannon (4)<br>(P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.)      |
| Bethel, Del., L. L. Powell (2)   | ✓ Hurlock, Md., G. W. Dawson (2)   |
| Bishopville, Md., J. P. Landon (2)                                     | Laurel, Del., W. A. Hearn (2)  |
| Cambridge, Md., W. G. Harris (6)                                       | ✓ Mardela Springs, Md.,<br>(Sup.) B. L. Lewis (1)                              |
| Cape Charles, Va., W. V. Moore (1)                                     | ✓ Millsboro, Del., J. A. Clark (5)   |
| Chincoteague, Va.,<br>C. W. Branford (4)                               | ✓ Mt. Pleasant, J. C. Hanby (3)<br>(P. O. Laurel, Del.)                        |
| Church Creek, Md., H. O. Hufnal (2)                                    | ✓ Mt. Vernon, Md., D. J. Givan (2)   |
| Crapo, Md., V. M. Goodhand (1)   | ✓ Nanticoke, Md., J. H. Whedbee (2)  |
| Crisfield, Md.:<br>Asbury, J. T. Rowleson (4)                          | ✓ Newark, Md., D. T. Pritchard (1)   |
| Immanuel, J. R. Bicking (1)  | ✓ Ocean City, Md., D. A. Littleton (3)   |
| Dagsboro and St. Georges,<br>F. A. Baker (2)<br>(P. O. Dagsboro, Del.) | ✓ Ocean View and Millville,<br>W. S. Grant (2)<br>(P. O. Ocean View, Del.)     |
| Deals Island, Md.,<br>D. E. McClain (3)                                | ✓ Onancock, Va., Willard Everett (4)   |
| Delmar, Del., R. C. Jones (3)  | ✓ Parsonsburg, Md., J. R. Diehl (1)  |
| East New Market, Md.,<br>A. F. Zimmerman (4)                           | ✓ Phoebus, Va., G. E. Sterling (4)   |
| Elliott, Md.,<br>(Sup.) J. H. Morgan (1)                               | ✓ Pittsville, Md., Waldo L. Dise (2)   |
| Fairmount, E. B. Eckhart (1)<br>(P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.)           | ✓ Pocomoke City, Md.,<br>J. W. Wootten (1)                                     |
| Frankford, Del., J. C. Bolton (3)                                      | ✓ Pocomoke Circuit,<br>(Sup.) Ellwood Cursey (1)<br>(P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.) |
| Fruitland, Md., S. B. Bradley (2)                                      | ✓ Powellville,<br>(Sup.) D. T. Campbell (5)<br>(P. O. Pittsville, Md.)         |
| Girdletree, Md., E. E. Crockett (2)                                    |  |

Princess Anne, Md.,	R. P. Nichols (3)	St. Peters,	G. H. Wheatley (1)
		(P. O. Oriole, Md.)	
Quantico, Md.,	W. J. Ennis (7)	St. Thomas,	
Roxana, Del.,	W. M. Parker (2)	(Sup.) R. H. Wilson (1)	
Salisbury, Md.:		(P. O. Bishops Head, Md.)	
Asbury,	G. W. Humphreys (3)	Tangier, Va.,	H. N. Bailey (3)
Grace,	A. W. Goodhand (2)	Vienna, Md., (Sup.)	J. F. Willis (2)
Secretary, Md.,		Westover, Md.,	
	(Sup.) J. P. Outten (3)	(Sup.) A. E. Curtis (1)	
Selbyville, Del.,	R. T. Thawley (1)	Whitesville, Del.,	
Sharptown, Md.,	R. H. Nelson (1)	(Sup.) A. G. Thomas (1)	
Smith's Island,	W. D. Short (1)	Willards, (Sup.)	D. T. Campbell (3)
	(P. O. Ewell, Md.)	(P. O. Pittsville, Md.)	
Snow Hill, Md.,	D. W. Jacobs (2)	Williamsburg, Md.,	
Somerset,	W. L. Hess (1)	(Sup.) R. L. Kirby (1)	
	(P. O. Chance, Md.)	Zoar Circuit,	L. L. Powell (2)
Stockton, Md.,	G. S. Thomas (1)	(P. O. Bethel, Del.)	

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

W. E. GUNBY, District Superintendent, (P. O., 2705 Harrison St.,  
Wilmington, Del.). (2).

Bethel and Town Point,	(Sup.) L. V. Pratt (1)	Elk Neck, (Sup.)	J. W. Boulden (1)
	(P. O. Chesapeake City, Md.)	(P. O. North East, Md.)	
Brack-Ex, (Sup.)	R. H. Adams (17)	Galena, Md.,	W. G. Barlow (2)
	(P. O. Elsmere, Del.)	Hockessin, Del.,	W. H. Revelle (3)
Cecilton, Md.,	C. E. Davis (1)	Holly Oak, Del.,	
Charlestown, Md.,		(Sup.) J. E. Layton (12)	
	(Sup.) J. H. Thornton (4)	Hopewell,	S. T. Hamblin (1)
Cherry Hill, Md.,		(P. O. Port Deposit, Md.)	
	(Sup.) F. K. McCorkle (1)	Marshallton, Del.,	J. M. Kelso (1)
	(P. O. Elkton, Md.)	Middletown, Del.,	L. B. Morgan (1)
Chesapeake City, Md.,		Millington, Md.,	C. W. Robb (2)
	H. T. Caldwell (1)	Mt. Lebanon,	
Chester-Bethel,	D. J. Moore (2)	(Sup.) W. E. Fosnocht (3)	
	(P. O. Wilm., Del., R. D. #1)	(P. O. Wilm., Del., R. D. #1)	
Christiana, Del.,	R. M. Green (6)	Newark, Del.,	Leonard White (2)
Claymont, Del.,	W. M. Nesbit (2)	Newark Union,	
Crumpton, Md.,		(Sup.) V. E. Hills (3)	
	(Sup.) David Wood (2)	(P. O. Welden Rd., Wil., Del.)	
Delaware City, Del.,		New Castle, Del.,	C. N. Jones (2)
	(Sup.) L. L. Knotts (2)	Newport, Del.,	J. C. McCoy (3)
Ebenezer,	T. O. M. Wills (5)	North East, Md.,	
	(P. O. Newark, Del.)	R. W. Campbell (1)	
Elkton, Md.,	M. E. Wheatley (1)	Odessa, Del.,	N. C. Benson (1)
		Perryville, Md.,	O. P. Jefferson (3)

Port Deposit and Colora,	
	H. R. McDade (2)
	(P. O. Port Deposit, Md.)
Red Lion,	R. S. Hodgson (2)
Richardson Park, Del.,	
	E. W. McDowell (2)
Rising Sun, Md.,	Frank White (1)
St. George's, Del.,	J. L. Sparklin (4)
St. John's,	
	(Sup.) J. W. Prettyman (4)
	(P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)
St. Paul's, Md.,	C. E. Davis (1)
	(P. O. Cecilton, Md.)
Stanton, Del.,	
	(Sup.) E. H. Collins (1)
	(P. O. Marshallton, Del.)
Still Pond and Betterton,	
	R. W. Hallman (1)
	(P. O. Still Pond, Md.)
Townsend and Blackbird,	
	A. W. Strickland (2)
	(P. O. Townsend, Del.)
Zion Circuit,	C. H. Atkins (4)
	(P. O. North East, Md.)

## WILMINGTON:

Asbury,	H. M. Parks (1)
Bellefonte, (Sup.)	J. C. Steen (9)
Brandywine,	O. A. Bartley (3)
Eastlake,	C. C. Harris (7)
Epworth,	W. J. McKee (2)
Grace,	B. M. Johns (14)
Harrison St.,	M. W. Marine (1)
Hillcrest,	J. B. Dickerson (1)
Kingswood,	W. H. Revelle (1)
Madeley,	J. B. Vaughn (1)
McCabe,	A. C. Goddard (5)
Mt. Salem,	L. E. Windsor (1)
Scott,	L. E. Wimbrow (3)
Silverbrook,	J. H. Wright (1)
St. Paul's,	O. J. Collins (4)
Trinity,	C. H. Hudson (7)
Union,	T. J. Sard (4)

F. A. Lindhorst, Field Director, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del. (5).

E. C. Prettyman, Superintendent Connecticut Anti-Saloon League, McCabe Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del. (22).

Ivanhoe Willis, Superintendent Anti-Saloon League of Delaware, Marshallton Quarterly Conference. (3).

R. Ward Mills, Year's Leave of Absence.

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, The Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.

Miss Louise Whitsitt, Asbury and Scott Churches, Wilmington, Del.

## REPORTS

## (a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

## DOVER DISTRICT.

E. C. HALLMAN, Superintendent.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:—

The year after the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in America, namely in 1784, Bishop Francis Asbury appointed the first group of presiding elders. Among them was William Gill, whose brilliant mind and saintly life ended the earthly pilgrimage near Rock Hall and whose body lies in the much neglected cemetery of old Hinson's Chapel. There was assigned to him four circuits comprising the only district on the Peninsula. These were Dover, Annessex, Caroline and Somerset. In 1788, Richard Whatcoat, afterward Bishop and whose dropsical body gave up the strenuous struggle in the home of Governor Bassett and was buried under the altar of old Wesley in Dover, became the presiding elder of an increased territory. This not only included the Peninsula, but embraced Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio, with a total of sixteen circuits. In the year 1935, after the Conference voted to reduce districts, Bishop Hughes appointed the writer to the newly organized Dover District, with sixty four charges—the largest number ever given any one superintendent in the history of the Peninsula. One of these charges was still born; another became so frightened facing the responsibilities, it gave one inarticulate cry of distress, lost its breath in doing so and has never regained it.

In former days there had been realignments; districts had been fashioned and formed and dispensed with, according to the occasion. The cause of Christ faltered or prospered, due not to any boundary line, but to the personnel of the workers. We were conscious the years work did not depend upon those visible tracings on the map of Methodism called the Wilmington Conference with its subdivisions, but on the attitude of those who had the task to perform. In fact most of us were not conscious of the new name on the banner of our subdivision, only as we thought of it or were doing team work. The disturbing factors we met were not due to geography but to human nature. They would have been present if the name had been Timbuctu or Kalamazoo, or if the Conference had been divided into six or sixty districts.

Some scientist has said glass is the most flexible thing we know. Bend it for years, and when the pressure is removed, it springs back to its original position. He never met a few of the brethren in some of the circuits in the Conference. You may bring the pressure of new ideas, with

their possibility of success as evidenced elsewhere, to bear upon them, but with a sigh of regret because they have been disturbed, they gladly and swiftly go back to the outmoded plan—and their minister waits in vain for his earned wage.

Disheartening conditions brought discouraged men to our door. Occasionally we were advising a bit of God's sunshine to dry out the mildew of selfish interest that appeared in a few places. That optical disease sometimes called farsightedness has attacked a limited number. They behold glowing tints to distant horizons of both time and place and are ignoring a riot of color at their feet. We find those who have attempted to save the world in one grand upheaval and failing, have sunk into an apathy of indifference to any other effort. Here and there the hereditary breaks out into boastings of things done in the yesterdays and of blue blood flowing in modern veins. To boast of yesterdays greatness in the barrenness of todays accomplishments is but to reveal the weakness in its nakedness against such a background. These and similar problems, have been engaging the Church for years. They grow out of the humanness of people. Such problems, like the poor of understanding, will always be with this or any other district.

The Dover District Family is composed of sixty two pastors, eleven retired brethren, eleven widows of former members of the Conference, eighteen thousand members including the inactives, a very large group of Epworth Leaguers, a host of Sunday School scholars and numerous friends. They are scattered over six counties.

During the year we had several breaks in our official family. One of God's rays of sunshine, named Daniel Wilson, passed through the shadow of death to reappear in the land of Eternal Light. He died in Baltimore and was buried in Centreville. In February, that militant soldier of the Cross, Francis Burgette Short, was mustered out of the regiment here and transferred to the victorious army of the redeemed. Another servant of the Most High, an esteemed supply preacher, L. T. McLain, gave up the unequal struggle against disease and old age and was gathered unto his Father's Fold.

Late in September, J. H. Brasher left us for the Philadelphia Conference. One of their men went to the New Jersey Conference and C. M. Griffeth came to us from there. In adjusting this transfer, J. C. B. Hopkins was sent to Bridgeville and C. M. Griffeth took his place at Sudlersville. Brother Budd, in August, requested release as pastor of Canterbury and Viola Charge. We asked Brother Daniel Ford to take the Charge. Another pastor seeking release was the young minister of Galestown and Reliance Charge, Lawrence Haddaway. Arthur E. Curtiss was appointed to this vacancy.

Since Verazzio first sailed along our shores, we, like the rest of our Country, have had certain key words to govern us. When Rev. John Robinson offered the prayer of dedication and gave his blessing to his departing flock and walked down the gangplank of the Mayflower, he nor they, little dreamed the stout little ship was carrying an idea that was to govern a great nation for many years. They had in their hearts a passion for freedom and a determination to find it. This deep rooted and determining factor shaded their every act and became a rally cry and dominant

note of not only their colony but the others as well. Hence under the urge of freeing themselves from the domineering King George freedom ruled them and continued to be the dominant note in the thinking of the American Republic until it spent itself freeing the slaves. When George Whitfield landed in Lewes early in November of 1739 and began preaching the clarion call of Methodism to repent and be set free from the thralldom of sin, he found eager ears and hungry hearts to heed the call. From then on, because of its doctrine of personal freedom from sin, Methodism very naturally fitted into the philosophy of the new Nation.

During that epochal and titanic struggle between capitol and labor, there dominated the American mind another germain and magnetic key word. It was embodied in the word rights. Methodism has always succored the under dog. So much so that during this period we were dubbed "the poor mans church". Nevertheless it was under the regime of this word we grew the fastest. Our dogmas of helpfulness and our spirit of fair play were the things that fired the imagination of those who were desperately striving for right. Then imperceptibly the nation became aware of another of these crown words. We sensed it when a war mad Nation declared they were the supermen. The battle of Aristocracy versus Democracy was on and equality became the shibboleth of the new day. There are only two world churches. The sun never sets on the spires of Methodism, nor does any dawn fail to hear the matin call to worship of the Roman Catholic Church bell. These two are diametrically opposite in their polity. One is purely a hierarchy and the other is just as truly democratic. The Pope decrees and it percolates down through the strata of the Church. No major move or purpose can get anywhere in the Methodist Church without the laymen saying it shall or shall not be. The forum this time was not to be a nation or a race or even a continent, but the world. The battle line jumped the color line and flamed in monarchies. What Church would naturally fit into this scheme of thinking? The answer came in a wave of eager effort on our part as we dimly sensed our opportunity. Hence we launched our Centenary campaign with its high ideals and purposes. Its tragic retreats and the present reaction toward a more wholesome attitude is current history. Whatever may be said about it, this is true, we saved the Nation from plunging into an ill timed war with Japan. Our "What fell in a day, we will build in a day" campaign for earth stricken Japan revealed to them a sympathetic heart that yellow journalism could not overshadow. Equality plunged us into a confusion of values. Poor men forgot to be judicious, rich men failed to stand on fundamentals—then confusion, spiritual floundering, bewilderment and chaos. Yet out of this came the youngest and most powerful of the governing words. It has to be redefined because it means more than tithes or payments. It blazes in principles and purposes. For the want of a better name we call it stewardship. The giving of millions by the rich, the sharing of the communistic groups, the Oxford movement in religion, are but gestures that reveal its presence.

Our critics say that our Church, grown heavy in the opulence of wealth and arrogant in the inflation of bigness, is not able to meet the challenge of the new day. They are forgetting some things about us; and they are failing to discern certain signs. They do not see the hardening

of spiritual muscles under the sacrificial strain of these last few years; nor do they understand the new note of definite challenge to modern sin, issuing in ever increasing volume from our pulpits and press. They are overlooking the revival fires that are glowing in obscure corners of Methodism, and fail to see the heart hunger for the thing to break out in all churches. They fail to note the turning of the tide of retreat in benevolences, nor can they see the grim line of determination in the heart of the Church in reference to rum and other vicious evils. Your servants on the firing line fighting under the battle flag of righteousness in the regiment of the Dover District, may not be aware of all the issues involved in the days fight, but be assured they have no intention of flying the white flag of surrender. They recognize they are stewards of a mighty trust. There is a grimness about their lips whenever they speak about the day and its need. There is a quickened tempo to their heart beat in discussing the opportunities of the Church. There is a feverish activity in their efforts to usher in the Kingdom of God. They are desperately trying to conserve every advance in all departments and are anguishing to see souls saved and unite in the great cause of serving the present day and glorifying the Christ anew.

This is not an effort to escape the fact that we have not always succeeded, nor is it a smoke screen to dodge the responsibilities in the way of an accounting of those lapses of privileges of which we have been guilty. We freely admit our short comings and lament our failure. But we do maintain we have worked hard to wrench from defeat those victories that are ours. They were not gifts from the garden of luck but hard earned victories from a real battlefield won under trying circumstances. There are scars invisible to human eyes that were received in these fierce contests. Hidden in the room of memory are many tales that are breath taking in their interest and eternity wide in their scope. We have fought and won, we have at times been defeated but we never have nor never will surrender!

We are resting behind the lines now in this Conference session. We rejoice in the atmosphere of fellowship. Our wounded are taking solace in the victories of the conquerors. The timid are girding up their loins for the fray whenever they shall return to the front. The reckless are trying to learn caution and the cautious are flagging their spirits to some holy daring.

We have had another flood. This time it was Caroline County. Every mill pond in the County was swept away. Roads were washed out, crops ruined, and lives imperiled. Brave Federalsburg was the hardest hit. The main street was a raging torrent. Our Church had five feet of water in the auditorium. The congregation had just pledged the remaining two thousand dollars on the last of the indebtedness from the building project that had meant so much in beautifying the Church. The water soaked interior made you sad to think of the ruin wrought by the storm. Both Church and Parsonage partially wrecked. When you talked with the officials you were proud there was no whining or complaining but a quiet determination to repair without delay. Their eyes were on the human element and no one was permitted to suffer or want. Our Church and

Pastor were the leaders in the renovation of the community. We may have suffered heavily in the matter of property, but the real church was at work and surely gained in respect and leadership.

Old Man Winter surely must have had a gland operation. At least he has become young and vigorous. Never in the history of the Peninsula has his vitality been more pronounced. Waterways became locked in his embrace for months. Idleness, at the peak earning period for our baymen, has played havoc with the finances of such communities. The fifteen bad Sundays during the Winter has had its reflex in both interest and finance. When the rejuvenated Old Man's strength became exhausted, one of his children started to be a nuisance. Mud and more mud, until roads became impassable. Services were out of the question in some communities. This at those fruitful periods of ingathering. As a result of these factors we fully expected a falling off in our finances. To our great delight there will be an increase in all items, with possibly one exception. It looks like we may break even in the World Service. It is possible that we may even have a very small decrease. The General Conference Expense item, plus the Wesley Collegiate Institute contribution and the Episcopal Residence, may explain part of this, but the real trouble is in another direction. On studying the reports we find charge after charge showing a healthy gain, and most of the charges are in that column. Then we come across a larger than the average church with a heavy slump. It will take a dozen small advances to counterbalance a large slump in one Church. Thus the reason is not due to the general decline but to a slump of some magnitude in a few places. Since we closed our report Farmington, Wesley, Dover and Seaford have decidedly increased their World Service giving and we are now in advance in World Service.

We would be derelict in our duty if we did not register our high appreciation of the ladies as they are organized in the Aid and Missionary Societies; nor could we omit from this list the work and worth of the youth; it would be equally fatal in failing to express our satisfaction in the steadfastness of the officials of the various charges. Our debt is heavy to those saints, the mistress of the manse, who preside over the destinies of the parsonages life. They are the epitome of graciousness and cordiality. There are other District workers that deserve commendation but space prevents.

The many years of repression due to the scarcity of funds has hindered the normal amount of repairing. As a result many churches have waited until a more opportune time. When it looked as if this was the year of hope the officials felt they must place the property in excellent condition. As a result we have an unusual amount of repairing to report. Those who have made major repairs are, Georgetown \$2302, Bosman \$1560, Greensboro \$975, Easton \$820, Centreville \$800, Georgetown Circuit, Fairlee and Harrington \$500 each, Dover, Wesley \$400. Lesser amounts but of equal importance and perhaps secured under greater handicaps are, Clayton \$298, Hillsboro \$260, Cordova \$250, Kent Island \$250, Frederica \$225, Seaford Circuit \$210, Blades, Camden, Concord, Marydel, St. Michael's and Milford \$200 each. In addition to the \$200 raised for repairs Milford has added to her building fund \$630, making a cash balance on hand for this purpose of nearly \$10,000. Debts have been paid as follows—Seaford \$4000,

Chestertown \$1243, Georgetown \$952, Smyrna \$900, Dover, Wesley \$800, Rehoboth \$725, Harrington \$700, Easton \$650, Kenton and Sudlersville \$450 each, Rock Hall \$410, Lewes \$323, Hillsboro \$270. The grand total of improvements is \$15,061. The grand total of debts paid \$12,254. Total spent on properly including both improvements and debts \$27,315.

We could not close this report without telling you the good news. The tide of evangelism is on the flood. It is a glorious thing to report that almost all the charges have had conversions and decisions. The very few that have not so reported expect to have services culminating at Easter. Some of the churches witnessed the old fashioned type of mass evangelism. Many altars that have been barren for years have seen penitential tears falling from penitent hearts. It is an interesting side light to see the immediate effect on the life of the church wherever this occurs. They take heart in the old doctrines of the Church; they are anxious for folks to know they have proved anew our fathers' gospel in a modern age. The finances take a sudden spring upward and the hope will not down that this is the beginning of a new day in righteousness and peace. If we do not evangelize this age the day will evangelize the Church. Here is our challenge and our glory—we are able! God grant we may have the courage and the perseverance.

#### SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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Sixty-nine years ago the Wilmington Conference was coming into existence. In that same year the Methodist Episcopal Church was finding foundation in the City of Delmar. Such fragmentary news-items as have escaped the destruction of dust and time read like the description of a frontier town. A wilderness, tunnelled by a narrow road, over which oxen slowly dragged heavy carts. Scattered houses, whose occupants were not in touch with world events. But the means and ministries of progress and redemption were not long holden. The commercial world ran the railroad with its puffing locomotive, into that village. The Methodist Church sent a preacher of the Cross, whose life had been touched with pentecostal fire and power. Under the favors of God both town and Church have prospered. The forest village has grown into a city, and the church ranks with the best in the Conference.

The modern edifice with its equipment and convenient appointments started in the pastorate of the late Rev. F. N. Faulkner. First a foundation—so the basement was built. Under the leadership of Rev. J. W. Jones that unit was completed financially, and though the load had been heavier than expected, hope for better things failed not this people. The ministries of Revs. Leonard White and E. H. Dashiell cultivated plans and collected funds for the new building. The metamorphosis that transformed the former auditorium into this sanctuary, and the building of the educational unit are events in the last pastorate of Rev. George W. Bounds,



whose last deed was his greatest, "If you seek his monument look around." When that Servant of the Lord had departed in peace the present pastor took charge. Both as artisan and financier is he ever useful! At some points changes were made that have enhanced the beauty; and he has seen and rejoiced in the payment of the last dollar of indebtedness. Here it stands! Basement, sanctuary, education building-modern, serviceable, dedicated to the needs of man and the glory of God.

But this people would not have me merely awaken the past with the echoes of saw and hammer. Most and best I can bid you welcome. The facts of history may be cold but their greetings are from kind hearts. The welcome is unanimous as it comes from city, church, and the home. They rejoice to render this labor of love. Nothing mercenary lurks back of the invitation. To the people of Delmar this session of the Wilmington Annual Conference is the attainment of a goal, a celebration! A trek of sixty-nine years, and we are at the Feast of the Tabernacle. In the wandering of those years a multitude has joined the cloud of witnesses, yet saints and servants remain who will serve us in every need. In this town and its name Delaware and Maryland euphonicly blend. Better than that, in this Church the progress and force of this day meet and minister to the evangelical power of the Gospel. Here is a large and faithful Official Board sustained by a big and blessed congregation. They have not discarded those principles and practices that made Methodism, and to the good of the Church they will bring and employ those new things that are pure, honest and of good report. This State line is the real Mason and Dixon line. Here the North and South have been united and perfected in love. Wherefore this Session of Conference on such a spot assembled may foreshadow a better and brighter day when all walls are broken down and Methodism is united. This church and district standing on the merging territory of many sons and daughters of John Wesley bid you welcome, and all of us together will pray for and welcome unification that will erase the scar of the old day and bring in the Christ of every day.

