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## CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL

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| 1876 Wilbur F. Corkran      | 1903 Walter E. Gunby     |
| 1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker    | 1903 William E. Habbart  |
| 1883 Vaughan S. Collins     | 1904 Edward J. Bond      |
| 1884 William A. Wise        | 1904 Joseph A. Buckson   |
| 1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield   | 1904 John M. Kelso       |
| 1886 George E. Wood         | 1904 Edwin B. Taylor     |
| 1886 William R. Mowbray     | 1905 Lewis B. Morgan     |
| 1887 James H. Wilson        | 1905 Daniel J. Ford      |
| 1889 Vinal E. Hills         | 1905 Jesse C. McCoy      |
| 1890 Melvin D. Nutter       | 1905 Howard R. McDade    |
| 1890 Virgil E. Rorer        | 1905 William R. Woodell  |
| 1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan    | 1906 John L. Sparklin    |
| 1891 George P. Jones        | 1906 Benjamin M. Johns   |
| 1892 Clarence W. Strickland | 1907 William H. Briggs   |
| 1893 John P. Outten         | 1907 Tilghman Smith      |
| 1894 Henry G. Budd          | 1907 Oden E. James       |
| 1895 Edward H. Collins      | 1907 John R. Bicking     |
| 1895 Daniel J. Givan        | 1907 William H. Revelle  |
| 1896 Luther E. Poole        | 1907 Ransom P. Nichols   |
| 1896 Leolan Jackson         | 1908 John W. Sutton      |
| 1897 John W. Prettyman      | 1908 Leonard White       |
| 1897 Thomas S. Holt         | 1908 James T. Price      |
| 1897 William O. Bennett     | 1908 Jesse P. Landon     |
| 1898 Omar E. Jones          | 1908 Arthur L. Grey      |
| 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    | 1910 Hamilton P. Fox     |
| 1902 James H. Gardner       | 1911 Oren B. Rice        |
| 1902 Oram T. Baynard        | 1911 David J. Moore      |
| 1902 James W. Colona        | 1911 Charles W. Spry     |
| 1903 Arthur W. Goodhand     | 1912 Olie H. Connelly    |
| 1903 George S. Thomas       | 1912 Charles M. Griffeth |
|                             | 1912 George E. Sterling  |
|                             | 1912 Ivanhoe Willis      |
|                             | 1913 Disston W. Jacobs   |
|                             | 1914 Frank White         |
|                             | 1914 Norman C. Benson    |
|                             | 1914 Marion W. Marine    |

1914	William J. McKee	1928	Robert E. Green
1914	Essell P. Thomas	1928	Frederick C. Louhoff
		1928	James O'Neil
1915	Ralph C. Jones	1928	Alfred W. Strickland
1915	Luther M. Broadway	1928	Roy L. Tawes
1915	Alpha B. Frye		
		1929	Charles I. Carpenter
1916	Roy T. Thawley	1929	Elwood B. Eckhart
1916	Charles C. Harris	1929	Grayson H. Wheatley
1916	Otis B. Reed		
1916	Lester E. Windsor	1930	Henry T. Caldwell
		1930	William J. Ennis
1917	Walter A. Hearn	1930	Frank D. Milbury
1917	Charles H. Atkins	1930	Roland H. Nelson
1917	William S. Grant	1930	Lucian L. Powell
1918	Edmund W. Hervis	1931	Richard M. Green
1918	Robert S. Hodgson	1931	Jacob C. Hanby
1918	Willard V. Moore	1931	William H. Kohl
1918	John T. Rowlenon	1931	James F. Langrall
1918	John W. Wootten	1931	Joseph B. Vaughn
1918	August F. Zimmerman	1931	Theodore O. M. Wills
1919	Earl M. Shockley	1932	Leon W. Ross
1919	John H. Whedbee		
		1933	Joseph B. Dickerson
1920	William L. Hess	1933	Raymond W. Hallman
1920	Ralph L. Minker	1933	Ray W. Kirwan
		1933	D'Arcy A. Littleton
1921	Milton S. Andrews	1933	William M. Parker
1921	Charles E. Davis		
1921	Sylvanus T. Hamblin	1934	John E. French
1921	Frederick J. Pieplow	1934	Daniel T. Pritchard
1922	Charles H. Hudson	1935	Elmer L. Bennett
1922	Wingate D. Short	1935	Frank G. Buckley
1922	Johnson H. Wright	1935	James H. Clow, Jr.
		1935	Ewell E. Crockett
1923	Walter G. Barlow	1935	Louis R. Dennis
1923	Lawrence E. Wimbrow	1935	Waldo L. Dise
		1935	Walter A. Glass
1924	Harry N. Bailey	1935	John E. Jones
1924	Oler A. Bartley		
1924	Oliver J. Collins	1936	Walter L. Beckwith
1924	John E. Parker	1936	Ira E. Crum
1924	Charles W. Robb	1936	Vernon M. Goodhand
		1936	Frederick H. Truitt
1925	Henry M. Parks		
		1937	George H. Murphy
1926	Frank A. Baker	1937	Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr.
1926	Sidney B. Bradley		
1926	Charles W. Branford	1938	Charles E. Ennis
1926	Harry V. Branford	1938	Harold Fordham
1926	Otis P. Jefferson	1938	Edward S. Gault
1926	Preston W. Spence	1938	Robert W. Hastings
		1938	Milton H. Keene
1927	John A. Clark	1938	Leroy V. Pratt
1927	John R. Diehl	1938	Paul E. McCoy
1927	Willard Everett	1938	Brooks E. Reynolds
1927	Conrad Hamer	1938	Charles H. Squires
1927	Harvey O. Hufnal	1938	Joseph Wigglesworth, Jr.
1927	Rufus W. Mills		
1927	Paul E. Reynolds		

## 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.	6
1917	Atkins, C. H.	E Zion Cir. (P.O. North East, Md.)	6
1924	Bailey, H. N.	E Perryville, Md.	1
1926	Baker, F. A.	E Dagsboro, Del.	4
1923	Barlow, W. G.	E Beckwith (P. O. Cambridge, Md.)	1
1924	Bartley, O. A.	E Brandywine (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	5
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E Fairlee (P. O. Chestertown, Md.)	1
1936	Beckwith, Walter L.	D Church Hill, Md.	5
1935	Bennett, E. L.	D Smith's Island (P. O. Ewell, Md.)	1
1897	Bennett, W. O.	R Hurlock, Md.	8
1914	Benson, N. C.	E Odessa, Del.	3
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E Immanuel (P. O. Crisfield, Md.)	3
1904	Bond, Edward J.	E McCabe (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1926	Bradley, S. B.	E Fruitland, Md.	4
1926	Branford, C. W.	E Scott (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1926	Branford, H. V.	E Centreville, Md.	3
1907	Briggs, W. H.	R Elsmere, Del.	8
1915	Broadway, L. M.	R Wilmington, Del.	8
1935	Buckley, F. G.	D Charlestown, Md.	2
1904	Buckson, J. A.	R Rehoboth, Del.	7
1894	Budd, H. G.	R Dover, Del.	8
1909	Bunting, J. J.	E D. S., Salisbury, Md.	4
1930	Caldwell, H. T.	E Chesapeake City, Md.	3
1929	Carpenter, C. I.	E Chaplain U. S. Army	2
1927	Clark, J. A.	E Chincoteague, Va.	2
1935	Clow, J. H., Jr.	D Greenwood, Del.	3
1883	Collins, V. S.	R Wilmington, Del.	10
1895	Collins, E. H.	R Marshallton, Del.	5
1924	Collins, O. J.	E St. Pauls (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	6
1902	Colona, J. W.	E Smyrna, Del.	3
1912	Connelly, O. H.	E Berlin, Md.	3
1876	Corkran, W. F.	R Millsboro, Del., R. D. to Gumboro	9
1935	Crockett, Ewell E.	D Nanticoke, Md.	1
1936	Crum, Ira E.	E Houston, Del.	1
1900	Davis, Howard	R Lewes, Del.	1
1921	Davis, C. E.	E Cecilton, Md.	3
1899	Dawson, G. W.	E Magnolia, Del.	1

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1935	Dennis, Louis R. . . . . E Concord, Md. . . . .	4
1927	Diehl, J. R. . . . . E Parsonsburg, Md. . . . .	3
1933	Dickerson, J. B. . . . . E Hillcrest (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . .	3
1935	Dise, Waldo L. . . . . E Wyoming, Del. . . . .	3
1929	Eckhart, Elwood B. . . . . E East New Market, Md. . . . .	1
1938	Ennis, C. E. . . . . P Marydel, Md. . . . .	1
1930	Ennis, W. J. . . . . E Camden, Md. . . . .	2
1927	Everett, Willard . . . . . E Ocean City, Md. . . . .	2
1905	Ford, D. J. . . . . R Camden, Del. . . . .	4
1936	Fordham, Harold . . . . . E Tilghman, Md. . . . .	1
1910	Fox, H. P. . . . . E Salisbury, Md. . . . .	2
1934	French, J. E. . . . . E Epworth (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . .	2
1915	Frye, A. B. . . . . E Richardson Park, Del. . . . .	1
1902	Gardner, J. H. . . . . E Stockton, Md. . . . .	1
1938	Gault, E. S. . . . . P and D Somerset (P. O. Chance, Md.) . . . .	2
1891	Geoghegan, J. H. . . . . R Newport, Del. . . . .	5
1895	Givan, D. J. . . . . E Church Creek, Md. . . . .	2
1935	Glass, W. A. . . . . D Galena, Md. . . . .	1
1903	Goodhand, A. W. . . . . E Salisbury, Md. (Grace) . . . . .	4
1936	Goodhand, Vernon M. . . . . D Christiana, Del. . . . .	1
1917	Grant, W. S. . . . . E Ocean View, Del. . . . .	4
1928	Green, R. E. . . . . E Harrington, Del. . . . .	1
1931	Green, R. M. . . . . E Hockessin, Del. . . . .	1
1908	A. L. Grey . . . . . E Oxford, Md. . . . .	2
1912	Griffeth, Charles M. . . . . E Deals Island, Md. . . . .	1
1903	Gunby, W. E. . . . . E Wilmington, Del. (D. S.) . . . . .	4
1903	Habbart, W. E. . . . . E Chester Bethel (Wil.R.D. #2) . . . .	1
1910	Hallman, E. C. . . . . E Dover, Del. (D. S.) . . . . .	6
1933	Hallman, R. W. . . . . E Still Pond, Md. . . . .	3
1921	Hamblin, S. T. . . . . E Hopewell (P. O. Port Deposit, Md.) . .	3
1927	Hamer, Conrad . . . . . E Rehoboth, Del. . . . .	3
1931	Hanby, J. C. . . . . E Mt. Pleasant (P. O. Laurel, Del.) . . .	5
1916	Harris, C. C. . . . . E Eastlake (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . .	9
1938	Hastings, R. W. . . . . P Farmington, Del. . . . .	3
1917	Hearn, W. A. . . . . E Laurel, Del. . . . .	4
1918	Henvis, E. W. . . . . E Felton, Del. . . . .	3
1909	Herson, Frank . . . . . E Milford, Del. . . . .	12
1920	Hess, W. L. . . . . E Weldin Road (Wilm., Del.) . . . .	3
1889	Hills, V. E. . . . . R Fairmount . . . . .	1
	(P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.)	
1918	Hodgson, R. S. . . . . E North East, Md. . . . .	1
1876	Hoffecker, E. L. . . . . R Easton, Md. . . . .	21
1897	Holt, T. S. . . . . R Federalsburg, Md. . . . .	27
1910	Hopkins, J. C. B. . . . . E Bridgeville, Del. . . . .	4
1922	Hudson, C. H. . . . . E Trinity (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . .	9
1927	Hufnal, H. O. . . . . E Hebron, Md. . . . .	2
1896	Jackson, Leolan . . . . . E St. Michaels, Md. . . . .	5
1913	Jacobs, D. W. . . . . E Snow Hill, Md. . . . .	4

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1907	James, O. E. . . . . R Baltimore, Md. . . . .	15
1926	Jefferson, O. P. . . . . E Lewes, Del. . . . .	1
1906	Johns, B. M. . . . . E Grace (P. O. Wilmington, Del.) . . . .	16
1899	Johnson, J. L. . . . . E Seaford, Del. . . . .	3
1891	Jones, G. P. . . . . R Mystic, Conn. . . . .	10
1935	Jones, J. E. . . . . E Roxana, Del. . . . .	1
1898	Jones, J. W. . . . . E Port Deposit, Md. . . . .	2
1898	Jones, O. E. . . . . E Georgetown, Del. . . . .	8
1900	Jones, C. N. . . . . E New Castle, Del. . . . .	4
1915	Jones, R. C. . . . . E Delmar, Del. . . . .	5
1938	Keene, M. S. . . . . P Henderson, Md. . . . .	1
1898	Kelso, H. B. . . . . E Frederica, Del. . . . .	3
1904	Kelso, J. M. . . . . E Marshallton, Del. . . . .	3
1933	Kirwan, Ray. W. . . . . E Bishopville, Md. . . . .	2
1931	Kohl, W. H. . . . . E Houston, Del. . . . .	3
1908	Landon, J. P. . . . . E Bayside (P. O. Sherwood, Md.) . . . .	1
1931	Langrall, J. F. . . . . E Kent Island . . . . .	3
	(P. O. Stevensville, Md.)	
1933	Littleton, D'Arcy A. . . . . E Townsend, Del. . . . .	2
1928	Louhoff, F. C. . . . . E Rock Hall, Md. . . . .	3
1905	McCoy, J. C. . . . . E Newport, Del. . . . .	5
1905	McDade, H. R. . . . . E Frankford, Del. . . . .	2
1914	McKee, Wm. J. . . . . Sy. Abroad . . . . .	1
1910	McClain, D. E. . . . . E Cambridge, Md. . . . .	2
1938	McCoy, P. E. . . . . P At School . . . . .	1
1914	Marine, M. W. . . . . E Harrison St. (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . .	3
1902	Matthews, W. E. . . . . R Smyrna, Del. . . . .	17
1930	Milbury, F. D. . . . . E Federalsburg, Md. . . . .	3
1927	Mills, R. W. . . . . Sy. Seaford, Del. . . . .	2
1920	Minker, R. L. . . . . Sy. Wilmington, Del. . . . .	3
1898	Moore, F. X. . . . . R New Freedom, Pa. . . . .	18
1911	Moore, D. J. . . . . E Red Lion (P. O. Bear, Del.) . . . . .	1
1918	Moore, W. V. . . . . E Cape Charles, Va. . . . .	3
1905	Morgan, L. B. . . . . E Middletown, Del. . . . .	3
1886	Mowbray, W. R. . . . . R Lewes, Del. . . . .	13
1937	Murphy, G. H. . . . . P Wye Mills, Md. . . . .	2
1930	Nelson, R. H. . . . . E Sharptown, Md. . . . .	3
1907	Nichols, R. P. . . . . E Princess Anne, Md. . . . .	5
1890	Nutter, M. D. . . . . R Newark, Del. . . . .	9
1928	O'Neil, James . . . . . E Quantico, Md. . . . .	2
1893	Outten, J. P. . . . . R Laurel, Del. . . . .	6
1924	Parker, J. E. . . . . E Tangier, Va. . . . .	1
1933	Parker, W. M. . . . . E Millington, Md. . . . .	2
1925	Parks, H. M. . . . . E Asbury (P. O. Wilm., Del.) . . . .	3
1921	Pieplow, F. J. . . . . E Claymont, Del. . . . .	3
1896	Poole, L. E. . . . . R Snow Hill, Md. . . . .	5
1900	Poole, W. C. . . . . R Easton, Md. . . . .	3
1930	Powell, L. L. . . . . E Mt. Vernon . . . . .	2
	(P. O. Princess Anne, Md.)	

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1938	Pratt, L. V.	E Bethel (P. O. Ches. City, Md.)	3
1897	Prettyman, J. W.	R North East, Md.	3
1909	Prettyman, E. C.	E Wilmington, Del.	24
1908	Price, J. T.	R East New Market, Md.	3
1934	Pritchard, D. T.	E Newark, Md.	3
1916	Reed, O. B.	E Ridgely, Md.	4
1907	Revelle, W. H.	E Sudlersville, Md.	1
1938	Reynolds, B. E.	P Hoopers Island (P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.)	1
1927	Reynolds, P. E.	E Chestertown, Md.	3
1911	Rice, Oren	R Ellendale, Del.	1
1924	Robb, Charles W.	E Vienna, Md.	1
1890	Rorer, V. E.	R Elkins Park, Pa.	6
1932	Ross, Leon W.	E Clayton, Del.	2
1918	Rowlenson, J. T.	E Asbury (P. O. Crisfield, Md.)	6
1910	Sard, T. J.	E Union (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	6
1919	Shockley, E. M.	E Dover, Del.	3
1922	Short, W. D.	E Madeley (Wilm., Del.)	1
1907	Smith, Tilghman	E Greensboro, Md.	2
1906	Sparklin, J. L.	E St. Georges, Del.	6
1926	Spence, P. W.	E Preston, Md.	5
1911	Spry, C. W.	E Pittsville, Md.	1
1938	Squires, C. H.	P and D Girdletree, Md.	1
1912	Sterling, G. E.	E Phoebus, Va.	6
1892	Strickland, C. W.	R Rehoboth, Del.	4
1928	Strickland, A. W.	E Hillsboro, Md.	1
1885	Sunfield, E. C.	R Barnegat, N. J.	17
1908	Sutton, J. W.	R Princess Anne, Md.	2
1928	Tawes, R. L.	E Hurlock, Md.	1
1904	Taylor, E. B.	R Springfield, S. C.	4
1916	Thawley, R. T.	E Selbyville, Del.	3
1903	Thomas, G. S.	R Wilmington, Del.	1
1914	Thomas, E. P.	E Easton, Md.	3
1936	Truitt, Frederick H.	D St. Johns (P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	1
1931	Vaughn, J. B.	E Milton, Del.	1
1910	Wheatley, M. E.	E Elkton, Md.	3
1937	Wheatley, M. E., Jr.	P At School	2
1929	Wheatley, G. H.	E St. Peters (P. O. Oriole, Md.)	3
1919	Whedbee, J. H.	E Bethel, Del.	2
1908	White, Leonard	E Newark, Del.	4
1914	White, Frank	E Rising Sun, Md.	3
1938	Wigglesworth, Jos. Jr.	P At School	1
1912	Willis, Ivanhoe	E Anti-Saloon League (P. O. Marshallton, Del.)	5
1931	Wills, T. O. M.	E Ebenezer (P. O. Newark, Del.)	7
1887	Wilson, J. H.	R Elsmere, Del.	12

	Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1923	Wimbrow, L. E.	E Millsboro, Del.	2
1916	Windsor, L. E.	E Mt. Salem (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1884	Wise, W. A.	R Wilmington, Del.	9
1886	Wood, G. E.	R Dover, Del.	7
1905	Woodell, W. R.	R Seaford, Del.	5
1918	Wootten, J. W.	E Pocomoke City, Md.	3
1922	Wright, J. H.	E Silverbrook (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1918	Zimmerman, A. F.	E Seaford, Del.	1

#### 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	102 W. 30th 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, R. M. Green	Hockessin, Del.
Madeley, W. D. Short	1218 "B" St.
McCabe, E. J. Bond	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.
Trinity, C. H. Hudson	727 East 22d St.
Union, T. J. Sard	507 Washington St.

SUPPLIES.

E indicates Local Elder. D indicates Local Deacon.

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
Adams, R. H.	E Brack-Ex (P. O. Elsmere, Del.)	19
Allen, Geo. S.	Crapo, Md.	2
Andersen, J. H.	Willards, Md.	2
Boulden, J. C.	Elk Neck (P. O. Northeast, Md.)	3
Buckson, W. C.	St. Pauls, Dover	1
Campbell, David T.	D Powellville (P. O. Pittsville, Md.)	7
Cannon, C. G.	D Secretary, Md.	1
Conner, R. G.	E Kenton, Del.	1
Cursey, Ellwood	Pocomoke Circuit (P. O. Pocomoke, Md.)	3
Elliott, Milton	Williamsburg, Md.	1
Fosnocht, W. E.	D Mt. Lebanon, Del.	5
Graham, J. T.	E Nassau, Del.	3
Hanby, S. L.	E Lincoln, Del.	5
Hopkins, Ralph W.	Cordova, Md.	3
Hudson, A. T. P.	Mardela Springs, Md.	2
Kirby, R. L., Jr.	D Elliott, Md.	2
Knotts, L. L.	Annemessex (P. O. Marion, Md.)	2
Layton, J. E.	E Holly Oak, Del.	14
Lewis, B. L.	Westover, Md.	2
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**OPENING:**—The Wilmington Annual Conference convened for its Seventieth session in Union Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, on Wednesday, March 30, 1938 at 9 o'clock, with Bishop Ernest L. Waldorf presiding. The Conference was opened by the singing of a hymn and W. F. Corkran, senior member of the Conference, led in prayer.

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

**SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.**

**OPENING:**—Conference convened in business session at 10 o'clock and in response to the Bishop's question the Secretary of the previous Conference announced that a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

**ORGANIZATION:—SECRETARY:**—On motion of J. J. Bunting, J. R. Bicking was reelected Secretary of the Conference and named as his assistants, O. A. Bartley and Wm. J. Ennis, and they were confirmed.

**RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:**—The following resolutions and motions were presented by the Cabinet and the Secretary, and on motion of G. W. Dawson they were adopted:

1. That the bar of the Conference be fixed to include the first ten rows of pews.
2. That we confirm the Conference officers elected last year, namely, W. H. Revelle, Treasurer; J. W. Wootten, Statistician, and H. B. Kelso, Auditor.
3. That the printed program be the official program for the Conference session, subject to all necessary changes. Each session will begin with a short devotional period with the Bishop's devotional addresses to come at the close of the morning sessions. The ordination service will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

4. That the Secretary read the Roll of the Ministers at the beginning of the Thursday morning session.

5. That the record of the Roll of Ministers and the record of the Roll of Lay Members constitute the Roll of the United Session.

6. That the minutes of the daily sessions be referred to the following committee, E. M. Shockley, D. W. Jacobs, and O. J. Collins, and adopted by the Conference on their recommendation.

7. That the minutes of the daily sessions as kept by the Secretary, when properly approved, be made the official journal of the Conference.

8. That the rules governing the General Conference, together with the rules of the Wilmington Conference be hereby made the rules of procedure for this session of Conference, insofar as these rules apply.

9. The Conference hereby refers the names of all those seeking a change of Relation to the Committee on Conference Relations. This shall not be construed to prevent the presentation in open Conference of cases over which the Conference assumes original jurisdiction.

10. That the Treasurer is hereby authorized and instructed to deposit funds received by him in the Security Trust Co., which bank is hereby recognized as the Conference Depository.

11. That all pastors are strongly urged to present their reports not later than to-day in order that the Treasurer and Statistician may close their books on Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

12. That the Corporate Session of the Wesley Collegiate Institute for the election of ministerial trustees is made the order of the day for Thursday at 12.15 P. M. Other orders of the day to be determined.

13. The following are named as the Committee on Daily Procedure to prepare a daily schedule of items to be considered, and a list to be given to the Bishop and Secretary at the beginning of each session for their guidance: Leonard White, M. S. Andrews, J. R. Bicking, R. E. Green.

14. That the postoffice has been established in the second room to the left of the lower hallway.

15. That the following are made the official press representatives:

For the Church Press, Tilghman Smith,  
For the Secular Press, O. A. Bartley.

16. That the Bishop announces that F. L. Hicks has been transferred to the North East Ohio Conference and that E. J. Bond has been transferred from that Conference to the Wilmington Conference as of March 22, 1938.

**ROLL:**—On motion of J. W. Colona any member present to-day who might be absent tomorrow when the Roll is called may have the record marked present upon notifying the Secretary to the effect that he was in attendance on the Wednesday sessions.

**TREASURER:**—W. H. Revelle named the following assistants and they were confirmed: V. E. Hills, J. H. Clow, O. H. Connelly, J. E. Parker, H. T. Caldwell, W. H. Kohl, L. L. Powell, J. L. Sparklin, W. L. Beckwith, J. E. Layton, L. W. Ross, R. G. Conner, J. R. Diehl, F. C. Louhoff, L. V. Pratt.

**STATISTICIAN:**—J. W. Wootten, Statistician, named the following assistants and they were confirmed: Sylvanus T. Hamblin, D'Arcy A. Littleton, Walter A. Glass, H. O. Hufnal, W. Everett, T. O. M. Wills, J. B. Vaughn, W. L. McClintock, P. E. Reynolds, F. G. Buckley, F. A. Baker, R. S. Hodgson.

**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 and their characters passed.

The Effective Elders of the Dover, Salisbury, and Wilmington Districts were called and their characters passed with the exception of R. W. Campbell whose credentials had been surrendered, Jan. 31, 1938 to W. E. Gunby, District Superintendent. On motion of Dr. Gunby these credentials were received by the Conference, and the name of R. W. Campbell ordered placed under Question 39 (e) 4, "Withdrawn under Complaints."

**PASTORS' REPORTS:**—Pastors reports were collected.

**COMMUNION OFFERING:**—R. C. Jones announced that the Communion Offering for the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund amounted to \$32.

**BISHOP WALDORF:**—W. E. Gunby presented the following resolutions and on his motion they were adopted by a rising vote, Bishop Waldorf responding.

**RESOLVED,** That by rising vote this body express its greetings to Bishop Waldorf who has come to preside over our deliberations, and assure him of our welcome, and pledge to him our kindly and sympathetic cooperation.

**BISHOP HUGHES:**—On motion of W. E. Gunby the following resolutions were adopted:

**RESOLVED,** that the Secretary be instructed to convey to Bishop Hughes our love and greetings and good wishes.

**QUESTION 34:**—The Thirty-fourth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?" was resumed. E. C. Hallman read a report of the work of his District.

**QUESTION 38:**—The Thirty-eighth Question, "Who have Died?" was taken up. Conference arose and stood while the Secretary read the names of those who have died during the year. Bishop Waldorf led in prayer.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**—Announcements were made.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE.**

W. A. Wise was requested to preside at the Memorial Service. A Hymn was sung and W. E. Habbart led in prayer.

The memoir of Joshua W. Gray was read by R. H. Nelson, that of C. H. Williams by L. E. Poole, that of E. W. McDowell by J. J. Bunting. On behalf of the Board of Ministerial Training Frank Herson presented the following resolutions which were adopted on motion of O. E. Jones, and ordered printed in the minutes.

See Memoirs.

The memoir of L. W. Layfield was read by E. C. Hallman, that of J. T. Richardson by L. B. Morgan, and that of J. C. Bolton by H. N. Bailey.

The memoir of J. P. Kelley, Accepted Supply Pastor, was read by Leonard White, and on motion of E. C. Hallman, was ordered printed in the minutes.

The memoir of Mrs. J. L. Sparklin was read by Mrs. W. E. Gunby, that of Mrs. V. S. Collins by B. M. Johns, that of Mrs. L. P. Corkran by C. M. Griffeth, that of Mrs. W. S. H. Williams by O. E. Jones, and that of Mrs. J. P. Wilson by O. P. Jefferson.

Time was extended to complete the Memorial Service.

On motion of D. W. Jacobs, the memoirs as read were adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**—Conference adjourned, E. C. Hallman pronouncing the benediction.

**THIRD SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.**

**OPENING:**—Conference convened at 2.30 o'clock, Bishop Waldorf presiding. Devotional singing was led by Leonard White after which the Bishop led in the Lord's Prayer.

**CHORISTER:**—On motion of J. J. Bunting, R. C. Jones was elected Chorister for the Conference devotions.

**MRS. J. W. GRAY:**—On motion of J. J. Bunting the case of Mrs. J. W. Gray was referred to the Conference Board of Stewards.

**QUESTION 34:**—The Thirty-fourth Question, was resumed. J. J. Bunting, Superintendent of the Salisbury District and W. E. Gunby, Superintendent of the Wilmington District read reports of the work of their respective districts.

**MILLION UNIT FELLOWSHIP:**—Bishop Waldorf gave an informative statement concerning the Million Unit Fellowship Movement.

**BISHOP McDOWELL:**—On motion of J. Harry Wright the Cabinet was requested to prepare suitable resolutions of respect on the death of Bishop McDowell, to be read and printed.

**ADJOURNED SESSION:**—The Cabinet was requested to prepare suitable resolutions looking toward an adjourned session of the Conference for the purpose of electing delegates to the Uniting Conference of Methodism.

**DR. E. J. BOND:**—Dr. E. J. Bond recently transferred to this Conference was introduced.

**SEVERSON'S CHURCH:**—E. C. Hallman reported that it was impossible for him to comply with the request of Conference to sell Severson's church. He also reported regarding the sale of the parsonage furniture.

**INTRODUCTION:**—C. C. Webber of the Methodist Federation for Social Service was introduced and addressed the Conference.

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

**FOURTH SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.**

**OPENING:**—Conference convened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Waldorf presiding. Chancellor J. M. M. Gray led in prayer, and a hymn was sung.

**JOURNAL:**—E. M. Shockley for the Committee on Journal reported, "We have examined the Journal of Wednesday's Sessions and it is correct." The report of the Committee was adopted.

**ROLL CALL:**—The Secretary called the Roll and 151 responded to their names. He then called the roll of Accepted Supply Pastors.

**EXCUSES:**—On motion of G. W. Dawson, any member of the Conference finding it necessary to be absent from Conference, was granted that privilege without further action of the Conference.

**QUESTION 34:**—The Thirty-fourth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?" was resumed. E. C. Prettyman, Ivanhoe Willis, C. I. Carpenter, in detached service; W. J. McKee on Leave of Absence and M. E. Wheatley, Jr., attending school, were called and their characters passed.

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

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

On motion of R. P. Nichols, D. W. Jacobs, and M. S. Andrews were reelected to the Bureau of Budget for a term of three years.

**BARRATT'S CHAPEL GAVEL:**—W. E. Gunby presented to Bishop Waldorf a gavel made from lumber taken from Barratt's Chapel, and fashioned by C. H. Atkins, the donor.

**BISHOP McDOWELL:**—On motion of E. C. Hallman the following resolutions were adopted by rising vote:

#### RESOLUTIONS.

William Frazier McDowell.

WHEREAS, that princely Christian gentleman and church statesman, Bishop William Frazier McDowell, has marched up the Appian Way of Glory and

WHEREAS, he oftimes expressed his love for us, not only in word but in deed, ever willing to respond to our calls and was continually sending his messages of good will and affection

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, we register our deep love for him and record our very high esteem of his worth and character and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is our opinion the Methodist Church and all other branches of the Christian Church have lost a champion for right and a saintly friend.

**ADJOURNED SESSION:**—On motion of E. C. Hallman the following resolution was adopted.

"Moved that when we adjourn we meet at the call of the Resident Bishop, if need be, in an adjourned session on Wednesday June 15, 1938, 9:30 a. m., Dover, Delaware, for the purpose of electing ministerial and lay delegates to the Uniting Conference and any other business that may necessarily come before us."

**DR. ALLAN MacROSSIE:**—The Secretary read a telegram extending the greetings and good wishes of Dr. Allan MacRossie to the Wilmington Conference and especially the Board of Ministerial Training.

**DELAWARE CONFERENCE:**—On motion of W. A. Wise, amended by W. E. Gunby, J. Harry Wright, Preston W. Spence, and A. W. Goodhand were appointed a committee to convey the greetings of the Wilmington Conference to the Delaware Conference and Bishop Brown.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**—On motion of J. Harry Wright, Conference went into Executive Session.

Louis R. Dennis, S. B. Bradley, Roy L. Tawes, John E. Parker, and R. T. Thawley were named doorkeepers.

**QUESTION 23:**—The Twenty-third Question, "Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?" was taken up. Having been properly recommended, Leroy V. Pratt was received on his credentials as an elder in the United Brethren Church into Full Membership and placed in Studies of Third Year.

**QUESTION 24:**—The Twenty-fourth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. Having been properly recommended Charles Elwyn Ennis, Robert Whittington Hastings, Milton H. Keene, Paul Ewing McCoy, Brooks Edward Reynolds and Joseph Wigglesworth, Jr. were Received on Trial and placed in Studies of First Year.

Edward Sidney Gault and Charles Harvey Squires were Received on Trial, exempted from Course of Study under Seminary Rule and Elected to Deacon's Orders.

The motion of V. S. Collins that James Henry Morgan be Received on Trial was lost, and he was not Received.

**QUESTION 25:**—The Twenty-fifth Question "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. George Homer Murphy and Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr. were called, their Characters Passed, and they were Continued on Trial in Studies of First Year.

**QUESTION 27:**—The Twenty-seventh Question, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Having been properly recommended, Frank G. Buckley, Jr., Walter A. Glass, Vernon M. Goodhand, Frederick H. Truitt, were called, their characters passed, they were elected to Deacon's Orders, Advanced to Studies of Third Year, and Conference voted to admit them into Full Membership.

