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CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL

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| 1876 Wilbur F. Corkran | 1902 James W. Colona |
| 1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker | 1903 Arthur W. Goodhand |
| 1882 Charles H. Williams | 1903 George S. Thomas |
| 1883 Vaughan S. Collins | 1903 Walter E. Gunby |
| 1884 William A. Wise | 1903 William E. Habbart |
| 1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield | 1904 Joseph A. Buckson |
| 1886 George E. Wood | 1904 John M. Kelso |
| 1886 William R. Mowbray | 1904 Edwin B. Taylor |
| 1887 James H. Wilson | 1905 Lewis B. Morgan |
| 1889 Vinal E. Hills | 1905 Daniel J. Ford |
| 1890 Melvin D. Nutter | 1905 Jesse C. McCoy |
| 1890 Virgil E. Rorer | 1905 Howard R. McDade |
| 1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan | 1905 William R. Woodell |
| 1891 George P. Jones | 1906 John L. Sparklin |
| 1892 Clarence W. Strickland | 1906 Emory W. McDowell |
| 1893 John P. Outten | 1906 Benjamin M. Johns |
| 1893 James T. Richardson | 1907 William H. Briggs |
| 1894 Henry G. Budd | 1907 Tilghman Smith |
| 1895 Edward H. Collins | 1907 Oden E. James |
| 1895 Daniel J. Givan | 1907 John R. Bicking |
| 1896 Luther E. Poole | 1907 William H. Revelle |
| 1896 Leolan Jackson | 1907 Ransom P. Nichols |
| 1897 John W. Prettyman | 1908 John W. Sutton |
| 1897 Thomas S. Holt | 1908 Leonard White |
| 1897 William O. Bennett | 1908 James T. Price |
| 1898 Omar E. Jones | 1908 Jesse P. Landon |
| 1898 John W. Jones | 1909 John J. Bunting |
| 1898 Frederick X. Moore | 1909 Edgar C. Prettyman |
| 1898 Hugh B. Kelso | 1909 Frank Herson |
| 1899 John L. Johnson | 1910 Melvin E. Wheatley |
| 1899 George W. Dawson | 1910 Thomas J. Sard |
| 1900 Howard Davis | 1910 Ernest C. Hallman |
| 1900 Clarence N. Jones | 1910 John C. B. Hopkins |
| 1900 William C. Poole | 1910 Daytor E. McClain |
| 1902 William E. Matthews | 1911 Oren B. Rice |
| 1902 James H. Gardner | 1911 David J. Moore |
| | 1911 Charles W. Spry |
| | 1912 Olie H. Connelly |
| | 1912 Charles M. Griffeth |
| | 1912 George E. Sterling |
| | 1912 Ivanhoe Willis |
| | 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. Hennis
 1918 Robert S. Hodgson
 1918 Willard V. Moore
 1918 John T. Rowlenson
 1918 John W. Wootten
 1918 August F. Zimmerman

1919 Earl M. Shockley
 1919 John H. Whedbee

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

1921 Milton S. Andrews
 1921 Charles E. Davis
 1921 Sylvanus T. Hamblin
 1921 Frederick J. Pieplow

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 Frank L. Hicks
 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. Dise
 1935 Walter A. Glass
 1935 John E. Jones

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

1937 George H. Murphy
 1937 Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr.

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.	5
1917 Atkins, C. H.	E Zion Cir. (P.O. North East, Md.)	5
1924 Bailey, H. N.	E Deals Island, Md.	1
1926 Baker, F. A.	E Dagsboro, Del.	3
1923 Barlow, W. G.	E Galena, Md.	3
1924 Bartley, O. A.	E Brandywine (P. O. Wil., Del.)	4
1902 Baynard, O. T.	E Blades (P. O. Seaford, Del.)	2
1936 Beckwith, Walter L.	P Church Hill, Md.	4
1935 Bennett, E. L.	D Beckwith (P. O. Cambridge, Md.)	2
1897 Bennett, W. O.	R Hurlock, Md.	7
1914 Benson, N. C.	E Odessa, Del.	2
1907 Bicking, J. R.	E Immanuel (P. O. Crisfield, Md.)	2
1920 Bolton, J. C.	E Tangier, Va.	1
1926 Bradley, S. B.	E Fruitland, Md.	3
1926 Branford, C. W.	E Scott (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1926 Branford, H. V.	E Centreville, Md.	2
1907 Briggs, W. H.	R Elsmere, Del.	7
1915 Broadway, L. M.	R Wilmington, Del.	7
1935 Buckley, F. G.	P Charlestown, Md.	1
1904 Buckson, J. A.	R Rehoboth, Del.	6
1894 Budd, H. G.	R Dover, Del.	7
1909 Bunting, J. J.	E D. S., Salisbury, Md.	3
1930 Caldwell, H. T.	E Chesapeake City, Md.	2
1927 Campbell, R. W.	E North East, Md.	1
1928 Carpenter, C. I.	E Chaplain U. S. Army	1
1927 Clark, J. A.	E Chincoteague, Va.	1
1935 Clow, J. H., Jr.	D Greenwood, Del.	2
1883 Collins, V. S.	R Wilmington, Del.	9
1895 Collins, E. H.	R Marshallton, Del.	4
1924 Collins, O. J.	E St. Pauls (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	5
1902 Colona, J. W.	E Smyrna, Del.	2
1912 Connelly, O. H.	E Berlin, Md.	2
1876 Corkran, W. F.	R Millsboro, Del., R. D. to Gumboro	8
1935 Crockett, Ewell E.	P and D Girdletree, Md.	3
1936 Crum, Ira E.	P and D Burrsville, Md.	2
1900 Davis, Howard	E Milton, Del.	4
1921 Davis, C. E.	E Cecilton, Md.	2

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1899 Dawson, G. W.	E Hurlock, Md.	3
1935 Dennis, Louis R.	E Concord, Md.	3
1927 Diehl, J. R.	E Parsonburg, Md.	2
1933 Dickerson, J. B.	E Hillcrest (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1935 Dise, Waldo L.	E Wyoming, Del.	2
1929 Eckhart, Elwood B.	E Fairmount (P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.)	2
1930 Ennis, W. J.	E Camden, Del.	1
1927 Everett, Willard	E Ocean City, Md.	1
1905 Ford, D. J.	R Camden, Del.	3
1934 French, J. E.	D Epworth (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1915 Frye, A. B.	E Lewes, Del.	2
1902 Gardner, J. H.	E Tilghman, Md.	1
1891 Geoghegan, J. H.	R Newport, Del.	4
1895 Givan, D. J.	E Church Creek, Md.	1
1935 Glass, W. A.	P Bayside (P. O. Sherwood, Md.)	2
1903 Goodhand, A. W.	E Salisbury, Md. (Grace)	3
1936 Goodhand, Vernon M.	P Pittsville, Md.	2
1917 Grant, W. S.	E Ocean View, Del.	3
1928 Green, R. E.	E Magnolia, Del.	2
1931 Green, R. M.	E Christiana, Del.	7
1912 Griffeth, Charles M.	E Sudlersville, Md.	3
1903 Gunby, W. E.	E Wilmington, Del. (D. S.)	3
1903 Habbart, W. E.	Sy Brandywine Summit, Pa.	2
1910 Hallman, E. C.	E Dover, Del. (D. S.)	5
1933 Hallman, R. W.	E Still Pond, Md.	2
1921 Hamblin, S. T.	E Hopewell (P. O. Port Deposit, Md.)	2
1927 Hamer, Conrad	E Rehoboth, Del.	2
1931 Hanby, J. C.	E Mt. Pleasant (P. O. Laurel, Del.)	4
1916 Harris, C. C.	E Eastlake (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	8
1917 Hearn, W. A.	E Laurel, Del.	3
1918 Hervis, E. W.	E Felton, Del.	2
1909 Herson, Frank	E Milford, Del.	11
1920 Hess, W. L.	E Vienna, Md.	1
1924 Hicks, F. L.	E McCabe (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1889 Hills, V. E.	R Weldin Road (Wilm., Del.)	2
1918 Hodgson, R. S.	E Red Lion (P. O. Bear, Del.)	3
1876 Hoffecker, E. L.	R Easton, Md.	20
1897 Holt, T. S.	R Federalsburg, Md.	26
1910 Hopkins, J. C. B.	E Bridgeville, Del.	3
1922 Hudson, C. H.	E Trinity (P. O. Milm., Del.)	8
1912 Humphreys, G. W.	E Salisbury, Md.	4
1927 Hufnal, H. O.	E Hebron, Md.	1
1896 Jackson, Leolan	E St. Michaels, Md.	4
1913 Jacobs, D. W.	E Snow Hill, Md.	3
1907 James, O. E.	R Baltimore, Md.	14
1926 Jefferson, O. P.	E Perryville, Md.	4

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1906 Johns, B. M.	E Grace (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	15
1899 Johnson, J. L.	E Seaford, Del.	2
1891 Jones, G. P.	R Mystic, Conn.	9
1935 Jones, J. E.	D Nanticoke, Md.	1
1898 Jones, J. W.	E Port Deposit, Md.	1
1898 Jones, O. E.	E Georgetown, Del.	7
1900 Jones, C. N.	E New Castle, Del.	3
1915 Jones, R. C.	E Delmar, Del.	4
1898 Kelso, H. B.	E Frederica, Del.	2
1904 Kelso, J. M.	E Marshallton, Del.	2
1933 Kirwan, Ray. W.	D Bishopville, Md.	1
1931 Kohl, W. H.	E Houston, Del.	2
1908 Landon, J. P.	E Kenton, Del.	1
1931 Langrall, J. F.	E Kent Island (P. O. Stevensville, Md.)	2
1871 Layfield, L. W.	R Greenwood, Del.	14
1933 Littleton, D'Arcy A.	E Townsend, Del.	1
1928 Louhoff, F. C.	E Rock Hall, Md.	2
1905 McCoy, J. C.	E Newport, Del.	4
1905 McDade, H. R.	E Frankford, Del.	1
1906 McDowell, E. W.	E Richardson Park, Del.	3
1914 McKee, Wm. J.	E Leave of Absence	1
1910 McClain, D. E.	E Cambridge, Md.	1
1914 Marine, M. W.	E Harrison St. (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1902 Matthews, W. E.	R Smyrna, Del.	16
1930 Milbury, F. D.	E Federalsburg, Md.	2
1927 Mills, R. W.	Sy Seaford, Del.	1
1920 Minker, R. L.	Sy Wilmington, Del.	2
1898 Moore, F. X.	R New Freedom, Pa.	17
1911 Moore, D. J.	E Chester-Bethel (P. O. Wilm., Del., R. F. D. #2)	3
1918 Moore, W. V.	E Cape Charles, Va.	2
1905 Morgan, L. B.	E Middletown, Del.	2
1886 Mowbray, W. R.	R Lewes, Del.	12
1937 Murphy, G. H.	P Wye Mills, Md.	1
1930 Nelson, R. H.	E Sharptown, Md.	2
1907 Nichols, R. P.	E Princess Anne, Md.	4
1890 Nutter, M. D.	R Newark, Del.	8
1928 O'Neil, James	E Quantico, Md.	1
1893 Outten, J. P.	R Secretary, Md.	5
1924 Parker, J. E.	E Harrington, Del.	4
1933 Parker, W. M.	E Millington, Md.	1
1925 Parks, H. M.	E Asbury (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1921 Pieplow, F. J.	E Claymont, Del.	2
1896 Poole, L. E.	R Snow Hill, Md.	4
1900 Poole, W. C.	R Easton, Md.	2
1930 Powell, L. L.	E Mt. Vernon (P. O. Princess Anne, Md.)	1