When the appointments were read a year ago all Charges on Salisbury District, with only one exception, were supplied. That one was soon filled. The first good feature of this report is that neither accident, or death have broken the forward line of our advance. For twelve months the old and young have marched in step at the command of the Captain of our Salvation. Death has invaded the retired ranks. In June, Mrs. Marry E. Grise, the widow of Charles A. Grise, having lived the same number of years in the retired as in the effective relation, moved on to the better land to share with her husband the rewards of a useful ministry. Rev. G. W. Bowman, who answered Lincoln's Call, and fifty years ago obeyed the call to the ministry, last December answered the roll-call of the Skies and joined the church triumphant. Rev. O. L. Martin who had preached in two branches of Methodism left the weariness of life in wintry January and found rest by the Eternal Fountain. Memoirs are prepared for these who lived in the faith. Although our effective line escaped the hand of death, severe casualties overtook us. Only the mercies of God saved two or four pastors from frightful deaths. Last July Rev. George E. Sterling lost his beautiful yacht by fire from an explosion. In the subsequent conflagration Brother Sterling and wife were seriously burned—she more

painfully than he. Thankfully we report both have fully recovered. Rev. Harry N. Bailey can write another chapter to the Winter Chronology of Tangier, and supply the author of "Sudden Death" with another horrifying illustrations. Late in the fall, north of Princess Anne, a dog blocked the left front wheel of his car, and he was hit by a fast traveling truck. With at least 14 fractures, and in a state of unconsciousness he was rushed to the hospital. For six weeks his suffering was acute. Then at the Methodist Hospital he received correct surgical treatment, and though still at some inconvenience the use and strength of body and limbs are assured. Revs. A. W. Goodhand, and E. E. Crockett, and Mrs. C. W. Branford have undergone serious and successful operations.

This year the Conference has been worked by three districts. Bishop Hughes in fixing the boundaries and reading the appointments said he was gravely concerned as he studied its topography. Since this district is sui generis it is not a waste of time to review some facts about it. Its length from Bethany Church on Zoar Circuit by the way of Salisbury to Phoebus, Virginia, is one hundred and sixty two miles—which mileage will cover the distance from Salisbury to Wilmington, then to Philadelphia and on to Trenton, New Jersey. The motoring distance from the charge farthest east to the corresponding western point is more than ninety miles—wider than Palestine.

Be it district or domain we judge it a goodly land. Its abundance exceeds any expectation that Moses held; its people in Anglo-Saxon lineage, and Methodistic descent are the purest and most faithful of any group in the United States. When mentioning the few following facts I do not have to hunt hyperboles, or employ the extravagance of exaggeration. Cambridge is the home of an industry that packs more vegetables than any like concern in the world. On the east side Berlin and Selbyville are advertising the largest numersies. The Seafood Capitol of Maryland is Crisfield. Centrally located Salisbury is the trade and shopping centre of the Peninsula. Often the Salisbury District is known merely as the waterfront district. How short of facts! Beyond the possibility of challenge no part of the earth's surface of similar size grows as many strawberries, to say naught of peach, apple and canteloupe. That part of Sussex that contributes much to the piety and resource of the district is rapidly becoming the chicken growing centre of the East. While the land and labor yield in such prodigal abundance, its climate, seashores, tides and pines invite all who seek rest, and recuperation, and when they accept the invitation—and they usually do—they are blessed with health and pleasure. This is attested by my colleagues in office, who, when taxed by the burden of existence and "the care of all the Churches," hie southward to their summer homes on the Salisbury District, there to renew their physical vigor and recover their faith in things human. The Superintendent himself no land or cottage possesses, nor does he need the same, though once, or twice he has said to a tempting wish "Get thee behind me," for he is privileged and required to dwell and roam within this delectable domain the entire year.

What is the material and personal strength of the Church in this section of the Conference? The reports will tabulate sixty-three charges, and one hundred and seventeen places where regular religious services are

conducted. The estimated value of the Church property is \$1,766,850. Despite all the demoralizing effects of the World War 18,562 still have their names on our church records, and desire the Godly services of our Methodist Ministry. (Parenthetically, it is my honest opinion that the paring and pruning knives have done their duty—and right severely). The cynic may say we are sick, and the skeptic sees nothing except weakness, but we do remain, and our number is Legion, and we will remain.

These foregoing descriptions and facts lead me to report under "Pastoral labors." Many honest minds opined that the present district enlargement and arrangement would make impossible that visitation to the pulpits and Quarterly Conferences and promotional gatherings that the welfare of the Kingdom requires. In the ministry the fruits of our labors cannot be tabulated by an automatic calculator, and it does not become one of this high calling to vaunt himself or labors in that style that might shade of self-praise. I cannot appraise the results, but these facts I do know, and deem it wise that same should be read into this report. I have preached on every charge; on one circuit four times at Sunday Services, and some thrice, and at many twice. At each of the Quarterly Conferences, on the first round, I was called on, or led of the Spirit, to make an address that was introductory, and set forth my mind regarding the year's work. Concerning the Quarterly Conferences: I have held two on two charges, four at seventeen points, and three at the remaining forty-four appointments—a total of two hundred and four. Only once in following this preaching and official schedule have I missed an engagement. That was Westover, February 7th, when a record snow storm of twenty inches blocked traffic. In addition to these I was present at every Preachers Meeting, Cabinet Meeting, and all Boards and Committees that a Superintendent is expected to attend. For extra measure we made two trips to the Summer School of Ministerial Training, attended the College of Preachers at Evanston, and sat in on the Board of Home Missions in their annual meeting. All of these labors were possible, and only so by the favor of God, and the constant and brotherly co-operative labors of the pastors on the Salisbury District.

Stupendous reports of one, or two decades ago are not possible—certainly not probable. However the Conference year opened with some encouragement. One was increase in Ministerial Support. Ten Charges advanced the salaries of their pastors. They are Asbury (Crisfield), Elliott, Frankford, Fruitland, Laurel, Millsboro, Roxana, Snow Hill, Willards, Vienna. Advances ranged from \$25.00 up to \$700. A total of \$2275.00. The cheering significance is not in number or amount, but in trend. For ten years and more the acclaim and action have been for lower salaries. Neither logic nor piety warranted such, and as Mercy witnessed the heartless retreat tears ran down her cheeks. Pastors bore the brunt of Depression in Church affairs. The lay world does not see or know the story by tabulating figures from the Year-Book. Pastors gave liberally to sustain the grade of the charge, and to keep alive the connectional enterprises of our denomination. Even had he desired there was little chance for him to hide and side step these responsibilities. He has paid the price of such noble self-effacement in deprivations which befell his household, limited equipment, and in not a few instances heavy debts. Poor preacher

blamed for debts; sacrifices to human good forgotten, and unspoken. In practically all cases his morale and faith have not faltered. Some laymen, and may their tribe increase, now see it, and respond to it, not with faint praise, but with larger and more willing support. For next year Grace Church (Salisbury) sets an estimate for pastoral support \$400 in advance of this closing years, making the salary \$1600. The pastor is able, faithful and beloved; the people liberal and just. I have in mind five other charges where there is reasonable hope of an increase. These increases will result in better support for our Conference Claimants.

At the close of this present quadrennium the Church leaders are sorely distressed because of the heavy loss in World Service receipts as compared with the former quadrennium. Is this giving to approach a vanishing point? Corporate earnings have increased, only the sky is the limit to the spending by State and Federal Governments; more automobiles on the highway than ever, and the standard of living at the highest normal level the Americans have experienced. Yet year after year, month by month, support for the expanding enterprises and world evangelistic efforts of Protestantism shrinks, evaporates, dries up. Has vision faded?

This crisis has been presented by the spoken and the written word. Returns in the early part of the year were promising. Some Children's Day offerings were record breaking. Rally Day held up. But shortly after that day our pastors began to face an obstacle in degree unknown to this generation. Winter the hardest in sixty years! I hesitate to write a line which by the athletics of an uncharitable imagination might be stretched into an alibi. However, an unfairness—almost a wrong, would be done these pastors, particularly those on tidewater charges, if no mention were made of this hardship. As early as September, Winter spied out the land in killing frosts. Before Thanksgiving the fields were white. On the 18th of December a wind of hurricane violence swept down from the north. Winter's shock troops had charged. The invader did not leave until the first of March. Even then action was as difficult as when high snow drifts covered our roads. For the first time frost had conquered the modern road builder. Roads broke through and boiled and going was impossible. True there have been other winters, but none like this in our day.

Probably the winds and snows of December played the worst havoc with the disciplinary collections. A total of sixteen inches of snow fell in Christmas week. Wrecked the programs of both Sundays. Extra efforts were abandoned, or presented before empty pews. Offerings never received, or so depleted that the loss could not be recovered. The continuous bad weather prevented any come back. However there is a brighter side. Some pastors will make a positive increase on World Service. These are they who followed the Pauline exhortation and performed diligently before Winter came, and those who have regular subscribers, and those who have redeemed all the time just before Conference. The results cannot be known until the Treasurer's report is read. Last year the amount was \$8,617. We hope for no less this year. The latest indications from pre-Conference reports are that there may be some increase in World Service.

The Educational work has not been neglected. In May, Rev. N. F. Forsyth held a coaching conference at Salisbury. Later the Superinten-

dent formed a District Educational Committee. Nine of our outstanding pastors were named. They were Revs. Hearn, Nichols, Minker, Wootten, Harris, Dawson, Baker, Shockley and Jacobs. Able and experienced leaders. Led by the Director of Religious Education, several coaching conferences dealing with First Series were conducted.

Signs are not lacking that there is a revival of interest in the Epworth League, a strictly Methodist organization for the training of our youth. Early in the year the District Cabinet met and counselled by Rev. F. A. Baker, and other counsellors, built an unusually inspirational program for the Annual Convention, which was held at Ocean City, October 26th, 1935. Three hundred delegates were present. The banqueters filled the dining room of the Hastings Hotel. Many pronounced it the best in the district history of the League. The elders present no longer doubt the rich possibilities in the boys and girls of this Eastern Shore, and that they do love the Man of Nazareth, when they meet Him. Plans were afoot to sectionize the district and in each division have officers and counsellors to "Carry On"—that no part fail for lack of cultivation. Zero weather frustrated those plans, but the idea did not perish. One of our goals is a League Chapter in every church; by all means one on each district.

Years ago before the Wilmington Conference Dr. S. Parkes Cadman declared that, when ecclesiastical institutions fall into ruin, the real cause was decay that had started at the top. The converse of this rule should be equally true. If the top is wise, pure, consecrated, the Church should live. With such a thought in mind the General Conference formed the Commission on Courses of Study. Our Conference has derived large benefits from that Commission. We feel that we are a big member in the Summer School of Ministerial Training now held at Collegeville, Pa. Perhaps the smallest of the five Conferences which make up that school, we lead in the enrollment. On Visitors' Day last July pastors from all parts of our territory, and the three superintendents were present. Our Faculty members, Revs. Herson, Smith, Andrews and the registrar Rev. E. W. McDowell rendered a great service to their own and the other Conferences. This work is something new under the Methodist Sun. Its objective is a better trained and balanced ministry for our pulpits. The plan encircles the globe. Forces and agencies still breathing mediaeval air prevent our Federal Government having a Department of Education, but the Methodist Church does have one for its growing youth and on-coming ministry. The extent and influence of this Commission have not yet been fully measured. It raised the standard for admission to our ministry, it planned better supplies in the church, and enlarged the advantages and rights of the supplies, it has brought the most erudite religiously trained minds of our institutions of Education, and of other denominations within reach of every eager young preacher. Time may come when neither undergraduate, or supply as such attends the Summer School. Yet the good work will go on. States through which the Wilmington Conference spreads require the public school-teacher to attend a Summer School regularly. A large and old church has "retreats." "If any denomination offers any opportunity for advanced study like that given by our General Conference Commission, we know not where it is." Eighteen Courses—biblical, philosophical, social are now being given by specialists in their respective fields.

Payment of a small enrollment fee puts the preacher in direct contact with the instructor, such men as Prof. Lewis of Drew, and Prof. Sweet of Chicago, who give personal supervision to the work. This is Methodism's clear-cut emphasis upon the verities to be preached in our day of changing thought and shifting standard. The torch bearer of this pioneering procession of a twenty-year march is none other than our Presiding Bishop; and yet, another who has stirred in all parts of this movement, whose broad shoulders, and alert mind in labors indefatigable have pushed and pulled the marchers along and upward; today the labors of Dr. Allan MasRossie are justified and honored by the entire church, and we have come to higher plateau of appreciation, co-operation and clearer vision.

Mention should be made of the District Parsonage. The furniture of this building is almost legendary. My honorable predecessors bought or brought their furniture as they came. So the household equipment joined the itineracy and became migratory. Furniture that successively came, successively went. Some additions may now be registered. The District Stewards allowed an apportionment of one-half of one per cent. Pastors have lent willing co-operation. Nearly \$400 have been spent for permanent furniture. I am indebted to the Committee on Parsonage for the time and care its members have taken to make my family comfortable.

A big factor in Church operation is the Ladies' Aid. The heart of woman is as devout now as in the day, when the Marys ministered before their Lord, and the Sisters in the Book of Acts built the Apostolic Church. The Aid is working in all seasons and is faithful to all causes. Parsonages of the district with one, or two exceptions, are fine houses, and suitably equipped with furniture. In the recent lean years these women organizations have contributed substantially and willingly to the budget and the pastor's salary. The truth is at some points the Missionary help and Ladies Aid have fed the preacher. If I be permitted, a careful and friendly caution to the lay brethren, remember that this unit is an Aid. It is hardly fair and wholesome for Church Members to cease regular giving and depend on the women to do everything. The two-systematic giving and the help of the aid-functioning in supplementary co-operation have and can save many struggling churches. As heretofore stated you must consult the statistical tables to know the exact returns, however reports from 53 Charges indicate a total of \$21,895 has been raised by the district Aids. The Society at St. Georges appears to be the richest, and none perform more smoothly and profitably than the one at Princess Anne. All have done beautifully, and the oft repeated question "How would we get along without the Ladies Aid" is fully warranted.

Individual citation of pastors and churches may not be as frequent in this report as in those of twenty years ago. There are reasons. Size of the district prevents complete personal enumeration of detailed achievements. A long report might be as unpopular as a prolix Summer Sermon. Some pastors request that no mention be made of them, although much has been wrought on their charges. Furthermore the trend is toward a general survey rather than minute matter. Yet in the course of every year some pastor, or charge, will bring something to pass which in itself, or the method and manner of accomplishments should be known to and considered by others. Reports of this nature may be a medium by which such may be communicated.

Consider indebtedness. Debt is the disturbing loan on both Church and State. In the forthcoming National Campaign you will hear debts debated more than any other issue. There are periodic eras of prosperity in which institutions and private citizens flourish as a bay tree and then the wheel of fortune turns and, presto, we come out broke. Beware of prosperity bought by debts, for those debts may return, rend and ruin everything. Only painful industry and sacrifice can rescue us. Asbury-Crisfield, is one of our most beloved churches. A glorious history, revivals that have shaken the shore, eloquent pulpiteers, spectacular fires from whose ashes rose magnificent churches whose architecture and beauty made them sacred poems in stone. Enough glory to go around! Last April the pastor faced scattered debts, drawing six per cent. interest, which aggregated \$31,000. Action was imperative. Rev. J. T. Rowleson, the pastor, advised consolidation of all debts, and a lower rate of interest from six per cent. down to four. Reduced interest rate meant a saving of \$600 annually. Arrangement was developed to pay the interest monthly, and some on principal. To date the interest in full and \$1,000 on principal are paid. Since this is our largest debt we feel that all involvements may be adjusted, and the mortgages and notes liquidated, and God's House saved. Re-organization of financial structure is necessary, equity demands a lower rate than six per cent., and the whole effort must be carried forward by work, giving, and perseverance in prayer. Total paid on debts and interest, \$11,190. Ocean City keeps faith with the movement of last year by paying \$1,785.

Where are we in the field of Evangelism? An array of names and concepts fall on our ears. Revivalism, Evangelism, Religious Education, the Social Gospel, Social Welfare, Co-operative Consumers, et cetera. Mass revival is frowned down because some back-slide; and Religious Education is pronounced effete because it lacks dynamite. Beyond these there are "isms" and "nostra" in number untold for the redemption of society. Most of these far from being a Shibboleth, are not so much as a Shibboleth in that inspired nomenclature of Methodism which was a vehicle on which went forth a spiritual power that saved a civilization, and for two hundred years has quickened the World. We preachers conscientiously preach on industrial problems, wage questions, economic reconstruction. In hardly any degree do these problems present themselves to the pastors of the Salisbury District. We are rural. But one thing there is, and against it we may and must preach. It is neither ancient or modern. It is both. It is Sin. Do not break it up into innocuous bits by pluralizing it. It is here and everywhere in its positive singular. No one need cross the seas to hear Karl Barth emphasize and define Sin. Methodist leaders and literature had done that long before this Gergan philosopher had dug up the theological bones of John Calvin. And more they had found the cure. Where and when there is a planned, persistent, and persuasive drive against Sin in the name of the Lord Jesus a revival is likely to occur. Men called of God to preach must have revivals. Each man must battle in his own armor and weapons. What a pity and loss to our Church that a score of years ago many preachers tried to bend the bow to "Billy" Sunday. All are not revivalists, but all can have revivals. The gift is within

us: we must stir it up. Rev. J. C. Bolton and Rev. S. B. Bradley, while not altogether dissimilar, each has a distinct personality, and his own plans for promoting church work. Each in his way, as directed by the Spirit, has led in fruitful revivals. The Superintendent a year ago reported 190 conversions from Frankford. That revival has never stopped, the total number now is 316. On the Fruitland Charge the number is 93. The most beneficial results have followed in the wake of these services. Bethel on Parsonsburg is transformed into a bee-hive of activity by a revival in which seventy persons found the Lord. In winter's chill the revival fires were kindled at Chincoteague and 89 made decision for the better life. Grace (Salisbury) reports 52, Deals Island 44, Pocomoke City 29. Other points that have a score, each more or less, are Selbyville, Somerset, Girdletree, Mt. Pleasant, and Nanticoke. As far as we are able to compute, the whole number is 915.

No extensive or expensive building programs have risen above the horizon since last April. Properties have been kept up, at some charges needed improvements were made, at a few there were real additions. The larger of expenditures in this line were at Dagsboro and St. Georges, and Snow Hill, in amounts of \$2,000 and \$1,465, respectively. At the former a modern heating system was installed; the latter painted Church and parsonage and put in new lighting fixtures. Other points that made an outlay of five hundred or more dollars are Cape Charles, Deals Island, Hurlock, Ocean View and Millville, Somerset and Stockton, Phoebus, Delmar and Millsboro. Total, \$14,330.

There are many other conditions of the Church and the Social order we would like to discuss. Time would fail us. With one, or two exceptions I have confined this report to the Salisbury District, and made the presentation in direct and simple terms. The work of the year has been constant, but we have enjoyed it. But for the unusually severe winter every item, I believe, would have registered an advance. Though we are not able to show that progress this year, the foundation is laid for it. Before Christmas the seafood industry showed marked improvement. The farmers are receiving more consideration from the Government and the business world. There are slight reflections of this in the increase of salaries.

Better than these economic factors is the fact that our people will remain Methodists. The background of two hundred years will not be slightly cast aside. Many are opening their eyes to the vanities and wiles of the world about us. The liquor traffic is the most frightful illustration. Alas, there are others. But you can't fool all the people all the time. We are troubled—yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair.

Great revivals have redeemed our people when in other days they passed through wars, artificial prosperity and crushing panics. By the same divine means shall we again be spiritually restored. Righteousness, justice, recovery and reform will be substantial only as they proceed from the Altar of God. He must judge Israel, and He alone can lead us into green pastures. I close this report with a beloved verse that I have frequently used this year to follow up an exhortation:

Give me a faithful heart  
 Likeness to Thee  
 That each departing day  
 Henceforth may see  
 Some work of Love begun  
 Some deed of kindness done  
 Some Wand'rer sought and won  
 Something for Thee.

#### WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

W. E. GUNBY, Superintendent.

Representing the Pastors of the Churches of the Wilmington District and the loyal, devoted people, called Methodists, it becomes my honored and happy privilege to present this partial report of their faithful service and work of love, in the name of Him, Who is the great Head of the Church, and Whose name is over all.

Just as early as practicable, following the adjournment of the previous Conference Session, we moved into the District Parsonage, 2705 Harrison Street, Wilmington, Delaware, and took up the task to which we had been assigned. We found a comfortable home, in a delightful neighborhood, and among a splendid people. We found all the records and other data in splendid shape, and my predecessor, Dr. Disston W. Jacobs, who for the previous six years had filled the office with honor and rare satisfaction, both willing and capable to give help and advice, as needed. The writer pay an honest tribute of heartfelt gratitude for the kindly spirit, and the efficient manner in which he turned over the administration of the District.

1. **Deaths and Pastoral Changes.** During the year the Rev. James W. Easley, D. D., saintly, cultured, scholarly, Christian gentleman, came to the close of his earthly career, leaving behind him something as of the afterglod of beauty and radiance and color, like a departing summer-day, when the sun has gone down behind the western hills. Also, the Rev. Francis Burgette Short, D. D., strong, virile, eloquent prophet of God, like his prototype Elijah, stepped into the chariot of God, let down from the skies, and as if by celestial gravity, climbed the steep ascents of Heaven, where under brighter suns, and balmy breezes, he walks the flower-strewn fields of the eternal summer-lands of God, with Him, Who conquered death. The Rev. George A. Cooke, D. D., recovering from an apparently slight operation, was overtaken by another malady and within a brief period was gone. Stalwart manly figure, always solicitous for the glory of God, and the preservation of the faith once delivered, and for the spiritual integrity of the Church he loved, this good man, faithful interpreter of the Word of God, and exponent of both the law and the gospel, and in whose heart dwelt a spirit as kind and tender as that of a woman, yet whose fidelity to convictions often led him to assume unpopular attitudes, will be greatly missed among us. Mrs. Laura W. Burke, widow of Rev. G. W. Burke, after a long and useful service, has responded to the

call to "come up higher." May the satisfying compensations which God graciously bestows upon His people in their sorrows be given in gospel abundance to each of these respective families, and to all of us, as we together mourn our loss!

No loss by death has come to any Parsonage home this year. In failing health for some time, the Rev. J. W. Sutton found it necessary to be relieved from his work at Elk Neck charge October the 1st. Since that date the work has been taken care of by the Rev. John C. Boulden, in a highly satisfactory manner. Brother Sutton reports some improvement after his period of rest, but may find it necessary to request the Retired Relation, hoping to return to the effective ranks a year later. The Rev. J. T. Price was compelled through ill health to lay aside his work at Chesapeake City in January and the Rev. W. A. Wise, D. D., one of our loved and honored Retired Ministers, has closed the year with high credit to himself, and to the universal satisfaction of the people. Brother Price is convalescing at his home near East New Market, improving with the passing of the weeks, but unable to resume the active work, will request the Retired Relation for the year.

2. **The Enlargement of the District.** Under the redistricting project nine charges from the now obsolete Middletown District, were added to the Wilmington District—Townsend, Odessa, Middletown, Cecilton, Galena, Millington, Still Pond and Betterton, Crumpton, and St. Paul's. Then too, the Superintendent of this District is the Ex-Officio, Executive Secretary of the City Missionary Society, calling for time, administrative genius, and clerical work, sufficient to equal the ordinary demands of half-dozen additional charges. Now that the year has passed the Superintendent has no knowledge of any interest that has suffered or been neglected by reason of the enlarged District. Many expressions of approval have come from the Churches, of the change under which we are now operating. While the change has saved the Conference some \$2400, comparatively little of that saving accrues to this District, except as it relates to the nine new charges. The claim for the support of the Superintendent, and the administration expense of the District was already the lowest in the Conference, namely, an amount equal to 6% on the cash salary of the Pastor on salaries of \$1000 and upward, and 4% on those under \$1000. The District Stewards reckoning that the claim on this same basis would just about compensate for the extra travel and supervision of the nine extra charges, retained the rate at the same figure. These nine charges had previously paid the claim of 8%, making a saving to them of one-fourth of their previous assessments. The lowering of the salary basis on the part of so many charges, would not permit the rate of 6% and 4%—already the lowest in the Conference, to be further reduced.

3. **Closing of Churches.** To make necessary provision for a great industrial development at Edge Moor, the entire village of some forty houses, and including the Church building, were marked for demolition. The land on all sides was sold, with no means of approach left, and with a grading project that left the church twelve feet in the air, and without a single inhabitant left in the vicinity. The situation was faced with the finest legal counsel available, but a study and an interpretation of the legal papers, disclosed the fact that no part of this holding was ever ours,

but belonged solely to the people of Edge Moor village. Our only relationship as a Church was to provide for the services, with no claim or responsibility for the material holdings. The Superintendent, did however press the moral claims for the budget of the current year, with all the askings, and this was admitted by those making transfer of the property, and this church will make this year a report with every claim met in full.

The most painful thing of a material nature I am compelled to report is the closing of Cookman Church. After several years of increasing difficulty in trying to meet its obligations, occasioned in part by apparently unwise spending, the changing character of the neighborhood and removal of its people, and the economic stress through which we have been passing, and overshadowed by several large churches located in the immediate vicinity, the Congregation and the Board, after much regret and deliberation, voted unanimously that it is hopeless and useless to try to carry on beyond the close of this Conference year.