Walter L. Beckwith was called, his character passed, he was elected to Deacon's Orders, in Studies of Fourth Year, and Conference voted to admit him into Full Membership.

Ira E. Crum was called, his character passed, Conference voted to admit him into Full Membership, and he was elected to Elder's Orders, and graduated from the Conference Course of Study, under the Seminary Rule.

Ewell E. Crockett was called, his character passed; he was voted to be admitted into Full Membership and placed in Studies of Fourth Year.

**QUESTION 29:**—The Twenty-ninth Question, "What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. Elmer L. Bennett and James H. Clow, Jr. were called, their characters passed, and they were Advanced to Studies of Fourth Year.

**QUESTION 30:**—The Thirtieth Question, "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Having been properly recommended John E. French, John E. Jones, Daniel T. Pritchard, and Ray W. Kirwan were called, their characters passed, 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.

a. As Local Preachers.

Charles G. Cannon and Arthur T. P. Hudson were called, their characters passed, and they were elected to Deacon's Orders under the Local Rule.

**QUESTION 32:**—The Thirty-second Question "What others have been elected and ordained Elders?" was taken up. Joshua E. Layton, Robert G. Conner and Ernest N. Wright were called, their characters passed, and they were elected to Elder's Orders under the Local Rule.

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

I. The Conference Course of Study

1. In the First Year  
Benjamin L. Lewis
2. In the Second Year  
Lawrence L. Knotts
3. In the Third Year  
A. T. P. Hudson
4. In the Fourth Year  
Walter E. Fosnocht  
Robert L. Kirby  
John F. Willis

II. The Local Preachers Course of Study.

1. In the First Year  
None
2. In the Second Year  
None
3. In the Third Year  
None
4. In the Fourth Year  
Charles G. Cannon

**QUESTION 40:**—The Fortieth Question, "What other Personal Notation should be made?" was taken up.

1. Those whose Orders have been Recognized without Admission to the Conference?

Albert A. Turkington from the Baptist Church, recognized as a Local Elder.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS:**—On motion of L. E. Windsor, Leolan Jackson, L. B. Morgan, Frank Herson, and J. W. Jones were reelected members of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications for a term of three years.

**QUESTION 41:**—The Forty-first Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Ministers?" was taken up. On motion of G. W. Dawson, the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations was adopted, continu-

ing in the Supernumerary Relation, R. W. Mills for the second year, and Ralph L. Minker for the third year.

**CHANGE OF RELATION:**—On motion of G. W. Dawson the relation of W. E. Habbart and A. W. Strickland was changed from Supernumerary to Effective; that of W. J. McKee from Leave of Absence to Supernumerary; that of Howard Davis and Oren Rice from Effective to Retired, the latter two being referred to the Board of Stewards.

**QUESTION 42:**—The Forty-second Question, "Who are the Retired Ministers?" was taken up. The Retired Ministers were called, their characters passed and they were Continued in this Relation.

**GREETINGS:**—On motion of W. A. Wise, amended by E. C. Hallman telegrams of love and good wishes were ordered sent by the Secretary to T. S. Holt and W. R. Mowbray, Retired Members of the Conference who are now ill.

W. A. Hearn presented a set of resolutions drawn up by the Board of Trustees and to be sent to T. S. Holt. Conference voted to join in these felicitations.

**QUESTION 21:**—The Twenty-first Question, "Who have been Received by Transfer, and from What Conferences?" was resumed. The Bishop announced the transfer of A. L. Grey from the Indus River Conference and Hamilton P. Fox from the New Jersey Conference.

**QUESTION 37:**—The Thirty-seventh Question, "Who have been transferred, and to What Conferences?" was resumed.

The Bishop announced the transfer of George W. Humphreys to the Central Pennsylvania Conference.

**COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS:**—On motion of G. W. Dawson, Frank A. Baker, L. E. Poole, Roy T. Thawley, and J. H. Wright were reelected members of the Committee on Conference Relations for a term of three years.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED:**—The Executive Session then adjourned.

**REGULAR SESSION:**—Conference then convened in regular session.

**BISHOP PHILIP COOKE:**—On motion of W. E. Gunby the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, There has passed from among us, Bishop Philip Cooke of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this State, a Christian Statesman and leader of Christian forces, a man of tolerance, and vision and kindly sympathetic, deservedly beloved by his own people and by multitudes of others of other communions;

RESOLVED, That we record our loss and our deep sympathy to the Church he loved, and to the family which mourns the loss.



**INTRODUCTIONS:**—Dr. N. P. Forsythe, representing the Board of Education, Chancellor J. M. M. Gray, representing the American University, and President Fred P. Corson, representing Dickinson College, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

On motion of Leonard White, amended by D. W. Jacobs, conference expressed a desire to cooperate with the American University in its program of endowing a chair in the name of Bishop W. F. McDowell and authorized the American University to communicate with our pastors concerning same.

**AFTERNOON SESSION:**—On motion of Leonard White, the afternoon session to-day was omitted.

**CONFERENCE TRUSTEES:**—On motion of W. A. Hearn, D. W. Jacobs, R. T. Thawley, M. S. Andrews, were reelected Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference, and R. S. Hodgson was elected in place of J. T. Richardson, deceased.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**—Announcements were made.

**RECEPTION OF CLASS:**—A hymn was sung, and the class to be Admitted into Full Membership was called, and after answering the usual Disciplinary Questions, the class was so admitted.

The Bishop then addressed the Class on the text "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

The Class Received on Trial was then asked to join the Class Admitted into Full Membership; each candidate selected one or more sponsors to stand with him, and then, at the request of the Bishop and the Conference, V. S. Collins, D. W. Jacobs, and E. C. Hallman led in prayer.

The Bishop then pronounced the benediction.

**CORPORATE SESSION:**—Conference convened in Corporate Session for the purpose of electing Ministerial Trustees of Wesley Collegiate Institute, W. E. Gunby, President, presiding. The following were elected for a term of three years, the last named replacing E. W. McDowell deceased:

Leonard White, J. W. Colona, D. W. Jacobs, T. S. Holt, E. C. Hallman, and L. E. Windsor.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—The Corporate Session then adjourned, H. P. Fox pronouncing the benediction.

#### FIFTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

**OPENING:**—Conference convened at nine o'clock, Bishop Waldorf presiding. A hymn was sung and W. A. Wise led in prayer.

**JOURNAL:**—E. M. Shockley reported that the Journal for Thursday's session had been examined and that it was correct. The report was adopted.

**COMMITTEE ON ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS:**—The following were approved as members of the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors: From Board of Ministerial Training, L. E. Wimbrow, 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, and Tilghman Smith.

**QUESTION 23:**—The Twenty-third Question: "Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?" was taken up. Harold Fordham was Received on his Credentials from the Baptist Church as an Elder in Full Membership and placed in Studies of Third Year.

**QUESTION 36b.** The Thirty-sixth Question b, Was the Character of each Accepted Supply Pastor now in Charge Examined?" was taken up. Answer: It was.

c. (I) "Are the District Committees on Qualifications of Local Preachers nominated by the District Superintendents Approved?" Answer: Yes.

**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.

**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.

**GOODWILL INDUSTRIES:**—The report of the Good Will Industries was presented by W. E. Gunby, and it was ordered printed without reading.

**CONFERENCE PLAN OF INSURANCE OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER'S FUND:** On motion of L. E. Windsor Conference appointed the following committee to study what is known as the "Conference Plan of Insurance" of the Presbyterian Minister's Fund, and report at the next session of Conference: G. W. Dawson, L. E. Windsor, and D. E. McLain.

**CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY:**—On motion of L. E. Wimbrow, the following were elected managers of the Conference Education Society for a term of three years: H. G. Budd, V. S. Collins, L. E. Wimbrow, L. M. Price, Frank D. Layfield, Earl Dawson. Paul E. Collins was elected in place of G. P. Chandler, resigned, and Arthur A. Hearn, in place of Walter W. Hynson, resigned.

**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS:**—On motion Conference ordered that all Disciplinary Questions not called should be answered, "None."

**SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:**—W. A. Hearn presented the report of the Social Service Committee, and on motion it was recommitted to the Committee for the purpose of incorporating several suggestions made by members of the Conference.

**COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH:**—E. M. Shockley presented the report of the Committee on the State of The Church, and Conference deferred action so as to permit consideration of the report during the United Session.

**MORGAN COLLEGE:**—Bishop Brown representing the Delaware Conference asked Conference to request our Cabinet to cooperate with other cabinets in matters concerning Morgan College. Conference granted his request.

**ALDERSGATE CELEBRATION:**—On motion of E. C. Hallman, Conference requested the Cabinet to plan for a celebration of John Wesley's "heart warming experience," on May 24, 1938, at Harrington, Del. with morning and afternoon sessions; and that the Communion Service be held in all the churches on the Sunday following.

On motion of E. C. Hallman the following committee was appointed to plan for the follow up program including the "Tarry Until Service:" For the City of Wilmington, T. J. Sard; for the rural sections of the Wilmington District, M. E. Wheatley; for the Va. Counties, W. V. Moore; and the pastors of each County Seat Church, for their respective counties.

**E. H. DASHIELL:**—On motion of J. J. Bunting, the following resolution was adopted:

"In the light of the recent financial development favorable to the Wilmington Conference, we hereby register a tribute to the memory and foresight of Rev. E. H. Dashiell, formerly Field Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund. He did his work effectively, and we are entering into the fruition of his labors."

**STRAWBRIDGE HOME:**—Dr. T. S. Long presented the report of the Strawbridge Home for Boys, Inc. and it was adopted, and the following were elected trustees for a term of three years, the Secretary casting the ballot: J. G. Townsend, Jr., William L. Todd, and Rev. E. P. Thomas.

**INTRODUCTION:**—Revs. Horace Prettyman, G. M. Butt, and S. N. Iglehart of the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, South; F. R. Holland, of the Virginia Conference of the same church, were introduced and Dr. Prettyman addressed the Conference.

Harry G. Spencer and E. F. Fielding of the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church were introduced, the former addressing the Conference.

F. H. Teas and Cornelius Hudson of the Phila. Conference of the M. E. Church were introduced and both addressed the Conference, Dr. Teas speaking of the relics of old St. George's Church, Phila., Pa. which are on display in the vestibule of this church.

#### 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, Secretary, and O. M. Shockley were introduced.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**—Prof. W. H. Easton, representing Morgan College, and Dr. Harold Paul Sloan, representing the Christian Advocate were introduced and addressed the Conference.

**COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE:**—W. A. Hearn read the revised report of the Committee on Social Service and it was adopted.

On motion of Leonard White, the Secretary was instructed to send telegrams to the representatives and senators in Congress representing our territory in Delaware and Maryland, conveying to them our action opposing the passage of the reorganization bill now before Congress in its present form.

**JOSHUA THOMAS:**—Bishop Waldorf displayed the license to preach of Joshua Thomas, the "Parson of the Islands," which is now the property of Asbury Church, Crisfield, Md.

**BISHOP'S ADDRESS:**—A hymn was sung and Bishop Waldorf then addressed the United Session on the subject "Thumbs."

W. E. Gunby then led in prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—The United Session then adjourned, Dr. Horace Prettyman pronouncing the benediction.

#### SIXTH SESSION—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

##### UNITED SESSION.

**OPENING:**—The United Session convened at 2.30 o'clock, Bishop Waldorf presiding. A hymn was sung and W. E. Matthews led in prayer.

**SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT:**—The Bishop announced that Dr. Sloan had offered to print the report of the Social Service Committee in the Christian Advocate, N. Y. Edition, and Conference ordered a copy of the report sent to him, for this purpose.

**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 Monies, Funds, etc are bonded, and in what Amounts according to the Requirement of the Discipline?" was taken up.

Answer: William H. Revelle, Conference Treasurer, \$25,000; during the period of handling funds received at Conference, and for \$1,000 during the remainder of the year; W. A. Hearn, Treasurer of Conference Trustees, \$10,000; and Jefferson Cooper, Treasurer of Board of Stewards, \$30,000.

**STATISTICIAN:**—J. W. Wootten, Statistician, read his report and it was adopted.

On motion of J. J. Bunting, J. W. Wootten was reelected Statistician.

**GAMBRILL BEQUESTS:**—On motion of W. E. Gunby the following resolution was adopted:

That the Conference records its deep gratitude for the beautiful and far reaching beneficence of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Gambrill of this city, as shown by their bequests to many of our Churches, Schools, Boards, and other Methodist institutions.

**HARRY W. GALLION:**—On motion of W. E. Gunby, the following resolution was adopted:

That a committee consisting of J. W. Colona, L. B. Morgan, the pastor of Perryville M. E. Church, and the District Superintendent of the Wilmington District, be authorized to study the advisability of granting permission to Harry W. Gallion to unite in membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and report at the ensuing session.

**BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS:**—On motion of G. W. Dawson the following resolution was adopted:

That we wish to record our appreciation of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for the very excellent program rendered on Thursday evening of our Conference session, depicting the varied and important work of this Board, and we hereby pledge our continued cooperation with the Board in its uplift work.

**INTRODUCTION:**—Dr. John W. Langdale, Book Editor, representing the Methodist Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**—F. D. Milbury, Conference Counselor, read his report and it was adopted, and ordered printed in the minutes.

On motion of O. E. Jones, the following recommendations of the Board were adopted.

1. That we continue the Counselor plan for another year.
2. That we ask the District Superintendents to make the same apportionment as last year.
3. That we urge support of the Rally Day offering 50% of which will be returned to us for our work within the Conference Territory.
4. That we reaffirm our desire to cooperate with the program of Religious Education of other denominations in our territory to the fullest extent.
5. That the present members of the Board be re-named.
6. That the following be elected Counselors:

Conference Counselor at large: J. B. Dickerson.  
 Wilmington District: District Counselor: J. Harry Wright.  
 Assistants: Richard M. Green, Leonard White.  
 Dover District: District Counselor: M. S. Andrews.  
 Assistants: Essell P. Thomas, Robert E. Green.  
 Salisbury District: District Counselor: F. A. Baker.  
 Assistants: Sidney B. Bradley, D. W. Jacobs.

**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 W. A. Hearn, Conference ordered the allocation of \$10,000 to the Richardson Park Methodist Episcopal Church, and dedicated to the memory of the Rev. Emory W. McDowell, pastor, 1935-1938; \$2,000 to Asbury M. E. Church, Crisfield, Md.; and \$2,157 to the Rock Hall M. E. Church, Rock Hall, Md.

On motion of W. A. Hearn, the following resolution was adopted:

"That a vote of thanks be given Brother T. S. Holt for the additional gifts of Nov. 23, 1937 and Jan. 19, 1938 amounting to \$4000, bringing the T. S. Holt Fund for the Support of Retired Supply Pastors to the grand total of \$19,000."

**LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE:**—W. W. Davis, representing the Lord's Day Alliance, was introduced and addressed the Conference. O. M. Shockley read the report of the Lord's Day Alliance Committee, and it was adopted.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**—Geo. W. Crabbe, Sup't of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland and G. L. Dilworth, representing the American Bible Society, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

The request of Dr. Dilworth for a Bible Society Committee was referred to the Cabinet.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—Announcements were made and the United Session adjourned, Bishop Frederick T. Keeney pronouncing the benediction.

#### SEVENTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

##### UNITED SESSION.

**OPENING:**—Conference convened in United Session at 9 o'clock, Bishop Waldorf presiding. A hymn was sung and J. W. Prettyman led in prayer.

**JOURNAL:**—E. M. Shockley reported for the Committee on Journal that the Journal had been examined and was correct. The report was adopted.

**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:**—J. R. Bicking read the report of the Temperance Committee, and it was adopted.

Ivanhoe Willis, Superintendent of the Delaware Anti-Saloon League, was introduced and addressed the Conference. On his motion the following resolutions were adopted:

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

We, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assembled in Wilmington, Delaware.

Do respectfully petition you to help promote the general welfare of the people of the United States by securing the passage of legislation which will stop, so far as is possible by Federal law, the great advertising campaign for the sale of alcoholic beverages now going on by press and radio.

The States cannot adequately regulate or prohibit the advertising of liquor so long as Congress permits such advertising through the medium of interstate commerce. Therefore, we most earnestly urge your assistance in securing this proposed legislation in order that state regulations and laws upon the subject may thereby be made more adequate and effective and that radio advertising of alcoholic beverages may be stopped entirely.

**CHANGE OF RELATION:**—On motion of G. W. Dawson, the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations that the request of G. S. Thomas to change his relation from Effective to Retired, was adopted, and his case referred to the Board of Stewards.

**HISTORY OF BOARD OF STEWARDS:**—On motion of H. B. Kelso a history of the Board of Stewards prepared by J. L. Sparklin was ordered printed in the minutes with such editing as the Secretary deemed proper.

**COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH:**—E. M. Shockley read the report of the Committee on State of the Church.

On motion of V. S. Collins the reference to the secular press was deleted. The report was then adopted.

**ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE DIRECTORS:**—On motion of Leonard White the following were named directors to the Anti-Saloon League:

For Delaware, O. E. Jones, E. M. Shockley, L. E. Windsor, Eben Townsend, Howard Edenfield, and J. L. Johnson.

For Maryland, J. R. Bicking, G. W. Dawson, Harry Branford, Leolan Jackson, O. P. Jefferson, and R. W. Hallman.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**—W. H. Revelle, Conference Treasurer, read his report and it was adopted.

On motion of L. E. Wimbrow pastors were requested to present their reports not later than the opening session of Conference next year.

On motion of W. E. Gunby, W. H. Revelle was reelected Conference Treasurer.

**SMITH'S ISLAND:**—J. J. Bunting gave a report of the special collection for Ewell Church, Smith's Island Charge, and its pastor, and on motion of J. W. Wootten it was ordered printed in the minutes.

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

World Service, 6560 units.

Episcopal Fund, 2½ per cent pastor's cash salary.

General Administration Fund, Balance for quadrennium to be apportioned to charges.

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

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

**QUESTIONS 6, 7, 8:**—Questions 6, 7, and 8 were taken up with the answer in each case being, "See Report."

**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: Wilmington City Missionary Society, \$3500; Request also made of the Board of Home Missions to grant privilege of securing designated gifts for Atlantic Church, Ocean City, Md., not to exceed \$1000, provided that the church raise the same amount.

**QUESTION 14:**—The Fourteenth Question, "What is the schedule of Minimum Support?" was taken up.

Answer: Not yet fixed. See report of Board of Sustentation.

**QUESTION 15:**—The Fifteenth Question, "What are the approved claims for the support of the District Superintendents, Bishops, and Conference Claimants for the ensuing year?" 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.

**QUESTIONS 16, 17, 18:**—Questions 16, 17, and 18 were called with the following answers: 16, see report of Board of Education; 17, see list of committees; 18, see Minutes.

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

**AUDITOR'S REPORT:**—H. B. Kelso Conference Auditor read his report and it was adopted. On motion of E. C. Hallman, H. B. Kelso was reelected for the ensuing year.

**BOARD OF SUSTENTATION:**—Leonard White presented the report of the Board of Sustentation.

On motion of D. W. Jacobs, Conference postponed action on the proposed plan of sustentation.

On motion of Leonard White, Conference adopted the following:

"RESOLVED, That the District Superintendents be authorized to increase the apportionments to the charges for Domestic Missions from 25 to 50 per cent, according to their judgment."

**ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS:**—L. E. Wimbrow on behalf of the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors presented the names of Accepted Supply Pastors and they were confirmed. (see list)

**COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE PROGRAM:**—On motion of M. S. Andrews, Conference ordered a Committee on Conference Program consisting of the pastor of the entertaining church, the District Superintendent of the District in which the Conference is held, three pastors-at-large, and the President of the Lay Conference, or someone designated by that officer. O. A. Bartley, E. M. Shockley, and R. C. Jones were appointed to the Committee.

**COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM:**—A. B. Frye, H. B. Kelso, J. R. Bicking were reelected to the Commission on Evangelism, for a term of three years.

**INTRODUCTION:**—Charles R. Oaten, representing the Board of Pensions and Relief was introduced and addressed the Conference.

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

**MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND:**—R. C. Jones was reelected Trustee of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.

**BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING:**—The Bishop appointed O. J. Collins a member of the Board of Ministerial Training.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS:**—L. E. Windsor presented 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 was ordered printed without reading. On motion of L. E. Windsor, J. W. Jones, R. O. Dulaney and Frank P. Gentieu were elected members of the Board of Stewards for a term of 2 years.

**NECESSITOUS CASES:**—On motion of L. E. Windsor, Conference ordered the Board of Stewards to set aside the sum of \$3,000 for Necessitous Cases.

**BUREAU OF BUDGET:**—On motion of Willis Overdeer, Conference authorized the Bureau of Budget to expend a sum not to exceed forty dollars for the broadcasting of the Sunday morning service of Conference.

**FINAL ADJOURNMENT:**—On motion of G. W. Dawson, Conference planned to adjourn at the close of the Sunday evening service, with the reading of appointments as near 9.30 o'clock as possible.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION:**—On motion of Leonard White, Conference omitted the Saturday afternoon session.

**BISHOP KEENEY:**—Bishop Frederick D. Keeney, representing the Million Unit Fellowship Movement, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

On motion of D. E. McLain the following resolutions were adopted:

Your World Service Commission recommends the Conference authorize and encourage the projecting of the Million Unit Fellowship Movement through the Conference, first as a Spiritual endeavour.

- (a) The re-enlistment of inactive members.
- (b) To challenge each active member to win one soul for Christ during the Conference Year.
- (c) That each Sunday School and Epworth League make a comprehensive survey of its potential strength.

2. That 4,000 Units be apportioned to the Conference for the ensuing Year.

Furthermore, we recommend that special attention be given to the Sunday Schools in an attempt to stimulate individual systematic giving.

**BISHOP'S ADDRESS:**—A hymn was sung and Bishop Waldorf delivered a devotional address on the subject "Windows."

**ADJOURNMENT:**—The United Session then adjourned, Bishop Keeney leading in prayer and pronouncing the benediction.

## EIGHTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

### ORDINATION SERVICE.

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

**DEACONS:**—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders, and Walter Lee Beckwith, Frank G. Buckley, Charles Goldsborough Cannon, Edward Sidney Gault, Walter Adelbert Glass, Vernon Myers Goodhand, Arthur Thomas Prettyman Hudson, Charles Harvey Squires and Frederick Howard Truitt were ordained as Deacons; Charles Goldsborough Cannon and Arthur Thomas Prettyman Hudson being 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 Ira Elbert Crum, John Edward French, John Edward Jones, Ray Wainwright Kirwan, Daniel Thomas Pritchard, Harold Fordham, Robert Gambrill Conner, Joshua Edward Layton, Ernest Nelson Wright and Albert Atkinson Turkington as Elders, the last four named being under the Local Rule.

**DIPLOMAS:**—L. E. Wimbrow 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; John Edward French, John Edward Jones, Daniel Thomas Pritchard, Ray Wainwright Kirwan, Ira Elbert Crum, Robert Gambrill Conner, Joshua Edward Layton and Ernest Nelson Wright.

#### CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-eight, I ordained as Deacons:

Walter Lee Beckwith	Vernon Myers Goodhand
Frank G. Buckley	Arthur Thomas Prettyman Hudson
Charles Goldsborough Cannon	Charles Harvey Squires
Edward Sidney Gault	Frederick Howard Truitt
Walter Adelbert Glass	

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

Robert Gambrill Conner	Joshua Edward Layton
Ira Elbert Crum	Daniel Thomas Pritchard
John Edward French	Ernest Nelson Wright
John Edward Jones	Harold Fordham
Ray Wainwright Kirwan	Albert Atkinson Turkington.

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

Harold Fordham and Albert Atkinson Turkington were received on their credentials from the Baptist Church with the rank of Elder, Charles G. Cannon, Arthur T. P. Hudson, Robert G. Conner, Joshua E. Layton, Ernest N. Wright and Albert A. Turkington were ordained under the Local Rule.

*Ernest Lynn Waldorf*

Wilmington, Del.

Bishop.

#### NINTH SESSION—SUNDAY NIGHT.

On Sunday evening the sermon was delivered by Bishop Keeney.

**OPENING:**—Conference convened at 9 P. M. with Bishop Waldorf presiding.

**JOURNAL:**—The committee on Journal reported that the minutes of Saturday's Session were correct and the report was adopted.

**SUMMER SCHOOL:**—Announcement was made concerning the summer school by J. J. Bunting.

**THANKS:**—The report of the Committee on Resolutions and Thanks was read by L. E. Wimbrow and adopted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**—On motion of G. W. Dawson, it was ordered that after suitable remarks by the Bishop and the reading of the Appointments, that Conference stand adjourned for this session. (See motion for adjourned session).

**APPOINTMENTS:**—The Bishop gave an address, the appointments were read and Conference adjourned. Leonard White pronounced the benediction.

*Ernest Lynn Waldorf*

Bishop.

*J. R. Bicking*

Secretary.

IV  
**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS**

A. UNITED SESSION.

1. **Who are the members of the Lay Conference present, and who are its officers?**  
(See Secretaries' record for names of members.) President, 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?**  
See report of World Service.
8. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?**  
See report of World Service.

9. **What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**  
For Annuity distribution, 2354 years, multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$24 per year, \$56,448. For Necessitous Distribution, \$3000. Total, \$59,540.
10. (a) **What has been received on these Claims?**  
From the Chartered Fund, \$60; From Annual Conference Investments, \$13,843; From Pastoral Charges, \$33,317. Total, \$47,220.
  - (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?**  
\$46,223.
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?**  
Request made of the Board of Home Missions to grant privilege of securing designated gifts not to exceed \$1000 for our Church at Ocean City, provided the Church raises the same amount.  
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?**  
Invitation from 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?**  
Edward J. Bond, North East, Ohio, (Mar. 22, 1938); Hamilton P. Fox, New Jersey (July 1, 1938); Arthur L. Grey, Indus River.
- 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?**  
Leroy V. Pratt received on his credentials as an Elder in the United Brethren Church in full membership, placed in studies of 3rd Year. Harold Fordham received on his credentials from Baptist Church, as an Elder, in full membership and placed in studies of 3rd year.
- 24. Who have been Received on Trial?**  
(a) In Studies of First Year.  
Charles Elwyn Ennis, Robert Whittington Hastings, Milton Henry Keene, Paul Ewing McCoy, Brooks Edward Reynolds, Joseph Wigglesworth, Jr.  
(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.  
None.  
(c) Exempt from Course of Study under Seminary Rule.  
Edward Sidney Gault, Charles Harvey Squires.
- 25. Who have been Continued on Trial?**  
(a) In Studies of First Year.  
George H. Murphy, Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr.  
(b) In Studies of Second Year.  
None.  
(c) In Studies of Third Year.  
None.

- (d) In Studies of Fourth Year.  
None.
- 26. Who have been Discontinued?**  
None.
- 27. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**  
(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.  
Walter L. Beckwith, Frank G. Buckley, Jr., Walter A. Glass, Vernon M. Goodhand, Frederick H. Truitt.  
(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.  
Ira E. Crum, Ewell E. Crockett.  
(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.  
Frank G. Buckley, Jr., Harold Fordham—See Q. 23; Walter A. Glass, Vernon M. Goodhand, Leroy V. Pratt—See Q. 23; Frederick H. Truitt.  
(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.  
None.
- 29. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**  
Elmer L. Bennett, Walter L. Beckwith, James H. Clow, Jr., Ewell E. Crockett.
- 30. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**  
(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.  
John E. French, John E. Jones, Daniel T. Pritchard, Ray W. Kirwan.  
(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.  
None.  
(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.  
Ira E. Crum.  
(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.  
Charles G. Cannon, Arthur T. P. Hudson.
- (b) Under Seminary Rule.  
Edward S. Gault, Charles H. Squires.
- (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.  
Joshua E. Layton, Robert G. Conner, Ernest N. Wright.
- (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., Paul E. McCoy, Joseph Wigglesworth, Jr.

**34. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**

It was.

**35. Who are accepted as Supply Pastors?**

Reuben H. Adams, Geo. S. Allen, J. H. Anderson, John C. Boulden, David T. Campbell, Charles G. Cannon, Robert G. Conner, Ellwood Cursey, Milton R. Elliott, Walter E. Fosnocht, John T. Graham, Samuel L. Hanby, Ralph W. Hopkins, A. T. P. Hudson, Robert L. Kirby, Lawrence L. Knotts, Joshua E. Layton, Benjamin L. Lewis, William L. McClintock, Frank K. McCorkle, Daniel B. Prettyman, Charles D. Sharpless, James C. Steen, Arthur G. Thomas, John H. Thornton, Alonzo Travers, Albert A. Turkington, Lee Varner, 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.  
Benjamin L. Lewis.
2. In the Second Year.  
Lawrence L. Knotts.
3. In the Third Year.  
Arthur T. P. Hudson.

4. In the Fourth Year.  
Walter E. Fosnocht, Robert L. Kirby, John F. Willis.

**II. The Local Preachers' Course of Study?**

1. In the First Year.  
None.
2. In the Second Year.  
None.
3. In the Third Year.  
None.
4. In the Fourth Year.  
Charles G. Cannon.
- (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.  
Charles G. Cannon, Arthur T. P. Hudson.
2. For Elder's Orders.  
Robert G. Conner, Joshua E. Layton, Ernest N. Wright.

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

G. W. Humphreys, Central Penna. (July 1, 1937); F. L. Hicks, North East Ohio (Mar. 22, 1938).

**38. Who have Died?**

J. C. Bolton, L. T. Layfield, Emory W. McDowell, J. T. Richardson, C. H. Williams.

**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.  
Roscoe Campbell.

**40. What other personal Notations should be made.**

(1) Those whose orders have been recognized without Admission to the Annual Conference.

Albert A. Turkington, from Baptist Church, recognized as a Local Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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

Wm. J. McKee, 1; Rufus W. Mills, 2; Ralph L. Minker, 3.

**42. Who are the Retired Ministers?**

W. O. Bennett, Wm. H. Briggs, I. M. Broadway, J. A. Buckson, H. G. Budd, E. H. Collins, V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran, Howard Davis, D. J. Ford, J. H. Geoghegan, V. E. Hills, E. L. Hofecker, T. S. Holt, O. E. James, G. P. Jones, 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, O. B. Rice, V. E. Rorer, C. W. Strickland, E. C. Sunfield, J. W. Sutton, E. B. Taylor, G. S. Thomas, J. H. Wilson, W. A. Wise, G. E. Wood, W. R. Woodell.

**43. Who have been granted Leave of Absence?**

None.

**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-quarters vote of the Conference for appointment of Ministers in the Effective Relation with Annuity Claim?**

No action taken.

**46. Where are the Preachers Stationed?**

See List of Appointments.