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1897	Prettyman, J. W. R Lewisville, Pa.	2
1909	Prettyman, E. C. E Wilmington, Del.	23
1908	Price, J. T. R East New Market, Md.	2
1934	Pritchard, D. T. D Newark, Md.	2
1916	Reed, O. B. E Ridgely, Md.	3
1907	Revelle, W. H. E Hockessin, Del.	4
1927	Reynolds, P. E. E Chestertown, Md.	2
1911	Rice, Oren E Fairlee, Md.	2
1893	Richardson, J. T. R Middletown, Del.	9
1924	Robb, Charles W. E Roxana, Del.	1
1890	Rorer, V. E. R Elkins Park, Pa.	5
1932	Ross, Leon W. E Clayton, Del.	1
1918	Rowlenson, J. T. E Asbury (P. O. Crisfield, Md.)	5
1910	Sard, T. J. E Union (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	5
1919	Shockley, E. M. E Dover, Del.	2
1922	Short, W. D. E Smiths Is. (P. O. Ewell, Md.)	2
1907	Smith, Tilghman E Greensboro, Md.	1
1906	Sparklin, J. L. E St. Georges, Del.	5
1926	Spence, P. W. E Preston, Md.	4
1911	Spry, C. W. E Hillsboro, Md.	2
1912	Sterling, G. E. E Phoebus, Va.	5
1892	Strickland, C. W. R Rehoboth, Del.	3
1928	Strickland, A. W. Sy	1
1885	Sunfield, E. C. R Barnegat, N. J.	16
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.	3
1916	Thawley, R. T. E Selbyville, Del.	2
1903	Thomas, G. S. E Stockton, Md.	2
1914	Thomas, E. P. E Easton, Md.	2
1936	Truitt, Frederick H. P Pomona, Md.	2
1931	Vaughn, J. B. E Madeley (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1910	Wheatley, M. E. E Elkton, Md.	2
1937	Wheatley, M. E., Jr. P At School	1
1929	Wheatley, G. H. E St. Peters (P. O. Oriole, Md.)	2
1919	Whedbee, J. H. E Bethel, Del.	1
1908	White, Leonard E Newark, Del.	3
1914	White, Frank E Rising Sun, Md.	2
1882	Williams, C. H. R Snow Hill, Md.	24
1912	Willis, Ivanhoe E Anti-Saloon League (P. O. Marshallton, Del.)	4
1931	Wills, T. O. M. E Ebenezer (P. O. Newark, Del.)	6
1887	Wilson, J. H. R Elsmere, Del.	11
1923	Wimbrow, L. E. E Millsboro, Del.	1
1916	Windsor, L. E. E Mt. Salem (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1884	Wise, W. A. R Wilmington, Del.	8
1886	Wood, G. E. R Dover, Del.	6

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1905	Woodell, W. R. R Seaford, Del.	4
1918	Wootten, J. W. E Pocomoke City, Md.	2
1922	Wright, J. H. E Silverbrook (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1918	Zimmerman, A. F. E East New Market, Md.	5

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, John E. French	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, F. L. Hicks	2202 Boulevard
Mt. Salem, L. E. Windsor	1701 Mt. Salem Lane
Scott, C. W. Branford	3613 Washington St.
Silverbrook, J. H. Wright	201 Woodlawn Ave.
St. Paul's, O. J. Collins	1014 West 10th St.
Thinity, 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.)	18
Allen, Geo. S.	Crapo, Md.	2
Andersen, J. H.	Willards, Md.	1
Boulden, J. C.	Elk Neck (P. O. Northeast, Md.)	2
Buckson, W. C.	Little Creek & St. Pauls, Del.	2
Campbell, David T.	D Powellville (P. O. Pittsville, Md.)	6
Cannon, C. G.	Hoopers Island (P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.)	5
Conner, R. G.	D Marydel, Md.	4
Cursey, Ellwood	Pocomoke Circuit (P. O. Pocomoke, Md.)	2
Ennis, Charles E.	Cheswold, Del.	1
Fosnocht, W. E.	D Mt. Lebanon, Del.	4
Fordham, Harold	Ellendale, Del.	1
Gault, Edward S.	Chance, Md.	1
Graham, J. T.	E Nassau, Del.	2
Gray, A. L.	Oxford, Md.	1
Hanby, S. L.	E Lincoln, Del.	4
Hastings, Robt. W.	Farmington, Del.	2
Hopkins, Ralph W.	Cordova, Md.	1
Hudson, A. T. P.	Mardela Springs, Md.	1
Keene, M. H.	Delaware City, Del.	1
Kirby, R. L., Jr.	D Elliott, Md.	1
Knotts, L. L.	Annessex (P. O. Marion, Md.)	1
Layton, J. E.	D Holly Oak, Del.	13
Lewis, B. L.	Westover, Md.	1
McClintock, W. L.	E Bozman, Md.	3
McCorkle, F. K.	E Cherry Hill (P. O. Elkton, Md.)	2
Pratt, L. V.	E Bethel & Town Point (P. O. Chesapeake City, Md.)	2
Prettyman, D. B.	E Trappe, Md.	5
Savage, L. W.	Leipsic, Del.	(1)
Sharpless, C. D.	E Galestown, Md.	2
Steen, J. C.	E 1103 Rosedale Ave., Bellefonte, Del.	10
Thomas, A. G.	Whitesville, Del.	2
Thornton, J. H.	E Henderson, Md.	1
Turkington, Albert I.	D Onancock, Va.	1
Travers, Alonzo	E Queenstown, Md.	1
Willis, J. F.	D Williamsburg, Md.	3
Wilson, R. H.	St. Thomas (P. O. Bishop's Head, Md.)	2
Wood, David	E Crumpton, Md.	3
Wright, E. N.	D Georgetown Circuit (P. O. Georgetown, Del.)	1

LOCAL PREACHER'S DIRECTORY.

Local Elders.

Adams, R. H., Elsmere, Del.	McVey, Hiram, Greenwood, Del.
Atkinson, W. F., White Haven, Md.	Potts, J. S., Easton, Md.
Barrett, T. S., Mardela Springs, Md.	Pratt, L. V., Bethel (P. O. Chesapeake City, Md.)
Covey, A. H., Chestertown, Md.	Prettyman, D. B., Trappe, Md.
Crooks, E. B., Newark, Del.	Sharpless, C. D., Galestown, Md.
Cross, E. L., Cambridge, Md.	Steen, J. C., Bellefonte, Del.
Godwin, W. F., Atlantic City, N. J.	Steininger, C. V., Salisbury, Md.
Graham, J. T., Nassau, Del.	Travers, Alonzo, Queenstown, Md.
Hanby, S. L., Lincoln, Del.	Thornton, J. H., Henderson, Md.
Hudson, John A., Seaford, Del.	Watson, Merle M., Wyoming, Del.
McClintock, W. L., Bozman, Md.	Wood, David, Crumpton, Md.
McCorkle, F. K., Cherry Hill, Md.	

Local Deacons.

Campbell, David T., Pittsville, Md.	Walraven, E. D., Sudlersville, Md.
Conner, R. G., Marydel, Md.	Wiley, J. H., Secretary, Md.
Fosnocht, W. E., Mt. Lebanon, Del.	Layton, J. E., Hollyoak, Del.
Kirby, R. L., Elliott, Md.	Wright, E. N., Georgetown, Del.

LICENTIATES.

Adams, W. H., Wilmington, Del.	Cook, C. W., Jr., Wilmington, Del.
Aiken, Edward, Bridgeville, Del.	Cooper, James, Tilghman, Md.
Alfree, W. B., Holly Oak, Del.	Covington, Henry, Centreville, Md.
Allen, Geo. S., Crapo, Md.	Crockett, Carey, Tangier, Va.
Anderson, John, Salisbury, Md.	Cursey, Ellwood, Pocomoke City, Md.
Atwell, J. H., Seaford, Del.	Davis, Harold, Newark, Del., R. D.
Ayers, McCall, Chestertown, Md.	Derrickson, E., Frankford, Del.
Baker, David W., Dagsboro, Del.	Dix, Wm. J., Crisfield, Md.
Bennett, C. I., Mardela Springs, Md.	Dougherty, Geo. W., Wilmington, Del.
Boulden, J. C., Elkton, Md.	Ely, T. B., Wilmington, Del.
Briscoe, W. E., Chesapeake City, Md.	Emerson, Rietta M., Wilmington, Del.
Buckson, W. C., Little Creek, Del.	Ennis, C. Elwyn, Cheswold, Del.
Byrd, E. M., Berlin, Md., R. D.	Fogwell, S. J., Centreville, Md.
Campbell, Miss Emma, Wilmington, Del.	Ford, Walter, Smyrna, Del.
Cannon, C. G., Fishing Creek, Md.	Gault, Edw. S., Chance, Md.
Cantwell, W. S., Cheswold, Del.	Golt, John, Jr., Stanton, Del.
Cason, W. G., Georgetown, Del.	Graham, Albert, Perryville, Md.
Colborn, Arthur T., Secretary, Md.	Herron, S. H., Wilmington, Del.
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III**DAILY PROCEEDINGS****OFFICIAL JOURNAL****FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.**

OPENING:—The Wilmington Annual Conference convened for its Sixty-ninth session in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Salisbury, Maryland, on Wednesday, March 31, 1937, 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.

SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

OPENING:—Conference convened in business session at 10.30 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding.

ROLL CALL:—The Roll was called by the Secretary of the previous Conference. 152 members and probationers answered to their names. Several members were detained because of illness and attendance upon funerals.

ORGANIZATION:—SECRETARY:—On motion of W. E. Gunby, J. R. Bicking was reelected Secretary of the Conference, and he named the following assistants, and they were confirmed: O. A. Bartley and Wm. J. Ennis.

STATISTICIAN:—On motion of W. E. Gunby, J. W. Wooten was reelected Statistician and he named the following assistants, who were confirmed: Sylvanus T. Hamblin, D'Arcy A. Littleton, Walter A. Glass, R. W. Mills, P. E. Reynolds, F. G. Buckley, W. L. McClintock, H. O. Hufnal, Willard Everett, T. O. M. Wills, J. B. Vaughn, R. S. Hodgson, F. A. Baker and John E. French.

TREASURER:—On motion of W. E. Gunby, Wm. H. Revelle was reelected Treasurer of the Conference and he named the following assistants, who were confirmed: V. E. Hills, J. H. Clow, O. H. Connelly, J. E. Parker, H. T. Caldwell, W. H. Kohl, L. L. Powell, Wm. J. McKee, W. L. Beckwith, L. V. Pratt, L. W. Ross, R. G. Conner, J. R. Diehl, F. C. Louhoff, J. E. Layton.

POSTMASTER:—On motion of W. E. Gunby, E. H. Collins was re-elected Postmaster.

INTRODUCTION OF TRANSFERS:—F. L. Hicks and F. J. Pieplow, having recently transferred into this Conference, were introduced.

AREA OF THE CONFERENCE:—The first ten rows of pews were made the Area of the Conference.

UNIFICATION:—On motion of W. E. Gunby, consideration of the Plan of Unification for the three great branches of Methodism was made the order of the day, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

COLLECTION OF REPORTS:—Pastor's reports were collected.

COMMUNION OFFERING:—R. C. Jones announced that the communion offering for the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund amounted to \$43.

W. W. DAVIS:—Dr. W. W. Davis, representing the Lord's Day Alliance, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

RESOLUTION ON MARRIAGE BILL:—On motion of E. C. Hallman the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution On Marriage Bill.

WHEREAS, All of us are interested in any measure that has to do with marriage and have been gravely concerned with the easy marriage situation as it prevailed in the State of Maryland, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By this Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church we register our high appreciation to the Maryland Assembly and to Governor Nice for the passing of and signing the bill requiring forty-eight hours to elapse between the issuing of and the license becoming legal; be it furthermore

RESOLVED, We go on record as being grateful to Senator Wilmer Fells Davis for introducing and working so faithfully for the passage of this bill.

E. C. HALLMAN.

TELEGRAMS TO MARYLAND STATE SENATORS:—On motion of G. W. Dawson, the following telegram was sent to Senator Olin Higgins of the Maryland Legislature: "Wilmington Conference Methodist Episcopal Church unanimously protests licensing of slot machines in S. B. 331."

On motion of G. W. Dawson, the following telegram was sent to Senator Wilmer F. Davis of the Maryland Legislature: "Wilmington Conference Methodist Episcopal Church requests Maryland Legislature to pass S. B. 218."

EXCUSED:—Howard Davis and Conrad Hamer were excused to attend funerals.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

W. A. Wise was requested to preside at the Memorial Service.

A hymn was sung and J. L. Sparklin led in prayer.

The Conference Quartet, composed of W. H. Revelle, O. H. Connelly, J. L. Sparklin, and E. W. McDowell, rendered a selection with C. W. Branford at the piano.

The memoir of Adam Stengle was read by E. L. Hoffecker; that of W. E. Greenfield by W. A. Wise; that of T. F. Beauchamp by Frank Herson. On behalf of the Board of Ministerial Training, a resolution on the death of T. F. Beauchamp was presented by R. P. Nichols. See page 135).

The memoir of W. G. Harris was read by W. E. Habbart; that of J. D. Reese by E. H. Collins.

On motion of J. J. Bunting, the memoir of J. W. Gray was ordered prepared to be read at the next annual session of Conference.

On motion of W. E. Gunby, Leonard White was requested to prepare a suitable memoir for Alfred White, Supply Pastor, to be printed in the Minutes without reading.

The memoir of Mrs. W. F. Corkran was read by Roy L. Tawes.