The little church at Sylmar, and a part of the Rising Sun charge, has also voted to suspend operations for the present. However, the membership will be transferred to our Church at Rising Sun, and the salary for the charge will not be reduced. In each instance great care has been exercised to conserve the personal assets with the least possible loss to the Denomination. Let us pray that these apparently regrettable situations are incidental to the march of time.

4. **City Missions.** No major changes have been made this year in the program or personnel of the working staff. Asbury, Scott, and Kingswood are greatly strengthened by the support of this organization, while the Sixth Avenue Mission depends solely upon this society for its program and support. Three full time workers, with their assistants, touch for good the lives of more than seven hundred children and young people every week. The support coming from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has been reduced by about \$200, throwing this additional financial burden upon the resources of the society. The work of this Society, inadequate as it is, makes a great contribution to human betterment and merits the hearty commendation and financial support of all of our churches and people. This District raises about five-sevenths of the total Conference giving for the support of this work.

5. **Christian Education and the Youth Program.** Some policies of the Conference Program have come to be seen as unwise and changes in emphasis, curriculum, and leadership are being studied, and will be immediately forthcoming. Those responsible for the proposed changes are seeking diligently to find just the kind of revised set-up of this most important work, as will prove universally popular and evoke the heartiest support of all of our pastors and people. Never was this work more needed than in this day, and never perhaps was the field so ready for advance, if challenged by a program big enough to succeed, and beneficently ministrant and redemptively powerful.

The work of the year includes a Summer Institute, three Standard Training Schools within this District, and numerous conferences of various character. Youth Rallies have been held at many points of the District. Many Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been promoted. The Epworth League Convention at Union Church last May was of high order, the en-

thusiasm climaxing in the evening session, when eleven young people responded to the call of the Christian life. The convention of the Southern Division at Newark in the fall was of equal significance, and seven came forward at the close of the day to pledge their faith, and commit their lives to Jesus Christ, accepted as Lord and Master. Only the Christian training of the youth of today can assure the presence and determine the character and helpfulness of the Church of tomorrow.

6. **Evangelism and Church Membership.** The first and primary task of the Church is the salvation of the individual, as the normal unit of the proposed Christian social-order. The Church must never fail to build her message around the idea of the saving of the individual. She must ever be saying, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." If any method of evangelism becomes ineffective, unusable, or outmoded the Church must find others. Like her Lord she must use all the ways there are that under God men shall not fail in coming to the redeeming Christ. In season and out of season, by mass evangelism, and personal work, through decision days and preparatory classes, through the ordinances of baptism and holy communion, the claims of Christ must be presented faithfully, intelligently, winsomely, under the kindling passion of the burning heart. All the special seasons of the year must be capitalized for the redemption of human hearts and lives. As the primary objective of all we do, there should exist the purposeful redemptive motive. Much present-day aimless conversation could be pointed and attuned to the ministry of the healing of souls. Jesus used all the methods open to Him to save others. Let us not tie His helping hands of love to any more form of method, technique or procedure. To come to Jesus, with all of its implications understood is the Gospel in miniature. Christianity is not the assent to a creed, or code, or a mere regimentation of life, however high and lofty, but is personal devotion to Jesus Christ, accepted as Lord and Master. Only under His mastery can life attain to its finest and best. The Pastors have been diligent and faithful in their endeavor to win souls, and the reports, incomplete, and in the nature of the case, never all that we wish, will reveal results which will compare with much satisfaction to the reports of recent years.

7. **Women's Organizations.** The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society, with their respective associate groups have completed another highly successful year. The high standards of previous years have been carried forward, bespeaking the thrift, sacrifice, and efficiency of leadership within these organizations. The Ladies' Aid Societies of the District not only have made helpful contributions toward the social and spiritual life of the Churches, but have raised and expended during the year \$21,273.00 for interests of the Churches.

No word of mine could fitly express the merited commendation due these splendid women, through whose ceaseless efforts and untiring devotion so many worthy things have been accomplished in the interests of the Kingdom of God, and of the Church, whose agent it is.

8. **World Service.** It has been the unceasing effort of those who have directed our policies within the Conference to turn the ebb-tide of despair into the flood-tide of victory and triumph. Year after year we have seen

the previous low-water mark recede lower still. World Service dollars here are current expense dollars on missionary frontiers. Through the falling off in missionary giving, promising projects have been abandoned, missionaries recalled, salaries reduced below the hitherto irreducible minimum, and the Kingdom of God suffers thereby. If more of our people would read our Church papers they would envision how vitally missionary giving is related to the redemption of men, and the support of the World Service claims, and the varied causes they represent, would be more readily forthcoming. It may still be that with all of our efforts and hopes we have not yet turned the tide. Reports disclose the reasonableness to hope. What an inspiration would come to the whole church, and to those who represent us, in the promotion of our benevolent and missionary enterprises, if the church would begin this year to set the fine example of World Service giving, which her numerical strength and financial resources would seem to make reasonably possible.

9. **Temperance.** The Church must never acquiesce nor compromise in the fight against beverage alcohol. We are not protagonists of the 18th Amendment "per se"; we stood for it only as it formed a part of the battle-line arrayed against the traffic in alcoholics. Despite the promise made by the now dominant political party, that the saloon should not return, it has come back, multiplied in numbers, and seven-fold more the child of hell than before. Their number is legion. Small towns that in the old days had one saloon today have from six to ten. These dens of iniquity infest the streets and highways almost everywhere. Their character has not improved. The only hopeful thing is that the worse they become, the earlier an outraged public sentiment will drive them from the habitations of man. Bootlegging has not even become discouraged. The budget lacks more from being balanced than when repeal began. Drinking drivers menace our streets and infest our highways, destroying life and property. Most of our crimes and social disorders have their prolific source in alcoholic beginnings.

Perhaps the most dangerous and despicable form in which this, foe of all that is good, is crystallized in the modern Road House. There the sale of drink is permitted under attractive setting, and in association with the sale of other things, not of themselves evil. The dance hall attached becomes an attractive lure as the hour grows late. This is a *rendezvous* for the lower elements of society. Under seductive music, and flowing drink, and colored lights, turned low, the stimulation of the physical senses through the rhythmic mazes of the dance, in which all normal inhibitions are down, temptation lurks on every hand, and headaches and heartaches are the inevitable results. Womanhood, that most beautiful thing beneath the smiling stars, through the Floor Show, dedicated to the self-revealed Goddess of Femininity, stands dishonored, and not the beautiful thing God meant it to be. Not so much that the young people who gather there, in search of what they call life, are overt sinners, but rather the intentionally innocent victims of the sharks and denizens of the underworld, caught in the traps set for their unsuspecting feet. This new child of evil, born out of due season, is the product of this so-called modern age, whose tempo was set by the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. What madness is all of this? What evil spirits hath bewitched us? How long, O Lord, how

long? No people can traduce the heritage of high moral idealism and jeopardize its youth and fail to suffer the moral disintegration that must inevitably follow. These days are days of crisis. Breadlines multiply. The rich become richer, the poor, poorer. War clouds loom ominously on a dozen horizons. Greed, graft, betrayal of public trusts, misappropriation of public funds call for investigations in almost every State. Taxes become almost intolerable. Tomorrow will call for the finest, sanest leadership of which we are capable. Moral heroism is today at the lowest level in the history of this nation. We commit national sins and stand unashamed. We have legalized gambling, and race-tracks, and lotteries may follow. We have desecrated the Christian Sabbath and gone into partnership with the underworld. We give sanction to imbrute men with drink, to pay government expenses. As a nation we have lost our capacity for moral courage. Our fathers, fought, bled, died, and sacrificed to transmit to us a priceless heritage of moral idealism, and we their children sell it for revenue. The church must again become militant and aggressive against this merciless foe and the slimy evils that grow up about it. We must have national prohibition with the people back of it. We must have a friendly administration to administer the law. Dry victories are being won and prohibition sentiment is growing. Only those laws deserve to exist that serve human welfare and work out for human betterment. The saloon can never live permanently in a world in which a God of Love sits on the throne. This evil thing merits no consideration. It is wholly evil. It is a deadly pestilence, a consuming fever, a throbbing cancer, a withering consumption—all in one. The Carpenter of Nazareth, with His pierced hands, is building a coffin for this relentless foe of human kind.

We must have better protection for dry territory—promised but not given. We must cry aloud against the advertising of liquor on bill boards, in magazines, and through the radio. The church must never condone evil. Against this sum of all villainies the church must declare a merciless warfare, and take the field and fight!

10. The Strawbridge Home, The Methodist Hospital, the Lord's Day Alliance, have all been ably represented as occasion has afforded opportunity.

11. **Repairs, Improvements, Payment of Debts.** These interests have all been looked after faithfully, but let the printed record suffice. Newport is contemplating an addition to make room for their growing program. Such achievements are their own best recommendation, and need no word of mine.

12. **Ministerial Support.** The right to a comfortable support inheres in the Gospel ministry. In too many instances the allowance for the needs of the minister, his family, the education of his children, the necessity to provide for the means of travel is pitifully inadequate, often calling for painful and withering sacrifices, and the deprivation of many of the finer things which enrich life, and make for peace of mind, and efficiency in service. With the mounting cost of the things by which we live, and the necessity for dress, travel, the support of many churches must be increased, or pastoral leadership will be found impossible. May we not indulge the hope that the reducing "hysteria" so prevalent is at an end, and that our churches in increasing numbers will begin to adopt some form of financial

program by which to return at the earliest possible date, to their normal and reasonable support of the ministry?

13. **Personal Word.** This imperfect report comes now to its close. It would be an unpardonable remissness should I fail to give heartfelt recognition to the abounding goodness of God, through whose merciful favor I have received the requisite health and strength, with which to carry on my tasks, with a large degree of physical comfort and satisfaction. I have not missed an engagement during the year. Almost without exception I have preached three times on Sunday, and frequently during the weeks. Besides other means of travel I have driven my own car 20,000 miles over the District. I desire also to give my personal appreciation of the kindly and sympathetic helpfulness of those with whom I have labored, and whose uniform courtesies, tender ministries, and words of commendation have lightened my burdens and cheered my heart. As the servant of the Church I have uniformly met with courtesies and kindnesses unmerited in my own behalf. I have not spared time, labor, nor expense where their expenditure seemed to promise helpfulness.

In its effect upon future ages this day stands potentially the greatest day in the history of the world. Religion is confronted by a blatant and persistent paganism. There is the economic paganism with its unholy glorification of profit. There is the nationalistic paganism which makes the nation, or the race-group, the supreme loyalty, the highest good. There is the scientific paganism which sees no truth outside the material standards and measures. There is the cultural paganism that substitutes ethical standards, and gentility for religious vision and the inward passion for a holy life. No age since Christ hung between the thieves on Calvary so needs the redeeming, transforming, satisfying Gospel Jesus came to bring to men, as does this very day in which we live. Verily "in an age on ages telling, to be living is sublime," but involves us with serious responsibility. "Onward," is our motto, "with a program big enough to win, and a Leader Divine, who shall not fail." In the march of progress we dare not camp, where heroes fell, if tomorrow is to be better than today. To Him Who is our Leader, and to our own finest and best, let us ever be true to this our day and responsibility, and we shall face the tomorrows with confidence and unafraid.

## (b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

### REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

The liquor business in the United States is on a rapid increase. There is no depression in this area of our American life. With the increase of the liquor business and all its attendant evils we face as a nation a threatened break down of the moral and ethical standards which our fathers set up at great sacrifice. The repeal of the 18th Amendment has been followed in all sections of the country by multiplicity of laws legalizing gambling of every description. Gambling for private gain is rapidly increasing and the law making bodies of the nation have to a large degree been controlled by those who have been willing to sell the soul of America for a mess of pottage. In order to avoid a rising tax on beer, and thereby keep down the price and increase the sale of it, law makers have been willing to tear down the Stars and Stripes, trample the flag into the mud, and disgrace the fair name of the land we love and have been proud to call the "land of the free and the home of the brave," by godless devices of gambling for revenue.

The results of the repeal of the 18th Amendment have been everything except that which the repealists promised. Let us review some of their promises.

1. We were told that the old time saloon would not return. Many parts of the country would be in much better condition if "the old time saloon did replace the present system. We affirm it as a fact that cannot be successfully challenged that all of the evil accompanying the old time saloons and many evils that were never charged to it have resulted from the present system. Even the Delaware Liquor Control Commission in its report, December 1, 1935, says "Contrary to the published reports the Delaware Liquor Control Act has resulted in the establishment of a plan not unlike the much reviled old time saloon system." In the state of Delaware for the fiscal year ending December 1, 1935, 458 licenses were granted for the sale of alcoholic liquors. Before the adoption of the 18th Amendment there were in Delaware, in the old saloon days, 215 licensed places. The present system has therefore given us more than twice as many licensed places for the sale of alcoholic liquors, and, in addition, has given licenses to 452 for the manufacture of wine for home consumption. Put these two facts together and we have 910 places where alcoholic liquors may be sold or manufactured for home consumption, as over against 215 licensed saloons in the days of pre-prohibition; an increase of 695. The repealists and the liquor interests call this protection from the "old time saloon." If this is the kind of protection they offer from the much reviled saloon, in the name of God and decency we ask that the protection be withdrawn and the old time saloon returned.

2. The repealists promised us that dry territory would be protected. We call the nation to witness the fact that there is no one single effort being made today, nor has there been by those who led the campaign for repeal, to protect any dry territory anywhere. On the contrary, some of them have cooperated with the liquor interests in political campaigns and the spread of liquor advertising in an effort to break down the laws in dry



territory. One of the most disgraceful chapters ever written in the history of the American people is the one that tells the story of advertisements set to beautiful music and sent on the wings of the air to all dry territory, and statements made in the daily press and the magazines regarding the beneficial effects and the health giving qualities of alcoholic liquors. All of this campaigning in dry territories was backed up with liquor money to corrupt elections, while those who led the repeal campaign cooperated in every way, or smilingly stood by watching the gains of the armies of corruption, vice, and crime march triumphantly into dry territory.

3. They told us that the liquor business would never again be in politics. That promise would be comical, were it no so tragic. The liquor business has always been in politics. It always will be. Wherever there is any kind of liquor business engaged in the traffic of the souls of men, the lives of little children, and in the virtue of womanhood, there will be liquor money for the corruption of political campaigns, voting booths, and the halls of legislation. This vice is on the increase and another one of the sacred promises of the repealists is junked for the sake of revenue.

4. Another promise made in sacred and solemn tones, while the voice trembled with tears of anxiety for the rising generation, was that "when we get rid of prohibition we will have an honest campaign of temperance education." It was stated at a hearing before the state legislature of Delaware that drinking among the youth was on a rapid increase and that the youth were going to the dogs because of prohibition. We were told at that hearing that when prohibition is repealed those who were interested in repeal would see to it that temperance education of the right kind would be inaugurated. We observe that ones referred to as interested in repeal and interested in temperance education, immediately after repeal, or just before repeal when repeal was inevitable, became interested in purchasing stocks of Breweries and Distilleries, and have spent their time, money, and energy since repeal in educating the public to support the liquor business which in turn promises large financial income. We did not believe these "ardent temperance workers" at the time they made their statement. And we call the Church of God to witness the fact that the liquor business, those interested in it, and those who campaign for it have always been liars and the fathers of liars.

5. They promised that the bootlegging would be at an end. Here is a headline from the New York Times: "Vast Liquor Flood is now sent here from Belgium City; American bootleggers evade bans on this side of the ocean by loading at Antwerp and removing cargoes at sea." That illicit liquor in on the increase rather than on the decrease since repeal is a fact well known to those who care to investigate. The repealists told us during the campaign for repeal that bootlegging was a child of prohibition. That is absolutely untrue and we give our opponents credit of intelligence enough to know that illicit liquor and bootlegging existed before the days of prohibition, and we charge them with deliberate falsehood in an effort to deceive the American people. The bootlegger is with us today and his name is Legion. Liquors that are sold by the bootlegger, evading taxes, can be sold cheaper than legalized liquor, and from that fact it gets its charm. The repeal of the 18th Amendment has only accentuated and intensified crimes that accompany the liquor business.

#### Consumption of Alcohol on the increase.

Each annual report of the liquor commission of the state of Delaware has shown an increase in the number of licenses granted and the consumption of alcoholic liquors. The report of the year 1935 shows per capita increase of the consumption of beer in the state of Delaware to be 2 gallons more than 1934. It also shows the consumption of spirits per capita in the same period to be a little more than one-third gallon, and during the same period an increase of more than one-fourth gallon in wine consumed. And they call this temperance education and an improvement upon the days of prohibition.

We were told during the campaign for repeal of advantage in revenue and how taxes would be increased. Everyone knows how taxes have been decreased, how this prophecy has come true! According to the conservative figures available from the report of the Liquor Commission of Delaware during 1935 the consumers of the state paid per capita \$18.41, and there accrued to the state net revenue per capital of \$1.47. In other words the people of Delaware spend for liquor \$18.41 per capital in order to put into the state treasury \$1.47 per capital. This kind of financing we believe is a debauchery of moral character of manhood and womanhood against which the Methodist Episcopal Church squarely sets itself.

#### Drunken Driving on the increase.

The National Safety Council has given out figures that indicate the increase of drunken driving of automobiles in every state in the Union. In some sections the increase is as high as 45%. Arrests for drunkenness are on a rapid increase and in many cities also arrests for disorderly conduct, the real reason of which is the influence of alcoholic drinks. We call attention to the fact that medical science and research have shown that the use of alcoholic beverages, even in small quantities, slows up every reaction of brain and muscle. A man does not have to be drunk in order to be a dangerous driver. All he needs is just enough to make him feel "funny," "master of the situation," "able to drive this car anywhere," a feeling that he is on top of the world. The National Safety Council has called to our attention the fact that many accidents resulting in death and injuries were caused, not by drunken drivers, but by men and women who were under the influence of liquor and feeling gay enough to be the driving sport of the group.

The rapid increase in the consumption of alcoholic liquors, the increase in drunken driving, the break down of the moral standards of our fathers, carrying with the debauchery of womanhood and girlhood until smoking among women is a coveted attainment and drinking is a sign of the beautiful characteristics of modern femininity, the easy access to alcoholic beverages which can be found in corner drug and grocery stores, and the lethargy and indifference on the part of many members of the church boards and even pastors, make it obligatory upon us to reaffirm the former position of the Methodist Episcopal Church that under no consideration, not for the consideration of popularity, nor the consideration of being modern, nor the consideration of financial gain—revenue purchased at the price of blood—nor the consideration of making peace with beer guzzlers

in our churches and on our boards will be surrender the cause of temperance, sobriety and honor. The Methodist Episcopal Church will never sell out to the liquor business!

The way back to a sober nation and a sane and well balanced citizenry on the cause of temperance is going to be slow and hard. There are however signs of improvement in the thinking of many people, and there are evidences that our cause is going to win some big victories in the near future. We rejoice in the defeat of the Sunday Liquor Bill in the state legislature in Delaware, which defeat was brought about under the leadership of the Anti-Saloon League and the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Under the same leadership, the Sunday Show Bill, the Sunday Movie Bill, the Sunday Theater Bill, and the Dog Race Track Bill, all companions of the Sunday Liquor Bill went down to defeat. The superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Delaware, Reverend Ivanhoe Willis, led the temperance forces to a complete victory when he drove from the Civilian Conservation Camp at Magnolia, the selling of beer. This kind of work must continue. Local option bills are sure of introduction in the legislatures of the states in our territory, and we call upon our pastors and church people to give their whole hearted support to these bills. May we not now serve notice on all candidates, who are willing to sell their souls for a mess of pottage, that they can no longer count on our support. We call upon our people to support such candidates to the legislature as will vote for laws to prevent sale of liquor in connection with dance halls and dual licenses which permit the sale of alcoholic liquors in places where legitimate businesses are carried on. We hold before our people and pledge ourselves to another objective, namely, legislation that will prevent the advertisement of alcoholic liquors in newspapers, on the radio, and on bill boards. We also pledge ourselves to the support of the temperance organizations to their fight for legislation to prohibit the granting of licenses to sell alcoholic liquors to any one who has been convicted of violating any of the liquor laws or who has been at any time convicted and imprisoned for a crime or misdemeanor.

We register it as our opinion that every pastor in the conference should present the cause of temperance to his people from the pulpit at least once each year. It ought to be done oftener. We register it as our opinion that the causes of the Anti-Saloon League, and the program of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Churches should have hearing in every church, and an offering be taken for their work. We call upon all our church schools to see to it that temperance instruction is given to every class at least once each quarter. We must begin the slow but sure process of temperance education until our boys and girls shall understand the evil effect of alcohol upon the mind, body, and soul. We register it as our firm conviction that scientific temperance education should be given in all our public schools. We hold that every principal of a public school and every board of education employing teachers are not fulfilling their sacred obligations to the community, and are traitors to the children under them if they do not give to these young people scientific and accurate information concerning the effects of alcoholic beverages on the whole of life. A young person who begins life, not knowing that alcohol in the system no matter in how

small quantities, slows down every reaction, physical and mental, and therefore makes one less fit to live successfully in our complex civilization, is robbed of his sacred birthright.

We are against the proposed merger of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals with the Board of Education, believing that the cause of temperance education and temperance legislation enactment can be served best by an independent board rather than by a bureau hid away in the corner room of some other board.

It is our judgment that the secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals should be elected by the General Conference rather than by the Board, and we hereby memorialize the General Conference on these two items.

#### THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

To His Church on earth Christ has committed the tremendous task of building His spiritual kingdom among men and in this work the Church must not and shall not be influenced in its fundamental tenets by the changing and vacillating world about it, which it serves. "The Church should take an active stand on any question that has a moral bearing on common welfare," but it is not unduly swayed by constitutional amendments, political strategy or changing social moods.

Evangelism is the reason for the Church's existence. We shall have a failing and fading work unless we can quicken our spirit of evangelistic prayer and effort. Our emphasis is not upon method, but upon a passion which will compel us to use any sane method to bring people to God.

We are committed with increased conviction to our determination to work for the complete outlawry of the liquor traffic. The Methodist Church has not retreated in this warfare, but will always be found in the front line in every aggressive charge upon this abomination.

The Church recognizes the increasing demand for a deeply consecrated and adequately trained ministry to meet the needs of today. We commend the work of the Commission on Courses of Study and our own Conference Board of Ministerial Training for their work in this field. To our brother ministers we recommend the Graduate Courses as prepared by our church Board. Our future success as a Church depends upon the young men who today are entering our ranks. As a Conference, we advise with love and sincerity of purpose that the youth who would assume the glory of the duties of the ministry, properly prepare themselves spiritually and educationally to be "good ministers of Jesus Christ."

We recognize the responsibility of Christian Education to build up an enlightened laity. At the same time, it is our firm conviction that scholastic ability should be accompanied by an abiding experience of God. Unto such a program of Christian Education we would commend our ministry that indeed we might make "disciples of all peoples."

As we continue to behold across the world the crime of aggressive warfare, we reaffirm our position in regard to Peace as expressed by our last General Conference. We do not acknowledge the right of any un-

authorized minority church group to speak for the Church in these matters, whether their expression be that of militarism or extreme pacifism. As the General Conference statement reads, "We set ourselves to create the will to peace, the conditions for peace and organization for peace." We know that unless we have these, future pacts will probably become mere scraps of paper as in the past. The supreme task of the Church in this matter is to present the Prince of Peace and His Glorious Gospel of Love to the world so lovingly and winsomely that His way may be accepted as the only way to enduring peace and brotherhood. May all the ancient prophecies regarding the coming of the time when wars shall cease be fulfilled in our generation.

We rejoice over the efforts being made to effect a united Methodism in the not distant future and we are thrilled with a holy anticipation as we think of the possibility of these branches of Methodism, too long divided, being united into one body,—the Methodist Church, linking its resources, earthly and heavenly, in carrying on the work of Him who prayed that we might all be one. We believe that the accomplishment of this end is of so great importance that, while every phase of this proposed union should be thoroughly and wisely considered, emphasis should be laid upon that which we have in common rather than upon our differences. As a Conference, we express the hope that Methodism may soon be united.

In time of stress in the economic world and in the social order, men are led by the very condition of the times to take radical positions and initiate questionable movements. We have seen this in the present trend toward communism, fascism, nazism, etc. This is a challenge to the Church, led by the Divine Spirit, through its clergy, to refrain from participation in unwise and unsound activities and attitudes, crying "Peace peace, when there is no peace," or crying "The Philistines are upon us" when that cry comes only from fear and confusion rather than sound reasoning and faith. We must see above the clouds of confusion the clearer way as we follow the teachings of the Christ of Gethsamene and Calvary. The Church must refuse to be stampeded with the throng, but must lead in the way of faith and fellowship, to a deepening of the spiritual life, to a proper use of the Lord's Day in worship and service, to a rebuilding of the family altar, to the building of a spiritual Zion, so as to fulfill the prayer of our Lord, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth."

We believe in the social gospel and will work to spiritualize the economic and social order. At the same time, we shall make the Gospel a message of comfort and assurance and the Church of Christ a place of spiritual inspiration and power for all the harassed and confused of mankind,—a Church that brings Salvation.

### REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.

Methodism was born in the life of a man whose heart was "strangely warmed." Since that inspired moment, she has never failed to recognize that her peculiar contribution to the life of Society is found in this emphasis upon the possibility of individual and personal religion. Following the inherent leadings of this concept of her destiny, Methodism has concluded that individual and personal religion has an immeasurably harder task to live in a world where economic and social evils exist antagonistic to the development of the best in life. Hunger and oppression have never been conducive to a high faith.

Having reached this conclusion, our Church has not hesitated to do her part to eradicate the social evils which stood in the way of a full and abundant fruition of her essential task. Indeed, the high hours of her history have been those times when she has not conformed to the beaten path of thought and activity, but has launched out into the deeps of human problems, without fear or favor, and without regard for the material consequences which might originate in her quest after truth and righteousness and human justice.

As Luccock and Hutchinson put it in *The Story of Methodism*, "But whenever the moment comes that Methodism is ready to break the trammels of convention, to forget the trodden paths, to mount again for a new circuit through some new wilderness or along some new border, then Methodism becomes a flame once more, and there burns again before the eyes of men that pillar of fire which John Wesley dreamed that the movement which he founded should ever be."

We believe that moment has arrived for Methodism once again "to mount for a new circuit" among the wildernesses of social and economic injustice, of racial antipathies, of national and international prejudices and hatreds. Too often the Church has been content to catch up with the procession. This must no longer be. As a new world of men's affairs is formed before her eyes, the Church, the Methodist Church, must be in the vanguard of those forces which seek for a better day, not for the few, but for all. She must lead and not be led; she must speak, and not be silent; at the cost of losing her soul.

It is manifestly impossible for this Committee to cover the entire field of social problems in this report. Time and space and the editorial pencil preclude such a possibility. We have, therefore, confined ourselves to four major problems confronting the world today.

#### Poverty and Plenty.

Any economic system which permits the existence, side by side, of abject poverty and luxurious plenty is doomed to destruction. Soon or late such inequalities breed their own death. We believe the system of which we are a part has within it injustices of such a character to make possible such destruction unless there are definite and concrete attempts to remedy them. There is no need of men trying to blink at the facts. Unless the

spirit of brotherhood, and of responsibility for our brother's happiness and well-being, as taught by Jesus, are brought to bear upon this situation, we do not care to hazard a prophesy of the outcome.

As means, therefore, of attaining a wider distribution of income, for that, after all, is what the average man is concerned about, we commend the following:

1. Old Age Insurance
2. Unemployment insurance
3. Abolition of child labor
4. Minimum wage laws, in connection with maximum hour laws.
5. Abolition of sweat shop labor
6. Slum clearance
7. Imposition of estate and inheritance taxes.

While considering this problem of economic insecurity, there is one additional matter, we desire to bring to your attention. Can we conscientiously and conscientiously call upon the industrial world to rearrange its affairs so as to bring about a greater distribution of income, provisions for old age pensions, and minimum wage laws, when there are plainly evident conditions in our own Conference which in no sense coincide with these demands? There are at least one-fifth of the appointments in this Conference providing one thousand dollars, or less, including house rent, for the support of the minister. We question the moral right of the Church to speak on the matter of insecurity in the industrial and commercial world unless it is ready to face squarely, and without equivocation, the implications of such a condition as we have outlined. We believe the time has come when the Wilmington Conference should give serious consideration to this problem.

#### Race Relations.

It is with deep regret that we note, in various parts of the world, notably in Germany, discriminations against people because of racial antecedents. This is plainly contrary to the teachings of the Master and the Methodist Church must speak against it with no uncertain tones, no matter where it raises its ugly face. Our horror, however, at what happens in other lands must not blind us to our duty to our own, for as long as the epithets "hunky" and "wop" and "Chink" and "nigger" are terms expressing racial inferiority; as long as lynching, a crime against all the finer sensibilities of man, and a direct attack upon the fundamental legal and protective forces of Society, flourishes to the extent of 19 in one year, as in 1935, and 5084 since 1882, the first authenticated date of a lynching; as long as these attitudes exist there is a challenge to the Church to preach the Gospel of Him who knew neither "race nor creed." Through processes of education and legal compulsion, if necessary, we must eradicate racial hatred, and give protection to racial minorities against the greed and selfishness of those who would exploit them.

#### The Church and Crime.

Crime is still rampant in the land. In spite of many commendable efforts to bring about a better condition in the control of and destruction of criminal gangs and their ilk, the American people still stagger under the heavy burden of criminal depredations. Estimates of the cost of such have soared into sums beyond our powers of comprehension. But the material costs are not the largest, nor the most important, for they do not take into account the broken homes, children left destitute, the broken hearts, the sorrow and disaster to those who are concerned, that are the inevitable accompaniments of crime.

The Protestant Churches have a responsibility here which they must not fail to recognize. In a recent investigation of 1000 delinquents in the City of Boston, this significant fact came to light. Only ten per cent. of those delinquents came from homes where the moral standards were above fair. Furthermore, while the Protestant population was slightly over twenty-five per cent of the general population, only a fraction above ten per cent of the delinquents were listed as coming from Protestant homes.

In this connection, we are also reminded of a statement made by Judge Jonah B. Goldstein, for many years attached to the Family Court of New York City, to the effect that the finest preventive for delinquency to his knowledge is a high religious faith. He, furthermore, concluded that it was a crime against a child, and against Society, for any one ever to take away the child's belief and trust in his God.

If this be true, the Protestant Church must not fail this generation. If this be true, the Methodist Church, our beloved Church, must not leave her children to the merciless and mercenary parasites of the social order, to the dirty and sex-gorged movies, obscene preiodicals, to the frenzied frothings of some radio programs. Surely there is, in the facts here presented, inspiration enough for us to go out in the name of our God, and for the good of our children, to do our part to help deliver this nation from the curse of crime.

Your Committee, further, desires to remind you of another phase of the problem of crime. When deaths every year to the extent of approximately three times the population of Salisbury result from the use of the automobile, it is high time for the Church to take cognizance of it. For this has become more than a mere social or police matter. There are moral implications here as severe as anything we are called upon to face. This senseless, useless, and reckless disregard for human life must be reckoned with or religion and everything else that is good will suffer.

We must insist that it is no longer "smart" to drive recklessly. The wise man drives carefully; the fool says in his heart, "There is no danger." The result: "And Sudden Death."

In view of this, we commend all efforts being made by various groups for the spread of safety education—in the schools, colleges, industrial and commercial corporations, and the public press. We consider that a word of commendation is not amiss regarding the campaign for safe driving sponsored by the News-Journal Papers of Wilmington. We must confess, however, that our confidence in the success of the campaign would be greatly strengthened, if more emphasis were being placed upon what we

believe to be a major cause of these burders by automobile. We refer to the drinking driver, not the driver who is drunk, but the drinking driver who has imbibed only enough to give a false sense of well-being and security, and yet, one whose reflexes have been slowed to such an extent that he becomes a potential murderer. No campaign for safe highways will succeed until this menace is driven from them. Let the Methodist Church insist that this be done. Let us hold to strict accountability any public authority which does not strictly and fully measure up to the need and the demands of this disastrous thing.

#### International Problems.

No man can live through the days in which we now find ourselves without feeling the awful burden of hatred and suspicion and century-old prejudices which characterize relations between nations. As a result, fear has been engendered until the world has become an armed camp. Armies and navies have been increased to, and beyond, points never before considered. Selfish nationalism has spread its poison so well that barriers of all sorts have been erected to prevent the peaceful intercourse of nations. Tariff barriers, and commercial quotas, have arisen to plague the affairs of nations. And today the world stands on the threshold of one of its greatest crises.

One is tempted to say with Robin Goodfellow, "Lord, what fools these mortals be." Will the world never learn that war is no solution to its problems? If it solves one, it puts a dozen in its place. We suffer today from the ravages of the last, from the unjust and wholly inexcusable Treaty which ended it. The Church can never support nor sanction the bloodshed, the material destruction, the legalized murder of another war without counting the cost in the loss of its influence and of its right to call the world to repentance and faith.

For our own country, we do not trust laws of neutrality. If war does come, we hope and pray we can stay out of it. We are selfish enough to want that, but we have little hope that we can isolate ourselves from such a catastrophe by building up a Chinese Wall of neutrality. There is no such thing as strict neutrality as the world is now constituted. If we embargo arms, we help Italy and hinder Ethiopia. If we embargo oil, we help Ethiopia and hinder Italy. Neutrality is no shibboleth to see us over the turbulent rivers of hate and bitterness engendered by war. It is wishful thinking, escape from reality, and the breeder of false security.

We must not make the mistake of being lulled to sleep by the neutrality lullaby. If we are to destroy the war system, we must attack from many and varied angles. Your committee suggests continuation of campaigns of education for peace among high school and college groups; the nationalization of the munitions industry, the passage of a law for the conscription in time of war of wealth as well as of men; abolition of military training in colleges; adherence to the World Court of International Justice, and cooperation with any other agency which has as its purpose the fomenting of international good-will.

When Michael Pupin landed in America, "a Serbian green-horn", as he called himself, he wore a red fez because he had no other hat. Seeing the peculiar head-dress, a group of street urchins accosted him. Pupin was compelled to engage the leader in physical combat. He noticed, however, in spite of his superiority over their leader, that no other boy joined in the conflict. Afterwards the great scientist said this, "I thought to myself that the unpleasant incident was worth my while, because it taught me that I was in a country where even among the street urchins there was a strong sentiment in favor of fair play even to a Serbian green-horn. I never forgot the lesson and never had a single reason to change my opinion."

"A country of fair play." What a tribute to the nation we love. Fair play to the underprivileged, fair play to the unfortunate and distressed, fair play to the laborer, fair play to the capitalist, fair play to all who have contributed to her progress and glory; fair play to all nations. Let us hold this standard before the people at all times, for this is the glorious tradition of the Methodist Church, for this, in its essential meaning, is the heart of the Gospel which we preach.

#### HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S REPORT.

This past summer your Historical Society employed a Secretary to aid the President in rearranging the File of the Society. During the time we covered fifty two books besides numerous papers and pamphlets. Every item in each that was of value to an understanding of our history was carefully copied and filed under its proper heading. We also began to refile every item in our pockets, with every item cross referenced. We reached as far as the "N's" with this work. When you realize we have over five thousand items in the File you may guess the magnitude of the task. We hope to complete this so that every church will have instant access to all items of information of its history as far as we know it.

One of the interesting gifts of the year was one that was presented by Essell P. Thomas. This was a chain and key presented to Dr. White of Cambridge by his good friend Francis Asbury. It is one of our prized possessions. The good Bishop did not break the apostolic injunction against wearing fine apparel and gold; for the chain is wrought iron and the key is made of brass. It is in the form of a rough cross and evidently had been a watch chain and key.

The Society takes pleasure in helping any church trace its origin. We feel we have been of much service to the Conference and hope to become increasingly so as the years pass.

### SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR YOUTH.

The Delmarva Summer Institute for Youth was held in the W. C. I. building at Dover during the eight days, July 6 to 14, 1935. The Registrations included 70 students and 17 leaders—a total of 87 in the Institute family.

The new four-year Institute curriculum was inaugurated. This new curriculum makes possible a well-balanced program of training for leadership and practical work in the local churches. The Institute is thus placed among the major leadership training agencies of the Conference. A young person attending four of these eight-day Institutes would thus receive a 32-day course in leadership, the most intensive training venture sponsored by the Board of Education.

The Theme for the Institute was "Youth and Creative Living". The chapel periods, Morning Watch, prayer groups and various activities were so integrated as to carry out the implications of the theme. An exceptionally strong faculty and group of Family counselors made it possible to do a very constructive piece of work.

The Dean, the Rev. W. Vaughan Moore, completed his fifth year as Dean of the Institute. The Director takes this opportunity to express his very great appreciation for the loyalty, devotion and co-operation of Rev. Moore. His unselfish, generous and enthusiastic service has been a great inspiration to all who have been privileged to work with him.

The Board of Education elected the Rev. F. D. Milbury as Dean of the 1936 Institute. Dean Milbury is already hard at work making plans for the continuance of the splendid work this summer. We earnestly trust that he will have the fullest possible co-operation from every member of the Conference as he takes up and carries out the responsibilities of this office in the interests of our churches and our youth.

### REPORT OF ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF DELAWARE.

During the year I have visited thirty five M. E. Churches of the Conference, have held eight group meetings, spoke at twenty five other meetings, carried forward a Legislative program, used every opportunity to curb the liquor traffic activities, traveled by automobile 20,000 miles, attended the National Convention of the Anti-saloon League of America which was held at St. Louis Dec. 1st to 5th, 1935, have a program for the year which will touch every voting precinct in the State of Delaware looking forward to the election of candidates who will have the interest of the State and nation at heart and stand for the cause of right.

IVANHOE WILLIS.

### REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Fiftieth Conference Anniversary of The Woman's Home Missionary Society was held in Delmar M. E. Church at 2:15 P. M., Mar. 26, with the President, Mrs. Bertha M. C. Reeves, presiding. The opening hymn was "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart." Dr. Morgan, pastor of Elkton M. E. Church, gave the devotions, reading Acts Chapter IX. Rev. W. G. Harris, a former pastor of Elkton, made the prayer, after which "Where Cross the Crowded Ways" was sung. A delegation of thirty-four women from Elkton stood and were greeted. The President announced that the first anniversary was held in Elkton in March 1886. The Conference Officers were next introduced. Collection taken.

Mrs. Brinton (First Vice Pres.) gave a brief history of the organization.

Miss Ruth Wheatley, Young People's Secy., spoke on "Youth of Today", stressing our responsibility to the youth and begging us to be kind and considerate to them.

Solo, "Open the Gate of the Temple" was sung by Miss Blanche Melson.

The address was given by Dr. H. P. Fox of Ocean Grove. Dr. Fox held the attention of his large audience throughout his address. He scored selfish, greedy interests, that flout God and the church, exploit labor, corrupt government, and create wars, Dr. Fox pleaded for a united front of separate church branches in a warfare in the name of Jesus Christ to wipe out war. He also said the church must take a more open and courageous stand on the race question in this country. He paid a glowing tribute to the W. H. M. S. for its past fifty years of service. He added that we should face the future in the spirit of Christ, and at the end of the road we would receive a "Glorious Reward".

After the benediction by Rev. E. L. Hoffecker the meeting adjourned.

MRS. CHAS. W. STAATS, Sec. Pro. Tem.

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

#### Advertising.

OUR BOYS, our quarterly publication, has now a circulation of 13,000 copies. Many letters from interested friends tell of the effectiveness of this little magazine. Large donations of food and money are directly traceable to its publication. One person, not a member of our church, having read an appeal in one of our issues, sent for me and gave me a check for \$5,000.00 for our Endowment. Every issue brings some direct gift to the Home. We have other literature also that has proven effective as an appeal.

Miss May Trimble, our Deaconess, is busy showing our motion picture of the boys and their activities, and this has aroused new interest in the Home and made possible many important contacts.

Our personal appeals and the annual offering at Christmas time have made it possible for us to carry on so far without debt. However, there have been times when our faith was tested, and we wondered how we would meet our obligations. No one could know the marvelous growth of the Strawbridge Home during these twelve years without feeling that the day of miracles has not passed, and that no mere human power alone could have brought about the wonderful growth of this Institution.

### Our Schooling.

We send our boys to the Sykesville Public School. The Board of Education of Carroll County transports them to and from school, a round-trip of almost six miles. The County Commissioners and the Government have given out a contract for the addition of nine rooms to the present almost new school building which will provide ample room to meet the needs of the community and our boys for years to come.

Two of our boys are expecting to graduate from the High School in June—one of them your own boy, Griffith Fleming, who came to us on the opening day of the Institution.

We are now employing a former school teacher to help the boys with their home work, and she has each night a period from six to eight o'clock with the older boys. The school authorities report a great improvement in the quality of work our boys are now doing.

### Religious Education.

All the Housemothers are members of our church and earnestly cooperate in the religious life of the Home. Almost all our boys are full members of St. Paul's M. E. Church at Sykesville, and Brother Thompson, our pastor, has now a Probationer's Class of twelve boys which he is instructing once a week at the Home.

Religious services are held each morning and each Sunday evening at the Home. The boys also attend the Sunday School and Church at Sykesville on Sunday morning. Some of them take active part in the Young People's Choir of the Church.

James Richards, who graduates from the Western Maryland College in June, is desirous of entering our ministry. He was one of the first group of boys admitted the day the Home was opened. His story is one of thrilling human interest.

### The Farm.

When the farm of 343 acres was presented to the Baltimore Conference, its buildings were greatly in need of repair, but we did not have the money to make the necessary improvements. Attention was given first to new dormitory buildings that had to be erected to take care of the boys. It was not until the past two years that money could be secured to make the necessary farm improvements. The barn has now been modernized and enlarged, and we have also erected a new granary, implement shed, hog and bull pen, chicken house, and a modern farm manager's house. New machinery has replaced worn out implements, and we are beginning at last to have equipment and soil improvements that will mean some real value to the farm. This is one of the most important advances to make the farm "pay its way".

### The Finances.

The Board of Trustees has placed all our Endowment Fund with the Fidelity Trust Company of Baltimore as our agent for investment. This gives expert attention to this fund by one of the strongest financial corporations in Baltimore City. The Endowment Fund, including annuities, is invested in securities that because of their high value bring small interest returns.

We must have a greater interest on the part of our church leaders, pastors, and people if we are to admit the many boys who are now applying and properly care for those we have. We are about to admit three boys, four, six, and seven years of age, out of great poverty, which will fill our dormitories to capacity. We also have the applications of seven boys between the ages of four and eight who have applied for admission during the past two weeks, and we cannot consider them because of lack of room and money. If only our people knew the fearful condition of these little lads and their heart-breaking stories, they would give us the money needed so that no worthy boy asking bread would be turned away from our doors.

We ask our pastors to call the attention of the benevolent minded members of their congregation to the need of a new dormitory building, to the need of endowment and maintenance money, and to our Annuity Bonds which carry a high rate of interest. Either of these gifts could be a memorial to a loved one.

We are grateful to the District Superintendents and the pastors for their fine cooperation in the annual Christmas offering this Conference Year.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS S. LONG,  
Executive Secretary.

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.

March, 1936.

### THANKS.

In the closing moments of the sixty eighth session of the Wilmington Conference it is proper that we pause long enough to give expression to our feelings of gratitude for the pleasure and profit we enjoyed while here together.

We are grateful to God for the blessings of the year, and for that sense of his presence with us during these days which has made our meeting a spiritual fellowship, through his grace these have been high days.

Our appreciation of our presiding officer, Bishop Hughes, grows with each session of the Conference. His brotherliness has made us feel at ease during trying days, his unaffected humor has made us laugh at our-

selves sometimes, and saved us from the mistake of taking ourselves too seriously, the spiritual glow in our lives has been kindled into a new flame at the altar of his enthusiasm, his devotional addresses and sermon on Sunday have inspired us, and his passion for the souls of men has made us realize anew the chief business of a Methodist Preacher. With this expression of appreciation of Bishop Hughes we would like to express our sympathy for his loss in the last few months in the passing of a loved sister.

We are greatly indebted to our genial host, Rev. Ralph C. Jones, to the members of the Official Board of the Delmar Methodist Episcopal Church for their kindness in placing this beautiful church at our disposal, to the members and friends of the church who extended to us such hospitality in their homes, and to the ladies of the various societies of the church who sacrificed their time and labor in kitchen and dining hall that we might be fed.

Our thanks are due to the Mayor and City Council of Delmar, who through the Police and Fire Departments showed us so many courtesies on the streets and for the use of the Fire house, to the Bank of Delmar who placed their banking facilities at our disposal for the transaction of our financial business, to the School Board and Prof. H. C. Whiteside for the use of the High School Auditorium for the Epworth League Rally, to Delmar Lodge No. 201 A. F. & A. M. for the use of the Masonic Temple.

Our guest speakers have made a great contribution to our Conference session, Dr. Harold Paul Sloan strikes a responsive chord in the hearts of the ministers and laity of this conference. We are truly grateful to all of those who gave their best to us in these services and to Bro. Eckhart Conference organist.

The Conference has had a "good press", and we appreciate the cooperation of the representatives of the local, state, and city papers in giving so much space to recording the activities of the Conference. Readers of the daily papers knew that this conference was in session and still in business for the Lord.

There is a feeling of sadness in the knowledge that some of those we knew and fellowshiped with are here no more, we hail their memory. We salute our brethren who this day enter the honored fellowship of the retired ministers, they are veterans indeed. We greet the young men who are taking their place in the ranks of the active ministry and at this session receive their first appointment as members of this conference. With faith in God we renew our dedication to his cause and go forth to labor for another year with the assurance that "God is with us."

W. H. REVELLE,  
W. J. MCKEE.

## REPORT OF

### (d) CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN

J. W. WOOTTEN, Statistician.

#### Assistants.

Dover District, Sylvanus T. Hamblin.

Salisbury District, D'Arcy A. Littleton.

Wilmington District, Walter A. Glass.

R. W. Mills,

P. E. Reynolds,

H. N. Bailey

W. L. McClintock,

H. O. Hufnal,

Willard Everett,

T. O. M. Wills,

J. B. Vaughn,

R. S. Hodgson,

R. M. Green,

F. A. Baker,

John E. French.

## REPORT OF

### (e) CONFERENCE TREASURER

WM. H. REVELLE, Treasurer.

W. J. McKee,

W. L. Beckwith,

R. G. Conner,

V. E. Hills

J. E. Parker,

O. H. Connelly,

J. H. Clow,

L. L. Powell,

L. W. Ross,

W. H. Kohl,

J. R. Diehl,

F. C. Louhoff.



STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishop, Support Conf. Cl'mnts, Total Paid for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency), Bap-tisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized).

\*Maximum salary of Dist. Supt. set at \$4800.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'y Mem., Full Members, Received During Year, Now on Roll, etc.), Church Property (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).

Summary row for the right page table, showing totals for various categories.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT

TREASURER'S DOVER DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Number of Schools, No. of Classes Under 18 Years, N. O. of Classes Using Closely Graded Lessons, Officers and Teachers, Enrollment (Pupils of all Grades, Nursery Roll, Home Department, Total Enrollment, Average Attendance), Church Membership (Pupils incl. Home Dept who are Ch'ch Mem., Accessions to Ch from membership of S. S.), Finances (Rally Day Offering, Paid by S. S. to World Service not including Rally Day Offering, Expenses for Lesson Materials, Supplies, Etc., Enrollment Leadership Training Classes, Pupils Enrolled in Vacation Church Schools, Pupils Enrolled in Week Day Church Schools), Other Church Schools

Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conf

Benevolences as ordered by the Annual Conference

Table with columns: Designated to (World Service: Distributable, Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension Education, Theological Schs, Hospitals, Homes, Temperance, Pr. Ch'n and Public Morals, Pensions and Relief, American Bible Soc., Total on Apportionment, Specials, Annuities, Legacies, etc., Children's Day Fund (Board of Education), Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Total Disciplinary Benevolences, General Conference Expenses, W. C. I., Conference Board of Education, Episcopal Residence, Domestic Missions, Hospitals & Homes, Edts., Buildings, Spec. Gifts, Conference Budget, District Parsonage, Other Items, Annual Conf. Inestim's City Missionary or Church Extension Society, Mir' Cont'n. Relief Fund, Total Benevolences Ord'd by Annual Conference)

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishops, Support Conf. Cl'mnts, Support for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency, Children Baptized, Adults Baptized. Lists 63 churches and their financial and membership data.

\*Maximum salary of Dist. Supt. set at \$4800.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'ry Mem., Full Members), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, etc.), Miscellaneous (Local Preachers, Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society, etc.), Epw'th League. Lists 63 churches and their membership and property data.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT

Table with columns: List No, NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Church Schools (Enrollment, Attendance, Finances), Other Church Schools. Includes a Totals row at the bottom.

TREASURER'S SALISBURY DISTRICT

Table with columns: Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the Gen. Conf., World Service (Designated to), Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference. Includes a Totals row at the bottom.

STATISTICAL

MARCH

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support of Bishops, Support Conf. Cl'mnts), Baptisms (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, Total Paid for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency.

\*Maximum salary of Dist. Supt. set at \$5000.

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'y Memb., Full Members), Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Parsonages, Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc., Paid by Charge for Building and Improvements, Paid on Old Indebtedness, Present Indebtedness, Current Expenses, Local Preachers, Amount Contributed by Ladies Aid Society, No. Col or 1rch'g Pcls., Senior and Young People, Intermediate and Juniors), Miscellaneous (Local Preachers, Amount Contributed by Ladies Aid Society, No. Col or 1rch'g Pcls., Senior and Young People, Intermediate and Juniors), Epw'th League.

\*Paid out of Endowment Fund.