## APPOINTMENTS

### DOVER DISTRICT.

E. C. HALLMAN, District Superintendent, (P. O. Dover, Del.). (3).

Bayside,	J. P. Landon (1)	Farmington, Del.,
(P. O. Sherwood, Md.)		R. W. Hastings (3)
Blades,	W. H. Kohl (1)	Federalsburg, Md.,
(P. O. Seaford, Del.)		F. D. Milbury (3)
Bozman and Neavitt,		Felton, Del., E. W. Henvis (3)
(Sup.) W. L. McClintock (4)		Frederica, Del., Hugh B. Kelso (3)
(P. O. Bozman, Md.)		Galestown,
Bridgeville, Del.,		(Sup.) C. D. Sharpless (3)
J. C. B. Hopkins (4)		(P. O. Seaford, Del.)
Burrsville, (Sup.) J. F. Willis (1)		Georgetown, Del.,
(P. O. Denton, Md.)		Omar E. Jones (8)
Camden, Del., W. J. Ennis (2)		Georgetown Circuit,
Canterbury and Viola,		(Sup.) E. N. Wright (2)
(Sup.) D. J. Ford (1)		(P. O. Georgetown, Del.)
(P. O. Wyoming, Del.)		Greensboro, Md.,
Centreville, Md.,		Tilghman Smith (2)
Harry V. Branford (3)		Greenwood, Del.,
Chestertown, Md.,		James H. Clow, Jr. (3)
Paul E. Reynolds (3)		Harrington, Del.,
Cheswold, Del.		Robert E. Green (1)
(Sup.) J. H. Thornton (1)		Henderson, Md.,
Church Hill, Md.,		Milton H. Keene (1)
Walter L. Beckwith (5)		Hillsboro, Md., A. W. Strickland (1)
Clayton, Del., Leon W. Ross (2)		Houston, Del., Ira E. Crum (1)
Concord, Md., Louis R. Dennis (4)		Kent Island, James F. Langrall (3)
(P. O. Federalsburg, Md.)		(P. O. Stevensville, Md.)
Cordova, Md.,		Kenton and Hartley,
(Sup.) Ralph W. Hopkins (2)		(Sup.) R. G. Conner (1)
Denton, Md., Milton S. Andrews (6)		(P. O. Kenton, Del.)
Dover, Del.:		Leipsic and Lebanon (Mission),
Wesley, E. M. Shockley (3)		(Sup.) L. W. Savage (2)
St. Paul's,		(P. O. Leipsic, Del.)
(Sup.) W. C. Buckson (1)		Lewes, Del., O. P. Jefferson (1)
Easton, Md., Essell P. Thomas (3)		Lincoln, Del., (Sup.) S. L. Hanby (5)
Ellendale, Del.,		Magnolia and Barratts
(Sup.) O. B. Rice (1)		Chapel, George W. Dawson (1)
Fairlee,		(P. O. Magnolia, Del.)
O. T. Baynard (1)		Marydel, Md., C. Elwyn Ennis (1)
(P. O. Chestertown, Md.)		Milford, Del., Frank Herson (12)

Milford Neck, Hugh B. Kelso (3) (P. O. Frederica, Del.)	St. Michael's, Md., Leolan Jackson (5)
Milton, Del., J. B. Vaughn (1)	Seaford, Del., J. L. Johnson (3)
Mt. Zion, J. L. Johnson (3) (P. O. Seaford, Del.)	Seaford Circuit, A. F. Zimmerman (1) (P. O. Seaford, Del.)
Nassau, Del., (Sup.) J. T. Graham (3)	Smyrna, Del., J. W. Colona (3)
Oxford, Md., A. L. Grey (2)	Sudlersville, Md., W. H. Revelle (1)
Pomona, (Sup.) Alonzo Travers (1) (P. O. Chestertown, Md.)	Tilghman, Md., Harold Fordham (1)
Preston, Md., Preston W. Spence (5)	Trappe, Md., (Sup.) D. B. Prettyman (6)
Queenstown, Md., (Sup.) Lee Varner (1)	Woodside, Waldo Dise (3) (P. O. Wyoming, Del.)
Rehoboth, Del., Conrad Hamer (3)	Wye Mills, Md., G. Homer Murphy (2)
Ridgely, Md., O. B. Reed (4)	Wyoming, Del., Waldo Dise (3)
Rock Hall, Md., F. C. Louhoff (3)	

## SALISBURY DISTRICT.

J. J. BUNTING, District Superintendent, (P. O. Salisbury, Md.). (4).

Annamessex, (Sup.) L. L. Knotts (2) (P. O. Marion Sta., Md.)	Girdletree, Md., C. H. Squires (1)
Beckwith & Spedden, W. G. Barlow (1) (P. O. Cambridge, Md.)	Gumboro, Del., (Sup.) W. F. Corkran (4) (P. O. Millsboro, Del., R. D. to Gumboro)
Berlin, Md., O. H. Connelly (3)	Hebron, Md., H. O. Hufnal (2)
Bethel, Del., J. H. Whedbee (2)	Hooper's Island, Brooks Reynolds (1) (P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.)
Bishopville, Md., R. W. Kirwan (2)	Hurlock, Md., Roy L. Tawes (1)
Cambridge, Md., D. E. McClain (2)	Laurel, Del., W. A. Hearn (4)
Cape Charles, Va., W. V. Moore (3)	Mardela Springs, Md., (Sup.) A. T. P. Hudson (2)
Chincoteague, Va., J. A. Clark (2)	Millsboro, Del., L. E. Wimbrow (2)
Church Creek, Md., D. J. Givan (2)	Mt. Pleasant, Md., J. C. Hanby (5) (P. O. Laurel, Del.)
Crapo, Md., (Sup.) G. S. Allen (3)	Mt. Vernon, Md., L. L. Powell (2) (P. O. Princess Anne, Md.)
Crisfield, Md.: Asbury, J. T. Rowlenon (6) Immanuel, J. R. Bicking (3)	Nanticoke, Md., E. E. Crockett (1)
Dagsboro & St. Georges, F. A. Baker (4) (P. O. Dagsboro, Del.)	Newark, Md., D. T. Pritchard (3)
Deal's Island, Md., C. M. Griffith (1)	Ocean City, Md., Willard Everett (2)
Delmar, Del., R. C. Jones (5)	Ocean View & Millville, W. S. Grant (4) (P. O. Ocean View, Del.)
East New Market, Md., E. B. Eckhart (1)	Onancock, Va., (Sup.) Albert A. Turkington (2)
Elliott, Md., (Sup.) R. L. Kirby (2)	Parsonsburg, Md., J. R. Diehl (3)
Fairmount, W. L. Hess (1) (P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.)	Phoebus, Va., G. E. Sterling (6)
Frankford, Del., H. R. McDade (2)	
Fruitland, Md., S. B. Bradley (4)	

Pittsville, Md., C. W. Spry (1)	Snow Hill, Md., D. W. Jacobs (4)
Pocomoke City, Md., J. W. Wootten (3)	Somerset, E. S. Gault (2) (P. O. Chance, Md.)
Pocomoke Circuit, (Sup.) Ellwood Cursey (3) (P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.)	Stockton, Md., J. H. Gardner (1)
Powellville, (Sup.) D. T. Campbell (7) (P. O. Pittsville, Md.)	St. Peters, G. H. Wheatley (3) (P. O. Oriole, Md.)
Princess Anne, Md., R. P. Nichols (5)	St. Thomas, (Sup.) R. H. Wilson (3) (P. O. Bishop's Head, Md.)
Quantico, Md., James O'Neil (2)	Tangier, Va., J. E. Parker (1)
Roxana, Del., J. E. Jones (1)	Vienna, Md., C. W. Robb (1)
Salisbury, Md.: Asbury, H. P. Fox (2) Grace, A. W. Goodhand (3)	Westover, Md., (Sup.) B. L. Lewis (2)
Secretary, Md., (Sup.) C. G. Cannon (1)	Whitesville, Del., (Sup.) A. G. Thomas (3)
Selbyville, Del., Roy T. Thawley (3)	Willards, Md., (Sup.) J. H. Andersen (2)
Sharptown, Md., R. H. Nelson (3)	Williamsburg, Md., (Sup.) Milton Elliott (1)
Smith's Island, E. L. Bennett (1) (P. O. Ewell, Md.)	Zoar, J. H. Whedbee (2) (P. O. Bethel, Del.)

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

Bethel & Town Point, L. V. Pratt (3) (P. O. Chesapeake City, Md.)	(P. O. Roselle, Del.)
Brack-Ex. (Sup.) R. H. Adams (19) (P. O. Elsmere, Del.)	Ebenezer, T. O. M. Wills (7) (P. O. Newark, Del.)
Cecilton, Md., C. E. Davis (3)	Elkton, Md., M. E. Wheatley (3)
Charlestown, Md., F. G. Buckley (2)	Elk Neck, (Sup.) J. C. Boulden (3) (P. O. North East, Md.)
Cherry Hill, F. K. McCorkle (3) (P. O. Elkton, Md.)	Galena, Md., W. A. Glass (1)
Chesapeake City, Md., H. T. Caldwell (3)	Hockessin, Del. R. M. Green (1)
Chester-Bethel, W. E. Habbart (1) (P. O. Wilmington, Del., RFD #2)	Holly Oak, Del., (Sup.) J. E. Layton (14)
Christiana, Del., V. M. Goodhand (1)	Hopewell, Md., S. T. Hamblin (3) (P. O. Port Deposit, Md.)
Claymont, Del., F. J. Pieplow (3)	Marshallton, Del., J. M. Kelso (3)
Crumpton, Md., David Wood (4)	Middletown, Del., L. B. Morgan (3)
Delaware City, Del., (Sup.) Edward Wimmer (1)	Millington, Md., W. M. Parker (2)
	Mt. Lebanon, (Sup.) W. E. Fosnocht (5)
	(P. O. Wilmington, Del., RFD #1)

Newark, Del., Leonard White (4)	Townsend & Blackbird,
Newark-Union, V. E. Hills	D. A. Littleton (2)
(P. O. Weldon Road, Wilm., Del.)	(P. O. Townsend, Del.)
New Castle, Del., C. N. Jones (4)	Zion Circuit, C. H. Atkins (6)
Newport, Del., J. C. McCoy (5)	(P. O. North East, Md.)
North East, Md., R. S. Hodgson (1)	
Odessa, Del., N. C. Benson (3)	WILMINGTON:
Perryville, Md., H. N. Bailey (1)	Asbury, H. M. Parks (3)
Port Deposit, Md., J. W. Jones (2)	Bellefonte, (Sup.) J. C. Steen (11)
Red Lion, D. J. Moore (1)	Brandywine, O. A. Bartley (5)
(P. O. Bear, Del.)	Eastlake, C. C. Harris (9)
Richardson Park, Del.,	Epworth, J. E. French (2)
A. B. Frye (1)	Grace, B. M. Johns (16)
Rising Sun, Md., Frank White (3)	Harrison St., M. W. Marine (3)
St. Georges, Del., J. L. Sparklin (6)	Hillcrest, J. B. Dickerson (3)
St. John's, F. H. Truitt (1)	Kingswood, R. M. Green (1)
(P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	Madeley, W. D. Short (1)
St. Paul's, Md., C. E. Davis (3)	McCabe, E. J. Bond (1)
(P. O. Cecilton, Md.)	Mt. Salem, L. E. Windsor (3)
Stanton, (Sup.) E. H. Collins (3)	Scott, C. W. Branford (2)
(P. O. Marshallton, Del.)	Silverbrook, J. H. Wright (3)
Still Pond & Betterton,	St. Paul's, O. J. Collins (6)
R. W. Hallman (3)	Trinity, C. H. Hudson (9)
(P. O. Still Pond, Md.)	Union, T. J. Sard (6)

#### SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

- E. C. Prettyman, Superintendent, Connecticut Anti-Saloon League. (24).  
(McCabe Quarterly Conf.)
- Ivanhoe Willis, Superintendent, Delaware Anti-Saloon League. (5).  
(Marshallton Quarterly Conf.)
- C. I. Carpenter, Chaplain, U. S. Army. (2).

#### Left Without Appointment to Attend School.

- M. E. Wheatley, Jr., (2); Joseph Wigglesworth, (1); Paul McCoy, (1).  
Miss Gladys Pautz, Deaconess, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.  
Miss Darla Brown, Deaconess, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.  
Miss Elizabeth Colton, Deaconess, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.  
Miss Almeda Parsons, Deaconess, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.  
Miss Louise Whitsitt, Deaconess, Asbury, Scott & Epworth Churches.

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# REPORTS

## (a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

### DOVER DISTRICT.

E. C. HALLMAN, Superintendent.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:—

To be a part of a great drama and unconscious of its meaning, may be the heritage of some. To know the lessons that history teaches and be able to apply the wisdoms of the centuries, can be stimulating; but to sense the development of an epochal movement and help direct its course of action, that is fascinating.

Many springs of influence, coming from every quarter, swell the currents of the River of Life. Some of these streams are readily traced after they unite with the main currents, because of their distinctive coloration. After they are blended it is no easy task to assay their worth. Frequently one group claims the major credit to the disgust of all other groups. Oftentimes a modest group is very much underestimated and credit that honestly belongs to them, may through ignorance or prejudice, be denied.

The Church has at times been the dominant stream in the currents of the River. This is especially true when you study that stream as it flows through the banks of certain centuries. At other times she has failed to color the adjacent waters where she emptied her life into the main currents. Like the mountain stream, after Winter's breath had touched it, her mobility had changed into solidity.

Today the Church is underestimated by some and over rated by others. However enemy and friend are alike in this—they both believe the Church could dominate any day with her high ideals and vital forces. She can be the reagent in clarifying the muddy water of international misunderstanding; she is the one force to sweeten the waters of Mara in the struggle of the classes; she is the only medium that can, through understanding and sympathy, change the desert of the slums into a blossoming paradise of human fellowship; she is the predestined table for the manna in feeding hungry souls, and above all, she is the spiritual guide in things Divine and Eternal.

The Church, a blending of heaven and earth, human and divine, exalted by ideals and abased by failures, crowned by unselfishness and humiliated by sin, energised by conviction and enfeebled by innocuous beliefs, encouraged by victories and discouraged by losses, nevertheless, in spite of her faults, she is the best and finest institution on the face of God's green earth.

There are many factors entering into the life of the Church. The section of it called the Wilmington Conference, and especially that portion of it assigned to the Dover District, faces at the present moment, at least

two issues that are changing and will in increasing measure, modify our spiritual life. Let us briefly scan these as they affect us.

America has had three completed migrations since Columbus discovered this Continent, each of them influencing this section. At the present time we are in the throes of the fourth. The first migration was a religious movement seeking a place to worship according to the dictates of conscience. The second was a commercial enterprise. Raw material, ponds to furnish power and rivers to provide transportation, became essential combinations and wherever found, mills were established and towns sprang up around the mills. The third migration was the move for conveniences. Factories had become assembly plants and each sought to be near its component parts. Families desired bathrooms and gas, schools and pleasures, hence the urban attracted and cities grew by leaps and bounds.

The fourth migration dates its inception to the development of the internal combustion engine. No longer need a family be tied to big power plants by copper threads, for now they could manufacture their own current. It was unnecessary to rely upon railroads to take them to desk or mart, for rubber tires are independent of schedules and rails, and back country became open to invasion. Men weary of tinsel and regimentation, sought elbow room and a place to express their own personality in freedom and beauty. Culture and comfort became the shibboleths of the new migration.

This Peninsula, with its wealth of historic lore, its beautiful colonial mansions bespeaking a cultured taste, charming in rural simplicity, teeming with aquatic life, rich in potentiality and with a degree of culture unsurpassed—all this within striking distance of one fourth of the population of our Nation; it would be amazing if we had not been invaded by those who had discovered us. Beautiful water front farms were purchased with an eagerness that denoted bargains. We became famous as the playboys' paradise. Holdings were enlarged until great tracts were under a single management; tractors decreased the need of men; thus released, these men sought the towns for a livelihood.

Small country churches, once flourishing, soon were abandoned or seriously crippled. Different social standards became the new order; the wealthy barons, regardless of moral integrity, began influencing our developing youth. Sunday sporting events became a rash indicating a moral slump. Seldom interested in community development, because home interests were elsewhere, community spirit became a memory in many rural sections. Centralization of schools and abandoned country churches do not present any opportunity for initiative in community making.

The towns feeling the pressure of unemployment, and business men realizing the express truck had become the delivery wagon of distant merchants, soon sought and secured an auxiliary income for the community in the form of payrolls from imported factories. These factories brought with them their skilled workers. These artisans, the group we sometimes designate as the great middle class, readily became a part of the community and in many ways, brought a freshness of view and a breadth of understanding, that was wholesome. They did not hesitate to unite with our churches and joined heartily in our community welfare. Thus the town churches had the dual advantage of receiving many from the little country churches plus the migration of men from the industrial move.

Many country churches were thus facing a decreasing field due not only to the migrant type of playboy but also to the shifting of owners from the farm to the town. These men who, in many cases had been the pillars in the little country church were not being replaced in church life by the shifting tenants. Forced by desperation, the little country church girded up her loins in the battle for existence. She began adopting new methods—some of doubtful value—she eagerly sought new ministers, hoping each new one would have a panacea for her ills. Eventually sensing she must find her recruits from the unchurched, she rebuilt her altar fires, and desperately launched her evangelistic campaigns. Wherever a church shows deadly earnestness in these efforts, the flames of her new life glow in many awakened souls.

The third type of migrant that has reached us in these last few years, are of the clannish type. Either because of religious beliefs or language, they do not assimilate. They are the undigested units, aloof from us except when commercial desires offer either service or products. Here again we find a limiting cause to the advancement of some of our country churches.

Thus our problems are no different from the rest of Methodism with the exception of their sudden arrival. We did not have the grace of a gradual approach. We were suddenly thrust into the midst of these economic, social and religious issues and were forced to either sink or swim.

The second issue that is affecting the tempo of our life is Unification. Unless the laymens move in the Church South blocks the issue, we will soon be married. The proposal has been made and accepted. It would be a pity when we asked Father General Conference for his consent, if he should say "No." We are all confidently expecting to be united in less than two months and are praying the children of this marriage will be of outstanding merit and worth.

Some of our people, like a timid maiden, are anxious to consummate the union but see many bugaboos of fear stalking in the future. Others without a thought of the problems, blithely trip toward Hymen's altar. Still others, with more hope than reason, feel this is the solution of all the ills of church life, not realizing that bulk in itself is a liability and only motivation can convert the move into an asset. But there are many, with eyes wide open, and possessed with a clear brain, who are blessed with the common sense of knowing whenever the problems arise, love will find a way.

Of course we are facing numerous problems even now. How to adjust property interests, joining of boards, merging of societies, protecting of minority rights are all challenging opportunities. This Conference being one of the border conferences, with all three churches operating within this territory, is a part of the real testing grounds of unification. We are keyed to the point of expectancy in facing the glorious opportunity of proving that organic union can become a spiritual union in which there is an amalgamated brotherhood of redeemed souls working for the redemption of a lost world through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Plan of Unification does not specifically mention District Superintendents but is implied in the acceptance of Episcopacy. Our Methodist Protestant brethren, the only one of the three Churches that does not have them, intimate they have suffered from the want of close supervision and

are looking forward to the introduction of superintendents with pleasure. Whoever is named such in these formative years, will undoubtedly be the key men in the local fields. They can be autocrats and be stumbling blocks to real unification, or there can be diplomats with a delicate touch, statesmen with far seeing vision and with a personality that will inspire confidence in their leadership and judgment. Above all they must have a faith that will not shrink from forces of disruption nor falter in their expectancy of the ultimate victory.

From the administrative angle there will be no haste in bringing pressure to bear to unite separate units. We will be facing a surplus of ministers as it is and every combination of churches will result in another man being forced on the overcrowded ministerial market. It looks like we will be required to place barriers before our entrances and set a definite time for retirement, until such time as the situation eases somewhat. Each unit must be studied in its effect upon the whole move. We cannot afford to deal with the individual churches as a pawn in the great game of Unification, but recognize them as a living, pulsating portion that must be fitted into the great forward advance of the Methodist Church. In many rural communities we may be able to bring two or more church buildings into one composite whole, thus permitting each congregation to feel it is their old church in a new setting. In small towns, not large enough to support two separate organizations, we could use one building for worship and the other for such purposes as it seems best, like youth activities or graded Sunday school sections. Wherever there are two or more Methodist churches that are strong enough to support a separate entity, without doubt they will continue as such, either with a separate pastor for each or a foundation idea of pastors alternating in services.

Very likely this is the last session of the Wilmington Conference. We should meet in an adjourned session to elect delegates to the Uniting Conference. At that Conference the boundaries and name of each unit in the Jurisdiction, will be determined. Our Conference faces dismemberment as the Constitution now stands. All our territory south of the Maryland-Virginia line will become a part of the South Eastern Jurisdiction and the remaining portion will go to the North Eastern. It is only natural for us to desire to continue our entity. However we face the inevitable. The bulk of the churches in the two Virginia counties are members of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Without a doubt they would want to continue with their own group and the Virginia Conference would object releasing them to us. In order for us to continue working there, we would be forced to secure an enabling act in some future General Conference. This would bring all other border conference seeking the same privilege of exceptions and would seriously threaten the Plan, a thing to be avoided by all. Therefore we are facing a situation that is far reaching and significant. A close study of the factors indicates we will be one of the very small conferences of Methodism, with the bulk of the appointments in the submarginal group and only a very limited number of attractive salaries as a drawing power to attract young men to our ranks. The cream of the graduates will go elsewhere and, in the long run, reduce our workmanship. Furthermore we will be a very weak voice in the general council meetings of the Church.

We cannot ask the Philadelphia Conference to give us a part of their territory for there is no Methodist Episcopal Church South within the territory served by them and only five Methodist Protestant churches. The only logical way out is for us to seek a part of Maryland we never yet have had, or to seek to have all of Maryland and Delaware into one large Conference, a most desirable move. This would be a natural and effective method of solving more than the limited territory problem. It would give us a larger appointment field and balance the submarginal salaries by the large churches in Washington, Baltimore and Wilmington; it would be an excellent thing for the conference claimants of each of the groups for all would bring into this new unit an endowment that would be commensurate for the needs of the men now on the retired list and make a healthy pool when we amortize the total funds; our voice would be heard in any council meeting and our attractive set up would give us the pick of the graduates, thus increasing the efficiency of our working force. Such a conference would not be unwieldy nor the distance covered be as large as some others.

The need of a revitalized faith is in evidence everywhere. The jangled nerves of a world are screaming their helplessness and snarling their impatience. Fear stalks in national councils and armament races indicate a lack of faith in each other. Many churches are faced with the problem of those who joined the organization but did not unite with the Christian program.

John Wesley's day with its Spinozian philosophy and political priesthood, its loose morals and forgotten creeds, is being scrutinized by us during these Aldersgate celebrations. Whatever changed Wesley and the course of human history, is of such importance we are anxious that it repeat itself. Such efforts as are being made to link that celebration to a money raising scheme will receive scant sympathy from my heart. On the other hand every effort made to revive our own souls and bring a spiritual warmth to every Methodist, will not only be encouraged but wholeheartedly supported. If we can, under God, recapture our passion for souls at home and abroad, we will bring to Unification the motivation that will bring bulk to its rightful place and make that mass an asset for righteousness and glory. Our own Conference will hold an Aldersgate Retreat in the Harrington Church on May 24. We are expecting great things from that day.

The personnel of the District has changed but twice during the Conference year. The loss by death of our much esteemed brother, J. P. Kelley, immediately after Conference, necessitated the appointment of G. Homer Murphy to Wye Mills. The serious illness of Brother Alonzo Travers forced him to relinquish the Queenstown Charge in September and we secured the service of Lee Varner to fill out the year. Both of these young brethren have done well.

Our District is in a very healthy state in reference to debts. At the close of the Conference session we owed on the one hundred and twenty four active churches and fifty nine parsonages, the total of \$36,183.00. Since then the following amounts have been paid on this debt,—Bridgeville \$300, Chestertown \$517, Easton \$3125, Federalsburg \$1972, Georgetown \$973, Greensboro \$100, Hillsboro \$339, Kenton \$838, Oxford \$573, Seaford

\$2000, Smyrna \$1200, St. Michaels \$500, Tilghman \$254, all others \$364. Making a grand total of \$13,055. Leaving a present indebtedness of \$23,128. Our District Parsonage is slowly coming from under the mortgage. We are meeting the interest as it comes due and in two years we have paid on the principal nearly one thousand dollars. The present indebtedness is now twenty-five hundred and fifty dollars. We hope to reduce this another five hundred dollars after Conference. The plan is working smoothly and efficiently, and so far as we know, without a single complaint being registered against the plan. The District Ladies Aid has spent quite a sum in needed equipment and improvements in the District Parsonage. They deserve much credit for their faithfulness and interest.

Improvements are in evidence everywhere. Harrington transforms her auditorium into a place of beauty as does Asbury on Blades Charge, Church Hill, Concord, Conleys on Nassau, Ellendale, Farmington, Frederica and St. Michaels. These churches deserve the highest commendation for their sacrifice and good taste, not only because of the work itself, but for the fact they did not mortgage the future but paid spot cash. Galestown builds a community house at a cost of \$1200, Georgetown Circuit and Kent Island each install a bathroom and the latter drills a deep well, Preston spends \$600.00 on her parsonage, Easton erects a garage, Centreville is installing a new pipeorgan, Camden is placing art glass windows in the auditorium, Wesley, Dover is selling her parsonage and is in the process of securing another—it seems all other churches have either painted or done something to improve the appearance and usefulness of the building. The grand total of these improvements amounts to nearly \$35,000.00.

All societies are functioning with the usual efficiency. One of the things we note with pleasure are the increasing number of Ladies Aids that begin to function as a spiritual force in addition to their money raising. They are a power as it is, if this becomes general, they will sweep the decks. There is no greater force for the dissemination of missionary information than our two Missionary Societies. These women are the best informed group on this question we have in our midst. If they did nothing else but this they would have my hearty blessing. The Eworth League of the District is launching a new program and it seems to be working with great promise. The Councilors of Religious Education deserve our praise for the program of the year was of the highest and best.

Revivals have not been neglected as the following tabulation indicates; number of conversions reported by all the charges 625. Number of accessions by all the charges 630. Number of charges that did not report a single conversion or accession during the year 2. Number that exceeded twenty five conversions 8. Number that had ten or more 20.

Our benevolences are much in advance of last year. Many charges are on the honor roll in reference of Units paid to the Million Unit Fellowship movement. It is the rare exception to find any report below the giving of last year. The deficiencies in ministerial items will be small and in every case we have urged prorating. Altogether we have no room to complain. Some churches might have done more. Others could have easily done less. When you consider the number of rider organizations that are not official, yet would collapse if we withdrew our support from them, and add the numerous calls for funds that are issued by us, you marvel at the generosity

of the people called Methodists. I take off my hat to the business acumen that keeps churches going under depressions and will not surrender to discouragements when sledding gets hard—as it has been in these last few years.

The District is now one unit in spirit and purpose. When we combined districts, a few years back, there was no esprit de corps, but two separate units that needed blending. It is pleasure to see the harmony and singleness of purpose that prevails throughout the District today. We are proud of the workers, both lay and ministerial. The results of this group we lay at the Master's feet. They speak louder than any word we can say.

In closing this my fifth report, may I give God the glory for health, freedom from accident, the pleasure of serving, the fellowship of the brethren, and the kindness I invariably meet in private and public. I am indeed grateful that He counts me worthy of a place to serve with all my powers.

#### SALISBURY DISTRICT.

JOHN J. BUNTING, Superintendent.

Bishop Waldorf and Brethren:

One year ago a colleague dated the historical beginning of the superintendent's report. He did not, however, define its nature, nor outline its province. For sixty-nine years it has had wide range in time and the official mind, and covered much territory. Doctrine and discipline were discussed; poetry and philosophy lightened and loaded the annual review; the pages were sprinkled with statistics and brightened with similes. At times the writer was a reformer, and Satan with all of his agents was castigated; at some sessions, usually in a General Conference year the pen would advocate certain denominational legislation which promised victory and permanent peace for the church. Choice diction, figures of speech, and superlatives were requisitioned to make this reading impressive and constructive. Not long since a brother in this office set up a baseball team and played the game. He and it both made a hit, for the Conference received it with joy and prolonged applause. The Lord's team won! Whatever may be the assets and liabilities of this custom, it does at the beginning of the session open our eyes to the size, the condition, and opportunities of our Conference. It lifts us out of the microcosm of one charge to an elevation where we may behold all the churches, and by some reports we have been enabled to see a world Methodism, and recall and repeat the words of Wesley, "The world is my parish."

With the brethren of the other districts we of the Salisbury extend hearty welcome to Bishop Ernest Lynn Waldorf. The secular press has publicised him as the father of the man who coached a football team to victory over Notre Dame. But there is greater claim to fame than the fading leaves of gridiron laurels. Our Presiding Bishop ranks high in the leadership of Methodism. The General Conference has recognized his talents

and administrative ability, and assigned him to the Chicago Area, the real center of this republic-empire. The barren confines of narrow convention cannot hold this man. He is a pathfinder. His most recent venture and success was the United Methodist Council. At their own expense four thousand churchmen assembled in one place and with one accord to face and study the stern realism confronting the Christian religion in the world of this hectic day. Continuous benefits will ever be springing out of that gathering, and the bishop's presence with us will be both blessing and pleasure.

Changes have not been numerous. Death struck twice. Once in the retired ranks, once in the active; both times with lightning suddenness. Slightly before his regular rising hour, Oct. 25, 1937, Rev. C. H. Williams awoke conscious that his well being was not up to normal. Before a physician could reach him, he quietly passed away, dying as he had lived his eighty-eight years, beautifully and full of faith. Twenty years ago, and more, Rev. J. C. Bolton crossed the stormy Atlantic and survived the dangers of the trenches, but in the second hour of March 3, 1938, death cut him down as swiftly and ruthlessly as gunfire ever wiped out his beloved comrades in arms. Withdrawals and dismissals did not molest us. As foretold at the time of appointment reading a change took place at Asbury—Salisbury. On the first of July, Rev. Hamilton P. Fox began his second pastorate in this large church. Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Rowleson, and Mrs. G. S. Thomas have recovered from painful auto accidents which might have been fatal, but for the intervening hand of Providence. Thrice the angel of life has visited the district to leave beautiful and healthy babies to make glad the hearts of their parents, and help God make a better world than we older ones have.

Another year gone! Reasonable prosperity, kind weather, good health the program and vision of a world encircling Church, and a Risen Lord have led and attended us. Are our deeds commensurate with the opportunities? For the final digit of accuracy you must consult the tables compiled by the secretaries and treasurers. We report conditions as we have found them and know them.

Seventeen charges have paid their pastors salaries in advance of last year. These increases total \$3975. Asbury-Salisbury and Tangier moving forward in the same ratio register the largest gains. Willards makes the longest percentage stride. Onancock raised the salary at the first quarterly conference, and again at the second, and might have done so yet again at the last conference had not the pastor used hydraulic brakes. But for the business recession of the past six months many charges would have fixed further enlargement of ministerial support. Three points, totaling \$250. Mt. Pleasant, Selbyville, Sharptown have advanced for the ensuing year.

Adequate pastoral income is the widest plank in our platform. No pastor, no church! When you have a half-fed pastor, you most likely have a colorless and spiritless congregation. Poverty does not, and never has begotten humility of a virtuous order. It creates an inferiority complex, breeds discontent, vexation, and needless financial embarrassment to the pastor among his parishioners and friends. Some sincere officials argue that the pastor's salary is equal to the average income of the membership

and the constituency. Therefore it is just and sufficient. However plausible that contention, I still hold that the pastor's salary must be higher than that average, for he is required to live on scale above the average of his people; not beyond the wealthy, but certainly ahead of the rank and file of those to whom he is sent. And this standard is demanded in almost every detail of his life. In churches without number the pastor sets the highest rate of giving, actually matching the richest of the church supporters. The need of a more generous attitude toward the pulpit, was, perhaps, more pressing on the Salisbury District than in other sections of the Conference. Bank failures, depressed seafood industry, and agricultural distress has cut a swath of ruin. The come-back is heroic, yet all the lost ground is not recovered. Higher salaries there must be to match the advantages of any pulpits in these parts, and our people be enlightened and spiritually sustained, and led to the finest and best in christian experience. Church leaders and officials should ponder these facts and figures: on the Salisbury District, last year, there were 41 charges which paid \$1500. or less; of that number, 32 paid \$1200. or less; of this latter number 21 paid \$1,000. or less,—8 charges hover about \$500. May I touch, at least, another phase of this question? A few churches give their pastors cash presents. Where does the hardship fall? The retired men who have labored, and now are entitled to rest and support. I hesitate to invoke, or even remind you of paragraph 953, but we must all agree that any plan which circumvents prorating works an injustice to conference claimants, and is hardly teamplay with other charges which pay in full.

During the receding decade debt has struck fear and threatened ruin to seven thousand churches in the Methodist Episcopal denomination. This district was no exception to that situation. Had the prosperity of the New Era flowed through the thirties as it did the twenties, the load would have been heavy enough, but when that evaporated, and misery enveloped everything and everybody, the burden seemingly became impossible of liquidation. But there still abides that victory which is our faith, and no small number of our preachers are true to the courage and undertaking of our fathers who escaped the edge of the sword and stopped the mouths of lions and creditors. Our philosophy, economic and otherwise, differs from the New Deal. We do not subscribe to the idea and practice that people become sober by constant and more drinking, or solvent by more and constant borrowing. Several pastors resolved to throw a Shakesperian aphorism into reverse, and not permit a loan to lose either itself, or friend. Rev. Harry N. Bailey in the face of mature apathy planned a debt raising campaign in both of his churches. The success in each church gathered a momentum that raised \$2154., and released Deal's Island from the chains of debt. The zeal crossed the bridge and Somerset charge carved the same freedom. Rev. E. S. Gault's first year in the ministry will be famous at Rock Creek for he paid off all her debt of \$1206. Then Fairmount joined the crusade, and musical Rev. E. B. Eckhart, a master of notes, took up one and burned it, and as the smoke drifted away so disappeared the debt against that parsonage. If you could know the events incident to these obligations you would declare that their payment is indeed marvelous. Asbury and Immanuel of Crisfield, and Tylerton of Smith's Island, of which Revs. Rowleson, Bicking, and Short are the respective pastors, reduced debt burdens



from \$1400. to \$750. Tangier now owes no man. Under the management of Rev. W. A. Hearn, the standing debt of \$5900. at Laurel has shrunk to \$1900. Pocomoke City, Crapo, Sharptown, Bethel, Cape Charles, Parsonsburg, St. Peters have given thought and hard labor to debt reduction, and have sliced off considerable amounts.