AFTERNOON SESSION:—On motion of G. W. Dawson, Conference set the Afternoon Session for 2.30 o'clock, when the Memorial Service should be continued.

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

OFFICIAL JOURNAL:—On motion the printed Minutes were made the Official Journal of the Conference.

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

THIRD SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Memorial Service Continued.

Conference reconvened at 2.30 o'clock in the Memorial Session, W. A. Wise presiding. A Hymn was sung, E. C. Hallman led in prayer, and C. I. Carpenter rendered a solo.

The memoir of Mrs. Frank White was read by Omar E. Jones; that of Mrs. Leonard White by D. W. Jacobs; that of Mrs. T. A. H. O'Brien, prepared by Vaughn S. Collins, was read by B. M. Johns; that of Mrs. G. R. Neese by R. C. Jones; that of Mrs. Warren Burr by E. M. Shockley; that of Mrs. I. G. Fosnocht by Tilghman Smith; that of Mrs. Walter W. White by S. B. Bradley.

On motion of D. W. Jacobs the memoirs were adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes.

BISHOP HUGHES:—Bishop Hughes then resumed the Chair.

QUESTION 38:—The Thirty-eighth Question, "Who have died?" was taken up. The Conference arose and stood while the Secretary called the names of those who have died since last Conference. A hymn was sung and the Bishop led in prayer.

INTRODUCTION:—Dr. E. D. Kohlstedt, representing the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

QUESTION 34:—The Thirty-fourth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?" was taken up. E. C. Hallman, Superintendent of the Dover District, J. J. Bunting, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, and W. E. Gunby, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, were called, their characters passed, and each read a report of the work of his District.

The Effective Elders of the Dover, Salisbury, and Wilmington Districts were called, and their characters passed.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:—On motion of E. W. McDowell, Conference ordered an Executive Session for 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

ORDER OF THE DAY—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, in the United Session, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

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

FOURTH SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Conference went into Executive Session.

QUESTION 27:—The Twenty-seventh Question, "Who have been Admitted into full Membership?" was taken up. James H. Clow and Elmer L. Bennett were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented, the Committee recommended, and on motion they were elected to Deacon's Orders, Advanced to Studies of Third Year, and Conference voted to receive them into Full Membership.

John E. Jones was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendent represented, and on motion he was Advanced to Studies of Fourth Year, and Conference voted to admit him into Full Membership.

Louis R. Dennis was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendent represented, and on motion Conference voted to admit him into Full Membership; he was graduated from the Conference Course of Study, and Elected to Elder's Orders under the Seminary Rule.

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

QUESTION 24:—The Twenty-fourth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. The recommendation of Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr. for Admission on Trial was received in due form, and he was introduced.

The District Superintendent represented, the Committee recommended, the Registrar reported, and by formal action he was Received on Trial and placed in Studies of First Year.

GEORGE V. TURNER:—On motion of W. E. Gunby, the request of George V. Turner for permission to become a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church was granted.

SALE OF PROPERTIES:—On motion of E. C. Hallman, the Trustees of the Conference were authorized to sell the following properties:

1. A lot in Redden, Delaware.
2. Tunis Mills Church and lot.
3. Parsonage at Royal Oak, Md.
4. Brown's Church and lot.

On motion of E. C. Hallman, the Trustees of Milford Church were granted permission to sell the chapel in South Milford.

On motion of E. C. Hallman, Conference ordered that when the Brown's Church is sold, there shall be included in the deed a clause to the effect that no public religious service should be held on the ground or in the Church without the written permission of the District Superintendent or some properly constituted authority of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or its legal successor.

On motion of L. E. Windsor, amended by W. C. Poole, Conference ordered that in the case of all properties sold by the Trustees there be included a clause prohibiting the sale of alcoholic liquors upon said property.

On motion of W. E. Gunby, the action of the Trustees, in the sale of Sylmar Church, and turning the proceeds of \$275 over to the Rising Sun Charge to be applied to the construction of a parsonage for said charge was confirmed.

On motion of W. E. Gunby, he was granted the privilege of negotiating for the use by certain parties, of Holden's Church, an abandoned Church near Sudlersville, as long as he may deem it wise and expedient.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS:—On motion of L. B. Morgan the following were elected members of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications for a term of three years: R. C. Jones, Tilghman Smith, M. S. Andrews, and E. P. Thomas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED:—The Executive Session then adjourned.

REGULAR SESSION:—Conference then convened in regular session.

EXCUSED:—A. F. Zimmerman was excused to attend a funeral.

CHARTERED FUND:—The Bishop presented a draft on the Chartered Fund for \$60 which was ordered paid in favor of the Board of Stewards.

BOOK CONCERN STATEMENT:—The Bishop read a statement from the Book Committee concerning time allowed for the payment of Preachers Personal Accounts with the Book Concern.

ORDER OF THE DAY—VOTE ON UNIFICATION:—The Order of the Day, the consideration of the Plan of Unification, was taken up, and on motion of W. E. Gunby, Conference voted to adopt the proposed Plan with all constitutional implications and changes therein by the unanimous vote of 134 to 0.

All ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Methodist Protestant Church who were present, were invited to the platform. Several hymns were sung and Rev. A. L. Franklin of the Trinity M. E. Church, South, Salisbury, and Rev. J. Leas Green of the Bethesda Methodist Protestant Church, Salisbury, led in prayer.

GREETINGS TO BISHOP McDOWELL:—Bishop Hughes conveyed the greetings of Bishop McDowell to the Conference, and on motion, the Secretary was instructed to send to Bishop McDowell the love and greetings of the Conference, announcing to him the unanimous vote of the Conference for the Plan of Unification.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE:—On motion of E. C. Hallman, a special committee of five was ordered for the purpose of doing anything necessary to preserve the Delmarva Peninsula as a unit in the Jurisdictional Conference of the United Church.

DELAWARE RESOLUTION:—On motion of Leonard White, the following resolution was ordered sent to the House of Representatives of the Delaware Legislature:

"We, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assembled in Salisbury, Maryland, representing a membership of 58,761, of which number 28,206 are residents of the State of Delaware, do hereby petition your honorable Body not to pass any legislation for the purpose of liberalizing the alcoholic liquor traffic in the State of Delaware.

We also earnestly petition you not to pass House Bill #267 to

legalize moving pictures and sound pictures on Sunday in the State of Delaware, for commercial purposes.

We wish to express our appreciation to those members of the House whose votes defeated House Bill #181."

COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE SUSTENTATION—ORDER OF THE DAY:—On motion of Leonard White, consideration of the report of the Commission on Equitable Sustentation was made the Order of the Day immediately after the report of the Board of Education on Friday afternoon.

INTRODUCTION:—Dr. C. William Prettyman, representing Dickinson College, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Mrs. E. J. Fuller, representing the General Conference Commission on Evangelism, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

E. M. Conover, representing the Bureau of Architecture of the Home Missions Council, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

STRAWBRIDGE HOME:—The report of the Strawbridge Home for Boys was read by Thos. S. Long, Superintendent, and it was adopted. Mrs. Mary T. Gambrill, J. W. Colona, and E. W. McDowell were elected Trustees of the Home, the Secretary casting the ballot.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS:—After suitable devotions, Bishop Hughes gave an address on the subject of "Heaven."

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: O. E. Jones, E. P. Thomas, J. J. Bunting, W. E. Gunby, and R. P. Nichols. E. M. Shockley was elected to fill the unexpired term of T. F. Beauchamp.

CONFERENCE SESSION:—The Bishop then resumed the Chair and Conference convened in regular session.

ADJOURNMENT:—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, George Emmet Wood pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH SESSION—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING:—Conference convened at 2 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

QUESTION 25:—The Twenty-fifth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Frederick H. Truitt, Vernon M. Goodhand, Frank G. Buckley, Jr., Walter A. Glass, were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and they were Continued on Trial and Advanced to Studies of Second year, the last named being Continued in Studies of Second Year.

Ewell E. Crockett was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and he was Continued on Trial, advanced to Studies of Third Year, and elected to Deacon's Orders under the Local Rule.

Ira E. Crum and Walter L. Beckwith were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and they were Continued on Trial and advanced to Studies of Fourth Year.

QUESTION 29:—The Twenty-ninth Question, "What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. John E. French, Daniel T. Pritchard, and Ray W. Kirwan were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and the first two were advanced to Studies of Fourth Year, the last named being continued in Studies of Fourth Year.

QUESTION 30:—The Thirtieth Question, "What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Richard M. Green, D'Arcy A. Littleton, and T. O. M. Wills were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and on motion they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study, and Elected to Elder's Orders.

QUESTION 31:—The Thirty-first Question, "What others have been elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up. W. E. Fosnocht, R. L. Kirby, and John F. Willis were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and they were Elected to Deacon's Orders under the Local Rule.

QUESTION 36:—The Thirty-sixth Question, "What Accepted Supplies now in charge are taking the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up.

I. The Conference Course of Study

In the First Year

Benjamin L. Lewis, Lawrence L. Knotts.

In the Second Year

Arthur T. P. Hudson.

In the Third Year

Walter E. Fosnocht, Robert L. Kirby, John F. Willis.

In the Fourth Year

Joshua E. Layton, Robert G. Conner, Ernest N. Wright.

II. The Local Preachers Course of Study

In the First Year

None

In the Second Year

None

In the Third Year

None

In the Fourth Year

None

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING:—The Bishop appointed the following members of the Board of Ministerial Training: R. S. Hodgson, R. P. Nichols, O. A. Bartley, Frank Herson, J. M. Kelso, Tilghman Smith, L. E. Wimbrow, E. M. Shockley, E. W. Hennis, L. E. Windsor, M. W. Marine, Leonard White, O. E. Jones, M. S. Andrews, O. P. Jefferson, and E. W. McDowell.

CLARENCE TRUE WILSON:—On motion of Ivanhoe Willis, the Secretary was instructed to send greetings to Dr. Clarence True Wilson.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:—On motion of E. C. Hallman the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolution Concerning Historical Society and Delaware State Archives.

Inasmuch as the Historical Society's trunk stored in the Farmers Bank of Dover is now crowded, and

Inasmuch as we still have many valuable articles too bulky to go in the trunk but need first protection to guard them against destruction,

WHEREAS, The State Archivist of the State of Delaware, Dr. Ryden, has generously offered to permit us to store them in a fire proof safe at no expense to us, with the distinct understanding we can use them at any time and continue to be the sole owner; therefore be it

RESOLVED, We accept this generous offer with our thanks and we do all we can to increase such possessions by turning over to the Historical Society such material as quarterly conference records, church record books that are not being used, local histories and any other items that should be preserved; be it furthermore

RESOLVED, The Historical Society be given the privilege of sending to each and every pastor a questionnaire concerning vital matters as they relate themselves to the history of the local church or churches.

J. M. Kelso read the report of the Conference Historical Society and it was adopted.

LEWES CELEBRATION RESOLUTIONS:—On motion of R. C. Jones the following resolutions were adopted:

"Since the first Methodist sermon preached in America, was preached at Lewes, Delaware, November 6, 1739, by Rev. George Whitefield;

And since, we will soon approach the Two-hundredth Anniversary of that date; be it

RESOLVED, That we celebrate that even by arranging for suitable recognition of this eventful beginning of our Church in the New World, and that this Conference appoint a committee of five to cooperate with a like number, appointed by Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, Lewes, Delaware, and the Groom's Methodist Protestant Church, Lewes, Delaware, to arrange for celebration of this event."

The following were appointed to the committee: E. C. Hallman, O. E. Jones, Howard Davis, O. H. Connelly, and M. S. Andrews.

SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:—The report of the Standing Committee on Social Service was presented by Frank Herson. On motion of O. E. Jones, after considerable discussion, the report was adopted by a vote of 78 to 8.

BUREAU OF BUDGET:—On motion of R. P. Nichols, an apportionment of 1¾ per cent. of cash salary was authorized by the Bureau of Budget.

SUMMER SCHOOL:—On motion of R. P. Nichols the sum of \$525 was authorized for the use of the Summer School of Ministerial Training.

ADJOURNMENT:—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, L. B. Matthews, a retired member of the Michigan Conference, pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

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

JOURNAL:—The Journal of Thursday morning's session was read and approved with certain additions.

The Journal of Thursday afternoon's session was read and approved.

QUESTION 24:—The Twenty-fourth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was resumed. The recommendation of George Homer Murphy for Admission on Trial was received in due form, and he was introduced. The District Superintendent represented, the Committee recommended, the Registrar reported, and by formal action he was Received on Trial, and Placed in Studies of First Year, the rule requiring an Executive Session being waived.