STATISTICAL WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Number of Schools, No. of Classes Under 18 Years, No. of Classes Using Closely Graded Lessons, Officers and Teachers, Enrollment (Pupils of all Grades, Nursery Roll, Home Department, Total Enrollment, Average Attendance), Church Membe'ip (Pupils incl. H'e Dept. but not B.C who are Ch. M. or Prep. M., Accessions to Ch. from Membership of S. S.), Finance (Rally Day Offering, Paid by S. to World Service not including Rally Day Offering, Expenses for Lesson Materials, Supplies, Etc., Enrollment Leadership Training Classes, Pupils Enrolled in Vacation Church Schools, Pupils Enrolled in Week Church Schools), Other Church Schools.

TREASURER'S WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered By the Gen. Conf., World Service (Designated to: Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension Education (Incl. Theological Schs), Hospitals, Homes, Temperance, Proh'n and Public Morals, Pensions and Relief, American Bible Soc., Total on Apportionment, Specials, annuities, Legacies, etc., Children's Day Fund (Board of Education), Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Total Disciplinary Benevolences, General Conference Expenses, W. C. I., Conference Board of Education, Episcopal Residence, Domestic Missions, Hospitals & Homes, Bldgs Building, Spec Gifts, Conference Budget, District Parsonage, Other items, Annual Conf. Investm'ts, City Missionary or Ch'h Extension Society, Minis'l Cont. Relief Fund, Total Benevolences Or'd by Annual Conference.



CIRCUIT REPORT.

Dover District.

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
<b>Bayside:</b>				
Sherwood . . . . .	75	48	\$500	\$90
Wittman . . . . .	120	79	301	
Blades . . . . .	130		600	
Epworth . . . . .	80		300	
Asbury . . . . .	134		300	
Bozman . . . . .	101	70	450	35
Neavitt . . . . .	104	80	450	25
<b>Burrsville:</b>				
Wesley . . . . .	110	26	400	44
Thawley's . . . . .	59	22	159	7
<b>Church Hill . . . . .</b>			470	70
<b>Price . . . . .</b>			380	57
<b>Roesville . . . . .</b>			150	23
Cordova . . . . .	58	57	325	
Matthews . . . . .	55	56	375	
Fruitland . . . . .	241	286	1200	286
Siloam . . . . .	145	161	600	66
<b>Fairlee:</b>				
Salem . . . . .	71	36	400	14
Union . . . . .	52	54	400	11
Grace . . . . .	127	68	350	15
Farmington . . . . .	72	49	365	59
Epworth . . . . .	86	50	225	27
Prospect . . . . .	76	58	175	28
Todds . . . . .	90	79	235	38
Felton . . . . .	208	157	1000	199
Manship . . . . .	40	34	325	11
Masten . . . . .	30	40	97	5
Galestown . . . . .	100	20	40	41
Cokesbury . . . . .	66	73	13	
Wesley . . . . .	51	35	15	
Woodland . . . . .	100	55	40	13
Henderson . . . . .	63	33	350	20
Barclay . . . . .	42	34	400	20
Bridgetown . . . . .	40	30	250	10
Hillsboro . . . . .	90	104	850	125
Ebenezer . . . . .	30	60	350	25
Parsonsborg . . . . .	100	135	536	
Zion . . . . .	50	75	300	
Bethel . . . . .	102	139	200	
Marydel . . . . .	48	56	350	6
Templeville . . . . .	52	61	350	6
Thomas Chapel . . . . .	20	15	200	
Busic . . . . .	40	25	100	

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
<b>Nassau:</b>				
Conleys . . . . .	148		400	40
Whites . . . . .	164		360	26
Zion . . . . .	60		240	12
Preston . . . . .	113		1520	105
Bethlehem . . . . .	108		280	25
Selbyville—Salem . . . . .	356	356	2025	312
Ebenezer . . . . .	40	88	175	25
<b>Somerset:</b>				
Rock Creek . . . . .	109	118	500	50
Dames Quarter . . . . .	74	120	500	40
Wye Mills . . . . .	100	68	600	41
Starr . . . . .	79	60	300	41

Salisbury District.

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
Beckwith . . . . .	125		\$600	\$62
Spedden . . . . .	175		600	62
Bishopville . . . . .	180	100	400	25
Showell . . . . .	145	111	400	28
St. Martins . . . . .	190	111	200	34
Friendship . . . . .	50	55	155	4
Church Creek . . . . .	125	90	550	45
Taylor's Is. . . . .	25	15	150	
St. Johns . . . . .		25	150	
Trinity . . . . .	30	15	50	
Dagsboro . . . . .	275	190	950	100
St. Georges . . . . .	350	353	950	100
<b>East New Market:</b>				
Cabin Creek . . . . .	30	15	175	
<b>Fairmount:</b>				
Christ . . . . .	125	140	827	35
Union . . . . .	35	35	150	3
Epworth . . . . .	46	46	150	3
<b>Hooper's Island:</b>				
Hoopers Memorial . . . . .	63	97	600	10
Mt. Zion . . . . .	23	24	200	5
<b>Marion:</b>				
St. Peters . . . . .	60	85	450	20
Quindocqua . . . . .	61	85	480	15
Grace . . . . .		25		
Nanticoke . . . . .	115	99	464	48
Tyaskin . . . . .	39	66	400	29
White Haven . . . . .	29	47	300	23



Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
Newark, Bowen . . . . .	120	170	800	45
Wesley . . . . .	40	16	200	
Derrickson . . . . .	50	45	200	
Ocean City (Atlantic) . .	193	163	900	14
Sinepuxent (Bethany)	32	55	250	
Onancock:				
Cokesbury . . . . .			500	
Leatherbury . . . . .			500	
Riverview . . . . .			156	
Pittsville—Ayres . . . . .	102		500	60
Wango . . . . .	70		200	45
Melsons . . . . .	195		500	70
Pocomoke Circuit:				
Cokesbury . . . . .	50	77	290	9
Emmanuel . . . . .	55	64	200	11
Williams . . . . .	15	29	118	
Quantico . . . . .	75	57	350	60
Rockawalkin . . . . .	100	120	850	90
Wetipquin . . . . .		11	200	
St. Peters . . . . .	153	214	1175	
St. Stephens . . . . .	34	33	375	
Stockton:				
Wesley . . . . .	40	77	550	40
Remsen . . . . .	96	120	400	45
Grace . . . . .	220	55	250	40
Powellville:				
St. Johns . . . . .	90	32	334	28
Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	85	60	208	6
Friendship . . . . .	86	51	208	28
Zoar . . . . .	77	49	262	10
Unity . . . . .	63	45	225	10
St. Thomas . . . . .		25	150	5

## Wilmington District.

Bethel . . . . .	52	65	\$600	\$114
Town Point . . . . .	34	24	300	25
Charlestown . . . . .	64	64	480	100
Principio . . . . .	54	54	420	20
Cherry Hill . . . . .	135	101	600	95
Big Elk . . . . .	55	63	250	10
Elk Mills . . . . .	80	62	250	5
Christiana . . . . .	120	145	640	100
Salem . . . . .	60	90	400	100
Crumpton . . . . .	50	67	315	12
Union . . . . .	25	61	350	6
Double Creek . . . . .	30	39	278	

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
Elk Neck:				
Harts . . . . .	46	43	126	15
Wesley . . . . .	20	7	100	10
Galena . . . . .	126	106	900	75
Locust Grove . . . . .	12	16	175	
Hockessin . . . . .			1100	100
Cedars . . . . .			250	
Hopewell . . . . .	153	159	800	70
Asbury . . . . .	60	52	400	10
Millington:				
Delaneys . . . . .	40	28	200	
Asbury . . . . .		173	1200	129
Odessa . . . . .			800	125
St. Pauls . . . . .	205		500	50
Friendship . . . . .	100		800	39
Red Lion . . . . .	95	75	400	21
Glasgow . . . . .	60	32	200	6
Kirkwood . . . . .	30	20	200	65
Townsend . . . . .	250	238	1200	3
Blackbird . . . . .	40	75	225	95
Cookman . . . . .	40	30	520	123
Newark Union . . . . .	125	50	600	

(f) OTHER TREASURERS

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Treasurer's Report, March 23, 1936.

SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Balance in Bank, Earnings on Investments, July 12, 1935, Interest on Deposits, and Total Receipts.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Apr. 5, 1935, To Check Account and Balance to Savings Account, Mar. 23, 1936.

CHECK ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Balance to Check Account, Apr. 5, 1935, Earnings on Investments, June 7, 1935, Jan. 15, 1936, Feb. 14, 1936, and Total Receipts.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Mar. 19, 1935, Apr. 5, 1935, Apr. 5, 1935, Apr. 5, 1935, Apr. 5, 1935, Apr. 5, 1935, Apr. 5, 1935, Apr. 5, 1935, June 1, 1935, Feb. 14, 1936, Feb. 20, 1936, and Mar. 6, 1936.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Total Disbursements, Balance to Check Account, Mar. 23, 1936, Balance to Savings Account, Mar. 23, 1936, and Total, March 23, 1936.

W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.

Audited, March 28, 1936.—H. B. KELSO.

BARRATT'S CHAPEL FUND.

Treasurer's Report, March 23, 1936.

RECEIPTS.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Balance in Bank, Earnings on Investments, Interest on Deposits, and Total Receipts.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Apr. 5, 1935, To I. D. Short Co., for Repairs, Total Disbursements, and Balance in Bank, March 23, 1936.

W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.

Audited, March 28, 1936.—H. B. KELSO.

WASHINGTON FOSTER ESTATE.

Treasurer's Report, March 23, 1936.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Row includes Fifth account of Walter a Hearn, Treasurer of the Washington Foster Estate, debtor to the Washington Foster Estate, March 23, 1936.

CORPUS, MARCH 23, 1936.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Mortgage, Elkton 6%, Mortgage, Elkton 6%, Mortgage, Elkton 6%, Mortgage, Rising Sun 6% (\$2300), Balance to Corpus, and Total Corpus, March 23, 1936.

## RECEIPTS, SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

Balance to Savings Account, Mar. 18, 1935	\$ 366.25
Earnings on Investments	612.00
Interest on Deposits	14.74
<b>Total Receipts, March 23, 1936</b>	<b>\$ 992.99</b>
<b>Total Disbursements, Mar. 23, 1936</b>	<b>.....</b>
<b>Balance to Savings Account, Mar. 23, 1936</b>	<b>\$ 992.99</b>

## RECEIPTS, CHECK ACCOUNT.

Balance to Check Account, Mar. 18, 1935	\$3635.23
July 12, from Joshua Clayton, Attorney	1600.00
<b>Total Receipts, Mar. 23, 1936</b>	<b>\$5235.23</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS, CHECK ACCOUNT.

Pastor, Elk Neck Charge	\$ 800.00
May 10, 1935, Jesse E. Pierson, Register	1.00
May 14, 1935, W. E. Gunby, Insurance	.75
June 6, 1935, Joshua Clayton, Attorney	1600.00
Dec. 19, 1935, Renewal of Treasurer's Bond	36.66
Sept. 21, 1935, Insurance	2.50
Mar. 6, 1936, W. A. Hearn, Postage, etc.	2.04
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$2442.95</b>
<b>Balance to Check Account, Mar. 23, 1936</b>	<b>\$2792.28</b>
<b>Balance to Savings Account, Mar. 23, 1936</b>	<b>992.99</b>
<b>Total Cash March 23, 1936</b>	<b>\$3785.27</b>
<b>Cash credited to Corpus, Mar. 23, 1936</b>	<b>3700.00</b>
<b>Balance to Income, March 23, 1936</b>	<b>\$ 85.27</b>

W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.

Audited, March 28, 1936.—H. B. KELSO.

## REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

Your Auditor has examined with great care the accounts of the following Treasurers and believes each to be absolutely correct.

## Rev. J. J. Bunting, Treasurer Domestic Missions.

Receipts—Balance from Rev. Leonard White	\$ 120.00
From Mr. W. L. Overdeer	214.00
From Charges	273.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 607.00</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>365.00</b>
<b>Balance, March 18, 1936</b>	<b>\$ 242.00</b>

## Rev. J. J. Bunting, Conference Treasurer.

Balance March 27, 1935	\$ 144.41
Receipts	52116.75
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$52261.16</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>52122.00</b>
<b>Balance March 18, 1936</b>	<b>\$ 139.16</b>

## Rev. O. A. Bartley, Treasurer of Conference Historical Society.

Balance March 27, 1935	\$ 95.44
Receipts	90.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 185.44</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>122.00</b>
<b>Balance March 25, 1936</b>	<b>\$ 63.44</b>

## Rev. E. W. McDowell, Treas. Conference Board of Ministerial Training.

Balance March 18, 1935	\$ 63.70
Receipts	580.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 643.70</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>525.45</b>
<b>Balance March 17, 1936</b>	<b>\$ 118.25</b>

## Rev. J. J. Bunting, Treasurer Salisbury District Maintenance.

Receipts	\$ 588.13
Disbursements	565.00
<b>Balance March 25, 1936</b>	<b>\$ 23.13</b>

**Rev. E. C. Hallman, Treasurer Dover District Maintenance.**

Receipts . . . . .	\$ 508.75
Disbursements . . . . .	471.25

Balance March 25, 1936 . . . . .	\$ 37.50
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**Rev. E. C. Hallman, Treasurer Domestic Missions.**

Balance from previous year . . . . .	\$ 24.34
Receipts . . . . .	407.85

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 432.19
Disbursements . . . . .	245.00

Balance March 25, 1936 . . . . .	\$ 187.19
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**Rev. W. E. Gunby, Treasurer Domestic Missions.**

Receipts—From Rev. D. W. Jacobs . . . . .	\$ 28.54
From Conference Treasurer . . . . .	424.00

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 452.54
Disbursements . . . . .	244.00

Balance March 25, 1936 . . . . .	\$ 208.54
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**Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer Barratt's Chapel Fund.**

Balance March 18, 1935 . . . . .	\$ 109.27
Receipts . . . . .	61.79

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 171.06
Disbursements . . . . .	75.00

Balance March 23, 1936 . . . . .	\$ 96.06
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**Rev. R. C. Jones, Treasurer Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.**

Balance March 25, 1935 . . . . .	\$ 435.24
Receipts . . . . .	162.14

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 597.38
Disbursements . . . . .	345.00

Balance March 6, 1936 . . . . .	\$ 252.38
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**Rev. W. J. Ennis, Treasurer Minutes Publication Fund.**

Balance March 26, 1935 . . . . .	\$ 68.46
Receipts . . . . .	636.08

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 704.54
Disbursements . . . . .	660.89

Balance March 28, 1936 . . . . .	\$ 43.65
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**Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer Washington Foster Estate.**

Balance in Savings Account March 23, 1936 . . . . .	\$ 992.99
Balance in Checking Account March 23, 1936 . . . . .	2792.28

Total Balance . . . . .	\$3785.27
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**Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer Conference Trustees.**

Balance in Savings Account March 23, 1936 . . . . .	\$1481.00
Balance in Check Account March 23, 1936 . . . . .	1146.78

Total . . . . .	\$2627.78
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**Mr. Jefferson Cooper, Treasurer Board of Stewards.**

Balance from 1935 . . . . .	\$12319.81
Receipts . . . . .	41711.34

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$54031.15
Disbursements . . . . .	40396.02

Balance March 27, 1936 . . . . .	\$13635.13
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**Mr. W. L. Overdeer, Treas. Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.**

Receipts . . . . .	\$1051.25
Disbursements . . . . .	\$1051.25

**Mr. J. E. Walls, Treasurer Conference Budget.**

Balance March 21, 1935 . . . . .	\$ 128.65
Receipts . . . . .	3509.00

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$3637.65
Disbursements . . . . .	3482.16

Balance March 28, 1936 . . . . .	\$ 155.49
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**LIST OF CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING TO THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE  
OF DELAWARE.**

\* Indicates the churches visited this Conference year. Other churches where contributions are indicated get their credits from personal solicitation of some of their members.

	Cash contributed.
Harrison St., Wilmington . . . . .	\$ 123.00*
Epworth, Wilmington . . . . .	10.00
Union M. E., Wilmington . . . . .	33.25*
McCabe M. E., Wilmington . . . . .	59.68*
St. Paul's M. E., Wilmington . . . . .	19.00
Eastlake M. E., Wilmington . . . . .	8.58
Kingswood M. E., Wilmington . . . . .	20.00
Grace M. E., Wilmington . . . . .	59.00
Mt. Salem M. E., Wilmington . . . . .	17.00
Silverbrook M. E., Wilmington . . . . .	10.00
Trinity M. E., Wilmington . . . . .	15.00
Newark Union M. E. . . . .	4.00
Newark M. E. . . . .	7.00*
Brack Ex M. E. . . . .	7.87*
Christiana M. E. . . . .	18.05*
Newport M. E. . . . .	2.00
Richardson Park M. E. . . . .	31.30
Claymont M. E. . . . .	19.00
Odessa M. E. . . . .	20.56*
Holly Oak M. E. . . . .	12.58*
Middletown M. E. . . . .	10.00
Ebenézer M. E. . . . .	2.71*
St. Georges M. E. . . . .	49.90*
Marshallton M. E. . . . .	84.05*
Bellefonte M. E. . . . .	2.20*
Red Lion M. E. . . . .	4.75
Hockessin M. E. . . . .	2.00
Townsend M. E. . . . .	10.82*
New Castle M. E. . . . .	9.35*
Stanton M. E. . . . .	10.90*
Harrington M. E. . . . .	12.94
Milford M. E. . . . .	45.55*
Magnolia M. E. . . . .	2.95*
Dover, Wesley M. E. . . . .	19.30*
Smyrna M. E. . . . .	36.75*
Clayton M. E. . . . .	59.00*
Kenton M. E. . . . .	25.00
Wyoming M. E. . . . .	7.00*
Felton M. E. . . . .	19.25*
Cheswold M. E. . . . .	3.92*
Camden M. E. . . . .	25.42*
Houston M. E. . . . .	15.77*

Delmar M. E. . . . .	29.57*
Bridgeville M. E. . . . .	20.17*
Lewes M. E. . . . .	39.20*
Seaford M. E. . . . .	20.00
Georgetown M. E. . . . .	26.25*
Ocean View M. E. . . . .	8.70*
Milton M. E. . . . .	10.00
Seaford M. E. Circuit . . . . .	6.05*
Nassau M. E. . . . .	11.21*
Dagsboro M. E. . . . .	44.65*
Rehoboth M. E. . . . .	13.10*
Roxana M. E. . . . .	9.45*

**THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.**

We report to you the small increase of \$314.00 in advance of last year, in the giving of the Churches toward the Claimant needs of the Conference. The Treasurer's report will show also a slight gain in the earnings from our investments. These gains however, are offset by the addition of 116 more years of service than those of last year, for which annuity must be provided.

We have received from the charges, \$27,970. The chartered fund provides \$65.00 this year. We have \$11,875 from investments and from the earnings of savings accounts.

The total for distribution is \$39,910.00, enabling the Board to place the annuity rate at \$15.00 a year.

The offerings by districts are as follows:

Dover District . . . . .	\$ 8,788.00
Salisbury District . . . . .	7,590.00
Wilmington District . . . . .	11,592.00

Total . . . . . \$27,970.00

While we again remind you of the large number of charges in which the obligation to pro rate does not seem to be taken seriously, it is cheering to know that that number is slowly being reduced. Let us continue to keep this particular duty clearly before us in increasing numbers until the shameful disparity between the claims and payment columns of the Conference Claimant item is entirely wiped out. It has been done in at least one other Conference in Methodism and it can and must be done by the Wilmington Conference.

We ask for the appointment of Lester Windsor as trustee for Mrs. Laura M. Williams and her children.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. THOMAS, Chairman.

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

March 25, 1936.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1935 . . . . .	\$12319.81
Conference Treasurer . . . . .	27012.00
Chartered Fund . . . . .	60.00
Ministers Wives Organization . . . . .	25.00
Reduction of Mortgages . . . . .	1236.89
Claimant Fund from Charges . . . . .	794.53
Interest from Investments . . . . .	11363.97
Interest from Bank balances . . . . .	511.95
Dividends from Holt stock for Supply retired . . . . .	600.00
From Charges for Supply retired . . . . .	7.00
Endowment from Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church . . . . .	100.00

Total . . . . . \$54031.15

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants . . . . .	\$38845.25
Expenses . . . . .	354.39
Bond of Treasurer . . . . .	75.00
Invested in mortgages . . . . .	1121.02
Balances in banks . . . . .	13635.13
Service charge by Farmers Bank . . . . .	.36

Total . . . . . \$54031.15

There is now invested in 102 First Mortgages a total of . . . . . \$194,014.00  
 And in Real Estate that past owners either deserted or defaulted payments of interest and title to same held in the name of the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church (6) . . . . . 9,236.00

Making a total of investments . . . . . \$203,250.00

JEFFERSON COOPER, Treasurer.

### REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Board of Stewards.

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

Dear Brethren:

We respectfully submit herewith our report as auditing committee of the Board of Stewards.

The investments of the Board for Claimants of the Wilmington Conference are in the form of first mortgages on real estate in the city of Wilmington or adjacent thereto.

The securities covering the investments were inspected on March the 9th, 1936, and found to be correct in all details. The number of mortgages

is 102 and the amount invested is \$194,014.00. Each property is protected by ample insurance, the total amounting to \$318,650.00, the policies for which are in the custody of our Treasurer. In addition to the mortgages above mentioned, six properties have been deeded to the Board having an investment value of \$9236.00 and covered by insurance to the extent of \$17,500.00, or a total of \$203,250.00 invested, with \$326,150.00 insurance.

The accounts of the Treasurer have been audited and found to be correct. We have \$969.56 in the checking account and \$1716.31 in the savings account with the Farmers Bank in Dover, Delaware. There is \$826.87 in the checking account and \$10,122.39 in the saving account with the Fruit Growers National Bank and Trust Co. of Smyrna, Delaware, or a total balance of \$13,635.13.