From debts let us turn our review to works of construction. At Fruitland the auditorium has become a sanctuary, and the church school annex an up-to-date educational unit. Cost of alterations and additions was \$12,500. Last year more than \$3,000 was expended in remodeling Siloam Church of this charge. Such major accomplishments, plus the sweeping revivals and two advances in pastoral salary lifts the present pastorate to pre-eminence. Berlin erects a church house large in its dimensions, and convenient in appointment and equipment. The cost was \$4200. Enlargement of the Quantico church building provides ample space for the choir, and church school. Cost \$1700. At the cost of \$1200 Whitesville is back, in part, on Maryland soil, for Line Church has erected across the road from the church, a Community Hall, sixty feet by thirty. Such a hall should be of real worth in that rural neighborhood. A year ago Showell constructed a church house to serve all proper community functions; now Bishopville of the same circuit has such a building. Spending \$1300 the people of St. Georges extensively remodeled the interior of their church home. Following a fire the parsonage of Asbury-Salisbury was rebuilt and rearranged on the interior, and much new furniture installed. Mt. Vernon and Nanticoke, each, report improvements of \$1,000.

Many buildings went up; some went down. Fires have invaded parts of the district. Ignited from a newly built fire in a newly installed heater the new church edifice at Ewell, Smith's Island, burned at high noon, October 31, 1937. The flames spread to the parsonage and camp meeting property. Every shred of church equipment went up in smoke. No insurance on the church, or the pastor's goods. A Conference-wide appeal was imperative, and to date the churches and friends have donated generously to the extent of \$2048. The people at Ewell and I are grateful, and thank you. On the 11th of last December, Sound Church caught fire from a defective chimney. Frozen pumps, and a cold night rendered the worshiping congregation powerless to save this dear old edifice. An altar rail about which Freeborn Garrettson had conducted revivals was lost in this conflagration. Face value of insurance was \$2950. At both places new buildings will arise to replace those annihilated by fire.

The vital question of religious education engages the attention of all our pastors and alert laymen. For two years we have not employed a director. A year ago the counsellor plan was introduced. Here is the present status. That side of youth training which is of the convention, or mass type is ahead of anything the district, or Conference has ever seen. Attendance at the League Conventions, and Youth Conference was record breaking. The Summer Institute has a growing enrollment. Enthusiasm, spiritual enrichment, consecration to high and noble ideals flow at high tide in each and all of these gatherings. The leadership of Revs. Milbury and Baker has been 100% satisfactory. We marvel at their patience, industry, and understanding of young life. On the other side we find that we have

no training schools, no official to travel through the Conference and keep the organizations and churches in tune with the best methods, and there is no central office available to pastors who seek information in their local problems. Without prejudice by word or gesture I laid this matter before the Ministerial Association of our district. Following a healthy debate the following recommendation was unanimously adopted. "We are heartily in favor of a program of Christian Education and in view of the impending unification of Methodism, we urge our Board of Religious Education to make overtures at the proper time to the officials of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church looking toward the placing of a director in the field to assist the united church in its work in Christian Education. We question the advisability of employing a director of religious education for the Wilmington Conference at this time."

We know not what the last dollar will say for World Service. 1223 Units were apportioned; 922 subscribed. So we expect a decisive advance. Spread over land and sea the domain is difficult to cultivate. My preachers cannot readily assemble to hear an expert discuss church finance, neither can a returned missionary find a central point at which to reside, and easily visit and speak in the churches. The task of selling the Million Union Fellowship dropped on the thin shoulders of the superintendent. None sooner than myself circularized his field about this movement. Last Fall I delivered the illustrated lecture "For Such A Time as This" forty-eight times, believe it, not. Methodists enjoyed it, and reacted encouragingly. A radio station was used to advertise the National Broadcast of March 2nd. Thrice the announcement went on the air from W. S. A. L. with the hope that the people would listen-in and hear our bishops. In all form letters, and at all Preachers' Meetings we have sound and resound the call of the Church, and the need of the world. Faithful pastors on good soil and in rough places have planted this movement. All charges have made pledges—even the one mission point.

At this point hear a brief re-capitulation of six major items. Estimates based on pre-Conference reports put World Service receipts at \$10,486.—an advance of \$1891; paid on debts \$14,155.—an advance of \$851; buildings and improvements amount up to \$38,319.—ahead of last year by \$11,300; the Ladies' Aid exceeds the record-breaking total of last year by \$5,608.—the total this year is \$27,952; at the last Conference session our district reported an increase on Conference Claimants of \$1576.—this year there is another step forward, which in amount seems to be \$1,051. Salaries did rise to the total of \$3975.—and so did other items.

Committees on Temperance, State of the Church, and Social Service will boldly articulate the mind of this body on prohibition, divorce, labor, war, et cetera. The work of the Ministerial Association of the city of Salisbury has been so aggressive, and far reaching effective that I give it honorable mention in this report. Unity, definite purpose and skillful action describe these fearless pastors. Their association is an agency for civic righteousness in the southern half of this peninsula. Salisbury is the only town on the Shore where the playing of professional baseball on Sunday was stopped. 99.99 per cent of the credit is due these preachers, and they did it without the aid of a city ordinance. When state and county

officials equivocated, and a local magistrate sold hard liquor when not in his judicial chair; when vice and despoilers of the underground world unashamed and unrebuked plundered and polluted the community these men spoke and acted, and closed a joint of notorious moral perversion and Sabbath desecration. True it is they raised the temperature of the Court House and lighted their own pulpits. Why shouldn't they? We make a mistake in complacently commenting about the declining power of the preacher, and departed place and glory of the Church in the Social Order. Man remains a religious creature, and the church is still alive. A united ministerial front in any town will definitely improve the cause of law and order, and elevate the moral life of the community.

All that might be, or could be written about revivals has been repeatedly discussed in reports similar to this. Probably there is stronger conviction in the use and worth of revival meetings, and mass evangelism among the church followers of my field than any district in American Methodism. While there are some very fine meetings every year, a tide of religious interest and aggressive zeal has not moved and refreshed our people. A majority of members rate a pastor by his success as a holder of extra services. Hence he feels that something must happen. Therefore many pseudo-Sundays of both sexes have discovered fertile fields south of Dover. As I declared two years ago, men called to preach must have revivals. Irrespective of temperament, and diversity of gifts I believe in the pastor-evangelist. A special service for the saving of souls should command and corral the whole church. Every branch can and should assist. Future wars will be waged, not by the army alone, but by the entire nation. Church militancy must converge and concentrate on this objective. In spite of feminine freaks who wear long and painted finger nails, and sophisticate about birth control, there are yet a few children. And though a multitude dodge, or ward off the seeker of souls by claiming a languid church membership, yet there remains a multitude which does not know the saving Christ. If not found in Jerusalem, they may be in Samaria, or about the hills of Galilee. Onancock and Tangier led by experienced pastor-evangelists had large ingatherings, and the results seem well established. It may be Christianity is now facing the real test of its long and blessed life. Hitler and Stalin are on the march. A spiritual offense is the only defense and security, and quoting a famous writer, Jesus says, "I have no other plan." More than a thousand conversions are reported.

Were time and space agreeable, I would tell how Dr. McClain baptized sixty-one children on one Lord's Day; and has brought the Men's Bible Class attendance up to 334; how Revs. Wilson, Cannon, and Allen have rescued Methodism in lower Dorchester; of the big year's work of the two Goodhands, father and son, at Grace, and Pittsville; of the fine reports from Millsboro, and Ocean View; how Dr. McDade's eloquence has captured Frankford and near-by territory; of the Methodist Research Laboratory introduced by Rev. Vaughan Moore; of the blessed union revival at Delmar; how Mrs. D. J. Givan, in her first appointment, made a new home of the parsonage at Church Creek; of the re-marriage of Dr. and Mrs. Jacobs on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at Snow Hill; of the promising

pastorates beginning at Chincoteague, Hebron, and Ocean City; the excellent pastorates at Hurlock and East New Market, but time forbids discussion of these and other pleasant and successful undertakings. The progress of the past two years was large, but this year in some respects equals those two combined. These three, but the greatest is this year.

In closing we record our thanks to the Head of the Church for life and health, and our appreciation to preachers and their wives, and to laymen for their willing co-operation. Instead of poetry for the very final word, I wish to read in this report the six goals held up by the United Methodist Council:

- (1). A more vital, informed and devoted ministry.
- (2). A membership sure of God and consecrated to His purposes.
- (3). A program of Christian education to lead our people into growing understanding of the background, meaning and obligations of our faith.
- (4). A program of constructive evangelism to enlist those in each of our parishes who have not yet accepted the Lordship of Christ.
- (5). An increased devotion to those World Service agencies through which the Church seeks to express its concern for men, and its faith in the adequacy of Christ to meet the needs of the whole world.
- (6). An earnest search for immediate steps to bring under the sway of Christ areas of life in which He has not been recognized, so that the Kingdom of God may come.

#### WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

W. E. GUNBY, Superintendent.

Bishop Waldorf, Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

Representing the Pastors of the Churches of this District, and the loyal People, known as Methodists, it is my happy privilege to welcome this Conference Session to the fellowship of the Wilmington District, the City of Wilmington, and to Union Church. The Session of 1930 was held at Silverbrook Church, and the Session of 1934 at Newark, within the District, so this is the first time we have convened within the City for eight years.

Greetings to Bishop Waldorf, who presides over our assembly, and to the Fathers, and Brethren, and Friends of the Wilmington Conference, here gathered! May your presence prove a mutual blessing, and may the enrichment of His grace, Who is the living Head of the Church, and Whose mercy is over all, be manifest in all hearts, and lives, and conduct, through all the coming days!

The report of any District is but the summation of the vision, the application of effort, the prayers, and the consecrated service rendered on the part of the devoted Pastors and loyal People, working together, during the year. It will be my purpose to make this a District Report, and not the recital of the successful achievements of the constituent charges.

1. **District Losses.** During the year the District has felt keenly the going of two princely souls from the ranks of our ministry—one from the Retired Relation, the Rev. J. T. Richardson, who gave forty-five years of faithful service to the Church,—and the other, the Rev. E. W. McDowell, from the Active Ministry,—a nobleman indeed, gone into a far country, an alert, capable administrator, a devoted, faithful pastor, a friend to all in need, the determined supporter of every good cause, the unrelenting foe of every evil, and a brother beloved. His helpful and efficient service as the Registrar of the Conference will long be remembered.

Mrs. Carrie E. Wilson of Aberdeen, Maryland, and Mrs. Vaughan S. Collins of this City have gone from among us, from the Retired list. From the Active Ministry and into the beautiful beyond, has passed Mrs. John L. Sparklin. Kindly, mothering spirits were they all, leaving with their loved ones and friends, precious memories, and enriching legacies of faith and devotion and helpful service. Freed from the weary burdens of the flesh, their spirits rejoice in the renewals of finer fellowships than earth can offer, as they walk with the redeemed and blood-washed, the flower-strewn fields of the Eternal Summer-Lands of God.

"They are not dead who live  
In lives they leave behind;  
In those whom they have blessed  
They live a life again  
And shall live through the years,  
Eternal Life, and grow more beautiful,  
As time declares their good,  
Forgets the rest, and proves  
Their IMMORTALITY."

(HUGH ROBERT ORR).

2. **Exchanges and Transfers.** In January, the Rev. R. W. Campbell, of North East, Maryland, surrendered his credentials, and was succeeded by the Rev. R. S. Hodgson, Pastor of Red Lion charge. The Rev. Edward Todd, Local Preacher, of Elsmere, Delaware completed the year at Red Lion. In February, the Rev. E. W. McDowell passed away and the vacancy at Richardson Park has been supplied till the close of the year. The Rev. Dr. Frank L. Hicks, of McCabe Church, Wilmington, has been transferred to the North East Ohio Conference, and stationed at Elyria, Ohio, in direct exchange with the Rev. Dr. E. J. Bond. Dr. Bond comes with a fine record of successful service, has been cordially received by McCabe Church, and we welcome him as a brother beloved, and fellow-worker in the things of the Kingdom.

3. **Women's Organizations.** No word of commendation seems adequate to express the merited praise due the devoted women of our two great missionary organizations. Each of these societies, with their respective associate groups, has gone forth to even higher levels of accomplishment, and completed another wonderful year. Not to be surpassed in practical devotion, thrift, or efficient service, the Ladies' Aid Societies, and kindred organizations, again bear convincing witness, that miracles of helpfulness are still being wrought for the Kingdom of God, and for the Church, whose agent it is. For these splendid women, through whose unceasing devotion and tireless effort, so many good things are accomplished, we again thank God, and renew our hope.

4. **City Missionary Society.** The work of this organization, inadequate as it is, to meet existing need, has made practical contribution to human betterment, and particularly to child-training, and merits the commendation, and the financial support of all our Churches and People. The personnel remains unchanged, and a fine loyalty characterizes the individual workers. Through its falling income the Home Mission Board has again felt the necessity to reduce its support of this work. The Churches of this District contribute about 70% of the total Conference support. The meetings are held at the District Parsonage monthly and the officers and members are faithful to the trusts committed to their care.

5. **The Gambrill Bequests.** To honor God through a long life of devotion and consecrated service is indeed a beautiful achievement. To continue to honor God, when life has come to its earthly close, by the disposition of earthly substance to the manifold and varied agencies and institutions of the Church of Christ, in such ways, as to enlarge their usefulness, and to perpetuate their various ministries across the generations yet to be,—as Mr. and Mrs. Melville Gambrill have done—is as rare as it is beautiful. What a magnificent Christian beneficence! What a lofty and shining example these devoted Methodists have left to those who still live, and contemplate how to enrich the multiplied ministrations of the Church, and to ennoble the lives of others, after life's activities are over!

6. **The Spirit of Union.** The proposed merger of the three Methodisms, for which this Conference gave unanimous vote last year, seems to approach that consummation, for which so many have looked and prayed. The spirit of unity is in the very atmosphere of every gathering of our People. In joyous anticipation of the relation of this hope, we find the proposed coming union coloring much of our thought and determining many of our plans for the years just ahead. No one doubts that many perplexities will arise in the adjustments that must follow, but Christian love can find a way to bring all such problems to a satisfactory solution. Then may we exultingly sing—

"Like a mighty army,  
Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers we are treading  
Where the saints have trod;  
We are not divided,  
All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine,  
One in charity."

(SABINE BARING-GOULD.)

7. **The Church and the World Situation.** Lifting our eyes above the immediate horizons a world in confusion, bewilderment and perplexity, stands disclosed. This is a period of transition on a world scale. All things are questioned. There is a portent of universal insecurity. The world has become smaller. Racial groups are living in a proximity of relationship which begets a constant complexity of intricate human problems. Rapid travel has bridged the once insuperable distances. Great oceans, once the barriers dividing nations, have become the glistening highways of communication. The radio keeps all in immediate rapport with world events. Arrogant nationalism continues its unreasoning aggression into the rich lands

of the weaker and more passive peoples. The old cry of the "Divine right of Rulers" is heard again after the passing of the centuries. Self-constituted dictators defy the world, and with the open threat of military might, and subtle propaganda, drive ruthlessly on. God is dismissed from His throne, selfish nationalism is exalted, and becomes a religion, and the dictator, the self-imposed prophet and head of the new order. The state is supreme, and all power becomes incarnate in him who presides alone over its destinies. This nationalism has its temples, its shrines, its prophets and priests, its law, its creed, its ritual, its ceremonies, and its promises of immortality. Sacredness of person, individual rights, freedom of thought, of speech, of assembly, of worship are but the forgotten figments of a decadent past. Life, family, children, property are subservient to, and exist for the state.

Three of these great national cults exist: each the rival of both the others, and each committed to the ideal of universal conquest. They differ in minor details, but are each essentially pagan, and they stand together as the rival of the Christian Religion. There has been no day since the Son of God died between the thieves on Calvary that the Church of Christ has been confronted with such subtle, determined and colossal opposition as threatens her very existence today. Titanic forces challenge us and the conflict is unto death! What a lesson we should learn from what has happened elsewhere!

If we suppose that in 1938 we can preserve the Christian Religion within the walls of our Churches, we are living in a fool's paradise. The Church must not permit herself to be tempted to identify its faith with traditionalism, or to equate the cause of Christianity with any particular social or political system. To maintain a "status quo" is equally suicidal. Even holding the defensive will prove ultimately fatal. The Christian faith is by its very genius a going, dynamic religion and can survive only by taking the moral and spiritual initiative and proclaiming its principles and convictions and redemptive grace in the face of the prevailing mass hysteria, and the nauseating arrogance of the post-war materialistic philosophies.

There is a growing conviction, heard even in Washington, that only a world-wide Christian revival, broad and deep and purifying can lead mankind back to peace, security and sanity. The Church must leave no confusion in the Popular mind, as to what Christianity really is, and must relate religious convictions to the moral, political and economic issues, which call for solution in this present generation. Along with the old evangelism, we need a new kind of evangelism—a sustained, vigorous, nation-wide enterprise in disseminating the Christian world-view, and its interpretation to the life of ordinary men and women. Unless the Church recaptures the confidence and the habitual thinking, and the renewed support and devotion of its own followers, our efforts to save the world will be largely wasted.

The interest in Christianity for this day is practical and not theoretical and speculative. Men want to know what Christianity is, not as a doctrinal system, but as a principle of life, and way of living. They are interested in whether "it works" in a day like this. Its answers, to be con-

vincing must be in the sphere of practice. The "Kingdom of God," means the "reign of God" and not any political or social program. Unless Jesus was mistaken, the Kingdom is to be realized on earth.

The answer of Christianity to the "rival ideologies" is the reaffirmation of faith in the God of love and truth, Sovereign over this world and all worlds, Who abides and reigns in eternal majesty, and Who reveals His purposes for men in Jesus Christ, and that in His Will is our peace. The idolatry of power, for its own selfish ends has always been destructive of the finest values in human life, and is the same today. The way out is the way of recovered faith in the redeeming God.

In the last analysis, the battle is drawn between the two conflicting views of life,—the pagan and the Christian. The pagan regards men as the blind, unreasoning helots of collectivisms, the slaves of dictators, the idol worshippers of state, endowed with no higher purpose than to become, or to produce cannon-fodder. The Christian view acknowledges the sovereignty of God, as the loving Father of all, the redeeming Saviorhood of Jesus Christ, the sacredness of life and of person, the supremacy of conscience, and the inviolability of the soul. That God is supreme, and to His Will rulers and states must conform or perish.

The crucial question is, What God do we worship? Whether men will choose to follow a faith that is sterile, debasing, and enslaving, or a faith that is creative, satisfying, ennobling, and liberating? Such a decision is not a mere personal preference, that makes little difference, but is one of those decisions fraught with eternal potentialities, and determinative of human destiny.

Confronted by this unprecedented world-situation, it is a matter of much felicity that we find ourselves as a Church, already organized into a movement, calculated to intensify our spiritual resources, and to augment our financial assets, and to integrate us the more intimately with the service needs of this age. I think of no other Church which finds itself more fortunately related to the immediate opportunities to serve human need, and establish the Kingdom of God. The very design of the Million-Unit Fellowship is to inspire devotion to the person, the ideals, the standards of Jesus Christ, and to make them effective in the complex life of this day. It is a plan of action for the whole Church in the light of the imperial claims of Christ, and the imperative needs of this confused and weary world. It seeks to enlist all, who believe that Jesus Christ is the all-sufficient answer to the world's appalling need, in a concerted effort to bring Christ to the place of dominant leadership in all human relations, in the complete life of the world. It is basically a spiritual movement and must not be permitted to degenerate into a mere moneygetting enterprise. The Church requires enlarged financial assets to meet its enlarged opportunities, and must have increased support, or Christian civilization stands in jeopardy. Let us first give ourselves, and the giving of money becomes the normal expression of heart devotion. The general Church can speak with authority and power at the counsel tables of the nations only to the degree that the individual Churches, of which she is constituted, are loyal and true, in their support.

This District made an advance in World Service giving of \$712 last year, and despite the "recession," even the incomplete returns justify the hope of another advance.

**8. Christian Education.** Christian education seeks to discover from all available sources what God's will is for a given situation. The Church is a fellowship of men and women dedicated to the doing of the will of God. Christian education is a normal expression of the life of the Church. Its goal is a spiritual objective. Not simply the teaching of truth, the perfecting of technique, but the transformation of life. It seeks to interpret life as a whole, based upon the Christian understanding of both God and man, as revealed in Jesus Christ. The Church needs to study, to seek the best. Unthinking piety cannot save the world any more than irreligious knowledge.

Christian education believes that man at his worst is capable of being changed. That each is of infinite worth, and that "God hath set His love upon us," and that "we are bought with a price." That man is not to be treated as a means to an end, but is worthy in his inherent self-hood. That no earthly state can claim man's whole, or supreme allegiance, and that man is by God's grace an eternal potentiality.

The primary business of Christian education is not to present a new program or a new technique however perfect, but to assist in creating new creatures in Christ Jesus. The heart will not long support what the mind fails to approve. The Church-going habit will not outlive the present generation if its intellectual basis is neglected or undermined. No half-committed, unexacting loyalty is likely to turn this world right side up. If we would enlist our youth into our membership and capitalize their sincerity and ardor, in this most magnificent of all crusades, a great demand must be made upon them. The strength of the dictator nations is in the readiness of their youth to suffer hardship and loss, to undergo rigid discipline, in behalf of the state. Let us challenge our youth afresh to personal devotion and loyalty to Jesus Christ, calling them to Christian discipline, and the will to endure and dare in His service.

In the absence of a Conference Director the District has worked under the Counsellor Plan. Many Training Schools of fine quality have been held, with very satisfactory enrollments. Numerous Vacation Schools have been conducted. Helpful Epworth League Conventions have been held in both Divisions of the District. An Epworth League Training School has just come to its close. The Delmarva Institute at Dover, the Youth Conference at Salisbury were largely attended and were of fine quality. Regular monthly rallies and special services on the great days of the Church year are well supported by our youth.

**9. Speaking Generally.** The District has had another splendid year. Many successful revivals have been conducted, and some of them merit special mention. We shall miss from our report the usual ingatherings of the Easter season, but never has the church more actively participated in the activities incidental to the Lenten Season, or planned to capitalize the potentialities of Holy Week, than in this year. World Service, Benevolences, and all Conference askings have been faithfully presented and will show reasonable advance. Very much attention has been paid to reducing

indebtedness, and much has been expended in improvements, some of them of extensive nature, like the new Educational Unit at Newport, the new heating plant at Brandywine, and the new Pipe Organ at Silverbrook. Church attendance shows improvement and I trust for an upward turn in Church School enrollment.

**10. Personal Word.** No engagement has been missed during the year. I have responded to all calls just as far as my crowded schedule would permit. I have not spared travel, labor, expense, or time where such expenditure promised helpfulness. As the servant of the Church, I have been uniformly received with kindness and social amenities unmerited in my own behalf. With abounding gratitude to the Good Father, whose merciful favors I have received, and with sincere appreciation for the kindly, sympathetic cooperation of all those, with whom I have labored, and whose unflinching helpfulness has lightened my burdens and cheered my heart, I bring this report to its close.

Mrs. Gunby, who has worked with me through the year, and through the years, desires me to give expression to the appreciation she feels, for the kindnesses and courtesies extended to her, within this ennobling fellowship of the Methodist Ministry. The year has been rich in opportunity, and rewarding in service. May our Blessed Church, grown stronger, and richer in spirit, merit the favor of God, and become the more perfect expression of His will, through all the coming days. We pledge anew our devotion, and may His peace abide in all our hearts. And unto Him be the glory.

"God of grace and God of glory,  
On Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient Church's story;  
Bring her bud to glorious flower,  
Grant us wisdom,  
Grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour."

(HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK)

## (b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

### REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

Some years ago a member of this Conference preached a sermon in which he dwelt on the word "acquiesce." There were those he said who were active on the side of evil, those who worked against it and those who would simply acquiesce. The meaning of this word is to quietly submit or to give passive consent.

This seems to be the attitude of many who should have protested against repeal and who should now protest against conditions brought about by repeal.

Drunken driving is a national scandal and in spite of campaigns to lower the toll of death by automobile accidents, the number reached the new high last year of 39,700, a large percentage being traceable to drunken or drinking drivers.

The death rate from alcoholism is on the increase. Keely cures went bankrupt during prohibition but are flourishing again. When the 18th Amendment went into effect there were 225 Keely cures and similar institutions; when Repeal came there were but 14, now there are 425. In a certain town a victim of periodic drunkenness went on his last debauch. We conducted his funeral. A young man visiting a taproom was coached to say when another addict came into the room, "What was it that killed Mr. A.?" He did so and white with anger the second man shook his finger in the young man's face and said "If I were as young and as strong as you are I would knock you down. Never say anything like that again in my presence." He had a consciousness of his own impending doom for before the year came to a close, in spite of Keely cure treatment he too was a sudden victim. Shall we acquiesce in the legalized sale of that which enslaves men and brings them down to a premature grave?

In spite of the increased number of crimes in the first three years of repeal, Mr. Hoover now reports an increase in major crimes for the year 1937.

Bootlegging is still a tremendous problem before the nation. Representative Cellar stated in Congress that last year, government agents seized over 16000 stills, over 12 million gallons of Mash, over 4000 automobiles and property amounting to nearly \$4,000,000.

Bootlegging is still here. Our attention was called to a woman pacing back and forth in front of a certain building and we were informed that every day this victim of alcohol came there for a pint of whiskey. This in territory where none can be sold legally.

And it was our sad privilege to see a young man who had for several weeks been very attentive to his dying mother, suddenly changed into another creature through the maddening effects of drink. Neighbors had him placed in civil custody where he remained until the day of his mother's funeral. And the shameful thing is that some bootlegger delivered an order for whiskey by placing the bottle in a paper bag on the back steps of the very home where this sainted mother lay dying.

The evils of this day of repeal are legion, 1,350,000 girls and women are employed in dispensing liquor in tap rooms, saloons, etc.

Newspapers, magazines and the radio are saturated with flowing advertisements of the liquor trade, and everywhere along our highways we see the twin signs gasoline-beer.

This strange contradictory union is in spite of the fact that everywhere we also meet the slogan "If you drink don't Drive." One of the mysteries of our land is that we legalize the sale of intoxicating liquor and then arrest the drunken driver and incarcerate the man who imbibes too freely of these legalized wares.

Why are we so acquiescent? Why do we sit idly by and permit these conditions to exist? At least three reasons come to our mind.

1. We have the spirit of defeatism and impotence in the face of the liquor advocates. Repeal is the law and we complacently accept it as legal without any protest. We imbibe the false philosophy of the wets, who proclaim that we cannot legislate men into righteousness, and that prohibition was a failure and never could be enforced.

This is the attitude the liquor interests want us to take.

2. The last stand of civilization and Christian enlightenment appears to be made in America. But America cannot survive except our trust is in Almighty God. Prosperity cannot come as a result of Licensed evil. Many acquiesced in the return of liquor because of the huge sums its sale would bring into the National coffers. In spite of the fact that the government has received its share of the 5 billion dollars spent annually for liquor, the latest figures give 10,500,000 as the number of the unemployed and the national debt is reaching a new high every month.

Such blood money can be only a curse instead of a blessing and legalized rum will drag us down to national defeat rather than lift us up out of a depression.

We need another William Jennings Bryan to stand up in a political convention and cry "You shall not crucify America on a cross of Liquor Gold."

Money has much to do with the lack of opposition to the licensing of rum. Where the pocket book is affected the voice of conscience is stilled. When states, counties and towns share in the profits it is hard for them to cry out against the source of revenue.

When the state or county engages in this nefarious traffic, immediately every taxpayer becomes a stockholder in the liquor business. In one town in our territory, petitions helped to divert part of the county liquor earnings, so that a garbage disposal system could be installed.

And in other towns where the population is largely Methodist, hundreds of dollars are gratefully received from the state sale of liquor without any audible protest.

Money is a great silencer.

3. But the greatest silencer probably has been politics. "My party, right or wrong, my party." To follow political leadership into repeal has carried greater weight with many than the invitation of Christ "Follow me." God pity the man or woman who places the party emblem above the cross of Christ.

We need to nominate for President of the United States a man whose first public statement will be "From this hour the liquor traffic is doomed."

The rank and file of the church need to be aroused from their four year's sleep. If any so-called Methodists frequent the beer joints or serve wine at their home tables let us convert them, or disown them.

We need more fearless leaders like Bishop Hughes or Geo. W. Crabbe or our own Ivanhoe Willis and Leonard White, daring, intrepid, fearless, unflinching, dauntless in their battle against booze.

Thank God for our Board of Temperance, Prohibition and public morals with its efficient and faithful Secretary Ernest H. Cherrington, and its headquarters in the very circle of government buildings, on a plot of ground to which Clarence True Wilson conducted Bishop Hughes nearly two decades ago, saying "This is the Spot." This is the spot where Methodism and Protestantism may determine the destiny of America.

Thank God for the women of the W. C. T. U.—ridiculed, derided, slandered, maligned, yet pressing ever onward in the struggle to win the day for the white ribbon and righteousness.

Thank God that we are proud to belong to the Anti-Saloon League and are not ashamed to open our church services to its representatives.

We hereby approve the objectives of the Anti-Saloon League, namely:

1. To stop the sale of intoxicating beverages on Sunday.
2. To prohibit the sale of intoxicants within 300 feet of a school or church.
3. To stop by law the advertising of intoxicants by radio, newspapers and roadside signs.
4. To fight for local option for election districts and counties as soon as they are ready for it.
5. Above all to stop as far as possible the educational program of the wets to get our young people into beer and liquor joints.
6. To educate our people so they will know the facts about the damning effects of alcohol and the evils of the liquor traffic.

Shall we sit supinely by while the nation is being ravished?

Shall we acquiesce in the legalized sale of liquor. Shall we acquiesce in the flood of evils swept in on the tide of repeal?

Our answer today as a conference is—"Never"!

We reaffirm our loyalty to the cause of temperance and prohibition, serving notice that we will work unceasingly for the destruction of the liquor traffic whether it be by local option, statewide prohibition or a new "18th" Amendment.

And to this end and for this purpose we cheerfully pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

### THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Church is required again to withstand trials and tribulations, and prove, by its own faith and its own God-given power of endurance, the vitality of the Gospel which it preaches as the hope of the world. Abroad the Church is harassed by war, annihilated by communism, and suppressed by dictatorships. At home it is faced by no less relentless and godless foes,—materialism, secularism, indifference. A heartless liquor traffic, with its doors open on Sunday in parts of our conference area for the sale of its destructive wares; a shameless moving picture industry seeking also to open its doors on the Lord's Day; even our national game, baseball, is becoming a local Sunday sport; race track gambling on an unprecedented scale has cursed our peninsula. Over against this picture are the young people of our churches in Summer Institutes, Youth Conferences, and in the local churches seeking to know and follow the way of Christ. "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord." Only a divine institution could have withstood all the opposition and assaults that have come upon it through the centuries,—and continue to come.

The clarion call comes anew today for a wholly consecrated ministry and an equally devoted laity to stand for Christ and the Church. The Church in America and Methodism in particular is challenged to prove her power and divine calling in this present hour.

Therefore we reaffirm our opposition to the abominable liquor traffic and all its attendant evils and pledge ourselves to cooperate with all other Christian forces to renew our battle against it and other evils, and never retreat until the forces of righteousness are triumphant.

World Peace. Dare we speak of peace at a time when nations are at war, when the war spirit seems to be spreading around the world, and even our own peace-loving nation has felt its throb? Mars is enthroned. But God has not been dethroned and Christ is still the Prince of Peace. A Church that sponsors war as a means to an end, though that end be its own exaltation, is not a true Church of Christ. The patriotism of the Methodist Church in America can not be questioned. Nevertheless, our church stands unequivocally opposed to the propaganda for war as a means of settling international disputes and against any increase of military forces for aggressive use. This scene,—the world as an armed camp,—should bring us to our knees in prayer to the God of Love and the Prince of Peace that we might more effectively preach and live the gospel of love as revealed in the conquering cross of Jesus.

We hail with enthusiasm the forward looking program of the World Service Commission in launching the Million Unit Fellowship movement. We recognize that this is not a movement apart from ourselves but one in which we as a Conference, as separate churches, and as individual christians should enlist until every unit of Methodism is working together to build the Kingdom of God at home and abroad.

We rejoice in the prospect of ultimate unification of Methodism. Long have we prayed and labored to this end. It is a good commentary upon the State of the Church that we have (at least, we hope we all have) the spirit of sacrifice and brotherhood that makes possible this Christian achievement. The mere amalgamation of organizations and resources will

probably not bring an immediate Pentecost. But working together in that spirit which makes us all one in Christ, we shall more consistently call others into the Brotherhood of Christ and more powerfully preach the Gospel of Redemption through His atonement who prayed and prays that we might all be one.