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 motion they were adopted.

On motion of J. M. Kelso, the following were elected Trustees for a term of three years, the Secretary casting the ballot: W. F. Corkran, W. A. Hearn, O. E. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON ACCEPTED SUPPLIES:—The Bishop named the following to the Committee on Accepted Supplies: From Board of Ministerial Training—E. W. McDowell, O. E. Jones, O. A. Bartley, E. M. Shockley, M. W. Marine. From Committee on Ministerial Qualifications—J. W. Colona, L. E. Windsor, Leolan Jackson, R. C. Jones, Tilghman Smith.

GOOD WILL INDUSTRIES:—W. E. Gunby read the report of the Good Will Industries, which was adopted.

BUREAU OF BUDGET:—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, the following were elected members of the Bureau of Budget for a term of three years: J. W. Colona, R. P. Nichols, H. H. Nuttle. O. J. Collins was elected to fill the unexpired term of T. F. Beauchamp.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS:—On motion of F. A. Baker, the following were elected members of the Committee on Conference Relations, for a term of three years: Howard Davis, G. W. Dawson, A. B. Frye, and G. S. Thomas.

INTRODUCTION:—Dr. Young, Manager of Old Elam Home, Ocean Grove, N. J., was introduced and addressed the Conference.

BOARD OF EDUCATION—ORDER OF THE DAY:—On motion of M. S. Andrews, the report of the Board of Education made the Order of the day for Friday afternoon was deferred and made the order of the day Saturday morning after the reading of the Journal.

ORDER OF THE DAY—COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE SUSTENTATION:—On motion of Leonard White, the report of the Commission on Equitable Sustentation was made the Order of the Day immediately after the reading of the Journal Friday afternoon.

QUESTIONS 20, 22, 23, 39:—Questions 20, 22, 23, 39 were taken up with the answer in each case being "None."

QUESTION 21:—The Twenty-first Question, "Who have been Received by Transfer, and From What Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of Frank L. Hicks from the Northern New York Conference, and Frederick J. Pieplow from the New York East Conference.

QUESTION 33:—The Thirty-third Question, "Who have been left without Appointment to attend one of our Schools?" was taken up. Answer: Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr.

QUESTION 37:—The Thirty-seventh Question, "Who have been Transferred, and to What Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the Transfer of Alvin C. Goddard to the Northern New York Conference, that of Wm. M. Nesbit to the New York East Conference, and that of Frank A. Lindhorst to the Upper Iowa Conference.

QUESTION 40:—The Fortieth Question, "What other Personal Notations should be made?" was taken up. Answer: George V. Turner was granted permission to be received into membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, but not into its ministry.

QUESTION 41:—The Forty-first Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?" was taken up. On motion of G. W. Dawson, the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations was adopted, granting the Supernumerary Relation to W. E. Habbart and Ralph L. Minker for the second year, and to R. W. Mills for the first year.

QUESTION 43:—The Forty-third Question, "Who have been granted Leave of Absence?" was taken up. Answer: W. J. McKee.

QUESTION 44:—The Forty-fourth Question, "Who are the Triers of Appeals?" was taken up. Answer: J. W. Colona, Frank Herson, J. L. Johnson, W. A. Wise, and G. W. Dawson. Reserves: Leolan Jackson and O. H. Connelly.

QUESTION 42:—The Forty-second Question, "Who are the Retired Ministers?" was taken up. The following Retired Ministers were called, and their characters passed: 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, 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 and M. D. Nutter. Further call of names was deferred in order to introduce several speakers.

INTRODUCTIONS:—Arlo A. Brown, representing Drew University; Floyd Shacklock, representing Methodist missions in Japan, and Geo. W. Henson, representing Ocean Grove and the Philadelphia Methodist Hospital, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

UNITED SESSION.

The members of the Lay Conference arrived at 11 o'clock and Conference convened in United Session. H. B. Wright, President, C. W. Cook, Jr., Secretary, and O. M. Shockley, Treasurer, were introduced, and President Wright announced the unanimous vote of the Lay Conference for the Plan of Unification.

AMENDMENT:—On motion of the Secretary, the Rules of the Conference were amended as follows:

RESOLVED, That Section III, "Duties and Privileges of Members" of the Rules of Order of this Conference, be amended by the addition of the following paragraph to be known as Paragraph No. 3, to wit: 3. In the United Session during debate, the floor shall not be granted to two members of the same order in succession, except in cases where no one of the other order desires to speak; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the remaining paragraphs of this section shall be renumbered to conform to this action.

QUESTION 2:—The Second Question, "Is the annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement 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 moneys, Funds, etc., are Bonded, and in what Amounts according to the Requirement of the Discipline?" was taken up. Answer: Wm. H. Revelle, Conference Treasurer, \$25,000 during the period of handling

funds received at Conference, and for \$1000 during the remainder of the year; W. A. Hearn, Treasurer Conference Trustees, \$10,000; and Jefferson Cooper, Treasurer Board of Stewards, \$30,000.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:—On motion of Leonard White, the report of the Temperance Committee and the Maryland and Delaware Anti-Saloon Leagues was made the order of the day, after the Board of Education report Saturday morning.

QUESTION 13:—The Thirteenth Question, "What Approved Financial Campaigns are to be carried on in this Conference during the ensuing year, and for what amounts?" was taken up. Answer: W. C. I.—\$4000. Request also made of the Board of Home Missions to grant the privilege of securing designated gifts not to exceed \$1000 for our church at Richardson Park, Del. Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, \$3500.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS:—Announcements were made and the Bishop gave a devotional address entitled, "He shall be like a tree."

ADJOURNMENT:—Conference then adjourned, Harold Paul Sloan pronouncing the benediction.

SEVENTH SESSION—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

UNITED SESSION.

OPENING:—The United Session convened at 2 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE SUSTENTATION:—Leonard White presented the report of the Committee on Equitable Sustentation.

On motion of G. W. Dawson, five minutes was made the limit for speeches in the rebate.

The request of Leonard White that D. W. Jacobs be granted the privilege of the floor to explain the Plan was granted.

On motion of Leonard White, Conference voted to consider the report seriatim.

On motion of G. W. Dawson the section referring to Minimum Salary was adopted.

On motion of Frank White, Plan of Apportionments #3 was substituted for the plan of apportionments submitted by the Commission, along with an amendment by Mr. F. G. Wharton of McCabe Church, Wilmington, requesting the Commission to revise the rates set forth in said Plan in order to raise the necessary funds for the Plan of Sustentation. The report was then adopted as a whole.

DISCIPLINARY PROVISION 675.1:—On motion of Leonard White, the Bishop and Cabinet were requested to construe liberally the provisions in Paragraph 675, section 1, of the 1936 Discipline.

(See Saturday afternoon's Session for Reconsideration.)

INTRODUCTIONS:—Harold Paul Sloan, representing the New York Christian Advocate, and O. G. Marcum, representing the Book Concern, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

H. B. WRIGHT:—The Bishop requested President H. B. Wright to take the Chair.

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

EIGHTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

UNITED SESSION.

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

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION:—The order of the day, the report of the Board of Education was taken up. The report was presented by M. S. Andrews, and on motion of G. W. Dawson, it was adopted together with the following recommendations:

1. That we adopt for the ensuing year the "Counsellor Plan" in Christian Education.
2. That we nominate for Conference Counsellor in Christian Education; F. Douglas Milbury; and district counsellors with authority to name two assistants on each district as follows: Wilmington District, J. Harry Wright; Dover District, M. S. Andrews; Salisbury District, F. A. Baker.
3. That we ask for apportionments to the charges totaling \$1800, a fifty per cent. reduction under last year's asking.
4. That we urgently request our people to support the Rally Day Offering.
5. That we nominate for membership in the Board of Christian Education for the ensuing year the following:

Dover District: E. P. Thomas, O. E. Jones, E. M. Shockley, E. W. Hennis.

Salisbury District: F. A. Baker, Sidney Bradley, W. A. Hearn, D. E. McClain.

Wilmington District: O. P. Jefferson, J. B. Dickerson, J. Harry Wright, O. J. Collins.

Laymen same as last year.

Ex-officio members same as last year.

BRANDYWINE SUMMIT PREACHERS QUARTET:—The preachers quartet of Brandywine Summit Camp, composed of F. A. Baker, J. R. Bicking, C. I. Carpenter and L. E. Wimbrow, rendered a selection.

INTRODUCTION:—F. A. Lindhorst, representing the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, and T. A. Stafford, Board of Pensions and Relief, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

DELMARVA EPWORTH LEAGUE INSTITUTE—YOUTH CONFERENCE:—F. Douglas Milbury read the report of the Delmarva Epworth League Institute and Annual Youth Conference.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE—ORDER OF THE DAY:—The order of the day, the report of the Temperance Committee, was taken up. Leonard White requested permission to defer reading of the report until Monday morning. He then introduced G. W. Crabbe, representing the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, and Ivanhoe Willis, representing the Delaware Anti-Saloon League, who addressed the Conference.

On motion of Leonard White, the following were appointed to serve as directors of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland: J. R. Bicking, G. W. Dawson, Harry Brandford, Leolan Jackson, O. P. Jefferson, and R. W. Hallman.

On motion of Ivanhoe Willis, the following were appointed directors of the Delaware Anti-Saloon League: O. E. Jones, J. L. Johnson, E. M. Shockley, L. E. Windsor, E. J. Winder, Chas. W. Cook.

On motion of J. W. Wootten an offering was taken for the Delaware Anti-Saloon League which amounted to \$98.

BOARD OF STEWARDS:—On motion of W. E. Gunby, the following were elected members of the Board of Stewards: Ministerial: E. P. Thomas and L. E. Windsor, for a term of two years; J. W. Jones, for a term of one year. Lay: Jefferson Cooper for a term of two years; Frank Gentieu and Ralph O. Dulaney, for a term of one year.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEES:—W. E. Gunby presented nomination for members of new committees under the new discipline of 1936. (See list.)

IVANHOE WILLIS:—On motion of Leonard White the Bishop was requested to reappoint Ivanhoe Willis, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Delaware.

BOARD OF STEWARDS:—On motion of L. E. Windsor, Conference set the annuity rate for the ensuing year at \$18 per year of effective service.

On motion of L. E. Windsor, the following resolutions were adopted:

J. Thomas Kinder Resolutions.

RESOLVED, That we hereby express our very great appreciation for the magnanimous gift of Mr. J. Thomas Kinder, of Federalsburg, Maryland, in making the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference the residuary legatee in his will, which has been executed this year and from which we have already received in excess of \$20,000 in cash and first mortgages; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this fund shall be hereafter known as the J.

Thomas Kinder Memorial Fund, and that it shall be included in the list known as "The Memorial Funds for Conference Claimant Endowment."

Dr. Theo. W. O'Brien Resolution.

RESOLVED, That we hereby express our appreciation to Dr. Theo. W. O'Brien and Miss Annie R. O'Brien, children of the Rev. and Mrs. T. A. H. O'Brien, for the gift of \$500 for the establishment of a Memorial Fund in our Conference Claimant Endowment in memory of their father and mother; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this memorial fund be included in the list known as "The Memorial Funds for Conference Claimant Endowment."

AFTERNOON SESSION:—On motion of W. A. Wise, Conference ordered that when Conference adjourned this morning it would be to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Saturday.

STATISTICIAN:—J. W. Wootten read the Statistician's report and on motion of W. E. Gunby, it was adopted, and J. W. Wootten was re-elected Statistician for the ensuing year.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS:—Announcements were made, Miss Sara Revelle sang a solo, and the Bishop addressed the Conference on the subject of "He saved others, Himself He cannot save."

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

NINTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

UNITED SESSION.

OPENING:—Conference convened in United Session at 2.15 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

DELAWARE CONFERENCE GREETINGS:—Bishop Hughes announced the receipt of greetings from the Delaware Conference, meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., and on motion the Secretary was instructed to send an acknowledgment, with reciprocal greetings.

CONFERENCE TREASURER:—W. H. Revelle read the report of the Conference Treasurer, and on motion of W. E. Gunby it was adopted, and W. H. Revelle was reelected Conference Treasurer.

QUESTION 5:—The Fifth Question, "What are the Items and Aggregate of General Conference Benevolences apportioned to this Conference?" was taken up. Answer:

World Service—6560 units.

Episcopal Fund—2½ per cent. of pastor's cash salary.

General Administration Fund—Balance for quadrennium, to be reapportioned to charges.

b. "What amounts are fixed by this Conference as the minimum goals for General Conference Benevolences for the ensuing year?"

Answer: World Service—4000 units or \$48,000.