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

### 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 1936. They were approved by the Conference.

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.			
CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES		Annuity Claim	Annuity Allowed	Special Fund	Total
MINISTERS					
1931 34	W. O. Bennett, Hurlock, Md. ....	\$616	\$510	\$	\$510
1931 24	Wm. H. Briggs, 302 W. 24th St., Wilmington, Del. ....	672	360	120	480
1932 28	J. A. Buckson, Rehoboth, Del. ....	672	420		420
1931 16	L. M. Broadway, 323 W. 30th St., Wilmington, Del. ....	384	240	200	440
1931 37	H. G. Budd, Dover, Del. ....	888	550		550
1934 89	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
1935 30	D. J. Ford, Camden, Del. ....	720			720
1934 43	J. H. Geoghegan, Newport, Del. ....	1032	645		645
1925 35	J. W. Gray, Willards, Md. ....	840	525		525
1931 31	W. E. Greenfield, Perryville, Md. ....	744	465	75	540
1936 47	V. E. Hills, Weldin Road, Wilmington, Del. ....	1128	705		705
1918 42	E. L. Hoffecker, Easton, Md. ....	1008	630		630
1911	T. S. Holt, Federalsburg, Md. ....	*			
1924 16	O. E. James, Central Y. M. C. A., Baltimore, Md. ....	384	240		240
1929 38	G. P. Jones, Mystic, Conn. ....	918	570		570
1924 53	L. W. Layfield, Greenwood, Del. ....	1272	795		795
1922 20	W. E. Matthews, Smyrna, Del. ....	480	300	120	420
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, 15 Kells Ave., Newark, Del. ....	960	600		600
1933 40	J. P. Outten, Secretary, Md. ....	960	600		600
1936 28	J. T. Price, East New Market, Md. ....	672	420	100	520
1936 36	W. C. Poole, Easton, Md. ....	864	540		540
1934 38	L. E. Poole, Snow Hill, Md. ....	912	570		570
1936 39	J. W. Prettyman, Lewisville, Pa. ....	936	585		585
1919 34	J. D. Reese, Frederica, Del. ....	816	510		510
1929 36	T. J. Richardson, Middletown, Del. ....	864	540		540
1933	V. E. Rorer, 318 Sterling Rd., Elkins Park, Pa. ....	72	45		45
1915 40	Adam Stengle, 407 W. 21st St., Wilmington, Del. ....	960	600		600
1935 43	C. W. Strickland, Rehoboth, Del. ....	1032	645		645
1922 37	E. C. Sunfield, 143 Pleasant St., Hanover, Pa. ....	888	555		555
1936 28	J. W. Sutton, Princess Anne, Md. ....	672	420		420
1935 31	E. B. Taylor, Springfield, S. C. ....	744	465		465
1904 31	C. H. Williams, Snow Hill, Md. ....	744	465		465
1927 39	J. H. Wilson, 9 Spruce Ave., Elsmere, Del. ....	936	585		585
1930 46	W. A. Wise, 317 W. 19th St., Wilmington, Del. ....	1104	690		690
1932 43	Geo. E. Wood, Oxford, Md. ....	1032	645		645
1934 29	W. R. Woodell, Denton, Md. ....	696	435		435
* Relinquished.					
WIDOWS					
1930 37	A. 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, 1242 Francisco St., San Francisco, Calif. ....	378	236	64	300
1926 18	Ida V. Brewington, Hebron, Md. ....	324	203	97	300
1934 42	Minnie F. Bounds, Brandywine Summit, Pa. ....	756	473		473
1924 30	Ella E. Burr, 3 Nassau Pl., Homestead, 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	21	280
1922	Blanche E. Compton, 741 N. 64th St., Phila., Pa. ....	108	68	32	100
1922	Nora B. Cochran, 517 Bellevue Ave., Hammonton, N.J. ....	90	56		56
1905 25	Mary E. Collins, 1607 W. 12th St., Wilmington, Del. ....	450	281		281
1936 37	Bertha C. Cooke, 231 N. Rodney St., Wilm., Del. ....	666	416		416
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 Ichester Ave., Baltimore, Md. ....	234	146	34	180
1931 32	Martie B. Dashiell, 230 E. 48th St., New York City ....	576	360		360

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.			
CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES		Annuity Claim	Annuity Allowed	Special Fund	Total
WIDOWS—Continued					
1932 31	Addie T. Derrickson, Odessa, Del. ....	558	349		349
1931 41	Ella G. Dulaney, Fruitland, Md. ....	738	461	59	520
1914 39	Bessie B. Fosnacht, 67 Putnam Ave., Whitneyville, Conn. ....	702	439		439
1931 23	Cora W. Faulkner, Delmar, Del. ....	414	259		259
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, 3459 89th St., Jackson Heights, L. I., N. Y. ....	522	326		326
1919 17	Mary J. Kenney, Selbyville, Del. ....	306	191		191
1917	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	Ada L. McCabe, Bishopville, Md. ....	144	90		90
1920 31	Jennie S. Mitchell, 201 Woodlawn Ave., Wilm., Del. ....	558	349		349
1930 25	Gertrude B. Moore, 160 S. Hobart Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. ....	450	281		281
1917 24	Minnie S. Morgan, 1400 W. 7th St., Wilm., Del. ....	432	270		270
1916 10	Pauline N. Murray, 6th & Pleasure Ave., Ocean City, N. J. ....	180	113		113
1909 35	Evelyn J. Nelson, 558 Newton Ave., Camden, N. J. ....	630	394		394
1921 38	Elizabeth F. Neese, 221 Geddes St., Wilm., Del. ....	684	428		428
1924 28	Lelia M. Northrup, 913 Park Place, Wilm., Del. ....	508	315		315
1917 32	M. Cornelia O'Brien, 2700 Jefferson St., Wilm., Del. ....	576	360		360
1882	Emma Prettyman, Salisbury, Md. ....	144	90	150	240
1934 35	Ida A. Prettyman, Galena, Md. ....	630	394		394
1932 26	Georgia M. Prouse, Jarrettown, Pa. ....	468	293		293
1928 18	Emma J. Reed, Milton, Del. ....	324	203	37	240
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
1905 12	Sarah D. Sidell, 220 Grove St., Montclair, N. J. ....	216	135	185	320
1935 37	Ada T. Stephenson, 300 W. 19th St., Wilm., Del. ....	666	416		416
1922	Carrie W. Stallings, Lovettsville, Va. ....	144	90	225	315
1936 33	Mrs. F. B. Short, Milford, Del. ....	594	370		370
1933 32	Della D. Taylor, Dover, Del. ....	576	360		360
1934 28	Jennie G. Taylor, 2903 Presbury St., Baltimore, Md. ....	508	315		315
1934 38	Sarah B. VanDyke, 1606 W. 10th St., Wilm., Del. ....	684	428		428
1926 16	M. Louise VanBlunk, 902 Howard St., Camden, N. J. ....	288	180	120	300
1929 14	Sarah E. Walton, Route #1, New Castle, Del. ....	252	158		158
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	Carrie E. Wilson, Aberdeen, Md. ....	162	101	150	251
1923 10	Laura M. Williams, Rev. L. E. Windsor, Trustee ....	180	113	300	413
1923 19	Kate Williams, Georgetown, Del. ....	324	214		214
CHILDREN					
1930	Charles Law McCabe, Bishopville, Md. ....	48	30		30
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 Hall, Md. ....				237
	W. F. Atkinson, White Haven, Md. ....				237
	W. C. Buckson, Little Creek, Del. ....				100
1933	Ella Horner, Laurel, Del. ....				237

VII

MEMOIRS

DANIEL WILSON.

Daniel Wilson was born near Cambridge, Maryland on Sept. 23rd, 1859. His parents were Robert and Frances Wilson. He spent his early years on the farm with his parents, receiving his education in the public schools of Dorchester County.

At the age of twenty, he married Miss Anna E. Thomas of his native County, and moved to Oxford, Maryland where he engaged in the mercantile business. He was successful in his business and showed his generosity to the Church there by contributing liberally to the various enterprises of the Kingdom of God. His home was always open to the Church, its Pastor and young people. He and his good wife were loyal friends of the young life of the Church.

Not long after his conversion he was given a License to Preach, but he entertained no thought of entering the regular field of the Ministry until a call came to him from his District Superintendent in 1898, to fill out the year as Pastor of Marydel Charge. He sold his business and accepted the appointment at Marydel, where he served very acceptably until the following session of the Conference. From Marydel, he went to Golt's for two years. He then served Wye Mills three years, went to Armory Church, Dover, where the good people of Wye would not let him stay. He returned to them in 1905 by their unanimous invitation and served a second pastorate of two years.

In 1906 he was admitted to membership in the Conference serving the following charges: Tilghman, 1907; Crumpton, 1908-10; Smith's Island, '11-'14; St. Peter's, '15-'18; Onancock, '19-'21; Hopewell, '22-'24.

In his last pastorate he suffered a nervous collapse and labored under great difficulties. With the assistance of a younger man, however, he finished the year and was invited to return for the third year. He was not able, however, to take up his work in the third year, but continued to live in the personage until sometime in August.

He and Mrs. Wilson moved to Centreville and lived in a quiet home just out of town where he could be free from all responsibility. The Conference granted him the retired relation at the session of 1925 and he continued to live near Centreville until the death of his good wife in 1927.

Brother Wilson soon moved to Baltimore, where he continued to live until the Angel of the Lord called him home.

During his many visits to the home of his daughter in Centreville, the writer came to know him well. To know him was to love him. He kept in touch with the interests of the Conference and rejoiced in the prosperity and happiness of his brethren. He arranged to attend the sessions of the Conference, it being my joy to have him as a passenger from Centre-

ville to two recent sessions. He had already booked passage to this present gathering, but a Wise Father desired him to view our assembly from higher heights.

In October, last, he began to fail in health. He suffered much with an affliction of the heart. He was in bed several weeks before the end came. On November 13th he heard the call "Come away, and be at rest," when his noble spirit responded to the Heavenly Messenger.

Funeral services were conducted in Baltimore by his Pastor, Rev. Robert Bartlett of the West Baltimore Station. His body was brought to Centreville and interred in the cemetery there beside the body of his wife. A large company of friends from former charges gathered at the grave where the final services were conducted by the Pastor at Centreville.

One daughter, Mrs. William T. Harris; one grandson, Mr. Edward Green, both of Centreville; a brother, Henry Wilson, and a sister, Mrs. Daniel Moore, both of Cambridge, Md., survive him.

"It is not death to die;  
To leave this weary road,  
And 'midst the brotherhood on high  
To be at home with God.

It is not death to close  
The eye long dimmed by tears,  
And wake, in glorious repose  
To spend eternal years.

It is not death to fling  
Aside this sinful dust,  
And rise, on strong exultant wing,  
To live among the just.

Jesus, Thou Prince of Life!  
Thy chosen cannot die;  
Like Thee, they conquer in the strife,  
To reign with Thee on high."

ROY T. THAWLEY.

JAMES WARREN EASLEY.

James Warren Easley has completed his journey from the communion of saints which surrounded his cradle to the habitation of the Eternally Blessed. He began this journey at Eminence, Kentucky, December 19th, 1853.

Brother Easley and his wife came from widely separated origins but the providences of God led the youth and the maiden to the place of mutual understanding and sent them out to a long life which he has been pleased to greatly bless.

It was no small service to one's day to raise such a family as was his. Four sons and daughters have reached commendable eminence and usefulness in the field of teaching. Another daughter shines in the domestic circle, blessing the children whom God has given her, and then she has time for various public duties which fall to many women in these days.



Another son is preaching the Gospel in the Protestant Episcopal Church in California, while yet another, Rev. James K. Easley, is enjoying a successful pastorate in the Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, thus perpetuating the ministry of his father.

Beside taking advantage of the local schools of his childhood the subject of this Memoir was early graduated from Eminence College in Kentucky; he received his Master's degree from Dickinson College and the Bachelor of Divinity came to him from Drew Theological Seminary with the class of 1885.

Brother Easley entered the Wilmington Conference in 1885 and served the following appointments: Girdletree, Onancock, Federalsburg, Chestertown, Centreville, Brandywine, Scott, Harrison Street, Snow Hill, McCabe and Cape Charles. Beside twenty-seven years of great usefulness in the Pastorate, Mr. Easley served as President of Union College at Barboursville, Kentucky for the years 1905 to 1910. During the two years 1910 and 1911 he served as Secretary of the City Missionary and Church Extension Society of the Wilmington Conference. In all these relations he was eminently successful.

Mr. Easley was a forceful man in every field which he entered. The writer has seen him with raised index finger and resounding voice in fierce invective against what he believed was evil. In his quieter moods he was equally commanding and persuasive. Our Brother's mind was keen as the proverbial Damascus Blade, and when he unsheathed his intellectual weapons of warfare they pierced even to the dividing asunder of the joints and marrow. Mr. Easley's goodness was never questioned. Sinners accepted his instructions in matters religious and saints loved him for what they saw and heard at the weekly ministry and the daily living. He lived in full sight of all men and his character was passed at Conference.

At the Conference Session of 1935 it was evident to his friends that he was failing physically. He went from Conference to the devoted home of his children, where he was ministered to with beautiful affection. He passed out of this life Nov. 23rd, 1935, and his body was interred in Silver Lake Cemetery, Dover, Delaware, Nov. 27th, 1935. He and his faithful wife lie side by side awaiting the Resurrection Morning.

HENRY G. BUDD.

#### GEORGE WASHINGTON BOWMAN.

George Washington Bowman, son of Benjamin and Lydia Ann Bowman, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 29th, 1846, and was educated in the schools of that city. At eighteen years of age he enlisted in Company E, 91st Pennsylvania Volunteers, and saw active service in the Civil War. He was wounded at the Battle of Fredericksburg, and was taken to the Field Hospital, and afterward transferred to the General Hospital in Philadelphia.

Shortly after the War he was converted and joined the 11th St. M. E. Church, in Philadelphia, and served faithfully as Sunday School teacher and exhorter. January 2nd, 1870 he married Miss Henrietta C. Smith, of Philadelphia, who was an ardent member of Wharton St. M. E. Church. A woman of fine intellect and a christian culture that won a large place in the hearts of all who knew her. Four children were born of this union: Edward S. Bowman, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Florence Bowman Jones, wife of Dr. W. T. Jones, of Laurel, Del.; Mrs. H. Bertrude Bowman Lewis, widow of Rev. R. H. Lewis, Laurel, Del., and Mr. George W. Bowman, Jr., of California.

After Brother Bowman was married he moved his Church membership to Wharton St. church, where he was examined and received his local preacher's license.

He was admitted to the Wilmington Conference in 1885, and served with grace and efficiency the following appointments: Burrsville, Beckwith & Spedden, Parsonburg, Mt. Vernon, Bethel & Summit, Wyoming, Vienna, Crapo, East New Market, Gumboro, Hopewell, Marshallton & Stanton.

Brother Bowman enjoyed a rich Christian experience. To him the Lord and Religion were very real. Doubts and equivocations which disturb and distract so many in these times had no place in his thought or theology. He was a forceful and fearless preacher of the Word of God. He was a militant advocate and exponent of the temperance cause, and never failed to register his protest against the ravages of the liquor traffic.

He possessed rare leadership and marked ability in the construction of church and parsonage property and in the liquidation of debts, and at various places within the bounds of our Conference church properties are standing as monuments to his courage and fidelity in this good work, but first and foremost in the plans and practices of our brother was the winning of souls, all other things were of minor and subsidiary concern. He was never happier than when folks were being saved, and some gracious revivals crowned his ministry.

Since retiring in 1906 he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. H. Bertrude Lewis, in Laurel, Del., where he took an active part in all the services of the church, and was a help and benediction to the pastor and people.

After a brief illness the summons came Dec. 9th, 1935, and he went to be with his Lord.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. A. Hearn, who was assisted by a number of the members of our Conference, and the body was laid to rest in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Laurel.

Servant of God, well done  
Rest from thy loved employ,  
The battle fought, the victory won,  
Enter thy Master's joy.  
The voice at midnight came,  
He started up to hear,  
A mortal arrow pierced his frame,  
He fell, but felt no fear.

Tranquil amid alarms,  
It found him on the field,  
A veteran slumbering on his arms,  
Beneath his red-cross shield.  
His sword was in his hand,  
Still warm with recent fight,  
Ready that moment, at command  
Through rock and steel to smite.

The pains of death are past,  
Labor and sorrow cease,  
And life's long warfare closed at last  
His soul is found in peace.  
Soldier of Christ, well done,  
Praise be thy new employ,  
And while eternal ages run  
Rest in Thy Saviour's joy.

W. E. HABBART.

#### GEORGE ALFRED COOKE.

George Alfred Cooke was born January 16, 1866, in Armagh, Ireland. He was the second son of the Rev. William Cooke, a Local Preacher in the Methodist Church of Ireland, and Susanna Harvey Cooke.

George A. Cooke was especially fortunate in that he was cradled and reared in the atmosphere of a very devout Christian home. Not only the autobiographies of his parents but abundant testimonials by those who knew them bear witness to their great faith in God, and they deep and genuine piety manifest especially in their home life. Their well known devotion to God's Word, the doctrines and policy of their Church might well be regarded as the prophecy many of us have seen fulfilled in their son.

In April, 1870, the Rev. William Cooke, acting on the advice of his pastor, Rev. Frederick Elliott, who saw elements of an earnest preacher and a faithful pastor in him, urged him to go to America, where he could enter the itinerant ministry and give his whole time to the work of his choice, and after much thought and correspondence with friends in Evanston, Ill., with Mrs. Cooke and their family of five small children, George being just four years old, sailed for America, arriving, after a stormy voyage, in Evanston, Ill., about May 1. He was appointed supply pastor on the Amherst Charge at the approaching session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke served many years and enjoyed a very fruitful ministry together in their pioneer work in the Conference. It is claimed that he was the first minister to go West of the Missouri River in the Dakotas.

Their son, George, hence had the usual struggles incident to this pioneer life to obtain an education. He attended the public schools where his father happened to be located, having to walk many miles to and fro daily. He later taught in the public schools for one term and with the money he saved thereby, entered Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., in 1886, where he graduated in 1891 with an A. B. degree. Among the

activities he participated in while in college was the debating society. He was usually a member of the debating teams of the College and through this means obtained the training in public discussion which enabled him through his career to debate such a variety of subjects so well in his many forensic efforts. It may be interesting to note that among the subjects he debated in College was, "Resolved that the bulk of evidence goes to prove that the Garden of Eden was at the North Pole."

At the age of 19, or in June, 1885, after an experience of heart searching and Bible reading he felt the call to the ministry and surrendered himself to God for that work. He says in his Journal of that date: "I am determined with the help of the Holy Spirit to obey Christ's call and command—'Go work in My vineyard.'" He was made an Exhorter in February, 1886. Immediately on graduating from Lawrence University in 1891 he was appointed supply pastor at Austin, Minn. It was here where he met and married Miss Bertha Case, of Chatfield, Minn., on Nov. 15, 1892. He continued his education in Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., in 1893 and 1894, and in Boston University School of Theology from 1898 to 1900.

In the fall of 1891 he was admitted on Trial in the Minnesota Annual Conference and elected to Deacon's Orders, and in 1897 was elected to Elder's Orders. From then until his departure he served in the Conferences and Charges of the Methodist Episcopal Church as follows: Minnesota Conference—Austin, Dodge Center, Albert Lea, St. James; New England Conference, 1900 to 1905—Winchendon, West Medford, Milbury, Orange, Mass.; Troy Conference, 1906 to 1907—Brandon, Vt.; New York East Conference, 1908-1910; 1910—Wilmington Conference as follows: Somerset, Tangier, Wesley (Wilmington), Lewisville, Frankford, Mt. Pleasant. He was retired three times, 1917, 1930 and 1934.

Brother Cooke's ministry and career were characterized by certain very outstanding features, but the space allotted to this memoir will permit little more than the mere mention of the same.

Brother Cooke was distinctly a defender of the Christian faith as he understood it presented in the Word of God and interpreted by John Wesley and other Methodist Fathers. He was always alert to challenge on the floor of any Conference or anywhere else any suggestion of deviation from the articles of religion of his Church, or the policy thereof. In 1903 he preferred charges against Dr. Borden P. Bowne of Boston University for certain alleged heretical leanings and teachings from the Methodist faith, and he also brought charges against Bishop F. J. McConnell at the General Conference of 1928 of Maladministration involved in the Presidency of the Wilmington Conference of 1927 and also certain heretical teachings of the Bishop published in his books. Dr. Bowne and Bishop McConnell were both exonerated of the charges by the New York East Conference, and the General Conference respectively. In these and all of his efforts thus to preserve the purity and integrity of the Christian faith and the polity of the Methodist Church as he was given to understand them, he revealed much intellectual strength, but especially a consuming devotion to and passion for the preservation of the ideals and principles most precious in life to him.

Brother Cooke was not only a defender of the faith of the Bible and Church, but he was also a **Crusader** of wrong doing anywhere and everywhere in places high or low. He was no respecter of persons. He was fearless in his attacks on all law breakers, and gave no quarter to any trespassers against the institutions of righteousness in state or church. In 1902 while pastor at Winchendon, Mass., he led in a no-License election, and won by a good majority. While pastor at West Medford, Mass., in 1904 he directed a campaign against Sunday Golf Playing, and the Medford Gold Club passed a new by-law forbidding Sunday golf. In his *Journal* while at Brandon, Vt., 1908, is this entrance: "Yesterday, Feb., 1908, the Brandon Inn was raided by Sheriff Fisk and his deputies, and liquor was found. Praise the Lord! Let the good work go on. I entered complaint against the place about six weeks ago." In Tivole, N. Y., in 1910, "In cooperation with an Episcopal Rector he had arrested and driven out of town a cock fighting bunch." These are but characteristic incidents of his unswerving and fearless opposition to all entrenched social evils since coming into the Wilmington Conference. He believed that it was his duty not only to render unto God the things that are God's, but also to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's. He was a **citizen** as well as a minister and sought to faithfully perform the duties of both with unflinching devotion and courage.

Brother Cooke was a preacher of no mean ability. He was a student of the Bible and of literature related thereto. He possessed an analytical mind and a splendid memory which he stored with vast funds of knowledge and he could and did command this knowledge when needed in consideration of any given subject. He preached the Word with unction and in the spirit and his ministry in many of his charges was attended with splendid revivals and the ingathering of many into the Church. Frankford, Delaware was so blessed under his ministry.

In 1914 he published "The Ark of the Covenant," a book in which he discussed important questions affecting Methodist's history and polity and in it he also set forward a method for safeguarding the Constitution. He later published a little pamphlet entitled "Science and Religion, or Evolution Unmasked."

Many people disagreed with Brother Cooke through the year as to both his point of view and procedure on many matters. Even his brother ministers did not always go with him in many of the things he advocated, but nobody ever questioned his honesty or integrity. He has indeed shown himself a brother beloved among the members and friends of Harrison St. Church the nearly two years he has worshipped and worked with us.

The family records state that during the last illness of the elder Cooke he manifested as the one consuming passion of his soul great concern for a revival of religion in the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was the burden and prayer of his heart as he passed away. Likewise three times during the last ten days of the illness of Brother Cooke he broke down in his emotions as he talked to the writer about the need of a revival of religion in our churches. That need was the one consuming passion of his soul and like his father he passed away with that disturbing concern on his heart.

Brother Cooke passed away Sunday, 6:30 P. M., January 19, 1936, following what he thought would be a slight operation and a comparatively brief illness. The services of memory were held from the Yeatman Funeral Parlors on Tuesday evening in charge of the writer. Brief messages of comfort to the family were brought by the Rev. T. J. Sard and Bishop E. H. Hughes, of Washington, D. C., a classmate of the deceased in Boston School of Theology. Also services were held Wednesday morning in Barratt's Chapel, about fifty ministers being present and several taking part in the services. Interment in Barratt's Chapel Cemetery to await the resurrection of the just.

Mr. Cooke is survived by his wife, Bertha C. Cooke, and four children, as follows: Rev. Raymond W. Cooke, Rev. Don. A. Cooke, Mrs. Evelyn C. Reynolds, wife of the Rev. Paul E. Reynolds, and Mrs. Lucile C. Ogden. In addition there are six grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters who survive.

I can not say, and I will not say  
That he is dead—he is just away.

With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,  
He has wandered into an unknown land,

And left us dreaming how very fair  
It needs must be, since he lingers there.

Think of him still as the same, I say  
He is not dead, he is just away.

—JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

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. W. COLONA.

#### FRANCIS BURGETTE SHORT.

Francis Burgette Short, a prominent member of this Conference, one of the most widely known ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a distinguished citizen of the State of Delaware, died at his home, "The Maples," in Milford, Delaware, on Tuesday afternoon, February 4th, 1936.

He was born of godly parents, Isaac B. and Julia Knowles Short, near Georgetown, Delaware, on December 20th, 1868, and spent his boyhood and young manhood in an atmosphere that made for righteousness, and the development of sterling christian character.

He was educated in the public schools, the Wilmington Conference Academy, the University of Delaware, and Drew Theological Seminary. Puget Sound College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and Kansas Wesleyan University honored him with the degree of Doctor

of Laws. The University of Tennessee, on completion of his work, granted him the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology.

He was admitted to membership in the Wilmington Conference in 1891, and served the following churches in this Conference: Mount Pleasant in Cecil County, Maryland, and Harrison St. and Epworth churches in Wilmington.

In 1903 he was transferred to the Oregon Conference, where he became Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Pacific. He was a member of the Oregon Conference from 1904-1912, the Columbia River Conference 1913-1917. The Oregon Conference for a second time, 1918-1920. While in the "West" he successfully served some of our largest and most influential churches. He transferred "East" and became a member of the Philadelphia Conference in 1921, and rejoined the Wilmington Conference in 1923. For ten years he was associated with the J. C. Penny Co. in an educational capacity.

Dr. Short was a man among men, tall and strong and graceful. The best work of his ministry was with men. He was never happier than in the company of men. Fraternal organizations gladly elected or appointed him to their highest and most honored positions. His many opportunities for world-wide travel gave him an additional experience, blessed his own life, and enriched the lives of his friends. Richly endowed with the choicest powers of thought, these he cultivated from boyhood with the devoted assiduity of a truth loving student. Tender hearted, his countenance radiated with kindness and love. His noble bearing, and his sunny expression would quickly tell the observer that his nature was swayed by that which the Apostle calls "the royal law of love." He was an affectionate husband, a devoted father, a philanthropic patriot, loving his country and his fellow men. With voice and with pen he labored diligently to the end, for the Church and the State he loved so well.

He is survived by his faithful companion and real helper, Mrs. Mabel Hart Short, one son, Isaac Dolphus Short 2nd, one sister, Mrs. Edwin D. Steele, of Philadelphia, and two brothers, former Senator J. Dolphus Short of Milford, and Robert Short of Georgetown.

At the request of the deceased and his family, funeral services were conducted by the writer, and the interment was made in the beautiful cemetery at Barratt's Chapel.

'Tis hard to take the burden up,  
When these have laid it down;  
They brightened all the joy of life,  
They softened every frown,  
But, Oh, 'tis good to think of them,  
When we are troubled sore;  
Thanks be to God that such have been,  
Tho' they are here no more.

FRANK HERSON.

#### OSCAR LITTLETON MARTIN.

Oscar Littleton Martin, the son of Andrew Cook Martin and Elizabeth Hunter Martin, was born September 27th, 1856, at Coneard Depot, Campbell County, Virginia. He was graduated from Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia, in 1885, joining the Virginia Conference of the Southern Methodist Church the following November. His parents took good care of his religious training so that Brother Martin never recalled the time when he was not vitally religious. His father's home was always open to the itinerant ministers of the section, and these men of God left behind them in the Martin family ever deepening convictions regarding matters of the spirit. The Martin home must have been conducted along attractive Christian lines for when the Civil War came on and the head of the family had to leave home to enter the Confederate army, the slaves remained throughout the awful period, taking care of the plantation and attending to the many duties incident to such a place in such a time.

It was while Brother Martin was serving the Southern Methodist Church at Berlin, Maryland, that he met and married, in 1892, Mrs. Jennie Collins Jacob, gifted sister of Dr. Vaughan S. Collins. Of this union one child was born, Charles Collins Martin, now living in Reading, Pa. But if Brother Martin were dictating this memoir, he would specifically instruct the writer to state the name of Mrs. Jacob's daughter, Elizabeth Vaughan Jacobs Earp, with whom he spent his last days, and from whom always he received the love of a daughter, be placed in this paper as one of his dear children also.