We celebrate and commemorate the Aldersgate Experience. A celebration may be a mere celebration with little left to us after the shouting is over. We are resolved that this shall not be so with us. Let us seek to understand by experience that Pentecost which came to Wesley when he felt his heart strangely warmed and knew that his own sins were forgiven. An experience which overshadowed all the rest of his life. God does not desire to withhold such an experience of heart warming and assurance from us or our people. We recommend the wide use of "Fifty Years in Buckles and Saddle," by Shields, "John Wesley's Awakening," by Joy and every other available means of promoting the spiritual appreciation of this event,—its meaning to Wesley and to the World. But we especially call for a renewed earnestness in seeking after God through a complete surrender to and oneness with Jesus which will kindle the spiritual fires on the altar of our hearts and on the altars of our churches.

Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

J. T. ROWLENSON,  
J. HARRY WRIGHT,  
E. M. SHOCKLEY.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

The Christian Church believes and teaches the message of Jesus Christ as the Kingdom of God established in the hearts of men. The Church is a community of believers wherein men find for themselves the highest meaning and fulfillment of life. Our beloved Methodist Episcopal Church is part of that great Christian body. Through the Church we are called upon to be ministering servants one of another, and to the needs of our fellowmen. The Church cannot be self-centered. It dare not save itself, only as the Master sought rest, that He might give Himself with renewed strength to the establishing of His Kingdom. The task to which the Church is called requires devotion of heart and mind and soul attained only through Christ who is all, and in all.

It is a strange day in which we are living. There is much in this day that is cruel. It is a day of confusion and great uncertainty. All about us are forces in play that are unseen but not uncertain, and the Church and society seem unable to cope with these forces. A slight acquaintance with literature, the presence of our daily press and the ever-speaking radio lead all people to sense that the nations are standing at a turning point in history. Archimedes boasted that, given a proper leverage and a place to rest his fulcrum, he would lift the world. The supreme mission of the Church is "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel

to every creature," but we are unequal to the task as long as we are held beneath the world's spell. The Church must set in motion within itself such forces—social, economic and spiritual, that will tend to separate it from the world it would save. May we lay hold of the leverage that is ours in the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ and lift the world into God-likeness.

It is impossible for a small committee on Social Service to give proper and adequate consideration to the many problems of the Church and State. We recommend a commission or seminar for the study of contemporary problems. No follower of Christ can forget that the Christian Church is a universal Church. Therefore, beginning with the home, we offer suggestions and recommendations upon a few of the many problems confronting the Church today.

#### The Church and the Home.

The home is the basic institution of our national life. Divorce is becoming one of the most destructive forces in the home. We recognize marriage as a legal procedure but the home must be based upon an interpretation that is more than simply conforming to law. The establishment of an American home ought to be so impregnated with spiritual meaning that it can withstand the economic and social assaults of the times.

Due to the disintegration of many homes the country is being faced with the problem of an increasing number of criminals. We are often startled by the youth of those committing the crimes.

A second factor in the moral breakdown in our home life is the woeful lack of religious training. From high and low, from rich and poor, from educated and uneducated families our youthful criminals are coming. Competent judges inform us that invariably these young people come from homes that lack religious training. When questioned further "What church did the boy attend?" or "What religious education did he receive?" the answer has been, "None." There is no doubt therefore that great good comes to children through religious instruction in the home, the church and the Sunday school.

#### The Church and Unemployment.

The green-eyed monster of unemployment still stalks through the land. Here our economic system comes under heavy strain. While seeking to solve the problem of poverty and distress we have been pauperizing millions of honest men. The sad fact is that many are becoming disqualified for future citizenship. There are discouraging political influences extending through our unemployed society and touching those who administer it, like the slimy tentacles of a giant octopus laying its hold upon a helpless creature.

We call the attention of the church to the fact that the laboring man, in increasing numbers, is passing by the door of the church. We insist that labor has the right to organize to protect and promote its interests. We are not in sympathy with the sit-down striker, nor with the Hitlerlike methods of labor leaders in striding across all boundaries by picketing,



provoking and agitating, and the hiring of professionals to promote differences between labor and capital.

We also condemn as base the methods of the capitalists in spending millions to pay for spy systems within the ranks of the men whom they employ. Such attitudes on both sides tend to widen the breach between these two classes and defeat the purpose for which they were initiated.

We find a ray of hope in the Co-operatives as conducted in some lands and now being attempted in our land. We ought to give them more consideration.

Men are crying "change the system; change the system." Unscrupulous men can and have taken advantage of our present economic system to work harm upon many, and reap undue benefits for themselves. If men were more Christian in their attitudes the present system would not be continually railed against. Men with selfish and sinful motives will find ways to defeat a new system as certainly as they know how to take advantage of the present system. Our economic system is often accused of being the prime factor in promoting wars. We doubt it. It may be a factor but not the prime factor. No doubt there are flaws in our system. Flaws are found in the systems of the Church of Jesus Christ. Flaws were found in the first economic system of the Apostolic Church. Rather let us say that the flaw was found in the heart of an Ananias. The world is noting and it appears the people of Soviet Russia are beginning to believe that its supposedly ideal economic system is not absolutely fool-proof against the ingenious conniving of some of its leadership. Not new systems—but men with new hearts are what the nations need—"Men in whom the Spirit of God is."

#### The Church and International Affairs.

We heartily commend our statesmen in their efforts at neutrality in recent and present conflicts. Especially would we commend our President and Secretary Hull for their promotion of peace among the nations of the Western Hemisphere, and their careful handling of the Panay incident,

We look with suspicion and alarm upon any policies that would unduly expand our army and navy except for self defense. We urge continued efforts by the membership of the church for the policies of peace and our ideal of "good neighborliness."

Our hearts are cheered with the recent gesture of our President in offering assistance to the refugees of Austria and in inviting other nations to join with us in this humanitarian work.

Threatening wars threaten civilization. If international conflict were again thrust upon the nations, which the policies of some men lead us to believe is not impossible or improbable, our plans for neutrality would be severely tested. There is no place for war in the world today. War is utterly destructive. It did not settle the disputes of 1918 but rather multiplied them many times.

If the nations of the earth are to survive, new methods of securing and maintaining peace must be discovered. In the language of our Church Discipline "We recommend that the Federal government assume exclusive

responsibility for the manufacture of munitions of war of all kinds. We further recommend prohibiting the sale of munitions of war to any individual, group, or nation."

"We recommend the creation of a Department of Peace by the United States Government, the head of which shall have cabinet rank. The department should be authorized and directed to carry on a constructive program of education as a part of its functions, utilizing every known avenue of approach to the mind, on the causes, cost and waste of war."

The Reorganization Bill now pending before the United States Congress provides too vast a shift of power and responsibility to the executive branch of our government. We believe this bill leads in a direction away from our traditional democratic institutions, and we register our opposition to the bill in its present form.

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#### REPORT OF THE COUNSELOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Every new plan that is initiated entails certain responsibilities that are unknown to the range of many whose part it is to see that the plan works. Some of us entered upon strange ground when the Counselor plan was adopted by our Conference last year. The work has been all too spasmodic and thin this year but we submit to you a fragmentary picture of what has been accomplished by your plan and some of the things District Leaders and pastors have done throughout the Conference.

Soon after the Conference had convened the Board of Education met and organized District Counselors to work in each District. We planned some of the things that we were to promote in the Conference until we could have the Coaching Conference with Dr. Forsyth in June. Our first consideration was the Vacation Church School. Each District Counselor took materials in his home as a base for the District to aid any who might ask help. 19 charges report a total of 1548 pupils enrolled in such Schools as against 2226 for the entire Conference of last year. If I could have heard from all the charges I feel an increase over last year would be the result.

Dr. Forsyth of the Central Board came to us in June. The reach of the work and the unlimited possibilities were outlined to us in a clear and concise way. The work presented a deep challenge to us. We began to see the task of Christian Education—as one of the outstretched hands of Christ drawing men and women, boys and girls to himself. We found Dr. Forsyth to be a real sympathetic brother who was interested in aiding us to do better the task that was ours. And each contact with the Central Board has verified his approach.

The Conference office was moved and maintained at the home of the Counselor in Federalsburg, Md. No request for help has been unnoticed and whenever possible the Counselor has either sent materials or gone to aid. The task of the Counselor's own charge limited the amount of work he could do or the time he could give to this work.

This revelation may be worth our thinking about which was brought out by the cards which the Counselor sent out to each pastor. The number of persons attending Standard Training Schools this year will in all probability show a decrease over last year. 22 charges report 138 attending such Schools as against 478 of last year. But on the other hand 12 charges report 191 persons who were trained in their local churches through the first Series Courses. If we are beginning to transfer the centers of leadership training from the larger units to the local churches we may not have much cause to become alarmed.

We have an encouraging word to bring you from the field of youth work. Here, we believe, there has been a decided upward trend. In the various Epworth League Conventions held throughout the Districts there were over 1300 young people in attendance. These reveal to us notes of serious thinking on the part of our young people concerning those values which go to make real Christian Character. At our Summer League Institute we had 98 delegates and a Faculty of 17 which brought our Institute family up to 115. We are very glad to report to you that this feature of our youth work is on a good financial basis with a nice balance due to the untiring efforts of the Manager Bro. Frank Baker. The 1938 Session will meet on July 9th to July 16th. We expect that the meeting place for this Institute will be Washington College, Chestertown, Md. Within a few days now the Leaders will confer with Dr. Mead and his manager and see what arrangements can be decided upon.

The Eighth Annual Youth Conference of our Church which was held in Asbury Church, Salisbury, Md. was one of the best we have had. All the reports that have come to us make us feel that something was done there that helped our young people. 343 delegates came with a fine, lofty purpose. This Youth Conference is financially sound with its reserve upon which it has to work. We who were in Charge of the Conference want to thank you upon the high type of young folks you sent to us. We thank our Master if we can have some little part in serving the youth of this Conference.

This year has been studded with exquisite gems of personal enrichment for each of the leaders. There is a challenge in the work that I wish each of you may be gripped by. Do not ever think that this work is the work of one person or a small group. Each pastor has a part in it. Young people tell me of things that you pastors tell them which perhaps you little suspected are molding their characters. Some of you do not report any organized work of Christian Education but I know you are doing some. Christian Education occurs when any person who has nobly fought through life's presentments and come to a place where they are adjusted to life, shares that experience with a young person and thereby aids that youth to face his or her life and mold it in terms of Christ. We are not interested today so much in telling you what technique you should use as we are in helping you to use your God given technique to the full. God wants you to work with your own powers as He directs. You are His chosen vessel. Look to the tremendous reach of your task that lies before you. A youth's life may be warped by one who entering into that life's holy of holies, "where angels fear to tread" does so without humility and a knowledge of his task. Men, we are walking on holy ground when we

are permitted to cross the threshold of another's confidence to help him make a proper relation with his God and life. We must remove the sandals of self. The implications of our task can but drive us to our knees. We have to study to show ourselves approved unto God. Our Master learned from every conceivable avenue. God was His source. Man was his source. Yes even the grass of the field taught Him. The idea of the Central Board and the Counselor is but to be one of those agents from which you can learn to let your footfalls be a benediction of peace and comfort and blessing to those whose heart doors you enter as a witness of the ABUNDANT LIFE.

F. D. MILBURY.

**FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS, INC.**

Rev. E. T. Mowbray, former President of the Strawbridge Home for Boys, Incorporated, gave in the October, November, December 1937 issue of OUR BOYS a concise statement of the beginnings of the Home. A letter from George W. Albaugh and his wife, also printed in this issue, indicated that their purpose in giving this farm of 318 acres was to found an orphan home for the sheltering and training of worthy boys.

At the beginning of the Strawbridge Home Dr. Mowbray and I came to this Conference, at the suggestion of Mr. Albaugh and our Board of Trustees, requesting the election of three Trustees who—with those elected by the Baltimore Conference would direct the affairs of this Institution. Bishop William F. McDowell presided and introduced Dr. Mowbray, who presented officially this invitation. The Bishop strongly urged this Conference to cooperate, and by your action you agreed to do so. Since that time your representatives have attended our Board meetings and have been of real service in helping to direct the affairs of the Institution and carry on the work.

We have admitted your worthy and needy boys. Fine reports have been received from many who have left us, showing that they are making good. You must not forget that this is your Institution for your dependent and under-privileged boys, as well as for those of the Baltimore Conference. We are hoping for a closer relationship, and that at a not far-distant day a Wilmington Conference Dormitory will be erected on our grounds.

**Financial Report.**

We may be justly proud of our financial situation. There has been a small increase in endowment during the past year, and we again report no debts of any kind. Our auditor's financial report for the last fiscal year shows the following:

Securities . . . . .	\$ 99,381.45
Special contributions received during the year through wills, annuities, etc. . . . .	10,359.77
Net Worth of Institution . . . . .	289,032.84

A chicken supper and bazaar was held October 21st and 22nd, 1937, at St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, in charge of the Superintendent, Rev. F. Reid Isaac. This netted the Home \$500.00, which was used exclusively for improvements at the Carroll Building, as agreed upon with the ladies who helped in this undertaking.

#### The Farm.

The farm is an increasingly valuable asset. It not only yields a profit, but furnishes fresh vegetables, milk, eggs, butter, meats, etc. We now have up-to-date farm buildings and equipment, and much credit is due our Farm Manager. The income from the farm last fiscal year amounted to \$4,261.35.

#### The Boys.

We admit the normal boy only; not the feeble-minded, the ill, the crippled, nor the incorrigible. We try, however, when they do apply to send them where they can be helped. This Institution exists for the boys and everything must center around them. The real objective, after all, is to redeem personality and to develop in each boy the Kingdom of God. All of the older boys are members of our church at Sykesville, and renew their consecration each quarter at the Communion Table. We are more concerned about helping a boy to have a balanced life than to have a balanced budget. However, the offerings and gifts are essential and regulate the number of boys that can be cared for. We plead for the cooperation of each pastor and his people in this merciful ministry of our great church.

Professor Peabody's lecture at the University of Tokyo on the subject of "Liberty-Culture-Service" was so highly praised that the Emperor wished to read it. The Japanese professor who was chosen to translate the lecture found great difficulty in choosing the right word to translate the word "service," because the idea was not found in Japanese thought. The Christian church has the idea, especially as expressed in this wonderful ministry to worthy, underprivileged, and dependent boys.

#### Appreciation.

We are sorry to report the resignation of Dr. J. W. Colona as a Trustee of the Home due to his inability to attend our meetings. We cannot put in words the profound gratitude of this Board of Trustees for his services.

The untimely death of Rev. E. W. McDowell, a valued Trustee of only a year's service, brought great sorrow to us. Also, the death of Mrs. Mary T. Gambrill, that incomparable character and noble-hearted woman of God, who gave the Gambrill Highway and generous gifts for improvements on the farm. At her death she left \$10,000 for our Endowment. Suitable memoirs and resolutions will be adopted at our annual Board meeting on May 17th and spread upon our minutes.

We desire to thank the members and friends of this Conference for their kind reception of, and cooperation with, Miss May W. Trimble, our Deaconess, and the Rev. F. Reid Isaac, Superintendent, as they have earnestly represented the interests of the Home.

We are asking the election of the following Trustees to represent this Conference on our Board: Senator John W. Townsend, Jr., William L. Todd, and Rev. E. P. Thomas.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS S. LONG,  
Executive Secretary.

March 30, 1938.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.

Fathers & Brethren:—

We call your attention once more to the pronouncement of the General Conference of 1936 on The Christian Sabbath:

"We recognize the claims of the Christian Sabbath as an institution made to meet man's deepest need for worship and rest. . . .

"While it is true that works of necessity have been enlarged to meet modern conditions, and some latitude must be granted in the matter of real recreation, the right use of the Lord's Day is not optional but imperative for the christian conscience. The Church cannot compromise with an invasion of the Lord's Day that violates its fundamental principles of worship and rest. Such rest as does not interfere with true worship is allowable; such worship as is consistent with true rest is a high obligation."

We call upon all our people to observe the Holy Sabbath as a Holy Day and not to countenance its desecration by giving pleasure and recreation the first place. We must set a noble example before the younger generation. Warden Laws states that less than 1% of the prisoners in Sing Sing come from Sabbath keeping homes.

We believe that the Holy Sabbath is a divinely created institution and that its observance is the very best means for restoring poise and judgment to a restless age.

We commend the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland and its executive secretary, Dr. W. W. Davis, on the fearless way in which they are standing against unwholesome legislation.

We further commend them on the use which is being made of a part of the Gambrill Memorial Fund. A series of cash prizes is being offered to members of Church Schools in Maryland, Delaware, the Dist. of Columbia and contiguous territory for papers written on the subject: "How May Young People Best Keep The Lord's Day."

We ask our pastors to call this matter to the attention of our young people between the ages of fifteen and eighteen.

We commend the Ministerial Association of Salisbury, Maryland on the successful fight which they have made against Sunday baseball. Dr.

H. P. Fox states: "By that protest they not only thus far have succeeded in preventing Sunday baseball, but have won increased respect both for the Church and the Christian Sabbath." The laws of Maryland prohibit this sport on the Sabbath Day. Similar protests in other towns of the Eastern Shore of Maryland could bring about the same results that have been realized in Salisbury.

We hereby go on record as being in favor of the repeal of a law in Delaware which permits the commercialization of sports on the Sabbath Day in the several communities that vote in favor of such sports. Until that law is repealed we call upon the authorities of the State of Delaware to suppress such games on the Sabbath Day in those communities where such vote has not been taken and where such games have not been legalized.

We think it ought not be necessary for a private citizen to take the initiative in the enforcement of law, but that such enforcement is the duty of the public official who has taken oath to execute the laws of the territory in which he is an official.

Mr. Moody once said: "You show me a nation that has given up the Sabbath and I will show you a nation that has got the seed of decay."

The Church of Christ must take the lead in the preservation of this Sacred Institution. God help us that we may not fail in our duty.

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#### REPORT OF THE GOODWILL INDUSTRIES FOR THE YEAR OF 1937.

We have passed another milestone in the history of the Goodwill Industries. Income of 1937 shows a decrease of about 3½% against that of 1936. \$15,107 was paid out in self-respecting wages to 507 different people.

During the year our trucks made 11,344 effective calls and deliveries netting 7,190 bags of clothing, 4,829 bundles of paper and 7,091 pieces of furniture.

The kindergarten is still in progress and is an eleven month program.

We will appreciate having the ministers encourage the members of his church to give us the discarded clothing and furniture in their homes. This will enable us to do a greater work than we are now doing. Here we wish thank you who have helped us in the past year and trust we may continue to have your support.

H. E. BEAUCHAMP,  
Supervisor.

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#### THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was held in Union M. E. Church, Wilmington on March 31st, 1938. Being in the Conference church we had a crowded auditorium.

Mrs. J. H. Brinton, 1st Vice-President, presided and welcomed our members and many friends. Miss Gladys Pautz, Deaconess, conducted the devotions. Music was rendered by the organist of the church and a vocal trio by Misses Brown, Colton and Parsons, Deaconess.

Mrs. Wm. Artis, Conference Treasurer, gave an interesting report of the finances and told of the bequest left the Society by the late Mrs. Gambrell who was a friend indeed to the Society.

Mrs. F. J. Wharton, Corresponding Secretary, gave an encouraging report of a gain in membership and spoke of the new Loyalty Personal service project, and of the need of service and loyalty to Christ. Mrs. F. C. Kirk, Chairman of Deaconess Work, introduced the four Deaconesses and the House Mother.

Mrs. George Ruckdeschel, President of New York East Conference was the speaker taking as her subject, "Taking Inventory." She urged greater efforts by Methodist Women to influence foreign groups in great American cities; Warning against the rising tide of paganism in Europe, she said, "We are not immune here to what is happening there." We must train our children and young people in the faith which we hold and we must keep them close to Christ. She also hit upon the open Sundays. Praised greatly the work of the W. H. M. S. and its 176 projects with 500 buildings.

Our meeting closed with hymn and benediction by Rev. J. L. Johnson.

LYDIA H. WHARTON,  
Conference Corresponding Secretary.

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#### THANKS

We come to the closing hour of the seventieth, and perhaps the final session of our beloved Wilmington Annual Conference with feelings of regret that we must part, and yet with profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we may be permitted to go forth again bearing precious seed for sowing. Truly God is good to us, "His mercy endureth forever."

It has been a pleasure to come again to the city that the Swedes founded three-hundred years ago and named "Welcome-town." We feel at home in Union Church, entertaining our Conference for the fifth time. Many precious experiences enjoyed at the Annual Session are associated with this church.

Bishop Waldorf, by his genial manner and his radiant good humor, has won our hearts. He seems to have brought with him from Chicago, a machine-gun rapidity for getting things done. The memory of his inspiring sermons will remain with us as long as we have "thumbs," and keep the "windows" of our souls open.

We appreciate the presence of Bishop Frederick T. Keeney, official head of the Million Unit Fellowship Movement to represent it to us, and to lead us to the heights of Spiritual Blessedness in the closing service of the Conference this evening. The Methodist Church dare not fail to meet the challenge of this Day!

Bro. Sard is going on to perfection as a Conference Host. His many helpers have been well-organized and have worked tirelessly for our well-being. The ladies have denied themselves the pleasures of the Conference sessions in order to minister to our needs in the dining-room. "The Lord reward them according to their works."

We are grateful to West Presbyterian Church for the use of their building, and for donating their regular Radio time this morning for broadcasting Bishop Waldorf's sermon. Also, we sincerely appreciate the contribution of First and Central Presbyterian Church for permitting us the use of their Radio Hour this evening for carrying Bishop Keeney's message. Thanks are given the Christian Missionary Alliance Church for the generous use of their building, and also to Grace and St. Paul's Methodist Churches for the use of theirs.

We thank the officials of the Security Trust Company for their Banking facilities used by our Conference Treasurer and his corps of helpers.

We thank the various florists for their gifts of cut flowers and potted plants; The Underwood Elliot Fisher Co., for their loan of adding machines; Union Choir for their splendid music with their capable director, Harold Vigneulle.

We thank the various Boards, Colleges, and other Institutions for the excellent reports made by their representatives. Especially are we pleased with the visit of our brethren from neighboring Conferences, namely, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, South, and from the Delaware Conference, meeting simultaneously in our city under the Presidency of Bishop Wallace Brown.

We record our appreciation for the service rendered by Dr. Rowan Pearce at the afternoon services, and for the score of other inspiring speakers at the evening, and the various Anniversary services.

We are grateful to the city officials for the parking privileges granted us, and to the Police and Fire Departments for their valuable assistance and cooperation at all times.

The Press has given generous space for Conference news, and we sincerely appreciate their treatment of us and for their accuracy in reporting the business transacted.

We thank all the Conference officers and committees for their untiring labors which (has) permitted us to conduct all business "decently and in order" and with dispatch.

Finally, we express to the citizens of Wilmington and vicinity, our heartfelt appreciation for their warm hospitality. Some of us were strangers, and they took us in; all were hungry, and they fed us, and if we had landed in prison, they would have visited us. God bless the kind, good people of "Welcome-town!"

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE E. WIMBROW.

## REPORT OF

### (d) CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN

J. W. WOOTTEN, Statistician.

Assistants.

Dover District, Sylvanus T. Hamblin.

Salisbury District, D'Arcy A. Littleton.

Wilmington District, Walter A. Glass.

P. E. Reynolds,

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W. L. McClintock,

H. O. Hufnal,

Willard Everett,

T. O. M. Wills,

J. B. Vaughan,

R. S. Hodgson,

F. A. Baker,

John E. French.

## REPORT OF

### (e) CONFERENCE TREASURER

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J. E. Layton.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Total Claim, Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishop, Support Conf. Cl'mnts, Total Paid for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency), Baptisms (Children, Adults, Senior and Young People, Intermediate and Juniors), Epw'th League.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'y Mem., Full Members, Received During Year, Now on Roll, Rec'd from P. M., Received on Confession of Faith, Received by Transfer and Renewal, Received From Other Denominations, Full Members on Roll Including Inactive Members, Inactive Members, Removed by Transfer and Withdrawal, Deaths During Year), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Parsonages, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc., Paid by Charge for Building and Improvements, Paid for Interest on Indebtedness, Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest, Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Exp'ses, Current Exp'ses not incl. Ministerial Support, Local Preachers, Subscribers to the Advertisements, Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society, No. Cong. or Prch'g P'cs).

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT

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Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Church Schools (Enrollment, Church Membership, Finances), and Other Church Schools. Rows list various churches and their statistics.

TREASURER'S DOVER DISTRICT

Table with columns: Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference, Annual Conference Benevolences (Educational, General Administration Fund, etc.), and Total Benevolences Ordered by Annual Conference. Rows list various benevolent categories and their amounts.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Total Claim, Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishops, Support Conf. Cl'mnts), Bap-tisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized), Epw'th League (Senior and Young People, Intermediate and Juniors). Total row at bottom: 101514, 100659, 11905, 5368, 5271, 2243, 1963, 13088, 9984, 117877, 4336, 650, 58, 2078, 621.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'y Mem., Full Members), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Value of Other Properties, Paid by Charge for Buildings and Improvements, Paid for Interest on Indebtedness, Paid on Old Indebtedness, Present Indebtedness, Current Expenses, Local Preachers, Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society, No. Cong. or Prch'g Pics.). Total row at bottom: 863, 396, 269, 165, 23, 19989, 2490, 108, 278, 127, 1482100, 61, 264900, 96600, 41796, 4308, 14406, 106133, 37633, 56, 373, 24494, 129.



STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT

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Table with columns: List No., NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Church Schools (Enrollment, Church Membe'ip, Finances), and Other Church Schools. Rows list various churches and their statistics.

Table with columns: List No., Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference (World Service, Total World Service, etc.), and Annual Conference Benevolences (Educational, General Administration Fund, etc.). Rows list various categories of benevolences.

STATISTICAL WILMINGTON DISTRICT

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Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support of Bishops, Support Conf. Cl'mnts, Total Paid for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency), Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized), Epw'th League (Senior and Young People, Intermediate and Juniors).

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'y Memb., Full Members: Received from P. M., Received on Confession of Faith, Received by Transfer and Renewal, Received from Other Denominations, Full Members on Roll Including Inactive Members, Inactive Members, Removed by Transfer and Withdrawal, Deaths During Year), Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Parsonages, Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc., Paid by Charge for Building and Improvements, Paid for Interest on Indebtedness, Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest, Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Exp'ses, Current Expenses not incl Ministerial Support, Local Preachers, Subscribers to the Advo-cates, Amount Contributed by Ladies Aid Society, No. Cong. or Frch'g Ples.), Miscellaneous.

STATISTICAL WILMINGTON DISTRICT

TREASURER'S WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Church Schools (Enrollment, Church Membe'ip, Finance), Other Church Schools. Rows list various churches and their statistics.

Table with columns: Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered By the General Conference, Annual Conference Benevolences (Educational, W. C. I., etc.), Total Benevolences Or'd by Annual Conference. Rows list various benevolent categories and their amounts.

NAME OF DISTRICT	Ministerial Support										Church Schools			Epw'rth League	Bap-tisms					
	Support of Pastor		Support of District Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conference Claimants		Total Paid for Ministerial Support			Church School Current	Total Departments			Officers and Teachers	Senior and Young People	Intermediate and Juniors	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized
	Total Claim	Parsonage	Total Claim	Incl. Hse. Rent and Adm. Exp.	Total Paid Incl.	House Rent & Adm. Exp.	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Total									
Dover.....	90090	88940	10390	5581	5444	1991	18066	11336	10319	106569	2429	114	1629	5228	9162	1503	375	520	61	
Salisbury.....	101504	100659	11905	5368	5271	2243	1963	13088	9984	117877	4336	126	1873	19054	9618	2078	621	650	58	
Wilmington.....	102997	102997	14895	5071	5062	2171	7134	13299	13016	123409	329	78	1664	16795	12455	1755	813	584	57	
Conference total.....	294591	292596	37190	16020	15777	6405	5963	37723	33319	347655	7094	320	5166	51077	30825	5336	1809	1854	176	
Last year.....	287374	284506	36110	15622	15350	6203	5788	36545	31919	337563	8181	371	5137	51542	30934	5345	1931	1909	136	
Increase.....	7217	8090	10880	398	427	202	175	1178	1400	10092	1087	1	1	465	109	109	9	122	55	
Decrease.....																				