QUESTION 15:—The Fifteenth Question, "What are the approved claims for the support of District Superintendents, Bishops, and Conference Claimants?" was taken up. Answer:

District Superintendents—Referred to District Stewards.

Bishops—2½ per cent. of pastor's cash salary.

Conference Claimants—See plan in Minutes.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY:—On motion of W. E. Gunby, the sum of \$3500 was authorized to be apportioned to the charges for the City Missionary and Church Extension Society.

QUESTION 19:—The Nineteenth Question, "Where shall the next session of Conference be held?" was taken up. The invitations of Union Church, Wilmington, and Asbury Church, Wilmington, were referred to the Commission on Conference Entertainment.

NECESSITOUS CASES:—On motion of L. E. Windsor, Conference ordered the Board of Stewards to set aside the sum of \$2400 for Necessitous cases.

EQUITABLE SUSTENTATION:—On motion of Leonard White, the vote on the Plan of Equitable Sustentation was reconsidered. On motion of Leonard White, the Plan, with the alternative provisions for making apportionments, was ordered printed in the minutes, final action to be taken at next Conference.

On motion of E. C. Hallman, the name of the Board was made the "Board of Sustentation," and it was continued with the same membership.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS:—On motion of J. W. Colona, Conference requested the District Superintendents to send down the usual Domestic Mission apportionments.

ADJOURNMENT:—Announcements were made and the United Session adjourned, W. A. Wise 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, Louis Reece Dennis, Richard Marshall Green, D'Arcy Ayres Littleton, Theodore Oscar Mitchell Wills.

DEACONS:—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders, and Elmer Larry Bennett, James Herman Clow, Jr., Ewell Emerson Crockett, Walter Emmit Fosnocht, Robert Lee Kirby, John Frank Willis were ordained as Deacons, the last four named under the Local Rule.

ELDERS:—Those elected to Elder's Orders were called and presented and the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders ordained Louis Reece Dennis, Richard Marshall Green, D'Arcy Ayres Littleton, Theodore Oscar Mitchell Wills as Elders.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

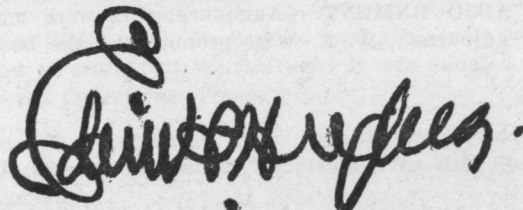
This is to certify that on the 4th day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-seven, I ordained as Deacons:

Elmer Larry Bennett	Walter Emmit Fosnocht
James Herman Clow, Jr.	Robert Lee Kirby
Ewell Emerson Crockett	John Frank Willis

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

Louis Reece Dennis	D'Arcy Ayres Littleton
Richard Marshall Green	Theodore Oscar Mitchell Wills

they having been duly elected to the above orders respectively by the Wilmington Annual Conference. Ewell E. Crockett, Walter E. Fosnocht, Robert Lee Kirby and John F. Willis were ordained under the Local Rule.



Salisbury, Md.

Bishop.

ELEVENTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

OPENING:—Conference convened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions. Louis R. Dennis led in prayer.

JOURNAL:—The Journals of Saturday's Sessions and the Journal of Sunday afternoon's session were read and approved.

S. J. BATTIN:—The following resolutions were presented by J. J. Bunting and adopted by a rising vote:

The members of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church have heard with real sorrow of the death of the Rev. Samuel J. Battin in Salisbury, Sunday, April 4th. Dr. Battin was the presiding elder of the Eastern Shore District of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was present at least at one of our sessions and we had hoped that he might be with us in this final session of our Conference. We send to our sister Church and to the family of Dr. Battin the assurance that we rejoice in his splendid legacy of character and service and that we pray that God's grace may be given in abundance to those who are intimately touched by great sorrow.

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 without reading.

SALE OF CHURCH PROPERTY:—On motion of W. F. Corkran, E. C. Hallman, Superintendent of the Dover District, was instructed to dispose of Severson's Church if it can be separated from the cemetery connected with it. Also to collect funds from the sale of parsonage furniture, said funds to be given to the Conference Trustees.

BOARD OF STEWARDS—AUDITOR'S REPORT:—E. P. Thomas presented the Auditor's Report of the Board of Stewards, and on his motion it was ordered printed without reading.

AUDITOR:—H. B. Kelso presented the Conference Auditor's Report and it was adopted. On motion of E. W. McDowell, H. B. Kelso was re-elected Conference Auditor for the ensuing year.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:—Leonard White read the report of the Temperance Committee, and on motion of J. J. Bunting, it was adopted.

ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS:—E. W. McDowell on behalf of the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors, presented the names of Accepted Supply Pastors and they were confirmed. (See list).

QUESTION 40:—The Fortieth Question, "Who are the Retired Ministers," was resumed. The remainder of the men in the Retired Relation were called and their characters passed.

Conference then continued the entire list in the Retired relation. Greetings were ordered sent G. H. Williams and wife on their 50th wedding anniversary.

BOARD OF STEWARDS:—L. E. Windsor made the report of the Board of Stewards, with figures to be entered under questions 9, 10 and 11. The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards was ordered printed in the Minutes. On motion of E. C. Hallman the Board was directed to issue checks to annuitants on the first day of each month.

CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY:—H. G. Budd presented nominations for members of the Conference Education Society, which were confirmed. See list.

A. W. STRICKLAND:—On motion of G. W. Dawson, representing the Committee on Conference Relations, A. W. Strickland was granted the Supernumerary Relation.

TILGHMAN SMITH:—Tilghman Smith took the chair at the request of the Bishop.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE:—R. T. Thawley presented the report of the Committee on Lord's Day Alliance, and it was adopted.

STATE OF CHURCH:—The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read by F. D. Milbury, and on motion of J. H. Wright, it was adopted.

V. S. COLLINS:—R. C. Jones read a letter of greeting from V. S. Collins, and on his motion the secretary was instructed to return greetings of the Conference.

GEORGE STENGLE:—On motion of R. T. Thawley, the Secretary was instructed to send greetings and love to George Stengle, son of the late Adam Stengle of our Conference, and for many years a faithful reporter of our Conference Sessions.

COMMITTEE ON QUALIFICATIONS OF LOCAL PREACHERS:—W. E. Gunby presented the nominations for members of the District Committees on Qualifications of Local Preachers, and they were confirmed. (See list).

THANKS:—The report of the Committee on Thanks was read by G. E. Sterling and on motion of G. W. Dawson it was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT:—On motion it was ordered that after suitable devotions and the reading of the Appointments, that Conference stand adjourned without date, to be called together if necessary in emergency session.

APPOINTMENTS—Appointments were read, a hymn was sung, and Conference adjourned, the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.

President.

Secretary.

IV DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

A. UNITED SESSION.

1. **Who are the members of the Lay Conference present, and who are its officers?**
(See Secretaries' record for names of members.) President, 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, Conference Treasurer, \$25,000, during the period of handling funds received at Conference, and for \$1000 during the remainder of the year; W. A. Hearn, Treas. Conf. Trustees, \$10,000; Jefferson Cooper, Treas. Board of Stewards, \$30,000.
4. **What are the Statistical and Financial Reports for the year?**
 - (a) From the Statistician. See Statistical Report.
 - (b) From the Treasurer. See Treasurer's Report.
 - (c) Other items. See various reports.
5. (a) **What are the Items and Aggregate of General Conference Benevolences apportioned to this Conference?**
World Service, 6560 units; Episcopal Fund, 2½ per cent. of cash salary. General Administration Fund, balance due this quadrennium to be reapportioned to Charges.
 - (b) **What amounts are fixed by this body as the minimum goals for General Conference Benevolences for the ensuing year?**
World Service, 4000 units or \$48,000.
6. **What Reports and Exhibits are presented by the Conference Boards and Institutions?**
See reports.
7. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?**
No Report.
8. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?**
No Report.

9. **What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**
For Annuity distribution, 2360 years, multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$24 per year, \$56,640. For Necessitous Distribution, \$2400. Total, \$59,040.
10. (a) **What has been received on these Claims?**
From the Chartered Fund, \$60; From Annual Conference Investments, \$12,669; From Pastoral Charges, \$31,962. Total, \$44,691.
 - (b) **How has it been Applied?**
Under order of Stewards. See Report.
11. **What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?**
\$48,372.
12. **What are the Items and Aggregate of Annual Conference Benevolences approved by this body for the ensuing year?**
See question 13.
13. **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 Richardson Park, Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, \$3500.
14. **What is the schedule of Minimum Support?**
Not yet fixed. See report of Board of Sustentation.
15. **What are the approved claims for the support of District Superintendents, Bishops, and Conference Claimants for the ensuing year?**
District Superintendents, referred to District Stewards; Bishops, 2½%; Conference Claimants, see plan in Minutes.
16. **What shall be the Evangelistic and Religious Educational Plan for the ensuing year?**
See report of Board of Education.
17. **What Standing Committees shall be appointed by this body?**
See list of Committees.
18. **What other items of business shall be considered by this United Session?**
See Minutes.
19. **Where shall the Next Session of the Conference be held?**
Invitations from Union Church, Wilmington, and Asbury Church, Wilmington, referred to Committee on Conference Entertainment.

B. ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION.

- 20. Who have had their Credentials Restored without readmission to the Conference?**
None.
- 21. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?**
Frank L. Hicks, Northern New York; Frederick J. Pieplow, New York East.
- 22. Who have been Readmitted?**
- (a) After Voluntary Location.
None.
 - (b) After Involuntary Location.
None.
 - (c) After Restoration of Credentials.
None.
 - (d) After Withdrawal.
None.
 - (e) By Judicial Procedure or by General Conference.
None.
- 23. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**
None.
- 24. Who have been Received on Trial?**
- (a) In Studies of First Year.
George Homer Murphy, Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr.
 - (b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.
None.
 - (c) Exempt from Course of Study under Seminary Rule.
None.
- 25. Who have been Continued on Trial?**
- (a) In Studies of First Year.
None.
 - (b) In Studies of Second Year.
Frank G. Buckley, Jr., Walter A. Glass, Vernon M. Goodhand, Frederick H. Truitt.
 - (c) In Studies of Third Year.
Ewell E. Crockett.
 - (d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
Walter L. Beckwith, Ira E. Crum.
- 26. Who have been Discontinued?**
None.

- 27. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
- (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
Elmer L. Bennett, James H. Clow, Jr.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
Louis R. Dennis, John E. Jones.
 - (c) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.
None.
 - (d) Ordained Deacon, having been previously elected by Conference.
None.
- 28. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
- (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
Elmer L. Bennett, James H. Clow, Jr.
 - (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
None.
- 29. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
John E. French, John E. Jones, Daniel T. Pritchard, Ray W. Kirwan.
- 30. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
- (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
Richard M. Green, D'Arcy A. Littleton, Theodore O. M. Wills.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
None.
 - (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.
Louis R. Dennis.
 - (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.
- 31. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
- (a) As Local Preachers.
Ewell E. Crockett, Walter E. Fosnocht, Robert L. Kirby, John F. Willis.
 - (b) Under Seminary Rule.
None.
 - (c) Under Missionary Rule.
None.

- (d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
None.

32. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

- (a) As Local Deacons.
None.

- (b) Under Missionary Rule.
None.

- (c) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
None.

33. Who have been left without Appointment to Attend One of our Schools?

Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr.

34. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

It was.

35. Who are accepted as Supply Pastors?

Reuben H. Adams, Geo. S. Allen, John C. Boulden, William C. Buckson, David T. Campbell, Charles G. Cannon, Robert G. Conner, Ellwood Cursey, Charles E. Ennis, Walter E. Fosnocht, Harold Fordham, Edward S. Gault, John T. Graham, Samuel L. Hanby, Robert W. Hastings, Ralph W. Hopkins, A. T. P. Hudson, John P. Kelley, Robert L. Kirby, Lawrence L. Knotts, Joshua E. Layton, Benjamin L. Lewis, William L. McClintock, Frank K. McCorkle, Daniel B. Prettyman, Leroy V. Pratt, Charles D. Sharpless, James C. Steen, Arthur G. Thomas, John H. Thornton, Alonzo Travers, Albert I. A. Turkington, John F. Willis, Robert H. Wilson, David Wood, Ernest N. Wright.

**36. (a) What Accepted Supply Pastors now in charge are taking
I. The Conference Course of Study?**

1. In the First Year.
Lawrence L. Knotts, Benjamin L. Lewis.
2. In the Second Year.
Arthur T. P. Hudson.
3. In the Third Year.
Walter E. Fosnocht, Robert L. Kirby, John F. Willis.
4. In the Fourth Year.
Robert G. Conner, Joshua E. Layton, Ernest N. Wright.