Brother Martin was transferred to the Wilmington Conference in 1900, and after successfully serving the Church in several pastorates, retired in the Bethel and Town Point Charge in 1924. He was a plain man of simple faith who did not aspire to the high places in the ministry. He often repeated to his family that in doing the will of God sincerely, was to be found peace and not in worldly advancement. He was particularly successful in building up weak country charges and possessed extraordinary facility in conducting camp meetings.

After his retirement Brother Martin lived in the home of his step daughter, Mrs. Carlyle R. Earp, Elk Ridge, Maryland, and was tenderly cared for in his old age until God called him on January 19th, 1936. Funeral services were held in the Wesley Church, Dover, Delaware, Tuesday, January 21st, in charge of the writer and the three District Superintendents, Rev. Walter E. Gunby, Rev. John J. Bunting and Rev. E. C. Hallman. His body rests in the beautiful Silver Lake Cemetery, in Dover, Delaware. Thus passes from among us to the company of the redeemed above, another Christian gentleman of the old school, the elegance of whose life was a constant benediction to those who knew him well.

ESSELL P. THOMAS.

## LEVIN T. McLAIN.

The dates—1857 and 1935—mark the beginning and the end of the pilgrimage of the subject of this sketch. He was born at Snow Hill, Md., April 16, 1857, and passed to his reward in Easton, Md., September 10, 1935, having passed his 78th milestone.

The dates 1888 and 1934 are also important to those who are interested in his work in the Christian ministry, as they mark the beginning and the end of him as a supply preacher in the Wilmington Conference.

His official standing was that of a local elder.

Brother McLain began his ministry when, at the Conference of 1888, he was assigned to Powellville charge, and ended same in a three year's pastorate ending in 1934, at Mardela Springs, Md.

From the time he received his first appointment, with a short break, until the close of his ministry at Mardela Springs, he was abundant in labors, as witnessed by the number of appointments he served. Between his first and last appointments her served the following: Pocomoke Circuit, Lakesville, Vienna, Burrsville, Venton, Hollands Island, Georgetown Circuit, Phoebus, Ocean View, Leipsic, Zoar, Reliance, Nassau, Oxford and Bayside.

Brother McLain was twice married: First to Rebecca A. Price, who passed to the beyond in 1928. In 1929 he married Mrs. J. Y. Todd. She preceded him to the other world by about two years.

At the completion of a three year pastorate at the Conference of 1934, on account of enfeebled health, Brother McLain was compelled to relinquish the work of the pastorate. He was granted the retired relation of supply preacher, one of the first in this Conference to be thus honored. Having been thus honored he was placed on the list of annuitants and received a small pension from the all too meager funds set aside for that purpose. In this relation he died. Funeral services were held from the Spence Funeral Parlors in Easton, Md., with Rev. George E. Wood, of Oxford, Md., officiating. The interment was in Spring Hill Cemetery, Easton, Md.

It is recorded that upon an occasion when a writer interviewed Abraham Lincoln for the purpose of getting some matter for his biography, that Mr. Lincoln laconically suggested the sentence from Gray's *Elegy* in a Country Churchyard, viz.: "The Short and Simple Annals of the Poor."

To many of these faithful supply preachers, who like Brother McLain have traveled the hardest kind of circuits on the most pitiful of salaries, and have come to the end of the day, with naught of this world's goods, without a home, and with no one upon whom to depend, this virile sentence would about cover the case. However, the monuments to their memories are not of costly marble or beautiful bronze, but are to be found in the lives of men and women in every community which they served—men and women converted by their preaching and built into the kingdom of God—the body of Christ. Long after the marble or bronze shall have crumbled to dust, these lives shall live in eternity to bless the name of the humble, unknown preacher of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and these shall last forever.

The writer did not know the subject of this sketch long nor intimately. A visit to his parsonage in Mardela Springs, with a renewal of this acquaintanceship after Brother McLain came to Easton, causes him to cherish in his memory the impression that Levin T. McLain was an earnest Christian and a loyal minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

As we softly and silently tread the grassy walks in "God's Acre" viewing the monuments there to those whom the world has evaluated as the great of earth, there comes to us the lines of Gray:

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,  
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,  
Await alike the inevitable hour,  
The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

Were there a plot set aside for the subject of this sketch and the thousands like him who have no costly markers, perhaps none at all, we might turn to their last resting place and repeat in the presence of their hallowed dust the more appropriate stanza, viz.:

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene,  
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear;  
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,  
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

J. S. POTTS.

## MRS. MARY E. GRISE.

Mary Esther Milbourn was born in Somerset County, Maryland, on August 12, 1859. Her parents, Samuel and Esther Milbourn, were known far and wide for their sterling Christian character, and for their staunch loyalty to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was a trusted official. Their home was recognized generally as the home of the itinerant minister of the Gospel.

Due to the influence of such godly examples in her home and to her regular attendance upon the means of grace, Mary was led to dedicate her promising life to Jesus Christ while yet a child. Having been brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and trained from a child in the way she should go, she never departed from it, but continued a consistent Christian all her days.

Mary and her older sister Florence, the only children in the family, enjoyed happy childhood and school days together, and their intimate fellowship continued until the departure of Florence to the better home beyond in 1930. It was beautiful to see them even in advanced years going to the House of God in company.

The advantages of the schools within reach in those days were afforded her, and her studious habits gave her a good rank in her classes in the Pocomoke City High School, from which she graduated in 1879.

On September 15, 1880, at the age of twenty-one, she was united in marriage to the Rev. Charles A. Grise, a probationer in the Wilmington Conference in his second year. He was then serving Newtown (now Pocomo-

moke City) as Junior Preacher in his first appointment. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John D. C. Hanna, the Senior Preacher at that Charge. Brother Grise's judgment of the qualifications of Mary Milbourn for the calling and duties of the wife of a Methodist minister was fully justified through his long and useful ministry of twenty-seven years.

What a true helpmeet she was! Her work as a teacher in the Sunday School aided in building the young people into a solid Christian character. Through her knowledge of music, instrumental and vocal, she often served as organist for public services, and led the worship in song. Both in the Womans' Missionary Societies and in the Aid Societies her diligence and tact were noteworthy, the results of her work being reflected in the reports her husband brought to the Annual Conference.

Mrs. Grise was noted for her wide and generous hospitality, her home being always open as a meeting place for the young people of the church. If a meeting of ministers was held in his town, open house was kept and a welcome to his table was heartily extended.

Solomon sought for a virtuous woman, for her price is far above rubies. Brother Grise, too, sought for a woman of this description and found her in the subject of this memoir. His heart safely trusted in her, and she did him good all the days of his life; he was known and honored throughout the Conference. She opened her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue was the law of kindness. She looked well to the ways of her household, ate not the bread of idleness, and worked willingly with her hands for her family's welfare. Because she was a woman who feared the Lord she shall be praised. Her disposition was cheerful, optimistic, and hopeful even in discouraging circumstances, and her husband's parishioners on every Charle loved and trusted her.

Three children came to bless the home of Mrs. Grise, all of whom survive her: Mrs. Florence Ruhl, Milford, Delaware, a widow; Mrs. Anna McClure, Pocomoke City, Maryland, a widow; and Mrs. Nellie Harrington, Cape Charles, Virginia. Four grandchildren survive. All "arise up and call her blessed."

After her husband's death in 1907 she continued to reside in Berlin, Maryland, removing in 1915 to Pocomoke, where her life ended in peace. The end, which for several months was seen approaching, came suddenly on June 24, 1935, while she slept. Funeral services were held in the church in charge of her pastor, the writer, assisted by the Rev. John A. Ditto, minister of the local Baptist Church, and by the Rev. Dr. John J. Bunting, District Superintendent. Interment was made in the Methodist Cemetery in Berlin, Md., where her body lies beside that of her husband. At the grave Dr. Bunting and Rev. John R. Bicking assisted the pastor.

At the request of the family this hymn of Ellerton was read at the funeral:

"Now the laborer's task is o'er;  
Now the battle day is past;  
Now upon the farther shore  
Lands the voyager at last.  
Father, in Thy gracious keeping  
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

"There the tears of earth are dried;  
There its hidden things are clear;  
There the work of life is tried  
By a juster Judge than here.  
Father, in Thy gracious keeping  
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

"There the sinful souls, that turn  
To the cross their dying eyes,  
All the love of Christ shall learn  
At His feet in Paradise.  
Father, in Thy gracious keeping  
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

"Earth to earth, and dust to dust,  
Calmly now the words we say;  
Left behind, we wait in trust  
For the resurrection day.  
Father, in Thy gracious keeping  
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

HUGH B. KELSO.

#### MRS. LAURA W. BURKE.

Mrs. Laura W. Burke passed from this life at the Homeopathic Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware, on May 5, 1935, at the age of 91 years. Her funeral was conducted by the writer on May 8, 1935, from the Chandler Funeral Home in Wilmington. Interment was in the cemetery at Barratt's Chapel near Magnolia, Delaware, where a large group of relatives and friends had assembled for the services at the grave.

Mrs. Burke was the wife of Rev. George W. Burke, who served in this Conference for more than thirty years. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Burke and her daughter moved to Wilmington, where they lived happily together. Mrs. Burke was always interested in the work of the Church and soon affiliated with Grace Church, where her membership was held at the time of her death. Mrs. Green, her only daughter, survives her.

During the last two and a half years of Mrs. Burke's life she, with her daughter, Mrs. Mary B. Green, moved to Ocean Grove, New Jersey. However, for a few months prior to Mrs. Burke's last illness she lived at the Masonic Home near Wilmington, where she greatly missed the companionship and care of her daughter.

Mrs. Burke may truthfully be said to have "adorned the Gospel" in the many parsonages which she graced. For thirty years she was a real partner in the pastoral duties of her husband. She was characterized always by a sweet disposition and personal charm that won for her many friends. The fine companionship between Mrs. Burke and her daughter was most notable and beautiful. She was a truly good woman, and merits a high place among our heroic dead. Many arise to call her blessed.

L. E. WIMBROW.

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	Years Ef- Age 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 Urle	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. 15, 1884	Philadelphia, Pa.	75 55
1833	John L. Taft	May 30, 1884	Norristown, Pa.	72 41
1869	John Shilling	July 22, 1884	Wilmington, Del.	52 15
1842	Arthur W. Milby	June 13, 1886	Harrington, Del.	71 44
1840	Elon J. Way	July 5, 1886	Baltimore, Md.	75 26
1839	Valentine Gray	Jan. 21, 1887	Gap, Pa.	72 42
1881	Isaiah D. Johnson	Mar. 4, 1887	Bridgeville, Del.	33 6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil	Mar. 9, 1887	Church Hill, Md.	55 28
1854	Joseph Dare	Oct. 22, 1887	Newark, Del.	56 32
1886	Frank M. Morgan	Feb. 11, 1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	34 3
1849	William Merrill	Oct. 23, 1889	Upper Fairmt., Md.	75 28
1873	Isaac N. Foreman	June 12, 1890	Lincoln, Del.	47 17
1841	John Allen	Dec. 13, 1890	Brooklyn, N. Y.	72 33
1855	Samuel T. Gardner	Jan. 3, 1891	Pivot Bridge, Md.	60 33
1889	Samuel J. Baker	Sept. 22, 1891	Laurel, Del.	33 2
1870	Thos. O. Ayres	Oct. 4, 1891	Delaware City, Del.	53 21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer	Jan. 10, 1892	Milton, Del.	45 19
1840	Vaughan Smith	Nov. 21, 1891	Wilmington, Del.	79 43
1845	Charles Hill	June 22, 1892	Salisbury, Md.	70 47
1833	James L. Houston	Sept. 18, 1892	Trappe, Md.	82 32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin	Oct. 17, 1892	Bel Air, Md.	52 24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher	Dec. 12, 1893	Bridgeville, Del.	62 17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg	Jan. 24, 1893	Perryman, 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	Years Ef- Age fective
1859	Thomas E. Bell	Mar. 21, 1895	Easton, Md.	58
1868	James Conner	Sept. 10, 1896	Selbyville, Del.	59 28
1862	Merritt Hulburd	Oct. 10, 1896	Wilmington, Del.	54 34
1873	Newton McQuay	May 13, 1897	St. Michaels, Md.	57 21
1896	William G. Chance	Sept. 21, 1898	Salisbury, Md.	33 2
1848	Wm. B. Walton	June 30, 1898	Wilmington, Del.	77 43
1850	John B. Quigg	July 11, 1899	Dover, 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.	78 40
1877	Walter E. Avery	Apr. 22, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	50 25
1860	J. Owen Sypherd	Sept. 3, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	69 39
1872	John D. Kemp	Sept. 21, 1902	Chestertown, Md.	65 30
1856	William F. Talbot	Feb. 26, 1903	Dover, Del.	73 27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard	Apr. 13, 1903	Frankford, Del.	65 41
1843	Thos. H. Haynes	May 23, 1903	Smyrna, Del.	81 51
1853	Geo. A. Phoebus	May 28, 1903	Brooklyn, N. Y.	74 33
1868	Jonathan S. Willis	Nov. 24, 1903	Milford, Del.	74 43
1867	John D. Rigg	Dec. 16, 1903	Hockessin, Del.	65 27
1869	Edward Davis	Jan. 9, 1904	Newark, Md.	84 28
1856	John France	Mar. 10, 1904	Wilmington, Del.	69 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 56
1858	S. T. Morris	Apr. 13, 1906	Roselle Park, N. J.	73 45
1879	C. A. Grise	Apr. 12, 1907	Berlin, Md.	51 28
1868	W. R. MacFarlane	Feb. 18, 1908	Hockessin, Del.	71 40
1898	F. E. Bloxton	Mar. 5, 1908	Nanticoke, Md.	40 10
1869	W. R. Gwinn	Mar. 13, 1908	Baltimore, Md.	67 34
1876	Albert Chandler	June 22, 1908	Bethel, Del.	58 32
1870	E. H. Nelson	Oct. 27, 1908	Delaware City, Del.	62 39
1860	H. W. Bolton	Jan. 8, 1909	Camden, Del.	69
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow	Feb. 3, 1909	Dover, Del.	81 42
1876	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

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1892	William O. Hurst	Aug. 4, 1920	Phoebus, Va.	54 28
1878	Gordon R. Neese	Feb. 10, 1921	Wilmington, Del.	62 41
1881	Frederick J. Cochran	Oct. 11, 1921	Hammonton, N. J.	71 40
1858	William W. Redman	Feb. 24, 1922	Lincoln, Del.	86 28
1869	Phillip H. Rawlins	Nov. 11, 1921	Seaford, Del.	87 39
1887	Zach H. Webster	Dec. 10, 1921	Denton, Md.	63 33
1862	George S. Conaway	Feb. 25, 1922	Smyrna, Del.	86 44
1889	James W. Fogle	Feb. 26, 1922	Seaford, Del.	61 29
1888	William P. Compton	Mar. 11, 1922	Lansdowne, Pa.	63 20
1876	Louis E. Barrett	Mar. 25, 1922	Chestertown, Md.	78 43
1912	George W. Williams	Oct. 6, 1922	Mt. Vernon, Md.	50 10
1892	Wm. S. H. Williams	Mar. 3, 1923	Georgetown, Del.	71 25
1903	Walter W. White	June 21, 1923	Salisbury, Md.	72 16
1902	Benjamin F. Jester	July 13, 1923	Wilmington, Del.	66 11
1892	Van P. Northrup	Sept. 27, 1923	Baltimore, Md.	54 31
1898	George R. Ellis	Dec. 1, 1923	Millsboro, Del.	61 25
1871	William E. Tomkinson	Dec. 26, 1923	Harrisburg, Pa.	86 23
1888	Warren Burr	Feb. 12, 1924	Hempstead, L. I.	72 30
1886	William G. Koons	May 14, 1924	Rising Sun, Md.	60 31
1866	James Esgate	Nov. 9, 1924	Riverside, Cal.	85 5
1888	Frank F. Carpenter	Jan. 7, 1925	Cambridge, Md.	58 37
1871	Thomas H. Harding	Feb. 8, 1925	Wilmington, Del.	84 35
1890	Julius A. Brewington	April 5, 1925	Hebron, Md.	68 30
1876	Thomas E. Terry	June 25, 1925	Magnolia, Del.	80 39
1893	William L. White	July 23, 1925	Easton, Md.	72 31
1896	George P. Smith	Sept. 30, 1925	Dover, Del.	72 26
1905	Jos. M. S. Van Blunk	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	Catonsville, 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
1895	Thomas R. VanDyke	July 4, 1934	Philadelphia, Pa.	63 39
1884	Thomas N. Given	July 19, 1934	Philadelphia, Pa.	80 34
1879	Joshua M. Lindale	Oct. 16, 1934	Wilmington, Del.	82 40
1878	Robert K. Stephenson	Jan. 25, 1935	Wilmington, Del.	81 51

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1906	Daniel Wilson	Nov. 13, 1935	Baltimore, Md.	76 19
1885	James W. Easley	Nov. 23, 1935	Philadelphia, Pa.	82 34
1885	George W. Bowman	Dec. 9, 1935	Laurel, Del.	89 17
1900	Oscar L. Martin	Jan. 19, 1936	Baltimore, Md.	79 16
1891	George A. Cooke	Jan. 19, 1936	Wilmington, Del.	70 37
1892	Francis B. Short	Feb. 4, 1936	Milford, Del.	67 42



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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	John D. Rigg
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray
25	" 15, '93	Middletown	S. M. Merrill	A. S. Mowbray
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury	J. H. Vincent	A. S. Mowbray
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna	J. F. Hurst	A. S. Mowbray
28	" 18, '96	Dover	H. W. Warren	A. S. Mowbray
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown	J. M. Walden	A. S. Mowbray
30	" 23, '98	Lewes	J. P. Newman	A. S. Mowbray
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge	C. D. Foss	A. S. Mowbray
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray
33	" 20, '01	Wilm'ton—Grace	Daniel A. Goodsell	A. S. Mowbray
34	" 19, '02	Crisfield	I. W. Joyce	A. S. Mowbray
35	" 18, '03	Easton	Earl Cranston	A. S. Mowbray
36	" 16, '04	Dover	J. M. Fitzgerald	A. S. Mowbray
37	" 15, '05	Wilm'ton—Grace	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise
38	" 14, '06	Pocomoke City	C. C. McCabe	W. A. Wise
39	" 20, '07	Smyrna	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
40	" 18, '08	Wilm'ton—Asbury	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise
41	" 17, '09	Milford	D. H. Moore	W. A. Wise
42	" 16, '10	Salisbury	J. W. Hamilton	W. A. Wise
43	" 15, '11	Wilm'ton—Asbury	T. B. Neely	W. A. Wise
44	" 13, '12	Wilm'ton—St. Pauls	L. B. Wilson	W. A. Wise
45	" 26, '13	Crisfield	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
46	April 1, '14	Berlin	Earl Cranston	W. A. Wise
47	March 24, '15	Laurel	R. J. Cook	W. A. Wise
48	" 29, '16	Wilm'ton—Union	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
49	" 28, '17	Seaford	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
50	" 20, '18	Dover	F. M. Bristol	D. W. Jacobs
51	" 26, '19	Chestertown	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
52	" 24, '20	Wilm'ton—Grace	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
53	" 30, '21	Crisfield—Immanuel	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
54	" 22, '22	Cambridge	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
55	April 4, '23	Dover	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
56	March 26, '24	Wilm'n—Harrison St.	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
57	" 25, '25	Wilm'n—McCabe	W. P. Thirkield	D. W. Jacobs
58	" 24, '26	Dover	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
59	" 23, '27	Salisbury	F. J. McConnell	D. W. Jacobs
60	" 28, '28	Wilm'ton—Union	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
61	April 2, '29	Wilm'n—Harrison St.	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
62	March 26, '30	Wilm'n—Silverbrook	F. D. Leete	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
67	March 27, '35	Seaford, Del.	E. H. Hughes	J. R. Bicking
68	March 25, '36	Delmar, 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. Martindale, T. E. Terry.
1896. Merritt Hulbert, L. E. Barrett, Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran. Reserves—W. E. Avery, V. S. Collins.
1900. Robert Watt, T. E. Martindale, W. F. Corkran, C. S. Baker. Reserves—A. S. Mowbray, J. D. C. Hanna.
1904. A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, Adam Stengle, C. S. Baker. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, W. G. Koons.
1908. A. S. Mowbray, Adam Stengle, W. G. Koons, S. M. Morgan. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, Robert Watt.
1912. C. A. Hill, R. K. Stephenson, Robert Watt, G. P. Jones. Reserves—E. L. Hoffecker, C. W. Prettyman, G. T. Alderson.
1916. Robert Watt, E. L. Hoffecker, R. K. Stephenson, T. A. H. O'Brien. Reserves—G. T. Alderson, C. T. Wyatt.
1920. W. A. Wise, Robert Watt, H. G. Budd, W. R. Mowbray. Reserves—G. T. Alderson, V. S. Collins, J. W. R. Sumwalt.
1924. G. T. Alderson, E. H. Dashiell, T. F. Beauchamp, F. C. MacSorley. Reserves—J. W. Colona, O. E. Jones, W. E. Gunby.
1928. J. W. Colona, W. E. Gunby, O. E. Jones, J. J. Bunting. Reserves—Leonard White, D. W. Jacobs, E. H. Dashiell.
1932. W. E. Habbart, D. W. Jacobs, Leonard White, J. L. Johnson. Reserves—J. J. Bunting, W. E. Gunby, E. C. Hallman.
1936. E. C. Hallman, J. J. Bunting, W. E. Gunby. Reserves—A. C. Goddard, D. W. Jacobs.

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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 Register 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 13-23. 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 selected 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.
13. Beginning with the Conference Year 1935 the following table will illustrate the change in grading from numerals to letters.

93-100	.....	A	.....	Excellent
86-92	.....	B	.....	Good
78-85	.....	C	.....	Fair
70-77	.....	D	.....	Passed
69-or below	...	E	.....	Failure

**CONFERENCE STUDIES.**

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

**First Year—**

- The Abingdon Bible Commentary ..... Leonard White
- 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 ..... O. A. Bartley
- Paul and His Epistles ..... E. M. Shockley
- Introduction in 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 ..... Leonard White

All written work on above books should be in the hands of the appropriate examiner on or before July 1, 1936.

## EXAMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL TO

Tuesday, 1:00 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, 1937.

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

Monday, 7:30 P. M.

- Methodism in American History ..... J. M. Kelso

Tuesday, 9:00 A. M.

- Life of John Wesley ..... T. F. Beauchamp

Tuesday, 10:30 A. M.

- Doctrine and Discipline ..... 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, 1937.

Tuesday, 1:00 P. M.

- Selections from Wesley ..... M. S. Andrews

Tuesday, 2:00 P. M.

- Bible Biography ..... W. H. Revelle

Candidates will please send written sermon to W. H. Revelle, by March 1, 1936.

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, 1936.

- 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 ..... O. A. Bartley  
 Fourth Year—Biblical Readings ..... T. F. Beauchamp  
 Good Ministers of Jesus Christ ..... R. P. Nichols  
 Improving Religious Education Through Supervision . Tilghman Smith

December 15, 1936.

- First Year—Bible Readings ..... O. A. Bartley  
 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. Henvis  
 Phillips Brooks ..... W. H. Revelle

February 15, 1937.

- 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) .....M. S. Andrews  
 The Work of Preaching .....Tilghman Smith  
 The Abingdon Commentary (N. T. Articles) .....Leonard White
- 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, 1936. 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, 10:30 A. M.**

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

**Tuesday, 1:00 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, 1937.

**Schedule of Collateral Reading, Local Preachers' Course.**

**Oct. 15, 1936.**

- First Year—Biblical Readings (See D. & H.) .....O. A. Bartley  
 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, 1936.**

- 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, 1937.**

- First Year—Story of Methodism .....J. M. Kelso  
 Second Year—New Tendencies in Teaching Religion .....Frank Herson  
 Third Year—Selections from Wesley .....M. S. Andrews  
 Fourth Year—Christian Faith and Life .....R. 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 will 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,

Richardson Park, Del.