NAME OF DISTRICT	Church Membership												Church Property										Miscellaneous											
	Prep'ry Mem.		Full Membership						Church Buildings				Parsonages		Estimated Value of Land and Buildings		Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc.		Paid by Charge for Buildings and Improvements		Paid for Interest on Indebtedness		Present Indebtedness Including Debt on Current Expenses		Current Expenses not Including Ministerial Support		Local Preachers		Subscribers to the Advo-cates		Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society		Number of Congregations	
	Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Rec'd from P. M.	Rec'd on Confession of Faith	Rec'd from Other Denominations	Full Mem. on Roll Including Inactive Members	Inactive Members	Removed by Transfer & Withdrawal	Deaths During Year	Church Buildings	Estimated Value of Land	and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc.	Paid by Charge for Buildings and Improvements	Paid for Interest on Indebtedness	Present Indebtedness Including Debt on Current Expenses	Current Expenses not Including Ministerial Support	Local Preachers	Subscribers to the Advo-cates	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society	Number of Congregations											
Dover.....	493	406	261	121	182	15	15638	9234	101	231	122	1050350	58	217950	69359	24157	1877	14671	28910	26431	36	510	19357	117										
Salisbury.....	643	803	390	209	165	23	19089	2400	193	278	146	1482100	61	264000	96600	41706	14308	14046	106133	37633	57	373	24494	129										
Wilmington.....	519	530	344	147	261	56	18602	2445	187	188	83	2194300	54	280900	223105	54161	8379	22050	168703	72317	48	432	23979	77										
Conference total.....	1687	1799	1001	537	608	94	54428	7169	396	697	354	4726950	173	763750	389064	120198	44562	50762	302746	136381	141	1315	67830	323										
Last year.....	1750	1418	1172	554	678	125	52864	6926	447	691	334	4679750	173	761100	288430	72305	16531	35752	314711	130593	139	1198	64243	326										
Increase.....	381	171	17	70	31	1625	243	6	20	43200	20	43200	2650	100634	47803	15015	10965	5788	2	117	3587	3												
Decrease.....	63																																	

TREASURER'S REPORT.  
RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conf.										Other Cash Items										Annual Conference Benevolences																															
	World Service		Total World Service		Children's Day Fund		Woman's Foreign Mis-sionary Society		Woman's Home Mis-sionary Society		Total Disciplinary Be-nevolences		Support of District Super-intendents		Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)		Support of Conference Claimants		General Administration Fund		Total Other Cash Items		W. C. I.		Conference Board of Education		Bischo-pal Residence		Domestic Missions		Hospitals & Homes Eds		Buildings, Spec. Gifts		Conference Budget		District Parsonage		Annual Conf. Investments		City Missionary or Church Extension Society		Ministerial Contingent		Relief Fund		Other Items		Total Benevolences Or-dered by the Annual Conference		Grand Total	
	World Service on Apportionment	Additional Contri-butions to W. S.	Total	Children's Day Fund	Woman's Foreign Mis-sionary Society	Woman's Home Mis-sionary Society	Total	Support of District Super-intendents	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	Support of Conference Claimants	General Administration Fund	Total Other Cash Items	W. C. I.	Conference Board of Education	Bischo-pal Residence	Domestic Missions	Hospitals & Homes Eds	Buildings, Spec. Gifts	Conference Budget	District Parsonage	Annual Conf. Investments	City Missionary or Church Extension Society	Ministerial Contingent	Relief Fund	Other Items	Total Benevolences Or-dered by the Annual Conference	Grand Total																									
Dover.....	11075	313	11388	303	2091	1321	15104	5449	1866	10319	212	17846	64	203	201	435	881	1211	261	5	340	12	1160	4983	37932																											
Salisbury.....	9994	190	10184	190	1616	1197	13187	5277	1963	9684	188	17412	228	281	641	638	1245	394	219	7	1151	4824	35423	71151	4824																											
Wilmington.....	19939	1480	21419	397	7646	5018	34480	5064	2133	13014	307	20321	201	329	389	596	998	1423	779	75	1048	71	1816	7985	62978																											
Total.....	41008	1983	42991	890	11353	7536	62770	15793	5956	33317	707	55779	355	850	1161	1672	2537	3879	1434	80	1507	90	4127	17792	136341																											
Totals for 1936-1937.....	38785	1998	40783	918	9140	9112	59953	15401	5817	31958	759	53935	513	1597	1207	1476	2037	3693	1397	500	1612	95	2653	16780	130668																											
Increase.....	2223	15	2208	28	2213	1576	2817	392	139	1844	52	1844	158	747	46	196	500	186	47	420	105	5	1474	1012	5673																											
Decrease.....																																																				

## CIRCUIT REPORT.

## Dover District.

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
<b>Bayside:</b>				
Sherwood . . . . .	63	51	\$500	\$102
Wittman . . . . .	88	72	342	23
Blades . . . . .	210	125	600	55
Epworth . . . . .	120	65	300	20
Asbury . . . . .	100	85	300	20
Bozman . . . . .	102	88	500	60
Neavitt . . . . .	100	93	500	48
<b>Burrsville:</b>				
Wesley . . . . .	60	32	425	44
Thawley's . . . . .	40	26	165	16
Church Hill . . . . .	70		455	82
Price . . . . .	65		545	68
Cordova . . . . .	60	60	325	24
Matthews . . . . .	50	64	375	24
Ellendale . . . . .	180	122	814	106
McColley . . . . .	51	41	168	30
Union . . . . .		17	118	
Farmington . . . . .	60	48	365	48
Epworth . . . . .	60	50	225	26
Prospect . . . . .	70	59	175	35
Todds . . . . .	90	52	235	37
Felton . . . . .	161	211	1000	155
Manship . . . . .	54	44	325	21
Masten . . . . .	50	45	175	14
Galestown . . . . .			250	30
Cokesbury . . . . .			200	12
Woodland . . . . .			200	13
Henderson . . . . .	50	50	350	8
Barclay . . . . .	49	50	400	10
Bridgetown . . . . .	51	24	250	2
Marydel . . . . .	44	60	350	20
Templeville . . . . .	90	85	350	20
Thomas Chapel . . . . .	40	20	200	
Busic . . . . .	70	30	100	
<b>Kent Island:</b>				
Stevensville . . . . .	156	143	800	136
Kingsley . . . . .	92	118	400	69
Dominion . . . . .	64	75	200	35
Kenton . . . . .	75	62	700	16
Hartley . . . . .	75	54	290	4
Central . . . . .	25	33	190	

Preston Bethesda . . . . .	77	147	1520	112
Bethlehem . . . . .	81	53	280	36
<b>Pomona:</b>				
Bond Chapel . . . . .	55	97	500	
Mowbray . . . . .	35	55	241	
Queenstown . . . . .	48	26	286	8
Grasonville . . . . .	90	48	269	2
Perry's Cor. . . . .	25	35	138	4
Tilghman . . . . .	300	110	1080	40
Fairbank . . . . .			270	
Wye Mills . . . . .	65	68	625	66
Starr . . . . .	55	64	325	54

## Salisbury District.

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
<b>Annessex:</b>				
Quindocqua . . . . .	75	85	450	42
St. Peters . . . . .	60	89	450	33
Grace (Marion) . . . . .		25		
Beckwith . . . . .	95	91	600	60
Spedden . . . . .	165	103	600	60
Bishopville . . . . .	150	46	400	30
Showell . . . . .	140	80	400	76
Zion . . . . .	100	64	200	25
Friendship . . . . .	60	25	200	4
Dagsboro . . . . .	234	179	950	107
St. Georges . . . . .	250	364	950	130
E. New Market—Trinity	162	155	1200	117
Cabin Creek . . . . .	15	15	184	
<b>Fairmount:</b>				
Christ . . . . .	90	125	900	10
Union . . . . .	23	60	130	
Epworth . . . . .	50	75	143	
Fruitland—St. Johns . . . . .	246	290	1250	248
Siloam . . . . .	161	160	625	100
<b>Hooper's Island:</b>				
St. Johns . . . . .	35	30	152	8
Hoopers Memorial . . . . .	55	111	600	10
Mt. Zion . . . . .	24	23	200	7
<b>Millsboro:</b>				
Grace . . . . .		232	1440	359
Carey's . . . . .	169	144	360	65
<b>Mt. Vernon:</b>				
John Wesley . . . . .	125	115	600	92

Frances Asbury . . . . .	112	140	600	52
Nanticoke . . . . .	111	121	500	49
Tyaskin . . . . .	64	60	400	35
White Haven . . . . .	58	47	350	19
Newark Bowen . . . . .	72		685	52
Wesley . . . . .	57		240	15
Derrickson . . . . .	34		148	10
Ocean City (Atlantic) . .	120	142	900	24
Sinepuxent (Bethany)	27	47	250	
Onancock:				
Cokesbury . . . . .			550	58
Leatherbury . . . . .			600	40
Riverview . . . . .			250	10
Pittsville—Ayres . . . . .	89	109	500	64
Wango . . . . .	70	70	200	46
Melsons . . . . .	139	221	500	75
Pocomoke Circuit:				
Cokesbury . . . . .	50	73	304	35
Emmanuel . . . . .	45	52	225	39
Williams . . . . .		27	107	2
Powellville:				
St. Johns . . . . .	125	37	900	72
Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	97	70		
Friendship . . . . .	90	63		
Quantico . . . . .	45	51	350	70
Rockawalkin . . . . .	100	125	825	90
Wetipquin . . . . .	25	14	200	
St. Peters . . . . .	205	219	1200	
St. Stevens . . . . .	50	35	400	108
Smith's Island:				
Ewell . . . . .	300	294	740	25
Tylerton . . . . .	150	163	390	10
Rhodes Point . . . . .	125	145	270	15
St. Thomas . . . . .	100	107	560	50
Zion . . . . .	125	71	490	40
Bethany . . . . .	45	46	175	15
Wingates . . . . .	60	59	175	15
Stockton:				
Wesley . . . . .	40	73	550	50
Remsen . . . . .	90	120	400	45
Grace . . . . .	200	65	250	40
Vienna . . . . .			369	13
Salem . . . . .			200	16
Reids Grove . . . . .			169	8

Wainwrights . . . . .			165	3
Westover:				
Mt. Olive . . . . .	30	33	237	6
Rehobeth . . . . .	25	49	300	
St. Pauls . . . . .	77	63	300	18
Zoar . . . . .	20	57	300	36
Unity . . . . .	55	53	225	27
St. Thomas . . . . .		25	150	18

Wilmington District.

Appointment	Members		Salary Paid	World Service
	S. S.	Church	Cash	Paid to
Bethel . . . . .	50	48	550	96
Town Point . . . . .	10	39	300	7
Charlestown . . . . .	69	59	480	77
Principio . . . . .	66	47	420	39
Cherry Hill . . . . .			600	140
Big Elk . . . . .			250	
Elk Mills . . . . .			250	
Christiana . . . . .	125	164	800	114
Salem . . . . .	55	77	400	100
Crumpton . . . . .	65	73	375	12
Union . . . . .	20	48	375	12
Double Creek . . . . .	15	33	250	12
Elk Neck:				
Harts . . . . .	50	41	200	56
Wesley . . . . .	33	13	100	20
Galena Olivet . . . . .	152	178	900	63
Locust Grove . . . . .	0	16	175	
Hockessin . . . . .	131	165	1000	106
Cedars . . . . .	75	20	100	
Hopewell . . . . .	89	134	800	133
Asbury . . . . .	47	71	400	8
Port Deposit . . . . .	143	261	1200	226
Colora . . . . .	77	53	250	14
Red Lion . . . . .	200	73	800	80
Glasgow . . . . .	55	31	400	40
Kirkwood . . . . .	25	21	200	
Still Pond & Betterton:				
Still Pond . . . . .	108	124	700	115
Betterton . . . . .	45	111	700	20
St. Georges . . . . .	148	124	850	141
Summit . . . . .	56	24	350	39
Townsend . . . . .	253	283	1200	68
Blackbird . . . . .	42	76	225	10

(f) OTHER TREASURERS

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Treasurer's Report, March 25, 1938.

SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Mar. 23, 1937, Balance in Bank	\$2465.70
Apr. 12, 1937, Sale of Brown's Church & Grounds	250.00
July 13, 1937, T. S. Holt Co.	450.00
July 16, 1937, Sale of Cookman Church	9181.64
Nov. 9, 1937, Sale of Royal Oak Parsonage	1474.50
Earnings on Investments	191.00
Interest	95.20
	<u>\$14108.04</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Oct. 29, 1937, To Laurel Savings Account	\$4000.00
Dec. 3, 1937, To Laurel Savings Account	500.00
Dec. 3, 1937, To Dover Savings Account	4681.64
	<u>\$ 9181.64</u>

Mar. 25, 1938, Balance to Savings Acct., Easton \$ 4926.40

TOTAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

Mar. 25, 1938, Easton Savings Account	\$4926.40
Mar. 25, 1938, Dover Savings Account	4681.64
Mar. 25, 1938, Laurel Savings Account	4500.00
Mar. 25, 1938, Laurel Savings Account, Interest	16.67

Mar. 25, 1938, Grand Total in Savings Accounts \$14124.71

CHECK ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Mar. 23, 1937, Balance in Bank	\$ 533.33
July 16, 1937, Sale of Cookman Church	3500.00
Oct. 15, 1937, Ebenezer Church, Rehoboth, Legacy	200.00
Jan. 11, 1938, T. S. Holt Co.	510.00
Jan. 24, 1938, Surrender of Mortgage	1004.00
From Investments	367.17
	<u>\$ 6114.50</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Apr. 6, 1937, Beckwith from Thomas Fund	\$ 115.00
Apr. 6, 1937, Goshen from Carey Fund	115.00
Apr. 6, 1937, St. Paul's Clayton, from Clifton Fund	25.00
Apr. 6, 1937, Chesapeake City from Landsay Fund	60.00
Apr. 6, 1937, Parsonburg from Wimbrow Fund	45.00
Apr. 6, 1937, O. A. Bartley, Treas., Historical So.	60.00
Apr. 6, 1937, Fee, Transfer of Brown's Chapel	2.50
May 13, 1937, M. S. Andrews, Crumpton Express	24.39
May 21, 1937, Renewal of Treasurer's Bond	12.50
July 17, 1937, E. F. Melson, Attorney for Investment	3500.00
Jan. 3, 1938, Filing Treasurer's Report	2.00
Jan. 19, 1938, Jefferson Cooper, Treas., T. S. Holt Fund	960.00
Mar. 11, 1938, Postage, etc.	7.76
	<u>\$ 4929.15</u>

Mar. 25, 1938, Balance to Check Account \$ 1185.35

WALTER ASBURY HEARN, Treasurer.

BARRATTS CHAPEL FUND.

Treasurer's Report, March 25, 1938.

RECEIPTS.

March 23, 1937, Balance in Bank	\$ 158.32
Earnings on Investment	60.00
Interest	3.49

Total Receipts \$ 221.81

March 25, 1938, Balance in Bank \$ 221.81

WALTER ASBURY HEARN, Treasurer.

WASHINGTON FOSTER ESTATE.

Treasurer's Report, March 25, 1938.

Seventh account of Walter Asbury Hearn, Treasurer of the Washington Foster Estate, debtor to the Washington Foster Estate, March 25, 1938 \$12804.43

CORPUS, MARCH 25, 1938.

Mortgage, No. 1, Elkton, 6%	\$1200.00
Mortgage, No. 2, Elkton, 6%	3700.00
Mortgage, No. 3, Elkton, 6%	2000.00
Mortgage, No. 4, Rising Sun, 6% (\$2300)	2204.43
Mortgage, No. 5, Elkton, 5%	3700.00
	<u>\$12804.43</u>

Total Corpus, March 25, 1938 \$12804.43

CHECK ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS

Mar. 23, 1937, Balance to Check Account .....	\$ 222.05
Mar. 25, 1938, Earnings on Investments .....	737.00
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 995.05</b>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Pastor of Elk Neck Charge .....	\$ 500.00
Apr. 9, 1937, Filing of Account .....	2.00
Apr. 14, 1937, Box Rent .....	2.20
June 2, 1937, W. E. Gunby, Repairs to Wesley Chapel	69.12
Sept. 3, 1937, W. E. Gunby, Repairs to Wesley Chapel	28.33
Sept. 24, 1937, Insurance .....	2.50
Jan. 28, 1938, Renewal of Treasurer's Bond .....	13.33
Mar. 11, 1938, Postage, etc. ....	2.20
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$ 619.68</b>
March 25, 1938, Balance to Check Account .....	\$ 339.37

WALTER ASBURY HEARN, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

Your Auditor has carefully examined the accounts of the following Treasurers and has found each to be correct.

Rev. E. W. McDowell, Treasurer Board of Ministerial Training.

Balance March 24, 1937 .....	\$ 86.13
Receipts .....	525.00
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 611.13</b>
<b>Disbursements .....</b>	<b>434.25</b>
Balance January 5, 1938 .....	\$ 176.88

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

Balance March 31, 1937 .....	\$ 105.19
Receipts .....	455.00
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 560.19</b>
<b>Disbursements .....</b>	<b>410.00</b>
Balance March 19, 1938 .....	\$ 150.19

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

Balance March 31, 1937 .....	\$ 116.25
Receipts .....	465.00
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 581.25</b>
<b>Disbursements .....</b>	<b>465.00</b>
Balance March 19, 1938 .....	\$ 116.25

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

Balance March 31, 1937 .....	\$ 143.00
Receipts .....	428.00
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 571.00</b>
<b>Disbursements .....</b>	<b>370.00</b>
Balance March 30, 1938 .....	\$ 201.00

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

Balance March 31, 1937 .....	\$ 21.88
Receipts .....	470.00
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 491.88</b>
<b>Disbursements .....</b>	<b>475.00</b>
Balance March 30, 1938 .....	\$ 16.88

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

Balance March 27, 1937 .....	\$ 165.54
Receipts .....	494.00
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 659.54</b>
<b>Disbursements .....</b>	<b>597.00</b>
Balance March 18, 1938 .....	\$ 62.54

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

Balance March 24, 1937 .....	\$ 113.44
Receipts .....	60.00
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 173.44</b>
<b>Disbursements .....</b>	<b>130.00</b>
Balance March 31, 1938 .....	\$ 43.44



**Rev. W. J. Ennis, Treasurer Minutes Publication Fund.**

Balance March 31, 1937 .....	\$	55.99
Receipts .....		690.25
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Total receipts .....	\$	746.24
Disbursements .....		672.41
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Balance March 30, 1938 .....	\$	73.83

**Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer Barratts Chapel Fund.**

Balance March 23, 1937 .....	\$	158.32
Receipts .....		63.49
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Total receipts .....	\$	221.81
Balance March 30, 1938 .....	\$	221.81

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

Balance in Savings Acct., Nov. 23, 1937 .....	\$	2465.70
Receipts .....		11642.34
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Total receipts .....	\$	14108.04
Disbursements .....		9181.64
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Balance in Savings Acct., March 25, 1938 .....	\$	4926.40
Balance in Check Acct., March 23, 1937 .....	\$	533.33
Receipts .....		5581.17
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Total receipts .....	\$	6114.50
Disbursements .....		4929.15
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Balance in Check Acct., Mar. 25, 1938 .....	\$	1185.35

**Rev. R. C. Jones, Treasurer Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.**

Balance March 22, 1937 .....	\$	322.22
Receipts .....		145.50
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Total receipts .....	\$	467.72
Disbursements .....		225.00
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Balance March 18, 1938 .....	\$	242.72

**Rev. W. H. Revelle, Conference Treasurer.**

Balance March 20, 1937 .....	\$	234.53
Receipts .....		60998.96
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Total receipts .....	\$	61233.49
Disbursements .....		61188.52
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Balance March 31, 1938 .....	\$	44.97

**Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer Washington Foster Estate.**

Balance in Check Acct., March 23, 1937 .....	\$	222.05
Receipts .....		737.00
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Total receipts .....	\$	959.05
Disbursements .....		619.68
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Balance in Check Acct., March 25, 1938 .....	\$	339.37

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

Balance April 2, 1937 .....	\$	1.18
Receipts .....		1585.00
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Total receipts .....	\$	1586.18
Disbursements .....		1585.00
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Balance March 30, 1938 .....	\$	1.18

**Mr. Jefferson Cooper, Treasurer Board of Stewards.**

Balance April 3, 1937 .....	\$	14812.60
Receipts .....		92732.77
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Total receipts .....	\$	107555.37
Disbursements .....		78915.16
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Balance March 31, 1938 .....	\$	28640.21

**Mr. G. France Alderson, Treasurer Board of Education.**

Balance March 15, 1937 .....	\$	874.19
Receipts .....		2224.14
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Total receipts .....	\$	3098.33
Disbursements .....		1390.08
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Balance March 30, 1938 .....	\$	1708.25

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

Balance March 23, 1937 .....	\$	283.99
Receipts .....		3715.50
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Total receipts .....	\$	3999.49
Disbursements .....		3557.35
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Balance April 2, 1938 .....	\$	442.14

HUGH B. KELSO, Conference Auditor.

## ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF DELAWARE.

IVANHOE WILLIS, Superintendent.

During the Conference year, I have visited forty-four (44) M. E. Churches for Sunday services, have carried on a continued program of education and legislation, and have travelled by automobile 22,000 miles. Contributions have been received from members of the following churches during this Conference year. \* indicates churches visited this Conference year.

*Asbury M. E., Wilmington	\$ 20.00
*Brandywine M. E., Wilmington	12.25
*Bridgeville M. E.	14.00
*Camden M. E.	12.40
*Cheswold M. E.	6.00
*Christiana & Salem	14.65
*Claymont M. E.	26.25
*Clayton M. E.	42.00
*Dagsboro M. E. & St. Georges	32.41
*Delmar M. E.	40.00
*Eastlake M. E., Wilmington	5.24
*Ebenezer M. E.	31.65
*Epworth M. E., Wilmington	25.00
*Farmington & Prospect M. E.	13.14
*Felton M. E.	25.10
*Georgetown M. E.	17.35
*Georgetown Circuit, Sand Hill & St. Johns	13.33
Grace M. E., Wilmington	45.00
Harrington M. E.	15.00
*Harrison Street M. E., Wilmington	107.35
*Hockessin M. E.	8.45
*Holly Oak M. E.	21.45
Kenton M. E.	15.00
*Kingswood M. E., Wilmington	7.00
*Lewes	13.48
*Lincoln—Cedar-Slaughter Neck	10.42
*Madeley M. E., Wilmington	1.65
*Marshallton M. E.	94.55
McCabe M. E., Wilmington	44.00
Middletown M. E.	8.00
Milford M. E.	11.00
*Millville & Ocean View	20.01
*Mt. Salem M. E., Wilmington	23.85
*Mt. Pleasant	10.30
*Mt. Zion & Seaford	13.71
*Nassau & Whites	17.05
*Newark	60.78
*New Castle	3.55

*Newport	21.50
*Odessa	23.00
*Red Lion & Glasgow M. E.	16.80
Richardson Park	6.00
Silverbrook M. E.	10.00
*Smyrna M. E.	41.89
*Stanton M. E.	6.00
*St. Georges M. E.	37.90
St. Pauls M. E., Wilmington	22.00
*Townsend	8.72
*Trinity M. E., Wilmington	35.13
Union M. E., Wilmington	25.00
Wesley M. E.	19.00
Selbyville M. E.	15.00

TREASURER'S REPORT WILMINGTON CONFERENCE  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance Mar. 24, 1937	\$ 113.44
April 21, 1937, Check W. A. Hearn, Treas.	60.00
Total	\$ 173.44

## DISBURSEMENTS.

April 27, 1937, Ck. Chas. F. Eggleston Treas.	\$ 10.00
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(National Society Dues).

June 10, 1937, Margaret Roe, Secretary	\$ 24.00
June 28, 1937, Margaret Roe, Secretary	24.00
July 12, 1937, Margaret Roe, Secretary	24.00
July 27, 1937, Margaret Roe, Secretary	24.00
Aug. 19, 1937, Margaret Roe, Secretary	24.00
Total	\$ 130.00

## SUMMARY.

Total Received	\$ 173.44
Total Disbursed	130.00
Balance March 31, 1938	\$ 43.44

O. A. BARTLEY, Treasurer.

SMITHS ISLAND OFFERING.

	Amount	Charges
Dover District . . . . .	\$ 567.55	38
Salisbury District . . . . .	645.00	26
Wilmington District . . . . .	679.99	29
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$1892.54</b>	
Other Donations . . . . .	62.00	
<b>Grand Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$1954.54</b>	
To Short . . . . .	\$249.66	
Amount checked out, Expense . . . . .	5.00	
To Mrs. Whitelock . . . . .	25.00	279.66
<b>Balance . . . . .</b>	<b>\$1674.88</b>	
Amount remitted to J. J. Bunting . . . . .	\$1954.54	
Amount sent to W. D. Short . . . . .	125.34	
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$2079.88</b>	
Sent direct to W. D. Short . . . . .	\$ 125.34	
Check (J. J. B.) . . . . .	249.66	
<b>Amount received by W. D. Short . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 375.00</b>	

J. J. BUNTING, Supt.

REPORT OF BOARD OF STEWARDS.

We are very glad to be able to report to you another substantial increase to the amount of \$1398.00 in our income from the churches this year. The Treasurer's report will show also a considerable increase in the earnings from our investments. These gains together with the fact that we have another slight reduction in years of service make it possible for us to place the Annuity rate again at \$18.00.

We have received from the charges \$33,317.00 an increase of \$1,398.00. From the Chartered Fund \$60.00. From investments \$13,483.00, an increase of \$814.00 making a total of \$46,860. This is an increase of \$2229.00.

We have invested in 129 first mortgages in and near Wilmington, the amount of \$244,956.00. We own 3 properties in which we have invested \$3,800.

We have received \$40,000 from the Melville Gambrill Estate with more to follow.

We are able to continue with some increases our contributions to the retired pastors, thanks to the generosity of our brother T. S. Holt. We desire to hereby express our appreciation to Brother Holt for his interest in these honored brethren.

L. E. WINDSOR, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER TO THE BOARD OF STEWARDS OF THE WILMINGTON M. E. CONFERENCE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1937:	
Savings Account . . . . .	\$ 13776.39
Checking Accounts . . . . .	1036.21
Conference Treasurer . . . . .	31012.00
Chartered Fund . . . . .	60.00
Endowment Funds:	
From Mt. Pleasant CH. . . . .	200.00
From the Commission . . . . .	48.52
From the Melville Gambrill Estate . . . . .	40000.00
Payments on Mortgages . . . . .	5380.35
Interest from Banks . . . . .	495.20
Interest from Investments . . . . .	13483.70
Contribution from Minister's Wives Association . . . . .	15.00
Payments on Account of Claimant Apportionment . . . . .	1087.00
Dividends on T. S. Holt Oil Stock . . . . .	960.00
Satisfaction Fees . . . . .	1.00
<b>Total Receipts . . . . .</b>	<b>\$107,555.37</b>

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Annuitants . . . . .	\$45185.50
Expenses . . . . .	478.36
Invested in Mortgages . . . . .	33251.30
Balance in Farmers Bank of Dover:	
Savings . . . . .	10219.69
Checking . . . . .	11439.36
Balance in Fruit Growers Bank of Smyrna:	
Savings . . . . .	4877.24
Checking . . . . .	2103.92
<b>Total of Expenditures and Balances . . . . .</b>	<b>\$107,555.37</b>

You will notice by the above amounts that there is in hand for investments a balance of \$12,377.57; and awaiting for distribution to Annuitants \$16,262.64.

Of the Joshua Thomas Kinder Legacy there has been turned into cash and invested in first Mortgages in and near Wilmington \$11,596.75 and holdings in the original form estimated at \$5,249.00.

We also have notice of a bequest from Mrs. Bessie B. Fosnocht of \$500.00 but a statement from the Executor gives the information that development of some of the securities will be slow and will reduce the amount of all legacies involved.

We have at this moment 129 first mortgages in and near Wilmington showing a total investment of \$244,956.00. Also three properties that were sold or deserted and are now owned by your board amounting as estimated at \$3800.00.

JEFFERSON COOPER, Treasurer.

**MEMORIAL FUNDS FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT.**

To William A. Clash, husband; Eben E. Payne, father; and Maria Coke Payne, mother—By Mrs. William A. Clash, Cambridge, Md. . . . .	\$7,000.00
To Mrs. Eliza P. Clark, Milford, Del. By action of the Conference in recognition of bequest . . . . .	\$7,100.00
To Mrs. Annie C. West, Middletown, Del. By action of the Conference in recognition of bequest . . . . .	\$3,254.35
To William Chance, father; and Susan Chance, mother. By Charles B. Chance, Sudlersville, Md. . . . .	\$ 150.00
To Rev. John Hough, father, and Rebecca E. Hough, mother. By Mrs. James P. Hoffecker, Smyrna, Del. . . . .	\$ 500.00
To Margaret Layton Grier, mother. By Drs. G. Layton and Frank L. Grier, Milford, Del. . . . .	\$1,000.00
To Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilson, parents. By Timanus J. Wilson and wife, North Tonowanda, N. Y. . . . .	\$1,000.00
To Rev. John R. Bailey, of the Philadelphia Conference, father. By Henry J. Bailey, Wilmington, Del. . . . .	\$1,000.00
To Eli Saulsbury, former U. S. Senator, and official of Wesley Church, Dover, Del., uncle. By Senator Willard Saulsbury, Wilmington, Delaware . . . . .	\$1,000.00
To Rev. Alfred T. Scott, father. By Henry P. Scott, Wilmington, Delaware . . . . .	\$5,000.00
To Emma Prettyman, wife. By Rev. C. W. Prettyman, Carlisle, Pa. . . . .	\$ 500.00
To Vaughan S. Collins Fund . . . . .	\$ 500.00
To Anna Victoria Collins Fund of Victor, N. Y. By Mary Collins Sprague, Executrix, Claremont, Va. . . . .	\$3,156.26
To Etta Pilchard, mother. By Dr. S. N. Pilchard, Salisbury, Md. . . . .	\$ 500.00
To J. Thomas Kinder Memorial Fund . . . . .	\$20,000.00
To Dr. T. A. H. O'Brien and M. Cornelia O'Brien, his wife. By children Dr. Theo. W. O'Brien and Miss Annie R. O'Brien . . . . .	\$ 500.00

**APPROPRIATIONS TO CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.**

The following tables indicate the amounts appropriated by the Stewards to the various Claimants upon the Conference funds at the session of 1938. They were approved by the Conference.

		Distribution of Conference Funds.			
Date of Claim	Years of Service	CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES	Annuity Claim	Special Fund	Total
<b>MINISTERS</b>					
1931	34	W. O. Bennett, Hurlock, Md. . . . .	\$612		\$612
1931	20	Wm. H. Briggs, 11 N. Clinton Ave., Elsmere, Del. . . . .	360	\$180	540
1931	16	L. M. Broadway, 323 W. 30th St., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	288		288
1932	27	J. A. Buckson, Rehoboth Beach, Del. . . . .	486	192	486
1931	37	H. G. Budd, Dover, Del. . . . .	666		666
1934	39	E. H. Collins, Marshallton, Del. . . . .	702		702
1929	46	V. S. Collins, 2422 West St., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	828		828
1930	53	W. F. Corkran, Millsboro, Del. . . . .	954		954
1938	37	Howard Davis, Lewes, Del. . . . .	666		666
1935	30	D. J. Ford, Camden, Del. . . . .	540		540
1934	43	J. H. Geohegan, Newport, Del. . . . .	774		774
1936	47	V. E. Hills, Weldin Road, Wilmington, Del. . . . .	747		747
1918	42	E. L. Hoffecker, Easton, Md. . . . .	696		696
1924	16	O. E. James, Central Y. M. C. A., Baltimore, Md. . . . .	288		288
1929	38	G. P. Jones, P. O. Box #3, Mystic, Conn. . . . .	684		684
1922	20	W. E. Matthews, Smyrna, Del. . . . .	360	160	520
1921	23	F. X. Moore, New Freedom, Penn. . . . .	414		414
1926	40	W. R. Mowbray, Lewes, Del. . . . .	720		720
1930	39	M. D. Nutter, 15 Kells Ave., Newark, Del. . . . .	693		693
1933	40	J. P. Outten, Laurel, Del. . . . .	720		720
1934	38	L. E. Poole, Snow Hill, Md. . . . .	684		684
1936	36	W. C. Poole, Easton, Md. . . . .	648		648
1936	39	J. W. Prettyman, North East, Md. . . . .	702		702
1936	28	J. T. Price, East New Market, Md. . . . .	504	96	600
1938	27	O. B. Rice, Ellendale, Del. . . . .	486		486
1933	43	V. E. Rorer, 318 Sterling Rd., Elkins Park, Penn. . . . .	717		717
1935	42	C. W. Strickland, Rehoboth Beach, Del. . . . .	756		756
1922	35	E. C. Sunfield, Barnegat, N. J. . . . .	578		578
1936	27	J. W. Sutton, Princess Anne, Md. . . . .	492	108	600
1935	31	E. B. Taylor, Springfield, S. C. . . . .	558		558
1928	35	G. S. Thomas, 3rd & Lincoln Sts., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	630		630
1927	39	J. H. Wilson, 9 Spruce Ave., Elsmere, Del. . . . .	657		657
1930	46	W. A. Wise, 317 W. 19th St., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	828		828
1932	43	G. E. Wood, Dover, Del. . . . .	774		774
1934	24 1/2	W. R. Woodell, Seaford, Del. . . . .	266		266
<b>SPECIAL CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS</b>					
		T. S. Barrett, Mardella Springs, Md. . . . .	\$350		
		W. F. Atkinson, White Haven, Md. . . . .	350		
		W. C. Buckson, Dover, Del. . . . .	100		
		Ella Horner, Laurel, Del. . . . .	220		
		Bettie Gray, Willards, Md. . . . .	60		
<b>CHILDREN</b>					
9 1/2		Charles Law McCabe, Bishopville, Md. . . . .	\$ 43		
9		Sherman Williams, Buxton, N. C. . . . .	23		
9		Hugh Williams, Buxton, N. C. . . . .	23		
36		Robert Richardson, Middletown, Del. . . . .	63		

Date of Claim	Years of Service	Distribution of Conference Funds. CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES	Annuity Claim	Special Fund	Total
WIDOWS					
1915	43	Mary R. Adams, Rehoboth Beach, Del. ....	\$581	\$ 19	\$600
1930	37	A. McC. Alderson, 1001 Madison St., Wilmington, Del. ....	500		500
1903	21	L. M. Avery, 1439 Jefferson St., San Francisco, Cal. ....	284	36	340
1936	42	B. D. Beauchamp, 810 W. 20th St., Wilmington, Del. ....	567		567
1926	18	Ida V. Brewington, Hebron, Md. ....	243	117	360
1938	4	Virginia E. Bolton, Deals Island, Md. ....	54		54
1934	42	Minnie F. Bounds, Boothwyn, Penn. ....	567		567
1925	33	Annie V. Carpenter, Seaford, Del. ....	446		446
1909	31	Mary E. Chandler, Crumpton, Md. ....	419		419
1920	23	Sarah W. Chairs, Bozman, Md. ....	311	27	338
1922	5	N. B. Cochran, 517 Bellevue Ave., Hammonton, N. J. ....	68		68
1922	6	Blanch E. Compton, 741 N. 64th St., Philadelphia, Penn. ....	81	69	150
1905	25	Mary E. Collins, 1607 W. 13th St., Wilmington, Del. ....	338		338
1936	35½	Bertha C. Cooke, 231 N. Rodney St., Wilmington, Del. ....	437		437
1931	13	Mabel V. Cummings, Tilghman, Md. ....	176	124	300
1931	31½	Martie B. Dashiell, 230 E. 48th St., New York City ....	426	6	432
1929	13	Emma M. Dawson, 347 Ichester Ave., Baltimore, Md. ....	176	24	200
1932	31	Addie T. Derrickson, Odessa, Del. ....	419		419
1931	41	Ella G. Dulaney, Fruitland, Md. ....	554	46	600
1931	22	Cora W. Faulkner, Delmar, Del. ....	297		297
1936	31	Ella K. Greenfield, Perryville, Md. ....	419		419
1928	33½	Elizabeth W. Guthrie, Kenton, Del. ....	453	7	460
1934	27	Martha L. Hastings, Seaford, Del. ....	365		365
1936	30½	Myrtle T. Harris, 254 E. Main, Elkton, Md. ....	412		412
1932	26½	Grace E. L. Jones, 3458 90th St., Jackson Hts., Long Island, N. Y. ....	357		357
1919	17	Mary J. Kenney, 5625 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Penn. ....	230		230
1917	9	H. Bertrude Lewis, Laurel, Del. ....	121		121
1931	18	Elizabeth S. Marshall, 612 Tenn. St., Salem, Va. ....	243		243
1917	23	Sallie W. Martindale, Salisbury, Md. ....	311		311
1920	31	Jennie S. Mitchell, Elkton, Md. ....	432		432
1930	25	Gertrude B. Moore, 4252 W. 1st St., Los Angeles, Cal. ....	285	75	360
1917	24	Minnie S. Morgan, 1400 W. 7th St., Wilmington, Del. ....	324		324
1916	9½	Pauline N. Murray, 558 Newton Ave., Camden, N. J. ....	129		129
1930	49	Tryphena MacSorley, 2209 Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, Del. ....	661		661
1930	8	Ada L. McCabe, Bishopville, Md. ....	108		108
1909	35	Evelyn J. Nelson, 558 Newton Ave., Camden, N. J. ....	473		473
1924	26½	Lelia M. Northrup, 913 Park Place, Wilmington, Del. ....	358		358
1882	8	Emma Prettyman, 805 Poplar Hill Ave., Salisbury, Md. ....	108	132	240
1934	35	Ida A. Prettyman, Galena, Md. ....	473		473
1932	26	Georgia M. Prouse, Jarrettown, Pa. ....	351	9	360
1928	17½	Emma J. Reed, 646 E. Madison St., Lancaster, Pa. ....	237	53	290
1937	11	Ella M. Reese, Frederica, Del. ....	121	169	290
1938	32	Caroline A. Richardson, Middletown, Del. ....	432		432
1919	28½	Mary B. Roberts, 6103 Cedar Ave., Merchantville, N. J. ....	385		385
1929	34	Janie M. Smith, 201 Franklin St., Denton, Md. ....	459		459
1905	11½	Sarah D. Sidell, 220 Grove St., Montclair, N. J. ....	113	207	320
1936	29	Mary G. Stengle, 407 W. 21st, Wilmington, Del. ....	391		391
1922	8	Carrie W. Stallings, Lovettville, Va. ....	108	222	330
1935	36½	Ada T. Stephenson, 300 W. 19th, Wilmington, Del. ....	493	7	500
1936	33	Mabel H. Short, Milford, Del. ....	338		338
1933	31	Della D. Taylor, 16 N. Gov. Ave., Dover, Del. ....	432		432
1934	28½	Jennie G. Taylor, 2916 Westwood Ave., Baltimore, Md. ....	385		385
1934	38	Sarah B. VanDyke, 2205 Monroe St., Wilmington, Del. ....	520		520
1926	14½	M. Louise VanBlunk, 902 Howard St., Camden, N. J. ....	316	44	360
1929	9	Sarah E. Walton, Bear, Del. ....	121		121
1927	39	Martha S. Watt, 17 Homer St., Worcester, Mass. ....	527		527
1918	20½	Lulu V. G. Westerfield, Port Deposit, Md. ....	277	23	300
1923	9	Laura M. Williams, Buxton, North Carolina ....	69	320	389

## VII

## MEMOIRS

## JOSHUA W. GRAY.

Youth has visions of the future; age dreams of the past. This is ever the distinction between the two—the one looks forward, the other backward. One is eager, impetuous, impatient of delay and heedless of consequences; the other is afraid of change and skeptical of the future. Youth is the period of snap-judgments; age of cumulative experience, or wisdom. Age is determined not by calendars, but by attitudes toward life. Some people are old at thirty; others are young at eighty.