II. The Local Preachers' Course of Study?

1. In the First Year.
None.
2. In the Second Year.
None.

3. In the Third Year.
Charles G. Cannon.

4. In the Fourth Year.
None.

- (b) Was the character of each Accepted Supply Pastor now in charge examined?
It was.

- (c) I. Are the District Committees on Qualifications of Local Preachers nominated by the District Superintendents approved?
Yes.

- (c) II. What Local Preachers have completed satisfactorily the studies prescribed?
1. For Deacon's Orders.
Ewell E. Crockett, Walter E. Fosnocht, Robert L. Kirby, John F. Willis.

2. For Elder's Orders.
None.

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

Alvin C. Goddard, Northern New York; Frank A. Lindhorst, Upper Iowa; William M. Nesbit, New York East.

38. Who have Died?

Theodore F. Beauchamp, Joshua W. Gray, William E. Greenfield, William G. Harris, James D. Reese, Adam Stengle.

39. Who have had their Conference Membership terminated?

- (a) By Voluntary Location.
None.

- (b) By Involuntary Location.
None.

- (c) By Surrender of the Ministerial Office and Credentials.
None.

- (d) By Judicial Procedure.
None.

- (e) By Withdrawal.
- (1) To Join the Ministry of another Church.
None.
 - (2) From the Ministry.
None.

- (3) From the Ministry and Membership of the Church.
None.
- (4) Under Complaints or Charges.
None.
40. What other personal Notations should be made.
(3) George V. Turner was granted permission to be received into the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but not into its Ministry.
41. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of year consecutively has each held this Relation?
William E. Habbart, 2; Rufus W. Mills, 1; Ralph L. Minker, 2
Alfred W. Strickland, 1.
42. 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, V. E. Hills, E. L. Hoeffcker, 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. T. Rich-
ardson, V. E. Rorer, C. W. Strickland, E. C. Sunfield, J. W.
Sutton, E. H. Taylor, C. H. Williams, J. H. Wilson, W. A. Wise
G. E. Wood, W. R. Woodell.
43. Who have been granted Leave of Absence?
William J. McKee.
44. Who are the Triers of Appeals?
J. W. Colona, G. W. Dawson, Frank Herson, J. L. Johnson, W.
A. Wise.
Reserves, O. H. Connelly, Leolan Jackson.
45. What institutions and organizations are approved by three-quarter
vote of the Conference for appointment of Ministers in the Ef-
fective Relation with Annuity Claim?
No action taken.
46. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See List of Appointments.

V

APPOINTMENTS

DOVER DISTRICT.

- E. C. HALLMAN, District Superintendent, (P. O. Dover, Del.). (3).
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| Bayside, | Walter Glass (2) | Federalsburg, Md., | F. D. Milbury (2) |
| | (P. O. Sherwood, Md.) | | E. W. Hervis (2) |
| Blades, | O. T. Baynard (2) | Felton, Del., | Hugh B. Kelso (2) |
| | (P. O. Seaford, Del.) | Frederica, Del., | |
| Bozman and Neavitt, | | Galestown, | |
| | (Sup.) W. L. McClintock (3) | | (Sup.) C. D. Sharpless (2) |
| | (P. O. Bozman, Md.) | | (P. O. Seaford, Del.) |
| Bridgeville, Del., | | Georgetown, Del., | |
| | J. C. B. Hopkins (3) | | Omar E. Jones (7) |
| Burrsville, Md. | Ira E. Crum (2) | Georgetown Circuit, | |
| | (P. O. Denton, Md.) | | (Sup.) E. N. Wright (1) |
| Camden, Del., | W. J. Ennis (1) | | (P. O. Georgetown, Del.) |
| Canterbury and Viola, | | Greensboro, Md., | |
| | (Sup.) D. J. Ford (3) | | Tilghman Smith (1) |
| | (P. O. Wyoming, Del.) | Greenwood, Del., | J. H. Clow, Jr. (2) |
| Centreville, Md., | | Harrington, Del., | J. E. Parker (4) |
| | Harry V. Brandford (2) | Henderson and Barclay, | |
| Chestertown, Md., | | | (Sup.) J. H. Thornton (1) |
| | Paul E. Reynolds (2) | | (P. O. Henderson, Md.) |
| Cheswold, Del., | | Hillsboro, Md., | C. W. Spry (2) |
| | (Sup.) C. Elwyn Ennis (1) | Houston, Del., | W. H. Kohl (2) |
| Church Hill, Md., | | Kent Island, | James Langrall (2) |
| | Walter L. Beckwith (4) | | (P. O. Stevensville, Md.) |
| Clayton, Del., | Leon W. Ross (1) | Kenton and Hartley, | |
| Concord, Md., | Louis R. Dennis (3) | | J. P. Landon (1) |
| | (P. O. Federalsburg, Md.) | | (P. O. Kenton, Del.) |
| Cordova, Md., | | Leipsic and Lebanon (Mission), | |
| | (Sup.) Ralph W. Hopkins (1) | | (Sup.) L. W. Savage (1) |
| Denton, Md., | Milton S. Andrews (5) | | (P. O. Leipsic, Del.) |
| Dover, Del.—Wesley, | | Lewes, Del., | A. B. Frye (2) |
| | E. M. Shockley (2) | Lincoln, Del., | |
| Easton, Md., | E. P. Thomas (2) | | (Sup.) S. L. Hanby (4) |
| Ellendale, Del., | | Little Creek & St. Paul's, | |
| | (Sup.) Harold Fordham (1) | | (Sup.) W. C. Buckson (2) |
| Fairlee, | Oren B. Rice (2) | | (P. O. Little Creek, Del.) |
| | (P. O. Chestertown, Md.) | Magnolia and Barratt's Chapel, | |
| Farmington, Del., | | | Robert E. Green (2) |
| | (Sup.) R. W. Hastings (2) | | (P. O. Magnolia, Del.) |

Marydel, Md., (Sup.) R. G. Conner (4)	Ridgely, Md., O. B. Reed (3)
Milford, Del., Frank Herson (11)	Rock Hall, Md., F. C. Louhoff (2)
Milford Neck, Hugh B. Kelso (2) (P. O. Frederica, Del.)	Seaford, Del., J. L. Johnson (2)
Milton, Del., Howard Davis (4)	Seaford Circuit, Roy L. Tawes (2) (P. O. Seaford, Del.)
Mt. Zion, J. L. Johnson (2) (P. O. Seaford, Del.)	Smyrna, Del., J. W. Colona (2)
Nassau, Del., (Sup.) J. T. Graham (2)	St. Michaels, Md., Leolan Jackson (4)
Oxford, Md., (Sup.) A. L. Grey (1)	Sudlersville, Md., C. M. Griffith (3)
Pomona, Frederick H. Truitt (2) (P. O. Chestertown, Md.)	Tilghman, Md., J. H. Gardner (1)
Preston, Md., P. W. Spence (4)	Trappe, Md., (Sup.) D. B. Prettyman (5)
Queenstown, Md., (Sup.) Alonzo Travers (1)	Woodside, Waldo L. Dise (2) (P. O. Wyoming, Del.)
Rehoboth Beach, Del., Conrad Hamer (2)	Wye Mills, Md., G. H. Murphy (1)
	Wyoming, Del., Waldo L. Dise (2)

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

J. J. BUNTING, District Superintendent, (P. O. Salisbury, Md.). (3).

Annessex, (Sup.) L. L. Knotts (1) (P. O. Marion Station, Md.)	Frankford, Del., H. R. McDade (1)
Beckwith and Spedden, E. L. Bennett (2) (P. O. Cambridge, Md.)	Fruitland, Md., S. B. Bradley (3)
Berlin, Md., O. H. Connelly (2)	Girdletree, Md., E. E. Crockett (3)
Bethel, Del., J. H. Whedbee (1)	Gumboro, Del., (Sup.) W. F. Corkran (3) (P. O. Millsboro, Del., R. D. to Gumboro)
Bishopville, Md., R. W. Kirwan (1)	Hebron, Md., H. O. Hufnal (1)
Cambridge, Md., D. E. McClain (1)	Hooper's Island, (Sup.) C. G. Cannon (5) (P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.)
Cape Charles, Va., W. V. Moore (2)	Hurlock, Md., G. W. Dawson (3)
Chincoteague, Va., J. A. Clark (1)	Laurel, Del., W. A. Hearn (3)
Church Creek, Md., D. J. Givan (1)	Mardela Springs, Md., (Sup.) A. T. P. Hudson (1)
Crapo, Md., (Sup.) G. S. Allen (2)	Millsboro, Del., L. E. Wimbrow (1)
Crisfield, Md.: Asbury, J. T. Rowlenon (5)	Mt. Pleasant, Del., J. C. Hanby (4) (P. O. Laurel, Del.)
Immanuel, J. R. Bicking (2)	Mt. Vernon, Md., L. L. Powell (1) (P. O. Princess Anne, Md.)
Dagsboro and St. Georges, F. A. Baker (3) (P. O. Dagsboro, Del.)	Nanticoke, Md., J. E. Jones (1)
Deals Island, Md., H. N. Bailey (1)	Newark, Md., D. T. Pritchard (2)
Delmar, Del., R. C. Jones (4)	Ocean City, Md., Willard Everett (1)
East New Market, Md., A. F. Zimmerman (5)	Ocean View and Millville, W. S. Grant (3)
Elliott, Md., (Sup.) R. L. Kirby (1)	(P. O. Ocean View, Del.)
Fairmount, E. B. Eckhart (2) (P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.)	

Onancock, Va., (Sup.) Albert E. Turkington (1)	Sharptown, Md., R. H. Nelson (2)
Parsonsborg, Md., J. R. Diehl (2)	Smith's Island, Md., W. D. Short (2) (P. O. Ewell, Md.)
Phoebus, Va., G. E. Sterling (5)	Snow Hill, Md., D. W. Jacobs (3)
Pittsville, Md., V. M. Goodhand (2)	Somerset, (Sup.) E. S. Gault (1) (P. O. Chance, Md.)
Pocomoke City, Md., J. W. Wootten (2)	Stockton, Md., G. S. Thomas (2)
Pocomoke Circuit, (Sup.) Ellwood Cursey (2) (P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.)	St. Peters, G. H. Wheatley (2) (P. O. Oriole, Md.)
Powellville, (Sup.) D. T. Campbell (6) (P. O. Pittsville, Md.)	St. Thomas, (Sup.) R. H. Wilson (2) (P. O. Bishops Head, Md.)
Princess Anne, Md., R. P. Nichols (4)	Tangier, Va., J. C. Bolton (1)
Quantico, Md., James O'Neil (1)	Vienna, Md., W. L. Hess (1)
Roxana, Del., C. W. Robb (1)	Westover, Md., (Sup.) B. L. Lewis (1)
Salisbury, Md.: Asbury, G. W. Humphreys (4)	Whitesville, Del., (Sup.) A. G. Thomas (2)
Grace, A. W. Goodhand (2)	Willards, Md., (Sup.) J. H. Andersen (1)
Secretary, Md., (Sup.) J. P. Outten (4)	Williamsburg, Md., (Sup.) J. F. Willis (3)
Selbyville, Del., R. T. Thawley (2)	Zoar, J. H. Whedbee (1) (P. O. Bethel, Del.)