T. F. BEAUCHAMP, Chairman,

Greensboro, 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.
- Cannon, Charles G.—1928, Church Creek; '29-30, Hooper's Island; '31-32, Vienna; '33- , Hooper's Island.
- Connor, Rob't. G.—1916, Edgemoor; 1931-33, Ellendale; '34- , Marydel.
- Graham, J. T.—1912-15, Claremont; '16-17, Mardela; '18-20, Roxana; '21-23, Parsonburg; '24, Stockton; '25-26, Girdletree; '27-29, Gumboro; '30-34, Marion; '35, Houston; '36, Nassau.
- Hanby, Samuel L.—1919-21, Royal Oak; '22-24, Henderson; '25-27, Fairlee; '28-33, Concord; '34- , Lincoln.
- 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; '30-34, Gumboro; '35- , Wye Mills.
- 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; '34-35, Bayside; '36- , Farmington.
- McCorkle, Frank K.—1900-1, Evangelistic Work; '02-07, Salvation Army; '08-13, Home Missionary, Michigan Congregational Church; '14-26, Maryland Conf. M. P. Church; '27-29, Bozman; '30-33, Roxana; '34, Blades; '36- , Cherry Hill.
- McClintock, William L.—1923-25, Pomona; '26, Henderson; '27-34, Dye Mills & Starr; '35- , Bozman.
- Pratt, Leroy V.—1930-32; Kansas Conf. United Brethren in Christ; '33, Delaware City; '34, Girdletree; '35, Pomona; '36- , Bethel Town Point.
- Prettyman, D. B.—1910-16, Taylor's Island; '20-25, Girdletree, '26-32, Stockton; '33- , Trappe.
- Thomas, A. G.—New Jersey Conf., 1924-25, Vienna; '26-27, Houston; '28-30, Queenstown; '31-33, Marydel; '34-35, Crapo; '36- , Whitesville.
- Thornton, J. H.—1906-7, Trinity (Wilm.); '08, Hockessin; '09, Christiana; '12, Port Penn; '13, Elsmere; '14-15, Elk Neck; '16-17, Town Point; '18, Red Lion; '19-21, Reliance; '22-23, Bethel; '24-26, Lincoln; '27-29, Beckwith & Spedden's; '30, Mardela Springs; '31-32, Greenwood; '33- , Charlestown.
- 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.
- Wilson, R. H.—1912-13, Baltimore Conf.; '15-16, Lakesville; '17-19, Little Creek; '20-24, Annessex; '25-27, Marion; '28-32, Bishopville; '34-35, Fairmount; '36- , St. Thomas.
- Wright, Ernest N.—1922-3, Little Creek; '24-27, Burrsville; '28-29, Henderson; '30-33, Fairlee; '34- , Ellendale.

### (d) LAY CONFERENCE

The following is the list of delegates which responded to the roll call at the Lay Conference held at the Methodist Episcopal Church at Delmar on March 27th and 28th, 1936.

#### Dover District.

Name of Charge.	Delegate.	Name of Charge.	Delegate.
Bayside . . . . .	Howard Landon	Kent Island . . . . .	Wm. E. Porter, Jr.
Blades . . . . .	Glenn Lowe	Kenton . . . . .	Clinton Guthrie
Bridgeville . . . . .	O. E. Willey	Lewes . . . . .	Lewes B. Graves
Burrsville . . . . .	Norman Outten	Lincoln . . . . .	Tolbert Dickerson
Camden . . . . .	J. M. Lynch	Little Creek . . . . .	Mrs. J. B. Chadwick
Canterbury and Viola—		Magnolia and Barratt's Chapel—	
	Wilbur Kersey		C. W. Johnson
Centreville . . . . .	N. P. Walters	Marydel . . . . .	U. Lee Harmon
Chestertown . . . . .	J. C. Loud	Milford . . . . .	M. Haswell Pierce
Cheswold . . . . .	Jefferson Cooper	Mt. Zion . . . . .	Chester O'Neil
Church Hill . . . . .	A. G. McFarland	Milton . . . . .	George H. Waples
Clayton . . . . .	W. T. Dayett	Nassau . . . . .	James W. Hopkins
Concord . . . . .	Harry H. Nuttle	Oxford . . . . .	Mrs. James Mills
Cordova . . . . .	Mrs. J. M. Barwick	Preston . . . . .	Harry B. Wright
Denton . . . . .	Walter Sparklin	Queenstown . . . . .	J. K. Wrightson
Dover:		Rehoboth . . . . .	J. Fred Hudson
St. Paul's . . . . .	Harvey Farrow	Ridgely . . . . .	Irving L. Mitchell
Wesley . . . . .	H. C. Gruwell	Rock Hall . . . . .	Elwood Taylor
Easton . . . . .	Norman Jefferson	Seaford . . . . .	E. J. Winder
Ellendale . . . . .	C. A. Timmons	Seaford Ct. . . . .	Hoyt Williams
Fairlee . . . . .	B. F. Rash	Smyrna . . . . .	Andrew D. Cole
Farmington . . . . .	B. Tharp Calloway	St. Michael's & Royal Oak—	
Federalsburg . . . . .	T. Sewell Noble		Joseph B. Hunt
Frederica . . . . .	Alonzo Morris	Tilghman . . . . .	Wilmer Fluharty
Galestown and Reliance—		Trappe . . . . .	Harvey Slaughter
	Samuel G. Smith	Woodside . . . . .	Mrs. Lemuel Spence
Georgetown Ct. . . . .	Leroy Marvel	Wye Mills . . . . .	D. B. F. Wolcott
Greenwood . . . . .	Charles Kinder	Wyoming . . . . .	S. W. Harrison
Harrington . . . . .	H. J. Ramsdell		
Hillsboro . . . . .	Roy Skinner	Total . . . . .	54
Houston . . . . .	George Tatman		

#### Salisbury District.

Name of Charge.	Delegate.	Name of Charge.	Delegate.
Beckwith & Spedden—		Bethel . . . . .	Jacob M. Gootee
	S. W. Linthicum	Bishopville . . . . .	O. M. Shockley
Berlin . . . . .	H. B. Powell	Cambridge . . . . .	J. E. Andrews

Name of Charge.	Delegate.	Name of Charge.	Delegate.
Cape Charles	C. H. Wagner	Frankford	F. S. Daisey
Chincoteague	W. D. Steelman	Fruitland	A. A. Banks
Church Creek	Harold Delaha	Girdletree	Mrs. W. S. Townsend
Crisfield—		Gumboro	Geo. Washington West
Asbury	James B. Tawes	Hebron	Vernon Killiam
Immanuel	C. E. Collins	Hurlock	Harvey N. Harper
Dagsboro & St. George—		Laurel	R. S. Brock
	E. A. Townsend	Mardela Springs	P. W. Bennett
Mt. Pleasant	Charles Henry	Marion	E. T. Landon
Mt. Vernon	L. W. Ross	Millsboro	Roy Jones
Nanticoke	Allen W. Messick	Roxana	Albert Lekitis
Newark	H. W. Bowen	Salisbury—Asbury:	
Ocean City	G. P. Cropper		John W. Downing
Ocean View & Millville	T. E. Melson	Selbyville	W. A. Law
Onancock	George U. Lewis	Sharptown	N. W. Owens
Parsonsborg	E. Samson Perdue	Smith's Island	Oscar Smith
Pittsville	Loren H. Morris	Snow Hill	C. A. Clarke
Pocomoke City	S. A. Evans	Somerset	Dr. E. P. Simpson
Pocomoke Ct.	O. T. Payne	Stockton	C. C. Pilchard
Powellville	Fred H. Bethards	Tangier	Carey Crockett
Princess Anne	Frank D. Layfield	Westover	E. W. McDorman
Deal's Island	J. Herbie Twigg	Whitesville	W. C. Truitt
Delmar	V. J. Carmine	Williamsburg	Roland Poole
East New Market	F. B. Clifton	Zoard Circuit	Hylon Smith
Elliott	Oscar E. Jones		
Fairmount	J. W. Bozman		
		Total	52

## Wilmington District.

Name of Charge.	Delegate.	Name of Charge.	Delegate.
Bethel & Town Point—		Newark	Earl F. Dawson
	Miss Mary Buckworth	New Castle	Geo. T. Tobin
Brack-Ex	Miss Emma Reed	Newport	Geo. L. Biddle
Cecilton	M. Earl Davis	North East	J. Edward Davis
Charlestown	Albert F. Graham	Perryville	Wm. J. Bartlett
Cherry Hill	Wilmer Ford	Port Deposit	E. L. Gibson
Chesapeake City	Herbert Wilfang	Richardson Park	Harry A. Moyer
Christiana	Miss Alberta Johnson	St. John's	Leon V. Ewing
Claymont	E. T. Seibert	Stanton	E. Ellwood Othson
Crumpton	Chas. C. Meredith	Zion City	Earl Best
Ebenezer	Jesse B. Patterson	Townsend	Louis Graves
Elkton	Lyn B. Gillespie		
Galena	Robert Bramble		
Holly Oak	Edwin S. Young		
Hopewell	Perry Gibson		
Marshallton	W. H. Wingate		
Middletown	C. C. Hopkins		
Millington	N. A. Wallin		

## WILMINGTON:

Brandywine	G. L. Bilderback
Cookman	J. Richard Kendall
Eastlake	Luther H. Broadway
Epworth	Willis L. Overdeer

Name of Charge.	Delegate.	Name of Charge.	Delegate.
Grace	J. W. Lattomus	Scott	C. P. Harvey
Harrison Street	I. Elmer Perry	Silverbrook	Jos. F. Peeney
Hillcrest	Daniel L. Gabke	Trinity	C. W. Cook, Jr.
Kingswood	Mrs. Lillian DeCorse	Union	William Owens
Madeley	Mrs. Wm. Goodman		
McCabe	T. Blair Ely		
Mt. Salem	J. Elmer Betty		
		Total	43

The Twentieth Annual Session of the Laymens Association of the Wilmington Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Delmar on March 27th and 28th, 1936, the same being the Fourth Annual United Session.

The session was called to order at 9 A. M. by President, I. Elmer Perry, and he introduced Brother E. J. Winder, of Seaford, who led the devotions with reading scripture and prayer.

Rev. Ralph C. Jones, Conference host, was introduced and emphasized the importance of the mission of the church, and the laymen were the backbone of this great mission. He congratulated the laymen on their large attendance on such a stormy day. He then introduced Victor J. Carmine, lay delegate of the entertaining church, who gave us a rousing welcome and said the homes of this metropolis of the Delmarva Peninsula were open to each and every one and they had tried to make every arrangement possible for comfort and need of every visitor. I. Elmer Perry gave a hearty response to this welcome.

The secretary then called the roll of delegates to which 149 responded. The president then appointed the following committees:

**Credentials**—George H. Waples, of Milton; Harry B. Wright, of Preston; Victor J. Carmine, of Delmar; J. Elmer Betty, of Mt. Salem, Wilmington; and Mrs. William Goodman, of Madeley, Wilmington.

**Resolutions**—Judge J. W. Lattomus, of Grace, Wilmington; W. L. Overdeer, of Epworth, Wilmington; O. M. Shockley, of Bishopville; J. B. Tawes, of Crisfield; and J. W. Downing, of Salisbury.

**Conference Relations**—T. Blair Ely, of Wilmington, and E. Haswell Pierce, of Milford.

The Credential committee reported as follows: "The roll call as checked by the secretary be accepted as the roster of the delegates of this lay conference, the secretary to add such names of those that report after the roll call provided they were officially elected as delegates."

Ivanhoe Willis, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Delaware, was introduced, and said the repeal of the 18th amendment has brought about a condition unparalleled in the history of the country. He pointed out, however, that no new legislation had been passed in the General Assembly of Delaware liberalizing the liquor laws, and he particularly stressed the bill for the sale of liquor in Delaware even on Sunday, and the influence of the Wilmington M. E. Conference and the leaders of the lay conference as well as the Anti-Saloon League were largely responsible

for defeat of these bills. He further stated that conservative statistics show that the consumption of alcoholic liquors in 1935 in Delaware cost \$4,500,000. Mr. Perry spoke of the urgent need of our laymen heartily supporting this great temperance cause and Mr. Willis was a tireless worker.

Prof. W. H. Easton, of Morgan College of Baltimore, who cares for the colored orphans of the Washington Area, was introduced. He said this college was cooperating in every way possible with Christian work among the negro people.

Mr. Perry nominated the following for tellers: W. H. Wingate, of Marshallton; H. M. Pierce, of Milford; Earl F. Dawson, of Newark; E. T. Seibert, of Claymont; J. Richard Kendall, Jr., of Wilmington; and Harvey A. Moyer, of Richardson Park.

We then took up the election of officers, and the following nominations were made and seconded:

President—Harry B. Wright, of Preston, Md.

Secretary—Chas. W. Cook, Jr., of Trinity, Wilmington.

Treasurer—O. M. Shockley, Bishopville, Md.

As there was only one nominee for each office, the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot.

Harry B. Wright, new president, was introduced and expressed his appreciation of the laymen for the high honor conferred upon him.

O. M. Shockley then read a memorial to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which convenes in Columbus, Ohio, May, 1936. The resolution reading as follows:

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, John Wesley with heart "strangely warmed" by the infilling of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, inaugurated a movement which became the Methodist Church, which for its religious fervor and world-wide sweep has no parallel in the history of mankind, and

WHEREAS, It is so generally conceded that something has happened to Methodism, something has apparently gone out of it, which fact seems to be accentuated by, and attested to, by several conditions, generally recognized and frequently referred to, principal among which are no less than five, viz.:

1st. A marked indifference to the call of the Church by great multitudes of the people so pronounced as to suggest scoffing and reaching an attitude of almost open hostility, culminating in widespread non-attendance.

2nd. The apparent cooling down of the type of religious fervor which characterized the activities of the Church from her infancy.

3rd. The disposition of our youth to rebel against restrictions upon their personal liberties, refusing in a very general way to surrender their lives in sacrificial service to God.

4th. The consequent serious lack of accessions to the Church membership as revealed in her statistical reports.

5th. The resultant very decided curtailment in cash contribu-

tions for Church support, (far more serious we believe than the mere money depression) for both Home and Foreign Missions as well as for the various and sundry benevolences, which fact is attested to by letters of the most urgent nature sent by the Secretaries of various Boards to Ministers, Church School Superintendents, and other field men.

WHEREAS, It is our conviction that no less than two major causes have contributed to these distressing conditions, viz.:

1st. Those doubt-inspiring, Faith-wrecking Theological Fallacies that have been introduced and heralded from shore to shore, finding acceptance by many Ministers and other intellectuals whose voluminous argumentation has largely unsettled Faith in the inspired Word of God, His miracle working power, the Divinity of Christ and other great doctrines fundamental in the Methodist Faith, and from their vantage point have foisted these heresies upon the Church.

2nd. The attempt to educate souls into the Kingdom of God when in the nature of the case it is a matter of Heart as well as Head.

WHEREAS, Our reference to Education is not meant to condemn Education, except it be of the semi-religious, erroneous or anti-religious variety, but only to express regret that many of our leaders in their zeal to promote their scheme of religious Education have assumed to regiment every one in their programs to make Church Schools conform to the public school by Departments and grades and in so doing have wrought almost irreparable harm in two ways, viz.:

1st. By the discouragement and discontinuance of many technically untrained, volunteer teachers who have done most commendable work and

2nd. By creating in the minds of Sunday School pupils that their teacher was not as good as their day school teacher and much worse, the feeling that their old teacher meant well enough but the suspicion that even her interpretation of the Scripture might not be dependable, and

WHEREAS, In the modern program of activities there is little room left for the old Methodist institution commonly called the Class service, recognized in the early Church as one of great power and helpfulness, and

WHEREAS, The weekly Prayer meetings are largely neglected and family altars largely broken down, all of which has brought us, the Methodist Church, into the untenable and embarrassing position before mankind of having been partly bereft of power, and changed apparently from a Militant, Aggressive, Singing, Witnessing, Victorious Methodist Society into an Apologetic, Languishing, Compromising, Defensive Church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we the delegated members of this Lay Conference do petition the General Conference to take whatever steps are necessary to purge our Educational Institutions of all unorthodox and



unmethodistic teaching and to set into operation the mechanics to reproduce John Wesley Methodism, to silence all those exponents of Modernistic and revolutionary doctrines who occupy Teaching or Preaching positions, renew the old emphases upon which the Church grew to spectacular place and power, and if possible aid Her to regain Her old-time Faith and Devotion, Her willingness to serve and to sacrifice, that She may have restored unto Her the Joy of Salvation.

Same was warmly endorsed by a number of laymen and was unanimously adopted and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Conference.

At this time the election of Lay Delegates to the General Conference was taken up:

**Wilmington District**—Willis Luther Overdeer was nominated by E. S. Young, of Holly Oak, and seconded by H. H. Nuttle, C. W. Cook, Jr., and D. L. Gabke.

I. Elmer Perry was nominated by W. H. Wingate but Mr. Perry declined the nomination. There being only one candidate from this district, the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot.

**Dover District**—E. J. Winder was nominated by Dr. Jefferson Cooper and seconded by Harvey Farrow and others.

Senator Wilmer Fell Davis, of Federalsburg, Md., was nominated by H. H. Nuttle and seconded by N. P. Walters and others.

The result of the vote was as follows:

E. J. Winder	.....68
Wilmer Fell Davis	.....67

E. J. Winder was declared elected.

**Salisbury District**—John W. Downing, of Salisbury, was nominated by C. A. Clark and seconded by A. A. Bank.

Victor J. Carmine, of Delmar, was nominated by Norman Jefferson and seconded by T. B. Ely and R. S. Brock.

The vote resulted as follows:

Victor J. Carmine	.....81
John W. Downing	.....52

Victor J. Carmine was declared elected.

As there were only two defeated candidates, W. Fell Davis was declared elected as first reserve delegate and J. W. Downing as second reserve delegate to the General Conference.

At this time we adjourned to hear the address of Bishop Edwin H. Hughes and to reconvene at the close of the United Session at 4 P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Treasurer O. M. Shockley reported that the offering amounted to \$15.69.

The Resolution Committee made the following report and their recommendations:

#### Resolution No. 1.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Originating in the West Wisconsin Conference to amend Paragraph 48, Sec. 3.

Committee recommends the disapproval of this resolution.

#### Resolution No. 2.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments Originating in the Northwest Indiana Conference to amend Paragraph 40, Sec. 1, 2 and 4.

Committee looks with disfavor upon this resolution and recommends a negative vote.

#### Resolution No. 3.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments Originating in the Rock River Lay Conference to amend Paragraph 40, Sec. 1 and 4; and Paragraph 41, Sec. 1; Paragraph 48, Sec. 3 and 4.

Committee recommends that this legislation be passed upon unfavorably.

The laymen sustained the recommendations of the resolution committee by a vote of 88 for and 4 against.

#### Resolution No. 4.

Communication From the Commission on Men's Work addressed to past-President, Bro. I. Elmer Perry, that Contact men be appointed to cooperate with the Commission on Men's Work of the United States.

Committee recommends that Harry B. Wright and secretary Chas. W. Cook, Jr., be appointed as Contact men to keep in touch with this Men's Commission.

#### Resolution No. 5.

Proposal to Merge the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals with the Board of Education and also the Board of Hospitals, Homes and Deaconess Work with the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Committee recommends the disapproval of this proposition.

**Resolution No. 6.**

WHEREAS, In view of the wise and considerate administration of the affairs of our great Church, by our beloved Bishop Hughes, whose noble personality and most stirring messages inspire and thrill us from time to time, that we unanimously record our desire that he be retained as our Resident Bishop of the Washington Area and recommend that this Conference endorse the same.

**Resolution No. 7.**

WHEREAS, Your committee senses a feeling of deep appreciation on the part of those attending the sessions, of the splendid and courteous entertainment afforded by this Church, and recommends that this Laymen's Conference express its thanks to the pastor, Bro. Ralph C. Jones, and his splendid corps of assistants, and through them to the people of Delmar for their many courtesies.

**Resolution No. 8.**

WHEREAS, The Public Press has given so largely of its valuable space to convey to the reading public the activities of this great Conference, the work of which is of such vital interest to the people of this peninsula, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we express our deep appreciation and sincere thanks to the Press, to the Bishop for his appearance before us, to the Pastors for their several ministerial courtesies, to the Conference Church, to its Pastor, the Conference host, our beloved Bro. R. C. Jones, and to all others who have in any measure contributed to the success of these sessions.

The Laymen unanimously voted their approval of the recommendations of the Resolution Committee with appreciation of their splendid work.

The Laymen's Conference then adjourned to go into United Session with the Ministerial Conference in their next session.

HARRY B. WRIGHT,  
President.

CHARLES W. COOK, JR.,  
Secretary,  
820 Vandever Ave., Wilmington, Del.

**OFFICERS OF LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.**

- 1872—President, John F. Williamson; Secretaries, Dr. W. T. Collins, I. T. Matthews.
- 1876—Pres., R. J. Jump; Secretaries, I. T. Matthews, J. H. Bell.
- 1880—Pres., John F. Williamson; Secy's, P. F. Causey, Dr. R. J. Price.
- 1884—Pres., Henry F. Pickles; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, Henry S. Dulaney.
- 1888—Pres., H. C. Dodson; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, W. H. Dashiell.
- 1892—Pres., I. T. Matthews; Sec'y, Joseph Smithers.
- 1896—Pres., H. F. Pickles; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. W. Coley.
- 1900—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. S. Collins.
- 1904—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, Wesley Webb.
- 1908—Pres., W. O. Hoffecker; Secy's, C. A. Short, A. R. Spaid.
- 1912—Pres., R. D. Jones; Secretaries, C. A. Short, H. R. Moore.
- 1916—Pres., E. J. Winder; Secretaries, C. A. Short, A. Galt Starr.
- 1920—Pres., H. C. Conrad; Secretaries, C. A. Short, V. C. Hitchens.
- 1921—Pres., H. C. Conrad; Secretary, C. A. Short.
- 1924—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secretaries, C. A. Short, John Shilling.
- 1925—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secretaries, C. A. Short, John Shilling.
- 1928—Pres., H. H. Nuttle; Secretaries, C. A. Short, C. W. Cook.
- 1929—Pres., H. H. Nuttle; Secretaries, C. A. Short, C. W. Cook.
- 1932—Pres., O. M. Shockley; Secretaries, C. A. Short, C. W. Cook.

**OFFICERS OF LAY CONFERENCE.**

- 1933—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secy., C. W. Cook; Treas., Granville Hooper.
- 1934—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secy., C. W. Cook; Treas., F. D. Layfield.
- 1935—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secy., C. W. Cook; Treas., O. M. Shockley.
- 1936—Pres., Harry B. Wright; Secy., C. W. Cook; Treas., O. M. Shockley.

## LAY DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

- 1872—Delegates, Daniel M. Bates, Walter H. Thompson.  
Alternate, John F. Williamson, Thomas Mallalieu.
- 1876—Delegates, John F. Williamson, Thomas Mallalieu.  
Alternate, W. J. Jones, Dr. Geo. C. Tyler.
- 1880—Delegates, I. T. Matthews, T. B. Coursey.  
Alternate, J. F. Dawson, P. F. Causey.
- 1884—Delegates, F. A. Ellis, Alfred G. Cox.  
Alternate, Dr. A. E. Sudler, Jos. Pyle.
- 1888—Delegates, H. P. Cannon, L. S. Melson.  
Alternate, Joseph Pyle, Dr. A. E. Sudler.
- 1892—Delegates, Dr. A. E. Sudler, Joseph Pyle.  
Alternate, I. T. Parker, J. W. Melson.
- 1896—Delegates, Dr. W. L. Gooding, W. H. Jackson.  
Alternates, T. J. Truxton, G. F. Jones.
- 1900—Delegates, Chas. B. Lore, G. E. Hukill, Jos. E. Holland, Geo. A. Cox.  
Alternates, S. H. Baynard, G. C. Moore, J. W. Fletcher, L. E. P. Dennis.
- 1904—Delegates, C. B. Lore, H. P. Cannon, R. M. Cooper, J. E. Ellegood.  
Alternates, A. W. Sisk, Geo. C. Moore, L. S. Melson.
- 1908—Delegates, J. P. Holland, I. T. Parker, W. O. Hoffecker, R. D. Jones.  
Alternates, John G. Townsend, Jr., Joseph W. Coley, J. C. Mullikin.
- 1912—Delegates, Chas. H. Jefferson, John G. Townsend, Wm. Saulsbury, Joseph W. Coley.  
Alternates, Mrs. Jeannie M. Field, A. W. Sisk, Wm. T. Records.
- 1916—Delegates, E. J. Winder, Thos. H. Bock, Melville Gambrill, Martin B. Burris.  
Alternates, I. M. Lenderman, W. O. Hoffecker, L. E. P. Dennis.
- 1920—Delegates, E. C. Hardesty, H. C. Conrad, L. Atwood Bennett, J. W. Wheatley.  
Reserves, Joseph Mallalieu, R. F. Powell, J. S. Mullin, Jr.
- 1924—Delegates, I. Elmer Perry, W. Harry Jones, Orlando Harrison, T. N. Rawlins.  
Reserves, W. O. Hoffecker, E. P. Wyatt, H. C. Conrad.
- 1928—Delegates, W. Newton Jackson, H. H. Nuttle, W. G. Abbott, E. F. Melson.  
Reserves, W. B. Smith, Jr., W. T. Brasure, C. M. Phillips.
- 1932—Delegates, Clarence A. Short, Arthur C. Humphries, Willis L. Overdeer, J. Everett Walls.  
Reserves, J. T. Mears, I. Elmer Perry, E. J. Winder.
- 1936—Delegates, Willis L. Overdeer, Victor J. Carmine, E. J. Winder.  
Reserves, Wilmer F. Davis, John W. Downing.

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