Happy is the man who can combine the ripened judgment of age with the idealism, cheerfulness, and daring spirit of youth! Victor Hugo declared: "Winter is on my head, but eternal springtime is in my heart." With equal truth Joshua Gray could have made the same statement. His biography can be summed up in a sentence: He lived a long and useful life, but he never grew old.

His parents were Joshua Gray and Levenia P. Gray, and he was born on a farm near Gumboro, Delaware, January 3, 1855.

He was converted at the age of fifteen, immediately joined church, and was appointed class-leader. He had local preacher's license before he was twenty-one.

He married Charlotte E. Collins December 5, 1873. Of this union five children were born: three girls and two boys. Two of his children survive him: Mrs. Emma C. Andrews, of Cambridge, Maryland, and Mrs. Marguerite Bishop of Monterey Park, California.

He was ordained Elder by Bishop H. W. Warren in 1887 at Crisfield, Maryland. He served the following charges: Pocomoke Circuit, Powellville, Fruitland, Smith's Island, Roxana, Crapo, Chincoteague, Mt. Vernon, Lincoln, Cordova, Powellville, Quantico, Newark, Maryland, Bethel, Chester-Bethel, Ebenezer, Charlestown, and Cherry Hill.

He retired in 1925 and lived at Landover, Maryland, until the death of his wife. He then did supply work for five years at Powellville and Willards, Maryland.

He married Mrs. Bettie Dennis of Willards in April, 1931. An arduous and earnest church worker, she was a great help to him in the closing years of his ministry.

He died peacefully March 28, 1937 at the age of 82 years. The funeral was held at Willards, with the district superintendent J. J. Bunting in charge, and interment was at Cambridge, Maryland. Including his supply work, he preached more than fifty years.

At the beginning of my ministry and the closing of his, our trails converged. I met him at Powellville, and we immediately became friends. Many and happy were the hours we spent together.

Brother Gray radiated cheer. He was friendliness itself. He never met a stranger. He possessed a keen sense of humor.

It must not be inferred that his life was devoid of tragedy. The contrary is true. He had sorrows enough in his life-time to make cynics of men of lesser breed. The Angel of Death invaded his home many times, striking down in succession his oldest daughter Bertha, his two sons Oliver and Thomas, and finally his faithful wife. But when the shadows came, he could look up, and see God's rainbow of hope and promise on the horizon.

He understood people. I never knew a man who was a better judge of character. Yes; he knew human nature for what it was—vain, deceitful, and selfish to the core. Yet, paradoxically, he loved and trusted people. This because of his unwavering faith in God. He saw people as they were, but he also saw them in the light of their boundless possibilities under the regenerating and sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit. He knew what God could do for men and women, because he knew what God had done for him.

I heard him preach many times. His sermons revealed not so much the analytical mind of the philosopher as they did the intuition of the poet. They were emotional and effective. God richly blessed the closing days of his ministry, for at Willards he had his biggest revival.

He looked forward to the Great Adventure not with doubt and fear, but with faith undimmed and courage unshaken. Such is the spirit of the true Christian. And though the body succumbs to the ravages of time, this spirit is deathless and eternal.

ROLAND H. NELSON.

#### CHARLES HILORY WILLIAMS.

Charles Hilory Williams, son of Nason and Martha Williams, was born on his fathers farm near Berlin, Md., March 25th, 1850. He was one of nine children and his boyhood days were spent on the farm, assisting his father, attending the public school graduating in due time from the Berlin Academy.

In Autumn of 1869 the Rev. P. H. Rawlins, pastor, was conducting a series of meetings for the revival of grace and religion in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Newark, Md. The subject of this Memoir while never a bad boy, felt a conviction of sin and the need of a Saviour. With others he went to the altar, confessing his sin, he felt his heart "strangely warmed," possessing joy unspeakable and a passion expressed in the lines he so many times quoted:

"O that the world might taste and see  
The Riches of His Grace!  
The arms of love that compass me  
Would all mankind embrace."

Brother Williams laid much stress on the importance of beginning the christian life with a definite experience of sins forgiven and Gods all-embracing love. To our brother, salvation meant more than graduating into church membership from a class for religious instruction or signing a card of affirmation and uniting with the church on profession. Were he here to-day he would say:

That sweet comfort was mine,  
When the favor divine  
I found first in the blood of the Lamb;  
When my heart first believed,  
What a joy I received,  
What a heaven in Jesus's name.

O the rapturous height  
Of that holy delight  
Which I felt in the life-giving blood!  
By my Saviour possessed,  
I was perfectly blest,  
As if filled with the fullness of God."

October 17th was annually observed by this man of God as his spiritual birthday.

The pastor took much interest in this young disciple and shortly after conversion received him into membership in the church. He was soon made a Sunday School teacher and not a great while after, he was given Exhortors license. In due time at the request of the church he was given license to preach by the Berlin Quarterly Conference and preached to a crowded house of friends to hear their home boy with his first message.

With the sense of a divine call to the ministry in a more active manner; he applied himself diligently, under the guidance of his pastor, to reading and study. In the Spring of 1877 under the Presiding Elder, he began preaching as a supply junior preacher and continued in this relation for five years. So well did Brother Williams succeed while doing supply work in the conference; that in March 1882, after passing the required examination, he was received into the Wilmington Conference on trial in its session in Middletown, Del.; Bishop Hurst presiding. In 1884 at the session in Asbury church, Wilmington, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Harris and in March 1886 during the conference in our church at Elkton, Md., he received Elders Orders.

Early in his ministry, Brother Williams had the good fortune to meet one of the fine women of Dorchester County, Md.; this meeting ripened into a very happy occasion when on April 6th, 1887, Lida Stewart, daughter of the late Alfred and Mary F. Stewart, and the Rev. Charles Hilory Williams were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. From this Dorchester County home where all preachers found a welcome, there went out a woman to be a real help-meet and inspiration to this Methodist preacher for more than fifty years. One little girl came to bless their home but this little bud in its infancy, went to blossom in heaven.

Brother Williams served the following appointments: Bridgeville, East New Market, Church Creek, Stockton, Sharptown, Marshallton, Mt. Pleasant, Greenwood, Preston, Fruitland, Gumboro, Hebron, Ocean View and Colora. At the conference in Berlin, Md., 1914, because of failing health, he asked for and was given the Retired relation. This brother of whom we are writing was a good preacher, a faithful pastor—"A GOOD MINISTER OF JESUS CHRIST." He built a new parsonage for the Mt. Pleasant charge and began a new church while stationed at Greenwood. Paid church debts and had revivals in his churches. He was never happier than when witnessing men, women and children coming to God.

To the last, he kept himself informed as to current events. A diligent reader of such books, religious magazines and periodicals, that with his Bible, Methodist hymnal and prayer life, he was strong in the faith that overcomes the world. For a number of years our brother had not been able to attend the sessions of our conference and many of this body did not know him; but he loved them all and rejoiced with them in their success and sorrowed with them in their griefs.

After retiring from the active ministry, Brother Williams and his wife purchased a house in Snow Hill and went there to make a home for their declining years. In the earlier years of his retired life, he preached as opportunity afforded and did so with profit and pleasure to his congregations, and joy to himself. He was active in the church, teaching in the Sunday School to the last.

On April 6th of last year, this couple, Brother and Sister Williams observed their 50th marriage anniversary, in a very simple and beautiful way; they had planned it for their family and a few friends; but others learned about it, and the Official Board of Whatcoat church presented them with a handsome cluster of yellow roses; the Sunday School and many of their friends led by their pastor, called with pleasant surprises and congratulations. Seldom, if ever, do you see two happier people than these two lovers: Charles Hilory Williams and his wife Lida Williams were on that occasion.

His last Sunday on earth, he attended the morning worship at his church and taught his Bible class. In the evening on his way to the church service, he complained of not feeling so well and at the suggestion of his wife the two returned home, and at the usual time retired for the night. Awakening about five o'clock the next morning October 25th, complained of some discomfort; a doctor was called and in perhaps not more than fifteen minutes, "he was not for God took him" to where he could

"See Him face to face  
And tell the story saved by grace."

The funeral service was conducted by the pastor, Disston W. Jacobs. The address was delivered by the District Superintendent, John J. Bunting. A message of consolation was brought by the pastor, the Rev. Frank White and the writer assisting in the service, and while his soul was in the "haven of rest" his friends in the midst of a storm of unusual severity, laid his body to rest in the Methodist Cemetery at Snow Hill to await the resurrection.

It has been the writers pleasure and profit to know Brother Williams for the past twenty two years, with more or less intimacy, and a more beautiful spirit would be difficult to find. He was very optimistic and if he could be here, I think he would want me to say: our richest joys are not of yesterday, but of to-morrow. Youth has a great future, but so has the aged body on whose wrinkled brows the evening suns rays are falling.

"Grow old along with me!  
The best is yet to be,  
The last of life for which the first was made;  
Our times are in His hand  
Who saith, "A whole I planned,  
Youth shows but half; trust God; see all nor be afraid!"

Knowing him as I did, I think he would like me to say to the aged and weary pilgrim, "be of good cheer": "you are getting near lifes most thrilling discovery. You are very near home. Soon you will clasp once more the one whose home-going has left a void the world can never fill. Soon you will reach the land that is fairer than day, where the flowers of a vanished Springtime will blossom in immortal freshness and beauty." Brother Williams is survived by his faithful and devoted companion.

"Jesus, thou Prince of life,  
Thy chosen cannot die!  
Like thee, they conquer in the strife,  
To reign with thee on high."

L. E. POOLE.

#### EMORY W. McDOWELL.

Devoutly repeating the Beatitudes, the Fourteenth Chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, and the Twenty-third Psalm, Rev. Emory W. McDowell, in the evening of the third day of last February, for the last time in this life voiced his affirmation of the Christian faith. He then affectionately bade his wife good-night. No more was his kind voice heard. His earthly tabernacle had dissolved and was far too dilapidated for the dwelling place of a soul so beautiful and consecrated; so he moved on and upward to that city that hath foundation, and took up residence in the mansion which Jesus had prepared, and which he himself had reserved.

The subject of this memoir was born February 14, 1881. His parents were Zachariah W. and Lavinia E. Swain McDowell. Nature endowed him with a strong and healthy body, and a mind that could learn, and reason, and vision to consider the future, also the will to follow that vision, until he possessed the things of eternal value in service and personality. Georgetown High School gave him a diploma at the commencement of 1900. The next three years he taught school. Though a noble and sacrificial profession, teaching was not his calling. He wanted to preach, indeed, he must. So in September 1903 he entered the Conference School at Dover, from which he was graduated two years later. He further prepared himself and kept himself intellectually fit for the ministry by taking special summer courses in college and seminary. Bishop McCabe at Pocomoke City, Maryland, 1906 received him into Conference on trial. Two years later he was ordained a deacon, and in 1910 was fully ordained. Such are the educational and ecclesiastical courses by which he came to membership in the Wilmington Conference and Christian ministry. What is the record of those thirty-two years in the Methodist ministry!

As a lad of nine he was converted at Cokesbury Church on Georgetown circuit. He became a member of that church, and as good shepherds fed the sheep and lambs of that flock, he grew in stature and wisdom and in favor with God and man, and the Holy Spirit led him to behold the harvest field, white and ripe, and he replied to the call in the words of the seer of old, "Here am I, send me." He entered his life's profession from the church where he had found the Lord.

Ability, training, and consecration were major contributing factors in his successful ministry, however, his usefulness was further enhanced by marriage which was so ideal and Christian that it complied with all scriptural injunctions on that vital step. Miss Nettie M. Williams descended from true Methodist lineage, and was a daughter in a family which had made large contributions along all lines to the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was educated and specially trained in music, and endowed with those graces and talents which make a charming and serviceable wife to a minister. They were married September 14, 1905. Two daughters blessed that union, and survive their fathers—Mrs. Esther McDowell Fouracre, and Mrs. Elizabeth McDowell Figgs. These daughters were dear to their parents, and most tenderly did they, with their husbands, administer to their father through the months of his suffering, until he passed into the land of peace.

Brother McDowell was noted for his industry. A stranger to fatigue! A splendidly healthy physique made it possible for him to carry on, when others grew weary. Not only did he carefully perform detailed tasks, but seemed to relish detail in classroom, and as an officer of this Conference. His note-book would reveal neatness, accuracy, originality, and research. In launching a church program on circuit charges, he would unfold and develop it in the smallest church with as much minute care and concern as in the capital church. Negligence and slovenliness he could not and would not tolerate in himself. At the Conference Academy he was a member of a record-breaking class in members. That class elected him business-manager. The accounts were always straight and in balance. In the after-years as builder-pastor, and vice-treasurer the record was ever the same—accurate and clear.

Time and space forbid mention and discussion of his work on the boards and committees of which he was a prominent and active member. We come to that position wherein he found his hardest task and rendered the most lasting labor of love to his brethren. In September 1923, Dr. Van Northrup died, and the Board of Examiners asked Brother McDowell to care for the office of the registrar, until the next session of Conference. At that session he was elected to that office, and served with a distinction and satisfaction known far beyond the borders of his own Conference, until the time of his death. The manner and method of his official conduct are worthy of more than formal and passing mention.

In the years of his incumbency which number fourteen, sixty-two men were admitted on trial, and all the supplies completed, or began a course of study. No other official contacts and moulds ministerial candidates as does the registrar. He is secretary, counsellor, and sometimes disciplinarian. The life channel of our organization flows by him. How well did he direct it!

He was always ready. For fourteen years we have heard the presiding bishop call, "Is the registrar ready?" There was without exception, the instant reply, "Yes, bishop." Occasionally our interest in the men coming into membership would be superseded by admiration for the skill and ease with which he handled classes grades, and answered all questions from the chair and floor of the conference.

He was always correct. The writer was a member of the Board, and intimately associated with the deceased. So far as we recall no bishop ever found him in error as to the laws governing his work, though the legislation might change at every General Conference. The Board never once reversed his decision.

There have been other registrars and their work too was well done, but Brother McDowell faced a problem which never confronted another in this office. Our Church has created the Commission on Conference Courses of Study. No longer would a candidate be assigned a batch of books, at which he might study, and once appear before the examiner, namely, to take the examination. What hardship that order imposed on some men; nor did the Conference always escape without hurt. The Church resolved, and did make it a Course of Study. Summer schools with instructors and lecture courses sprang into being. Directions and helps were prepared and circulated. Written work was required on practically all text-books. Examiners became instructors and must contact and counsel with the undergraduate. The task of re-adjustment was onerous and sometimes thankless. In the early years of his administration this registrar raised the necessary funds and sent both instructor and candidate to the school, and then followed them and sustained the attendance and scholarship. Not frequently, but at times the registrar must enforce the laws of the Discipline. Our brother so blended tact, wisdom, and firmness that any disturbance, or misunderstanding would pass over with the minimum of friction and damage. Perfection is more of a human pursuit than a possession. However we feel it is neither amiss, nor an exaggeration to rate him the perfect registrar. Dr. Allan MacRossie who knows registrars throughout our connection, says there was none better than McDowell.

It was as a pastor he did the great work of his life. He asked little of bishops or superintendents. A highway or city lane where he might seek the lost and bring them to Christ and house them in the Methodist Church! Wherever and whenever sent, he went, and did the task which awaited him. The following charges were served by him: Elliott, Bishopville, Mt. Pleasant, Ocean View, Somerset, Hillsboro, Pocomoke City, Middletown, Eastlake, Claymont and Richardson Park. Years have not effaced the memory and holy influence of his life among those people, and while many will arise in time to call his name blessed only eternity will register the total blessedness of his several pastorates. Loved ones and friends regret his going in the fifty-seventh year of his life. Might he not have gathered more sheaves? Was his work completely done? To all such serious inquiries, there is this reply. He lived a full and abundant life.

"They grow not old on earth.  
They have not time:  
They but begin to live."

Not duration, but deeds and development determine a life. His second charge was at our native town. A four point circuit. He rebuilt one church, all property was repaired, three sweeping revivals, advances along all lines. He was equally as effective in an urban church as on a rural charge. The slogan of his ministry was the verse much used in the Centenary Movement.



To serve the present age,  
 My calling to fulfill;  
 O may it all my powers engage  
 To do my Master's will!

He loved life. Its surge, opportunities, relation thrilled him. Until the last he lived and loved. Interest never abated. Those who visited his bedside heard no complaint, no moaning of the bar, when he put out to sea. From November he was confined to his bed, with a disease which depresses the spirit as it destroys the body of flesh. We had a long visit with him in the last month of his life. His interest in the work, love for the brethren were marvelous and inspiring. For him, and for all, death had been conquered.

Monday afternoon, February 7th the still body of our friend rested by the chancel of our church in Richardson Park. He had preached his last sermon there. Banks of beautiful flowers attested the love of a host of friends from all parts of the Conference territory. In the presence of a congregation which overflowed to the city streets, Rev. W. E. Gunby, Superintendent of the Wilmington District conducted the simple and solemn rites as arranged by the departed. Revs. Tilghman Smith, Frank Herson and the writer participated in the service. After which a procession that would have done homage to King or conqueror conveyed the body to Grace-lawn Cemetery. While the strains of in "The Sweet By And By" floated through the air his mortal remains returned to the earth.

We know not the cities over which he was given authority, when he reported to his Lord. We do know the Master said, "Well done." He fell asleep with these words fresh on his lips and forever in his heart, "Though I walk through the valley—I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me—, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." He fell asleep before dawn February the fourth: when he awoke it was eternal morning.

On any morning,  
 Think of stepping on a shore and finding it Heaven,  
 Of taking hold of a hand and find it God's hand.  
 Of feeling invigorated and finding it immortality,  
 Of waking up and finding it Home!

J. J. BUNTING.

Brother McDowell was a highly efficient Registrar, painstaking in all of his work. Courteous and kind to all students, with that knowledge of human nature that made the wheels of this organization run smoothly and yet efficiently. Frequently complimented by the presiding bishops for the timeliness and correctness of his work. Seeking not his own but the good of others, and possessed of that quality of mind that in the realm of business made him a Methodist. We miss him, but we shall see him again.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING.

### LEVIN W. LAYFIELD.

It is impossible to encompass a life between the date of birth and hour of departure, for life is so significant it has a fashion of springing beyond its boundaries and refuses to be confined to any such narrow and limited set of circumstances. There are those whose only claim to fame is the length of days they have seen, others not only have lived long but well. Such was the life of Levin W. Layfield.

Born in Fairmount, Maryland, November 4, 1848, and departed this life at Greenwood, Delaware, February 16, 1938. That gives the boundaries of his earthly career, but anyone who knew him even slightly, would immediately know he was bigger than his boundaries. That part of himself he gave in unstinted measure in promoting and fostering the best, cannot be effaced; nor can the influence he exerted over the lives of those he served be destroyed; nor will his loved ones ever forget his tenderness and generosity.

Soundly converted and called to the ministry in early life, he began to prepare himself to that end. Public Schools and the old Washington Academy in Princess Anne, Maryland, gave him his start. Constant reading, serious thinking and an open mind, continued his education the hour of his death. Young men found him interested in them and their success. He continued to be alive to new things and refused to be buried in the yesterdays.

On February 5, 1873, he was married to Emma L. Rutter of Chester, Pennsylvania, who shared his ministry until his retirement and a little later passed on to her reward. This union was blessed with three children, all living except Harry. Paul lives in Felton and Mrs. John Todd (Blanche) in Greenwood.

He began his ministry as an assistant to T. E. Martindale on the old Snow Hill Circuit in the year 1870, joining the Conference the following Spring, and served eighteen charges before he retired in 1923. He took the superannuate relation but he did not retire for he was in constant demand as a special preacher or to fill in whenever needed. This he continued to do until ill health, in recent months, forced him to refuse the many invitations to help.

While he was a faithful pastor ever guarding the interest of the flock committed to his care, his forte and citadel was the pulpit. Here he was at his best. Never polemic, occasionally didactic, more often touching upon the great themes of the Scripture, his soul would catch fire and his oratory would sway the congregation. One of his favorite themes was the stirring of the eagles nest. This sermon of his was preached all over the Peninsula and it was received with pleasure and recognized as eminently worth while.

Possibly the outstanding pastorate of his long ministry was in Epworth Church, Wilmington, Delaware. Burdened with debt, about to be sold for the mortgage, he was sent there to redeem the situation. His own check book stayed off the creditors until the reserves of the congregation could be mustered. He led the forces in such a brilliant manner, he was recognized as a wise administrator by the Conference.

He loved the Wilmington Conference and was always present. He never permitted anyone to challenge its greatness. Of all the honors that came his way, none stood higher in his estimation than the time he repre-

sented the Conference in one of the celebrations of the Philadelphia Conference. When the writer was to represent the Conference in the Sesqui-centennial of the founding of the Philadelphia Conference, he was most jealous that the speech be of the best for he wanted the Wilmington Conference not to be outdone by any other.

He was a lover of men. Never permitted himself to lower the dignity of the ministry but always able to meet men on the level of human fellowship. The lowly and the great felt instinctively he was God's servant and was able to reveal this in the daily walk of life.

The service of Commemoration was held in the Church in Greenwood on Friday afternoon, February 19, 1938, in charge of his pastor, Rev. J. H. Clow, Jr., assisted by Brothers Charles W. Spry, George W. Dawson, Omar E. Jones, J. C. B. Hopkins, R. E. Green and the writer who gave the address. His body was committed to the bosom of the earth in Barratts Chapel Cemetery.

"Well done, good and faithful servant. Inasmuch as thou hast been faithful in a few things enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

E. C. HALLMAN.

#### JAMES T. RICHARDSON.

James Thomas Richardson, son of Joshua and John Ann Harry Richardson, was born near West Bangor, York County, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1864, and, after a life that was full of suffering and service, was liberated from his disease warped body February 24, 1938, at his late home in Middletown, Delaware. To him, who had suffered so long and so severely, the land where "Neither shall there be any more pain" must have seemed a veritable seventh heaven.

Through the veins of his ancestors there had flowed Hicksite Quaker, Presbyterian and Methodist blood, by no means a bad combination. At the age of seventeen years he was converted at the altars of the Prospect Methodist Episcopal church at Satchelville, Pa. After studying in the York County public schools he attended Dickinson College Preparatory School, and in the Fall of 1887 matriculated at Dickinson College proper, taking the regular Classical course. At the end of this first year at college he took supply work in the Central Pennsylvania Conference. A year later he returned to Dickinson, this time taking a special course in preparation for Drew Theological Seminary. He graduated from Drew with the class of 1893. In April of the same year he was admitted to probationary membership in the East Maine Conference and was assigned to Searsport, Maine, where he served for two years. His next appointment in the E. Maine Conference was at Bucksport, where he remained for four years. In the Spring of 1899 he was transferred to the Wilmington Conference and assigned to Church Hill, Md. In this Conference he has served additional charges as follows: Denton, Frederica, Rock Hall, Cookman, Wil. Mt. Pleasant, Preston, Harrington, Chesapeake City and Odessa. At the session

of the Conference in 1929, being seriously crippled by rheumatism in hands and feet, he retired from the active ranks of the ministry and moved to Middletown, Del., where, until the time of his death he made his home.

April twelfth, 1893 he was united in marriage to Caroline A. Andrews of South Orange, N. J. From this union there were born four children, two sons and two daughters, all of whom, with their mother, survive him. The children are as follows: J. V. of Longwood, Kennett Square, Pa., Laura O. and Mrs. D. Harris Frazer of Wilmington and Robert A. of Middletown.

No man in the community where he lived is held in higher esteem than was J. T. Richardson. In June 1932 he was accorded honorary membership in the Middletown Club of Rotary International, which relation he maintained until his passing.

He had a driving passion for knowledge, and with this passion his physical handicaps were never allowed to interfere. It would be hard to find a man among us who is more definitely informed concerning developments in the realm of science than was he. His was a scholarly mind. For him no mere scratching of the surface of a subject that interested him would suffice. All the processes of his reasoning were practical and thorough.

As an active minister he was greatly beloved by those he served. Many friendships formed in those brighter years lasted to the end and were a source of great joy to him. To a degree we had not thought possible he knew and practiced the ethics of a retired preacher. Many times during the past two years, when inclined to give way to discouragement, we have visited with him and found sweet refreshment. Frequently do we pray, that if sometime, the retired relation may be ours, the pastor in charge may feel toward us as we have felt toward him.

Saturday afternoon, February 26, at Tobin's Parlors, in Middletown, appropriate funeral services were held, the District Superintendent, W. E. Gunby and the writer participating therein. After these services his mortal remains were borne to beautiful Gracelawn Memorial Park, just south of Wilmington and there returned to the embrace of mother earth.

My bark is wafted to the strand  
By breath divine,  
And on its helm there rests a hand  
Other than mine.

One who was known in storms to sail  
I have on board;  
Above the roaring of the gale  
I hear my Lord.

Safe to the land! Safe to the land!  
The end is this,  
And then with Him go hand in hand,  
Far into bliss.

L. B. MORGAN.

## JOHN C. BOLTON.

When the Wilmington Annual Conference convened for its sixty-ninth session in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Salisbury, Maryland, on March 31, 1937, there were 152 members who answered to their names. The subject of this Memoir in a deep rich voice answered "Here." Throughout his eventful life, in the service of his country during the World War and better still, in the Army of the Church Militant, he had readily responded to the call of his name. It was at this same session he went forth to his new field of labor, succeeding the writer at Tangier, Virginia. Here during the year he responded to every exacting call made upon him in such a large and responsible field. It was at the very Zenith and Crowning hours of this Conference year, at the very peak of his useful and fruitful ministry, the higher summons of all came. On March 3rd, less than one month of this present session, without warning whatever, our Brother and comrade, John C. Bolton answered this high summons and passed into "The General Assembly and Church of the First Born whose names are written in Heaven."

Brother John C. Bolton was born January 19, 1887 at Paterson, N. J. His parents, Leroy and Harriet DuVall Bolton, were prominent and well known citizens of the beautiful city of Paterson. Both of his parents were devout Christian people. They were members of Grace M. E. Church of said city and took a most prominent part in all church activities. His mother, Harriet, with her kindly disposition and willingness to help others, won for herself many friends. His father, Leroy, was a local preacher and was widely known in the city of Paterson. John was reared by pious, religious parents in the most genial christian surroundings imaginable. Indeed, it can truly be said, it was in answer to the prayers of those Godly parents that we have today the remembrance of this man as a fellow Minister of Jesus Christ.

Finishing the Public Schools of Paterson as a young man he found employment as a Clerk in a Grocery Store. While still young, he was converted during a Union Revival Service in Old Hamilton Ave. Church. Soon after his conversion, there came an all consuming ambition to preach the blessed Gospel of His Lord. He often referred back to his wonderful conversion and too, like St. Paul of old, he saw his Lord. He often compared his conversion to that of St. Paul and heard his Lord call his name. His answer, like that of Paul, was "What wilt thou have me do, Lord." After attending school, he joined and took work in the New Jersey Methodist Protestant Conference. His first church was Madison Park. Here he successfully served two years. He served several other churches until his conference of 1914 called him to the Hamilton Avenue Methodist Protestant Church where, as a young man, he had been converted. Here he enjoyed a most successful ministry. The church was in a very weak condition but soon grew to become one of the strong churches of the city. The church edifice was completely remodeled and beautified. Great throngs of people each Sunday crowded the church to hear the young Evangelistic Pastor who, but a few years before, was a grocery clerk just around the corner. Newspaper clippings gave accounts of how the crowds went to his church and of the sweeping revivals held there. Brother Bolton, from 1914 until

1918, when he resigned his pastorate to become a Chaplain with the American Forces in France, became a very prominent Clergyman of this city. He was appointed Chaplain of the city Fire Department June 26th, 1914 and held this position with great distinction until March 1st, 1918, at which time he entered government service in the World War. During these four years, he played a most prominent part, taking the lead in many worth while enterprises. He took a very active part in the Billy Sunday campaign in Paterson during the summer of 1916. He became an ardent admirer of Billy Sunday and the influence of this famous Evangelist played a vital part in his life. This was evident even to the very last sermon he preached.

Several Paterson newspaper clippings proved most interesting in the way and manner John C. Bolton answered the call of his country in the early spring of 1918. One clipping in headlines reads as follows: "Noted City Minister Waives Exemption and will go to camp as Buck Private. Somewhere in Camp Dix sometime next week the Rev. John C. Bolton will exchange his clerical vestments for Uncle Sam's Khaki and his Pulpit for the Trenches." There are numerous clippings giving interesting accounts of farewell banquets of the City Police and Fire Departments to their famous Chaplain "Doc," as he was popularly called, with hundreds attending and accounts of other civic groups. There are also many interesting clippings from the paper giving account of camp life as a private, then he receives his commission as Chaplain, his leaving for overseas, up at the Front with the boys, and then being wounded and gassed, and finally after the World War coming back to his native city, broken in health, the results of wounds and gas in the trenches. Brother Bolton after receiving his discharge from the army, settled down with his people in Paterson and during the year 1919 until March 28, 1920 was partly employed by the government investigating disabled World War Veterans. His work in this capacity brought him into the bounds of the Wilmington Conference, and, after regaining his health sufficiently, he sought work in our own Conference. He was transferred by Bishop William F. McDowell March 28th, 1920 from an Elder of the Methodist Protestant Church to an Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Wilmington Conference. Brother Bolton served the following appointments of our Conference. 1920-21 Clayton, Delaware; from 22 to 25 he attended school; Pittsville, Md. from 26-27; Deals Island from 28-33; Frankford, Delaware 34-37 and Tangier 37.

From injuries received during the war, Brother Bolton never fully recovered, yet no one would surmise his physical handicap from mere observation. In the pulpit he would preach with the greatest of energy and zeal. His manner of preaching was most forceful, as attested by those who heard him. His mannerisms were strikingly like those of the famous Billy Sunday and all his sermons were enriched with simple illustrations. Brother Bolton was distinctly Evangelistic. One of the biggest Revivals of Deals Island was the result of this Evangelistic manner. He had revivals in all his appointments. His own District Superintendent, Dr. J. J. Bunting, characterized him in a most elegant Eulogy "Do ye the work of an Evangelist." He was a good pastor and with untiring efforts shepherded his flock. He was a brother and devoted friend to all who knew him.