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

W. E. GUNBY, District Superintendent, (P. O., 2705 Harrison St.,
Wilmington, Del.). (3).

Bethel and Town Point, (Sup.) L. V. Pratt (2) (P. O. Chesapeake City, Md.)	Delaware City, Del., (Sup.) Milton H. Keene (1)
Brack-Ex. (Sup.) R. H. Adams (18) (P. O. Elsmere, Del.)	Ebenezer, T. O. M. Wills (6) (P. O. Newark, Del.)
Cecilton, Md., C. E. Davis (2)	Elkton, Md., M. E. Wheatley (2)
Charlestown, Md., F. G. Buckley (1)	Elk Neck, (Sup.) J. C. Boulden (2) (P. O. North East, Md.)
Cherry Hill, Md., (Sup.) F. K. McCorkle (2) (P. O. Elkton, Md.)	Galena, Md., W. G. Barlow (3)
Chesapeake City, Md., H. T. Caldwell (2)	Hockessin, Del., W. H. Revelle (4)
Chester-Bethel, D. J. Moore (3) (P. O. Wilm., Del., R. D. #2)	Holly Oak, Del., (Sup.) J. E. Layton (13)
Christiana, Del., R. M. Green (7)	Hopewell, S. T. Hamblin (2) (P. O. Port Deposit, Md.)
Claymont, Del., F. J. Pieplow (2)	Marshallton, Del., J. M. Kelso (2)
Crumpton, Md., (Sup.) David Wood (3)	Middletown, Del., L. B. Morgan (2)
	Millington, Md., W. M. Parker (1)
	Mt. Lebanon, (Sup.) W. E. Fosnocht (4) (P. O. Wilm., Del., R. D. #1)

Newark, Del., Leonard White (3)	Still Pond and Betterton,
Newark Union,	R. W. Hallman (2)
(Sup.) V. E. Hills (4)	(P. O. Still Pond, Md.)
(P. O. Welden Rd., Wil., Del.)	Townsend and Blackbird,
New Castle, Del., C. N. Jones (3)	D. A. Littleton (1)
Newport, Del., J. C. McCoy (4)	(P. O. Townsend, Del.)
North East, Md.,	Zion Circuit, C. H. Atkins (5)
R. W. Campbell (2)	(P. O. North East, Md.)
Odessa, Del., N. C. Benson (2)	
Perryville, Md., O. P. Jefferson (4)	
Port Deposit and Colora,	WILMINGTON:
J. W. Jones (1)	Asbury, H. M. Parks (2)
(P. O. Port Deposit, Md.)	Bellefonte, (Sup.) J. C. Steen (10)
Red Lion, Del., R. S. Hodgson (3)	Brandywine, O. A. Bartley (4)
Richardson Park, Del.,	Eastlake, C. C. Harris (8)
E. W. McDowell (3)	Epworth, J. E. French (1)
Rising Sun, Md., Frank White (2)	Grace, B. M. Johns (15)
St. George's, Del., J. L. Sparklin (5)	Harrison St., M. W. Marine (2)
St. John's,	Hillcrest, J. B. Dickerson (2)
(Sup.) J. W. Prettyman (5)	Kingswood, W. H. Revelle (2)
(P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	Madeley, J. B. Vaughn (2)
St. Paul's, Md., C. E. Davis (2)	McCabe, F. L. Hicks (2)
(P. O. Cecilton, Md.)	Mt. Salem, L. E. Windsor (2)
Stanton, Del.,	Scott, C. W. Branford (1)
(Sup.) E. H. Collins (2)	Silverbrook, J. H. Wright (2)
(P. O. Marshallton, Del.)	St. Paul's, O. J. Collins (5)
	Trinity, C. H. Hudson (8)
	Union, T. J. Sard (5)

E. C. Prettyman, Superintendent Connecticut Anti-Saloon League, McCabe Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del. (23).

Ivanhoe Willis, Superintendent Anti-Saloon League of Delaware, Marshallton Quarterly Conference. (4).

C. I. Carpenter, Chaplain U. S. Army (1).

W. J. McKee, Year's Leave of Absence.

Left Without Appointment to Attend School, M. E. Wheatley, Jr. (1).

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.

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REPORTS

(a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

DOVER DISTRICT.

E. C. HALLMAN, Superintendent.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:—

In the year 1871, two presiding elders timidly ventured to report their districts. For the first time in the history of our Conference such reports were published in the Minutes of that year. The report of Dr. Thompson for the Dover District, was a document of only two hundred and eight words. Evidently these reports were well received for they became a regular feature of the Conference sessions and were annually published in the Minutes. These reports gradually lengthened until some sharp criticism of their volume resulted in an experiment by Dr. T. S. Williams in 1880, of simply tabulating the facts in a report of less than one hundred words and twenty two figures. A storm of protest swept the Conference. The following year Dr. Williams' report covered two and a half pages. Since then the reports of the superintendents have been a part of the business of the Conference and are, by custom, published in the Minutes. Each Cabinet has determined its own style of reporting. Methods of varying degree have been used to convey the facts. However, in each and every report, you will find this in common—there is history and philosophy, prophecy and protest. The Church now senses the fact these reports are both a thermometer and a barometer. Here is a gauge to determine the spiritual glow of the day and an instrument to measure the pressure from without. In conformity to custom and with a keen desire to register our appreciation of as fine a group as heart could wish, we submit this, our fourth annual report.

Three times has death's sombre shadow fallen on the homes of our official family. Early in the summer, that princely christian gentleman, T. F. Beauchamp, was forced to seek medical aid. For weeks he struggled against the ebbing tide of health. Unable to rally from the shock of an operation, he laid his weary head on Morpheus' bosom and awoke in the heavenly home. In November, the beloved wife of our faithful pastor of Little Creek, Mrs. Alice Buckson, heard the call to come up higher. Though her memory had been clouded for some time, she had been considerate and loving, true to her conception of the eternal verities, and understood the Master's summons and obeyed. Late in February, our venerable retired brother, J. D. Reese, surrounded by love and skilled care, was unequal to the double assault of old age and disease, and was taken to the Christ he loved and preached. These, like Enoch of old, were not, for God took them.

Whenever a bishop reads the list of appointments, each superintendent feels like shouting the *te deum* of praise because the day of stress and strain is over for the time. He is also aware that the year is likely to force him to make certain adjustments, more difficult than the usual run of appointments, because the field of choice is limited. This year was no exception to the general rule. Federalsburg was the first to open. In May, C. Irving Carpenter was commissioned as a chaplain in the Army. To fill this vacancy we removed F. D. Milbury from Wyoming and assigned him to Federalsburg, securing the service of Waldo Dise for Wyoming. Brother Beauchamp's death resulted in the appointment of L. E. Poole to Greensboro. Ill health forced him to resign the Charge in January and since then C. W. Strickland has occupied the pulpit. In October, J. G. Lynn, a supply, requested me to release him as pastor of Farmington so that he could enter business somewhere near Harrisburg. Hunting around we discovered another supply, R. W. Hastings, and told him to dig in and do his best. He has followed instructions. Desirous of enlisting extra helpers, he went to Laurel and persuaded a little lady to assist him to manage the affairs of Farmington—and life. These appointments have proven providential.

In studying the reports of the superintendents, covering the period from 1871 to our day, one is struck with two dominant notes that seem to run through them like a silver thread. The glow of pride in the sweeping revivals, and the frantic waving of the red flag, whenever the evil forces encroach upon the rights of the public. One keen observer, having studied the results of revivals in reference to increase in membership has this to say, "The leakage is not in the arteries but in the veins." A careful check-up on our day would reverse the saying. We conserve but we do not have the number of converts to work upon as they did in those days. The scarcity of genuine revivals has given some of us grave concern. May I point out certain factors in this situation. Our clergy, in these past few decades, have been debating certain issues and have failed to indoctrinate our people in reference to sin and its effect, salvation and its rewards. How are we to get a man to repent of his sins if he thinks he is a saint? Or by what processes will we persuade a man to go to the altar as long as there is in his mind the thought he is as good, if not better, than the ones around the altar? Thus the failure of our clergy to indoctrinate our people in these verities is partially responsible for the dearth of altar fruits. But this is not all of the story. The history of the early Methodist Church is the story of a continuous laymen's revival. There were very few clergymen in that epochal evangelistic upheaval. As the settled pastorate became more and more efficient, there began a corresponding decrease in lay responsibility for the seeking of souls to repent and be saved. This continued until now there is the side-line view of the rooster membership rather than the carefully trained player co-operating with the pastor in bringing to pass the great need of any church at any time. Hence all of the responsibility for the depression of spiritual interest in this department of church life can not be laid to the ministry. There is still another angle to this situation. During the last great war, we goose-stepped so much we became nauseated with anything that resembled mass movement. As a consequence we became high individualists.

The Church, not sensing the change, has been attempting to serve a new day with old methods or sensing the new need of personal evangelism was not quite willing to pay the heavy cost of going into the byways and hedges and compelling them to come in one by one.

Then came the realization we were being smothered by a materialistic crust that needed to be cracked at all costs. Consciously or instinctively, we began to call spades by their true name. We started an intensive battle against the rising tide of evil, especially as it had to do with rum, gambling and other vicious sins. The need of cooperation brought about again the mass movement and regimental thinking. The ushering in of the old type of evangelism where men rush to the altar and seek the pardon of their sins, is being manifested in more than one charge this year. Magnolia, Kent Island, Sand Hill, Burrisville (where we opened a closed church with scores converted) and other places, will but indicate this type of action is coming to the fore again. We have had five hundred and eighty nine conversions.

Invariably the older reports frantically wave the red flag whenever they mention the temperance issue. If ever that flag needed to be frantically waved this is the day. Counties have gone into the business of sending boys and girls to hell; states have been thrusting the saloon in the midst of our business districts and adjacent to our schools and church in spite of our desire or protest. The Nation rests upon broken promises, and heartless murder is increasing in the mixing of alcohol and gasoline.

The gambling fever is in the blood of the race. It is not something new. It breaks out ever so often. It modifies its form from time to time. The thing that is new to our day is the attempt to dress it up in the garb of respectability. The over-spending by legislatures on pet ideas has caused a tax hungry crowd to seek and capitalize on any thing that will bring immediate dollars without burdening the constituents. Hence we have had a flood of bills designed to legalize different types of gambling. They will never cease until we send our ultimatum to the polls and tell them with ballots we do not propose to stand for Judas gold to run our Country. This has been a strenuous year fighting these things and were it not for our friends in the legislatures who cannot be influenced to commit themselves on traded votes or intimidated, we should now be swamped.

We have watched with intense interest the vote on Unification. Already two of the three Churches proposing merger, have passed a constitutional majority. The other, from all reports, will undoubtedly join in the victory march. The Methodist Protestants set the pace and were first to cross the line. Our own Church has now sufficient votes to carry us over the goal. This would continue to be true if every remaining vote should be cast on the negative side. We are delighted with this overwhelming victory for Unification. The Commission should have the gratitude of all three Churches for bringing to us such a wise and efficient plan as to merit this vote of confidence.

In studying the Plan of Unification as it relates itself to our Conference we should face calmly and courageously certain factors. Unification to the north or south of us is not the same problem it is in these border Conferences. Here is the real testing ground of its workability. It is taken for granted where one of the merging churches is predominantly

outstanding, the problem is simple as compared to the territory where there has been friction in the yesterdays, where rivalry has not ceased and where overchurched communities with overlapping congregations are still a plague. It will take a steady hand, a clear brain and a diplomatic general to bring these units together. We must ever keep before us the idea that no one church is absorbing another or that any church is being swallowed by the others, but that all of us are marching into a brand new organization. This new organization is to grant equality to all, each uniting society is to be safe-guarded until such times as the minority groups realize we are one in spirit and in truth. Each must be willing to give and take, ever seeing the future instead of looking back upon the past. It can, and indeed must be, a spiritual merger rather than a jamming or joining of unrelated factors. This is to be a spiritual wedding. The children of this union are to be strong sons and daughters of a mighty host—The Methodist Church.

Selfishness can readily kill this fine movement. Therefore it is with a sense of danger we face the issue of boundaries. The plan as is, will divide this Peninsula. All south of the Maryland-Virginia line are to go to one Jurisdiction, and all north will go into another. No plan can be so perfect as to foresee all these details. I am for the plan if it divides the Peninsula into several units. However, it seems to me, we have the constitutional right to express our desire for a continuing of our entity. We can insist, providing it does not endanger the entire plan of Unification by bringing a flood of bills to do the same thing, that an enabling act be passed by the Uniting Conference to keep intact the Delmarva Peninsula, a territory that is homogeneous and by geography should be one unit. Here is one of the richest Methodist territories in the world. At least this is worth thinking about and striving for.

The Million Unit Fellowship movement has not been intensively cultivated in our Conference, due to the fact it was launched after our Conference session and none of us felt we had the authority to send the quotas to any charge until the Conference had accepted the same. We did ask our men to increase the World Service giving for this year fifteen percent over the giving of last year. I am happy to report many charges made considerable advances. There were thirty seven charges reporting increases. The percent gain over last year is ten and one-half percent. When you take into consideration the fact we have increased the conference claimants fund one thousand dollars and the episcopal fund seventy nine dollars, paying on old debts eight thousand four hundred and thirty dollars and for improvements eighteen thousand, six hundred and two dollars, we feel this is a distinct gain in the finances of the District. No one cause has suffered but all show healthy gains of a steady type and character. The laymen and pastors should be heartily commended for this fine showing.

Many churches expanded in improvements this year. Sherwood on Bayside Charge refinishes the interior of the Church; Bridgeville redecorates and places a new roof on the Church; Church Hill reshingles the outside walls of the Church; Fairlee places a roof on Church and makes other improvements; Frederica redecorates the Sunday School room and buys new chairs for same; Georgetown Circuit repairs the only remaining

Church that has not been improved by the present Pastor; Lewes installs new oil heating system in the parsonage; Barratt's Chapel was forced to fight termites at considerable expense; Nassau takes an old dilapidated parsonage and by the magical touch of genius makes it into a thing of pride; Preston installs a new oil burner furnace in the Church; Ridgely was forced to do something in regard to heat, so bought a new furnace; Seaford has spent considerable on improvements; Smyrna installed two oil furnaces; St. Michaels has redecorated the Church; Tilghman installs an oil burner, and other lesser improvements are numerous over the District. The total for improvements as stated above being \$18,602.00.

The various organizations of the District are in a healthy condition. The Womans Home and Foreign Missionary Societies are doing more than raising money. They are the best informed group in reference to missions we have in our midst and the inspiration and information they furnish the Church in these fields can not be estimated in dollars and cents. The Ladies Aid Societies are very active and have been, as usual, the backbone of many an enterprise. The District Ladies Aid is composed of all the Presidents of all the Aid Societies of the entire District. They very efficiently look after the District Parsonage. They keep the Parsonage in excellent condition. The Epworth League is finding its rightful place in our work. It is doing an excellent work wherever efficiently manned. The District Epworth League Convention, the Epworth League Institute and the Youth Conference were well attended and efficiently managed. They are a power for good in our Conference. Our Religious Education program has not been vigorously functioning, but it has not been idle. The numerous Daily Vacation Bible Schools, the mission study classes and the local schools of religious training have been a source of joy. The Christian Advocate has met with much favor. The increase in subscriptions brings joy to the Editor and many others.

May I close this report by expressing my personal feeling of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for health, friendship, and the glorious privilege of working in a day that is formative and fierce.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

J. J. BUNTING, Superintendent.

For the third time in a decade Asbury Church, Salisbury, Maryland, lifts up the gates of her temple and bids the Wilmington Conference welcome in its sixty ninth annual session. Asbury Church plant is equal to every need. Space, equipment and location are in happy relationship for convenience and comfort, and for the coming and accommodation of the Methodistic following, and the general public.

There is more than the material in this welcome. As church folks, and town citizens Salisburians rejoice in visitors. This city is the commercial center of the lower Delmarva Peninsula, and public gatherings here are numerous. This congregation has many sons and daughters of the founders, who lend a rich charm of tradition to the church atmosphere: comple-

mentary to that a constant inflow of population brings new ideas as well as new faces. 'Tis true that free entertainment is gone, yet there remains the warm heart, which is the soul of Methodism. This is our Conference home. You are received in joy by the pastor, officials and membership of this great church.

At the 1936 session the appointment list was barely completed in time for reading before adjournment. Divers causes have kept the Superintendent of the Salisbury District making appointments all the year. Ellwood Cursey, a local preacher in this church, was appointed to Pocomoke Circuit. V. M. Goodhand moved from Crapo to Pittsville, following Waldo Dise, who ascended to the Dover District. George S. Allen filled the vacancy at Crapo. The popularity and success of these pastorates justify the assignments. Cambridge pulpit, made vacant by death, has been supplied by preachers in the ministry of many churches. For two months after Christmas Laurel pulpit was filled by the Pulpit Committee working in conjunction with the superintendent. Attendance and income were well sustained in both of these large churches.

Affliction and death broke our ranks. The invasion began early. As the last session was closing its affairs Mrs. W. F. Corkran closed her eyes on things terrestrial that she might behold the celestial and the glory of Him who rules both. She had served more than a half century in the effective ministry and her life was blessed with fourscore and three joyful years. Immediately after Conference 1936 the vigorous and healthy body of William G. Harris began to weaken, and he was weary. In the month of June local physicians and specialists at the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia pronounced his ailment malignant high blood pressure. There was no hope. The struggle lasted four months. Zion Church fondly and affectionately watched and wept and rendered all that devotion could give, or mind devise. His wife seldom left his bedside. She made the most heroic and hopeful stand against the merciless march of death we have ever seen, not yielding to stoic despair, nor uncontrolled emotions. In the morning of October the 10th he spoke his last rational words of tenderness to his daughters. Life ended on the sixteenth, and on Sunday following the people of Cambridge with flowers, tears and grateful hearts honored him in a funeral service that was worthy of a King. He was more;—the Shepherd of their souls.

On December 20th Mrs. Belle V. White left her instruments of music to join that host which worships God in eternal song and praise. She had been a widow for thirteen years, making her home in Salisbury.

"These died in the faith." They left their courage and skill to those who can get them. So they passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for them on the other side.

Rev. A. F. Zimmerman was hastened to the Cambridge Hospital in early summer. For a while his life hung in the balance, but a skilled surgeon and good nursing saved him. After an absence of seven weeks he was back in his pulpit and has enjoyed the best year of his ministry.

Last September Rev. A. L. White found the going too much for his age and strength, and asked to be released from the work at Hebron. Mrs. J. H. Whedbee spent much of last spring in hospitals seeking improved health. A serious major operation was performed to save the life of Mrs.

D. A. Littleton. She was under direct care of her surgeon for a month, and two more months were required for complete recovery. After Christmas Rev. W. A. Hearn made a trip of six weeks to Wilkes Barre Hospital. We rejoice in the skill and success of the operation. There was much sickness, but only these five were critically ill.

In recent years a great deal has been written about the depressed economic conditions: hurricanes whose vacuum sucked up the prosperity of land and water, droughts which blistered the earth with pain and poverty, winters whose frost paralyzed all lucrative trade and enterprise. This year we can neither plead nor offer alibis because of social or climatic conditions. All plantings have not yielded one hundred fold, but fields and markets, seas and seasons have joined the earth in kindness to our people. These better times have reached all the churches of the district. As the field brought forth its increase, the sea was abundant in its fatness. Watermen gathered wealth in their nets, and farmers sold tomatoes at such fancy prices that this fruit was known as "red-gold." The summer smiled from beginning to end and never once frowned in blast or tempest; winter was so mild that Tangier Sound smiled, and rippled in laughter throughout January and February—almost forgot the prolonged misery of a year ago. Surplus money has accumulated in our banks in such astronomical figures, until it would be wise for Methodists to recall the admonition of our founder: "Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can." What is the result? More automobiles than ever. There have been periods when dealers could not supply their trade. Congested market places to buy the baubles and tinsel of ten cent stores, and of fashion. Sumptuous faring everyday! We dislike to disagree with E. Stanley Jones, be it ever so mildly, but we do say that we see the half that is stuffed but the starved are not on this district. Here we may profitably remember another word. "Jeshurun waxed fat; then he lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation," and "sacrificed unto devils, not to God." Opposite to those who see in better times only an opportunity to satiate the sensuous nature of man, are others who have paid their debts, beautified the House of God, shared liberally with those who serve the altars, and given of their wealth to send the gospel-bearers to the uttermost parts of the earth.

To what extent has enlargement of income and wealth been shared with God for the support and growth of His Church? A year ago I reported \$2275 increase in pastors' salaries. For the year now closing advances at five other charges, Mt. Pleasant, Pocomoke City, Grace (Salisbury), Sharptown, and Smith's Island, amount to \$1300. Advances effective next year total \$1975. Increases registered in these two years reach \$5550. If pro-rating is observed ministerial support has climbed up \$6750. Only one charge reduced the pastor's salary. These amounts do not reveal all that has been accomplished. At many points officials felt compelled to restrict immediate distribution in order that accumulated deficits of ultra depression years might be liquidated.

Twelve months ago the curve of World Service almost ceased its downward trend. Three dollars more from each charge would have turned it upward. The superintendents individually, and as a unit, labored at this point. In Quarterly Conference discussions, and at preaching services

emphasis was brought to bear on this world enterprise. Following the General Conference instruction was circulated about the Million Unit Fellowship Movement. An increase of not less than fifteen per cent over last year has been constantly urged. A few months back many feared that paragraph 953 of the 1936 Discipline might conflict with larger giving to our General Boards. Our misgivings were not well grounded. Unless all signs and forecasts fail, the retreat has been turned into a victory. The dismal day of decreases is at twilight; the sky is red. There is fair weather tomorrow.

No large building project rises on the district, but necessary improvements are up-to-date. As with pastoral support, and World Service this item is ahead of last year by thousands of dollars. Also money paid on indebtedness surpasses our last annual report. Four charges, Bishopville, Fruitland, Snow Hill and Smith's Island, report building improvements ranging from one to three thousand dollars each. Zion (Cambridge) paid \$2000 on debt; four other charges, Asbury and Immanuel (Crisfield), Deal's Island, and Pocomoke reduced financial obligations in amounts ranging from a thousand to fifteen hundred. The Ladies Aid last year passed everybody; this year they surpassed themselves. Reports aggregated \$22,343.

These amounts may not be accurate to the last digit, but as heretofore stated the trend is what vitally concerns us at this moment. Recovery, reform, regeneration are cardinal objectives with our church. Certainty is established about one of these; better support and material advantage have been repossessed.

Stengle Mission in Salisbury enjoyed a year of growth. It pays \$111 on ministerial support, and \$25 to world service.

Our pastors have stirred themselves and their people in revival efforts. For the most part the pastor was his own evangelist. Decision day, and classes for church membership are now generally observed. Conversions and accessions do not equal those of my former report, however when returns from last Sunday, Easter, are checked the year's ingathering will probably be larger than last.

For the first time in fifteen years the Conference has not employed a director of religious education. Organization and cultivation fell on the shoulders of district leaders and superintendents. Many of our men and women have spent liberally of time and labor, without charge, that this work fail not. Expert persons from our district served on the League Staff in the Institute conducted at Dover last July, and the Salisbury District led in the number of delegates registered. From what I have personally observed I declare that lasting good will result from that Institute.

The District League Convention was held at Pocomoke City November 21st, 1936. We have never seen it on that fashion, or scale. The attendance and spirit would have converted the most confirmed critic of modern youth. The Youth Conference broke its attendance record with nearly four hundred present. Fine! Young men and women of this one district packed the auditorium of our Pocomoke Church—surely four hundred were in attendance. Most of the program was carried on by the youth themselves. At the close of the communion service a host of them dedicated themselves to some phase of Christian service. Rev. J. W. Wooten,

always original in creation and unique in performance, outdid himself in shaping up the banquet. It was not a riotous affair with songs and words out of tune with Christian ideals, but a banquet over which the Master presided. Joyful and edifying. Nanticoke Charge led by J. H. Whedbee captured the District pennant. The Youth Conference was held on another district. Although I could not be present, my household was represented. Distance prevented our attendance equalling the other nearer districts. However nearly a hundred of ours were there, and the largest delegation from any other church was from Asbury in which we are now assembled. Although there was no director, and leadership has been voluntary, these few sentences prove to the Conference and the public that the youth have not been neglected, and that they still gladly hear the voice of Him who is the Savior of all ages.

On the Salisbury District are a large number of small country churches and circuits. Where one or two are connected with a strong town church the pastor can live and carry on, but where a circuit is composed of only small societies ministerial support is out of the question, and pastoral existence is an acute problem. Eighteen such charges pay \$1000 or less. Transportation by motor has aggravated this rural condition. In the horse and buggy days the salaries were only slightly less than now. Then the original outlay for horse and vehicle was hardly a third the cost of the modern low-priced car. The horse was an object of consideration, and most of its feed was willingly donated by the farmers. But farmers do not grow gasoline, and the pastor pays 100% for his transportation. In not a few communities his car is the public ambulance. Another perplexity is that most of these outlying churches ask for, even demand, morning worship. Wander-lust has infected our people. They inquire why they may not go visiting, resorting, sight-seeing as well as their urban brothers whose churches regularly conduct their services in the forenoon.

Again the car enters the picture. It has made it possible for the young people to cover long miles and surrender to the beguilements of the commercial amusements and vices of larger towns, and thus forsake their church and its social functions.

Generally speaking our church leaders, particularly the staff members of the Boards of Home Missions and of Education are not unmindful of these conditions, and future forebodings therein. Ways and means have been devised and applied, and in them all there is some virtue. However we feel that no approach will be effective unless the way is prepared and the method sustained by evangelism. The background of rural Methodism is the revival meeting; the Bible is the most read book; the families are larger and there is more of emotion and affection. Revivalism may not be the solution of the country church as it was fifty years ago, but it is the most constructive supplement to carefully devised methods of this day.

Abandonment of these churches implies losses painful to consider. Again Rachel would weep. Replenishment of membership in the more self-sufficient churches traces back to the countryside. Paganism will possess the youth of the soil if no longer they hear on the clear Sabbath morning the bell in the valley by the wildwood, and the spiritual morale of every age will droop and die.