Rev. John C. Bolton was a scholar. After completing the Public Schools of Paterson, he worked as a Clerk. Feeling called to preach, it was arranged for him to go away to school. The influence of the Hamilton Ave. M. P. Church, where he was converted, made it possible for him to attend Western Maryland College. Later completing work at the Nyak Practical Bible School. From 1922-25 he attended Drew University. He received several Honorary Degrees, including Doctor of Divinity at The People's National University, Atlanta, Ga. He was an extensive reader of good books. His library was large and contained a splendid selection of fine books; such books truly any preacher should be proud to have in his study.

Dr. Bolton was twice happily married. The first union was to Miss Anna Mae Robinson of Paterson, October 26th, 1917. Anna Mae proved a true help meet to her husband and assisted him faithfully in the capacity of a minister's wife. It was towards the end of a six year successful pastorate at Deals Island, Feb. 15th, 1934, that Mrs. Anna Mae Bolton passed out of this life to be with her Lord she loved and served so well. She was dearly loved, which was evidenced by the large funeral in Deals Island church. Her body was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery of the church. Brother Bolton later married Miss Virginia Horner while at Frankford, Del. Virginia made her husband a devoted wife and proved a faithful and most able assistant to her husband in carrying on the strenuous work of a busy pastor. Brother Bolton last Conference, was appointed to the work at Tangier, Va. Those who are familiar with this field, know well the strenuous life of the minister here; but the wife of this minister took her place beside that of her husband. Being a graduate trained nurse proved exceedingly beneficial, both in this large Island community and to that of her husband, whose impaired health was beginning to show under the strain of this heavy work. Mrs. Bolton saw to it that he had the proper protection for his health and made it possible for him to carry forth this heavy burden of ministerial duties to the very last.

Death came swiftly and unexpectedly, striking this busy well beloved pastor in the very zenith and closing days of his first year at Tangier. He succumbed while visiting his wife's mother at Deals Island, enjoying himself as he always did seeing the folks where he served for six years as a faithful and loyal pastor, apparently well as he had been accustomed to feel of late. He was stricken suddenly about ten o'clock Wednesday evening, March 2nd and quietly passed into the great beyond, conscious to the very last, at one-thirty o'clock Thursday morning, March 3rd, 1938:

"No time for a last farewell,  
No time for the shock of fear,  
Scarcely a moment's halt on the shore,  
With the guide and the boatmen near."

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, March 6th in the St. Johns Methodist Episcopal Church, Deals Island, Maryland, where this man of God had so faithfully labored in the years before. His District Superintendent, Dr. John J. Bunting and the pastor of the church, were in charge of the services, assisted by the following ministers: W. F. Corkran, J. R. Bicking, D. E. McClain, J. T. Rowleson, W. S. Grant and R. L.

Tawes. Joshua T. Pruitt, a local preacher of the Swain Memorial M. E. Church of Tangier, in behalf of the church for their deceased pastor, made a most touching and impressive eulogy. Dr. Bunting, Dr. W. F. Corkran and the pastor spoke briefly on the following scriptures respectively, "Do Ye the work of an Evangelist," "My Zeal Hath Consumed Me," "The Good Shepherd Giveth His Life For The Sheep." In the history of the church the funeral was one of the largest. The church could not begin to accommodate the great multitude of people attending. Former parishioners from Pittsville, Frankford, Deals Island and elsewhere, came to pay their tribute to a beloved pastor. The members of his church at Tangier came in the greatest of numbers. Banks and banks of flowers from Tangier church, the Masons and other orders, The American Legion, from Civic groups, clubs and elsewhere, manifested love and esteem to this servant of God. Interment was made in the beautiful Deals Island Cemetery adjoining the church. His body was laid to rest beside that of his first wife, Anna Mae. A detachment of American Legions formed a guard of honor, while the Masonic Order, after that of the Church, rendered a colorful and impressive burial ceremony.

To all of us who knew him best and loved him most, may God grant today in the words of that grand old Prophet of long ago, "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." And may we too take up that mantle and go and stand before the banks of the Jordan.

H. N. BAILEY.

#### JOHN P. KELLEY

For a quarter of a century—from March 1912 until a few weeks after the adjournment of the session of 1937—John P. Kelley adorned the Ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ and The Methodist Episcopal Church as a Supply Pastor in the Wilmington Annual Conference. He was born January 22, 1863, in the City of Philadelphia and must have imbibed a large share of the brotherly love which is supposed to abound in our neighboring metropolis. He began an educational process which continued throughout his life, for he was ever a learner, in the Public Schools of his native City. Coming to Delaware in early manhood he entered the teaching profession and taught in the schools of Kent County until 1907. For several years he was identified with Sunday School work as a Field Worker under the Delaware State Sunday School Association. His profound interest in Christian education, his close contacts with numerous churches and their Pastors developed in him a passionate desire to preach the Gospel and to give himself more definitely to Christian service. Following this constraint which he believed to be from God, he offered himself to the Conference and was given an Appointment on the Dover District. Beyond the age limit set by the Conference for admission to its membership he nevertheless resolved to equip himself as fully as possible for his work and at once took up the Course of Study for Local Preachers, Deacons and Elders and in due time was graduated from those Courses and ordained as a Local Elder.

The following Charges were blessed by his rich and consecrated min-

istry: Laws and Milford Neck, Williamsville, Ellendale, Galestown, Williamsburg, Westover, Bozman and Neavitt, Marydel, Bethel, Gumboro, and Wye Mills, from which Charge he was translated from the Church on earth to the Church in Heaven. His record is replete with repairs and improvements to the properties on the Charges that he served. His ministry was characterized by a warm evangelicalism and an intelligent devotion to the program of Christian education, a combination not so common as it should be. He had a real passion for souls and an unfaltering faith in the power of the Gospel of God's redeeming love revealed in His Son to save to the uttermost all that may come unto Him by faith. Believing thus he preached for decisions and won many converts to Christ and His Church. It was the writers good fortune while serving as Superintendent of the Salisbury District to secure him for the Gumboro Charge. In his second year at this Charge, Carey's Church, one of the strongest on the Circuit, insisted upon being detached from Gumboro and placed with Millsboro. Believing that a dissatisfied church on a Circuit is a perpetual sore and a source of evil, we did not oppose this move. It meant a reduction in estimated support for the pastor of Gumboro, from \$1400 to \$900 and we offered to transfer Brother Kelley to another Charge. He asked to be permitted to remain with the people he had come to love, even at the reduced salary. The discouraged people were much heartened by this sacrificial move of their Pastor. They rallied to the work, a blessed revival swept the Circuit with 123 conversions, 112 of whom were received into Preparatory Membership and more than 70 afterwards into Full Membership, more than off-setting the loss from the defection of Carey's. For three more years during the worst of the depression, he fought gallantly to hold this Circuit intact.

Believing in revivals and having his full share of refreshings from the presence of the Lord, he yet did his best to bring to the Churches he served the fullest possible benefit of the Program of Christian education promoted by the Conference. He was an ardent protagonist for that Program. He enrolled in the Standard Training Schools near him and encouraged his people to attend. He met his Apportionments for the Program and frequently counselled with the Director. His interest in the whole scheme of education, secular as well as religious is attested by the fact that three of his five daughters and one granddaughter are college graduates and teachers, two on High School faculties. And this in the face of meager salaries. And yet they say that Methodist preachers are not good financiers. Some of them are not but some are and this man was one of them. He was a Supply and never expected to participate in Conference Claimants Funds but he never permitted that column in the Minutes to be blank. Out of his own pocket oftentimes and in face of strenuous opposition his Charge would make its contribution to the support of the Conference Claimants. Thus he wrought righteously in every sphere of the Christian ministry and in every Charge that he served and his memory is as precious ointment poured forth.

As a man he was strikingly handsome, of solid well-knit body with a face of singular winsomeness, with character indelibly stamped upon it. The reputation of the Ministry was safe in his hands.

His home life was beautiful. Married to Anna Elizabeth Cahall, daughter of Alfred and Anna E. Cahall, the union was blessed with eight

children, all of whom are still living—three sons, William A., John P., and Charles Cahall and five daughters, Mary Maude, A. Edith, Rosa E., Esther V., and Mrs. Margaret Winborne. Two granddaughters also survive, Anne and Margaret E. Kelley. It was my privilege to enjoy the gracious hospitality of this family group quite frequently during the five years I was their Superintendent and the many kindnesses he and his showed to me are among the more pleasant memories of my period of service on Salisbury District.

As one of the last acts of my Superintendency I secured the appointment of Brother Kelley whom I had come to greatly honor and respect, to Wye Mills, which when I served it myself years ago, was one of the most delightful of our rural Charges. He was winning his way into the hearts of the people of both of the churches on the Charge when on Sunday, April 11th, God's finger touched him and he went away to be forever with the Lord. He had discharged the usual duties of the day, preaching twice and attending and participating in the Epworth League Service in the home Church at night. Weary with the tasks of the day he decided to retire early and leaving the little circle in the pleasant living room of the parsonage, he climbed the steps to his bedroom and laid his tired body on the bed that had held the wearied forms of so many preachers who had preceded him and then quietly, without a struggle, moved out of the earthly tabernacle and took up his abode in the temple of God, the building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. I have often thought that this is the manner in which I would desire to come to the end of my earthly pilgrimage.

"Happy if with my latest breath,  
I may but gasp His name,  
Preach Him to all  
And cry in death—  
'Behold, behold, the Lamb.'"

The funeral services were held in the little church in the grove of magnificent oaks at Wye Mills, Md., in charge of the writer, assisted by the District Superintendent of the Dover District, E. C. Hallman, Rev. O. E. Jones, a former Superintendent and Dr. W. F. Corkran. Burial was in the family plot at Bridgeville, Del.

"We cannot think of them as dead  
Who walk with us no more  
Along the path of life we tread;  
They have but gone before.

The Father's house is mansioned fair  
Beyond our vision dim;  
All souls are His, and here or there  
Are living unto Him.

And still their silent ministries  
Within our hearts have place,  
As when on earth they walked with us  
And met us face to face.

Ours are they by an ownership  
Nor time nor death can free;  
For God hath given to love to keep  
Its own eternally.

LEONARD WHITE.

## ANNA RODRIG SPARKLIN.

The subject of this memoir was the daughter of Antonio and Anna Rodrig.

Born in New York City, January 15th, 1873, she was converted at an early age through the guidance of a deeply consecrated teacher of the Church School, and felt at once the Divine leading for definite Christian work.

She was led to matriculate at the Lucy Webb Hayes' Training School in Washington, District of Columbia, and during her student life there, was associated with Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church, as a special worker, and assistant to the Pastor.

After she was graduated in 1895, she was sent by the Woman's Home Missionary Society to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and spent three years in helping to establish The Harwood Home for Girls.

On her return, she was married to the Rev. John L. Sparklin, December 29th, 1898, and entered gladly upon the career of usefulness and devotion to the holy calling of the wife of a Methodist Minister.

Twenty-five years ago, the writer was present in a discussion group of young people, and was greatly impressed with her qualities of leadership, and saw in her, even then, a rare combination of faith, devotion, and Christian courage, which ripened, and matured, and bore fruit in the lives of many, until the day she passed from earth to heaven. She was a shining example of devotion to all the interests of her husband, her children, and her home, and has left as a priceless heritage, an unquestioning faith in God, an unflinching love for His Word, and an unfaltering loyalty to His Church.

She was social by nature and by training and sought opportunities for fellowship with others. She added grace to every group to which she joined herself, and radiated cheer and optimism to all.

She was regular in her attendance, at the meetings of the Association of Ministers' Wives. At one of these meetings her testimony on "How God Answers Prayer," made a deep impression upon the entire group. She was particularly gifted in prayer, and the answers constantly forthcoming, kept her faith triumphant.

Her passing is a keenly felt loss to her large circle of friends, who miss her kindly smile, her cooperative spirit, and her untiring devotion to all forms of Christian work.

We are indebted to Ruskin who said, "Every noble life leaves the fibre of it interwoven in the work of the world." Since "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind, is not to die," then, a life such as this never becomes a mere memory but will remain a cherished inspiration to those who knew her best.

While about her household duties on September the 13th, she was seized with a cerebral hemorrhage, and failing to respond to medical aid, was rushed to the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, Delaware, and passed away on September 15th. The service of tribute was held within her late home, the Parsonage, St. George's, Delaware, Friday, September 17th, conducted by the Rev. W. A. Wise, assisted by other ministers. The interment was made in the Family Lot, Federalsburg, Maryland. Besides a

daughter, who died in infancy, she leaves a devoted husband, three daughters, and a son to mourn their loss.

Among the most recent verses from the gifted pen of Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, was the poem, "The Trumpets Are Calling," concluding with the words—

"The trumpets are calling, I've come to the sea,  
But far out in the moonlighted glow,  
I still hear the trumpets, they're calling for me,  
The trumpets are calling—I go.

"And lo, a strange boatman is here with his bark,  
And he takes me, all silent and dumb;  
But my trumpets! my trumpets! they peal through the dark  
The trumpets are calling—I come."

So, she heard the mystic trumpets calling, and answered, "I COME"!

Through Christian faith we are assured that,

"What we trust, unto the dust,  
Is but the earthly garb she wore;  
What we love, lives on above,  
And shall live on, forevermore!"

ALBERTA B. GUNBY.

## MRS. JENNIE CALDWELL COLLINS.

Mrs. Jennie Caldwell Collins, wife of the Reverend Vaughan S. Collins, retired minister of the Wilmington Conference, passed victoriously from her earthly life into that eternal, radiant life on November twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven.

Born on March fourteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight in a parsonage at Sparta, Georgia, where her father was serving in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Jennie Caldwell had the priceless heritage of a cultured, Christian home. Her father, Dr. John H. Caldwell, was a highly honored minister and educator, who had been the founder and first president of a woman's college in Cuthbert, Georgia. Her mother, well educated and talented in art and music, was a woman of unselfish devotion to the cause of Christ and His Church. Their daughter was endowed by nature and trained by wise parents for a life of service.

In March, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, Vaughan S. Collins was appointed as assistant pastor to Dr. Caldwell, who was then in charge of Wesley Church, Dover. During the association at Wesley Church there began a friendship between Jennie Caldwell and Vaughan Collins that very soon ripened into a deep and true love. On February seventh of the next year they were married and their singularly happy and successful life together grew richer and more beautiful through more than fifty-three years.

Whether it was in a small country appointment, a city pastorate, the district superintendent's home in Salisbury, Maryland, or the principal's home at the Wilmington Conference Academy, Mrs. Collins was always the capable minister's wife and made her home an asset not only to her family

but also to the community in which she was living. Always the gracious hostess, the devoted wife and mother, and the capable church worker she graced her position as long as she lived. Missionary work was especially dear to Mrs. Collins, and she served for nine years as Conference Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, giving herself very zealously to the task.

After more than forty-five years in the active ministry of Wilmington Conference Dr. and Mrs. Collins retired in nineteen hundred and twenty-nine and moved to Wilmington. The name for their home, "Dunmovin," Mrs. Collins had selected some time previously. It was a most fitting one, since she had been in the Methodist itinerancy for more than seventy years. The rest from the strain of the active work made these well-earned years of retirement among the happiest of her life.

Because of her beautiful spirit, her eager participation in the activities of the church as far as her strength permitted, and her strong faith in the power of God to sustain His children in every experience of life, Mrs. Collins was still an inspiration to all who knew her in Grace Church, her new church home.

Her dependence upon the Father's everlasting arms was especially marked during the last days of her life. For two years her health had been failing very noticeably. In August of last year, while at Rehoboth, Mrs. Collins was stricken and after being brought to her home in September she never regained her strength. When she realized that the end was near her confidence in God's loving care grew steadily stronger. Through the years she had been preparing for this experience and now that it had come she was calm and happy. Heaven was very near, and those arms had not failed her. She died as she had lived, in the consciousness of God's love and care.

Funeral services were held in Grace Church, Wilmington, conducted by her pastor and the district superintendent, Dr. Walter Gunby. Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery, Dover, where her body rests beside her first born, "Mary Thurston," who died in infancy.

Besides her husband, Rev. Vaughan S. Collins, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ernest R. Early of Summit, New Jersey, and Mrs. Rebecca C. Estill of New York City, four grandsons, and by three brothers, Mr. Frank H. Caldwell of Tampa, Florida, Mr. J. Hope Caldwell of New York City, and Mr. John H. Caldwell of Boston, Massachusetts.

In the long line of men and women whose lives have made the churches of the conference rich in fragrant memories Mrs. Collins holds a worthy place.

Through the memory of her kindly demeanor, her faith in all that was good and noble in human life, her charming personality, her devotion to the world wide mission of the church, she will continue to live and speak to all of us.

B. M. JOHNS.

### CARRIE WELLS WILSON.

Carrie Wells Wilson, widow of the Reverend Joseph P. Wilson, was born near Aberdeen, in Harford County, Maryland on July 3, 1873. She was the daughter of the late James William and Sara Rebecca Wells, and was the fifth of ten children. Mrs. Wilson became the wife and true helpmate of Brother Wilson on August 27, 1910. No children blessed their union.

Mrs. Wilson served with her husband in only one Church in the Wilmington Conference, that being Grace Church, Salisbury. On account of ill health Brother and Sister Wilson were transferred to the Baltimore Conference and appointed to Dublin in the spring of 1927 where they faithfully labored until Brother Wilson's death in November, 1928. Previous to serving in the Wilmington Conference, Brother Wilson was a member of the Iowa Conference.

Mrs. Wilson was loyal and devoted to her Church and Christ. Her amiable and unselfish life won her many friends. Since her husband's death, she lived with her only remaining sister, Mrs. Cora Wells Martin, in her old home town of Aberdeen. To this dear sister, who is in failing health, Sister Wilson proved her true Christian character and her loyal and unselfish spirit by her untiring devotion and kindness.

After being in poor health for nearly a year, during which time a cataract of the eye caused partial blindness, Sister Wilson passed to her eternal reward on July 22, 1937. Her only survivors are her sister, Mrs. Cora Wells Martin, and a niece, Mrs. Alma Brown of Aberdeen, Md. Funeral services were held from the Henry Tarring and Sons funeral parlors, in Aberdeen, on Saturday, July 24, conducted by her Pastor, the Reverend E. Frank Fielding. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Spesutia Cemetery, Perryman, Maryland, to await the Masters call on the resurrection day.

"Oh! Christ He is the fountain,  
The deep sweet well of love!  
The streams on earth I've tasted,  
More deep I'll drink above.  
There to an ocean fullness  
His mercy doth expand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth  
In Immanuel's land."

OTIS P. JEFFERSON.

### ETHELYN SMALL CORKRAN.

Sometimes the invitation to the celestial land of bliss is sent one many months in advance of the actual ongoing. Sometimes one receives a sudden call to come immediately. Such was the call that came without warning to Sister Ethelyn Small Corkran, widow of the late Rev. L. P. Corkran, a well known member of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Within five minutes of the coming of that call, she made the swift transit from the physical land of robust health to the eternal land of the Spirit.

Mrs. Corkran was always a traveler. As the wife of an itinerant Methodist preacher, she traveled the circuits in a sweet companionship with her husband. Beginning with her wedding day, the 16th of December 1891, she lived happily and served helpfully in Lincoln, Delmar, Milton, New Castle, and Epworth, Wilmington, all in Delaware, and then in Maryland at Rock Hall, Hopewell and Marion, Hillsboro, Sudlersville, and Fairmount. In all these charges she is most kindly remembered by all.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Corkran made her home in Sudlersville and from there travelled far and near, often making long journeys alone in her car. It was her privilege only last summer to enjoy an extensive tour in Alaska.

Mrs. Corkran was born in Lincoln, Delaware on December 21, 1870. Her father was the late A. W. Small, and her mother was Mrs. Emma Egbert Small. After attending the public school in Lincoln she took special training in music at the Pennsylvania Conservatory of Music in Philadelphia and was later considered one of the most talented pianists in the Conference.

Mrs. Corkran was especially interested in the work of Missions and upon her death left a considerable sum of money to the Mission Boards and in this way, extending her own ministry on earth throughout many years that lie in the future.

Her sudden death about midnight on January 28, 1938 was a severe shock to her wide circle of friends. The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at one o'clock at her late home in Sudlersville. The services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. C. M. Griffeth. The burial was made at the Lincoln Cemetery in Lincoln, Delaware.

Mrs. Corkran was 67 years old at the time of her death. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Clara Small Himes of Milford, Delaware and by a brother, Mr. George E. Small, of Montclair, New Jersey. Of Mrs. Corkran we can truly say: "Thou hast been, indeed, a most faithful servant."

C. M. GRIFFETH.

#### KATE WILLIAMS.

Kate Williams was the daughter of John D. and Eleanor W. Short, of Ocean View, Delaware. She was married in 1876 to William Spencer Hall Williams who was teaching school in her home town. Some fourteen years later, the call to preach came to her husband and he entered the ministry joining the Wilmington Conference. Twenty-five years they spent happily together in the work of the ministry and then her husband was taken from her to the eternal home. Since that time she has made her home in Georgetown, Delaware.

The writer never knew this one in the days of her active life with her preacher-husband, but he can bear loving testimony to her splendid Christian spirit, her faithfulness and helpfulness, and the gracious activity and influence of these last years. She was a lovely friend to the preacher, always coming to church, listening to his sermon with entranced interest, wonderful in prayer, anxious and eager about all the work of the church,

and always thinking of and doing some nice thing for the preacher and his family. Very quiet and humble, old fashioned in her piety, with a kindly word for every one, and a shining face, it isn't any wonder that the whole community trusted her and honored and loved her.

These last days have been pitiful in their affliction and suffering, but her spirit triumphed over the body and for long she refused to yield to weakness and almost helplessness. Last September she was forced to leave her home and go to her daughter, Mrs. Oscar B. Wooldridge, in Norfolk, Virginia. Here the spirit gained the final victory, triumphantly leaving the worn and wracked body, March 22nd, in the 79th year of her age.

Services were held in her loving memory in Wesley Church, Georgetown, in charge of the writer, assisted by Doctors W. F. Corkran and John J. Bunting. Interment was made in Union Cemetery, Georgetown, Del.

She is survived by one son, George S. Williams, of Millsboro, Delaware, at the present time District Governor of 184th District of Rotary International, and by her daughter, Mrs. Mary Wooldridge, Norfolk, Va.

For some years Sister Williams has been spending the winter with her daughter, returning always in time for Conference. This year we shall miss her and be lonesome without her but we know that she has gone to a grander meeting than this of the Annual Conference. One of the songs sung at her service, by her request, was, "Shall we gather at the river?" She had a great host of friends and loved ones awaiting her at that gathering up there. I think of the happiness of her face when she used to meet us after the winter was over. And I know that was a happy, happy meeting by the heavenly river.

"Silence here, for love is silent  
Gazing on the lessening sail;  
Silence here, for grief is voiceless  
When the dear ones from us fail;  
Silence here—but far beyond us,  
Many voices crying, 'Hail!'"

O. E. JONES.



VIII

ROLL OF HONORED DEAD.

(a) MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

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

Entered Ministry	Name	Time of Death	Place of Death	Years Ef- Age fective
1859	John E. Elliott	Nov. 8, 1868	Snow Hill, Md.	30 10
1836	Thos. J. Quigley	Oct. 19, 1870	Laurel, Del.	65 44
1850	Daniel Titlow	Feb. 7, 1871	Philadelphia, Pa.	48 4
1867	Amos A. Ewing	Jan. 19, 1872	Cecil County, Md.	30 4
1848	Alfred Cookman	Nov. 13, 1872	Newark, N. J.	43 23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey	July 9, 1871	Royal Oak, Md.	64 38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct. 3, 1872	Frankford, Del.	34 13
1825	T. J. Thomson	Nov. 29, 1874	Wilmington, Del.	71 49
1828	Robert E. Kemp	Mar. 6, 1875	Greensboro, Md.	73 32
1832	Wesley Kenney	June 24, 1875	Smyrna, Del.	70 42
1835	Henry Sutton	Mar. 23, 1876	Philadelphia, Pa.	68 23
1871	George A. Campbell	Sept. 7, 1876	Frankford, Del.	30 4
1862	John W. Weston	Apr. 23, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	38 15
1837	John D. Curtis	July 25, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	61 40
1845	David R. Thomas	Feb. 13, 1878	Wilmington, Del.	58 30
1870	Andrew J. Crozier	Jan. 21, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	41 7
1829	Joshua Humphriss	Jan. 23, 1879	Salisbury, Md.	78 41
1868	Francis M. Chatham	May 29, 1878	Berlin, Md.	41 8
1857	Edward G. Irwin	Mar. 12, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	50 21
1848	John Hough	Mar. 27, 1879	Near Trenton, N. J.	58 31
1857	Thomas J. Williams	Mar. 29, 1879	New Castle, Del.	53 21
1870	William I. Bain	May 13, 1880	Pocomoke City, Md.	36 10
1832	William Urle	Nov. 13, 1880	Smyrna, Del.	67 43
1860	Thomas F. Plummer	Feb. 2, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	44 8
1833	Elijah Miller	Apr. 15, 1881	Sudlersville, Md.	71 49
1836	John W. Pierson	May 6, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	67 44
1880	Francis B. Quigley	Aug. 19, 1881	Hopewell, Md.	27 2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman	Feb. 27, 1882	Newark, Md.	36 9
1865	Benj. W. Chase	Dec. 11, 1882	Seaford, Del.	48 17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack	June 24, 1883	Cambridge, Md.	67 46
1834	I. T. Cooper	Apr. 12, 1884	Camden, Del.	78 26
1829	Henry Colclazer	Dec. 18, 1884	Philadelphia, Pa.	75 55
1833	John L. Taft	May 30, 1884	Norristown, Pa.	72 41
1869	John Shilling	July 22, 1884	Wilmington, Del.	52 15
1842	Arthur W. Milby	June 13, 1886	Harrington, Del.	71 44
1840	Elon J. Way	July 5, 1886	Baltimore, Md.	75 26
1839	Valentine Gray	Jan. 21, 1887	Gap, Pa.	72 42
1881	Isaiah D. Johnson	Mar. 4, 1887	Bridgeville, Del.	32 6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil	Mar. 9, 1887	Church Hill, Md.	55 28
1854	Joseph Dare	Oct. 22, 1887	Newark, Del.	56 32
1886	Frank M. Morgan	Feb. 11, 1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	34 3
1849	William Merrill	Oct. 23, 1889	Upper Fairm't., Md.	75 28
1873	Isaac N. Foreman	June 12, 1890	Lincoln, Del.	47 17
1841	John Allen	Dec. 13, 1890	Brooklyn, N. Y.	72 33
1855	Samuel T. Gardner	Jan. 3, 1891	Pivot Bridge, Md.	60 33
1889	Samuel J. Baker	Sept. 22, 1891	Laurel, Del.	33 2
1870	Thos. O. Ayres	Oct. 4, 1891	Delaware City, Del.	53 21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer	Jan. 10, 1892	Milton, Del.	45 19
1840	Vaughan Smith	Nov. 21, 1891	Wilmington, Del.	79 43
1845	Charles Hill	June 22, 1892	Salisbury, Md.	70 47
1833	James L. Houston	Sept. 18, 1892	Trappe, Md.	82 32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin	Oct. 17, 1892	Bel Air, Md.	52 24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher	Dec. 12, 1893	Bridgetown, Del.	62 17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg	Jan. 24, 1893	Wyoming, Del.	68 36
1847	Joseph Robinson	Feb. 18, 1893	Perryman, Md.	68 45
1835	George Barton	Mar. 19, 1893	Church Hill, Md.	84 11
1843	James A. Brindle	Apr. 6, 1894	Greensboro, Md.	73 48
1860	Nicholas M. Browne	Feb. 4, 1895	Middletown, Del.	58 35
1850	James Hubbard	Apr. 4, 1895	Philadelphia, Pa.	76 4
1857	James E. Bryan	Oct. 17, 1895	Baltimore, Md.	64 39
1892	John D. Lecates	Nov. 11, 1895	Wilmington, Del.	41 5

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1859	Thomas E. Bell	Mar. 21, 1895	Easton, Md.	58
1868	James Conner	Sept. 10, 1896	Selbyville, Del.	59 28
1862	Merritt Hulburd	Oct. 10, 1896	Wilmington, Del.	54 34
1873	Newton McQuay	May 1887	St. Michaels, Md.	57 21
1896	William G. Chance	Sept. 13, 1897	Quantico, Md.	33 2
1848	Wm. B. Waltham	June 21, 1898	Salisbury, Md.	77 43
1850	John B. Quigg	July 30, 1898	Wilmington, Del.	72 46
1845	John H. Caldwell	Mch. 11, 1899	Dover, Del.	79 45
1860	Andrew D. Davis	Apr. 13, 1899	Georgetown, Del.	72 35
1845	Henry Sanderson	Aug. 16, 1899	Ridley Park, Pa.	80 34
1859	Edwin H. Hynson	July 27, 1899	Smyrna, Del.	64 39
1845	Wm. E. England	Jan. 20, 1900	Philadelphia, Pa.	79 48
1857	Thos. S. Williams	Jan. 20, 1900	North East, Md.	65 41
1888	Chas. P. Swain	May 22, 1900	Deal's Island, Md.	41 12
1874	David F. Waddell	Dec. 26, 1900	Westminster, Md.	48 28
1836	Benj. F. Price	Mar. 22, 1901	Elkton, Md.	84 60
1851	Jas. W. Hammersly	Apr. 19, 1901	Brooklandville, Md.	78 40
1877	Walter E. Avery	Apr. 22, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	50 25
1860	J. Owen Sypherd	Sept. 3, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	69 39
1872	John D. Kemp	Sept. 21, 1902	Chestertown, Md.	65 30
1856	William F. Talbot	Feb. 26, 1903	Dover, Del.	73 27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard	Apr. 13, 1903	Frankford, Del.	65 41
1843	Thos. H. Haynes	May 23, 1903	Smyrna, Del.	81 51
1853	Geo. A. Phoebus	May 28, 1903	Brooklyn, N. Y.	74 33
1868	Jonathan S. Willis	Nov. 24, 1903	Milford, Del.	74 43
1867	John D. Rigg	Dec. 16, 1903	Hockessin, Del.	65 27
1869	Edward Davis	Jan. 9, 1904	Newark, Md.	84 28
1856	John France	Mar. 10, 1904	Wilmington, Del.	69 48
1879	E. K. Creed	Apr. 24, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	58 25
1890	E. R. Sidell	May 14, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	43 14
1853	J. B. Merritt	July 8, 1904	Fairlee, Md.	78 32
1872	G. W. Wilcox	Dec. 15, 1904	Salisbury, Md.	62 20
1889	James E. Graham	July 13, 1905	Seaford, Del.	52 16
1853	Robert W. Todd	Jan. 18, 1906	Baltimore, Md.	75 52
1858	S. T. Morris	Apr. 13, 1906	Roselle Park, N. J.	73 45
1879	C. A. Grise	Apr. 12, 1907	Berlin, Md.	51 28
1868	W. R. MacFarlane	Feb. 18, 1908	Hockessin, Del.	71 40
1898	F. E. Bloxton	Mar. 5, 1908	Nanticoke, Md.	40 10
1869	W. R. Gwinn	Mar. 13, 1908	Baltimore, Md.	67 34
1876	Albert Chandler	June 22, 1908	Bethel, Del.	58 32
1870	E. H. Nelson	Oct. 27, 1908	Delaware City, Del.	62 39
1860	H. W. Bolton	Jan. 8, 1909	Camden, Del.	69
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow	Feb. 3, 1909	Dover, Del.	81 42
1869	E. H. Miller	Jan. 22, 1911	Sharptown, Md.	66 43
1876	W. L. Bowen	Mar. 11, 1911	Newark, Md.	77 17
1866	E. E. White	Dec. 26, 1912	Oxford, Md.	69 46
1853	W. M. Warner	Apr. 16, 1913	Millington, Md.	83 41
1897	J. W. Talley	Aug. 9, 1913	Near Wilm., Del.	42 9
1868	I. G. Fosnocht	Dec. 3, 1913	Smyrna, Del.	65 45
1858	H. S. Thompson	Apr. 1, 1914	Smyrna, Del.	79 52
1865	G. W. Burke	Apr. 30, 1914	Smyrna, Del.	73 42
1872	R. H. Adams	Sept. 11, 1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	71 42
1869	T. B. Hunter	Nov. 12, 1914	Monrovia, Cal.	77 42
1876	E. C. MacNichol	Oct. 18, 1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	60 38
1880	J. R. Cannon	Feb. 8, 1915	Chance, Md.	56 34
1865	James Carroll	Apr. 15, 1915	Milford, Del.	91 34
1871	William L. S. Murray	Feb. 26, 1916	Wilmington, Del.	67 44
1901	R. H. Lewis	Aug. 30, 1916	Fishing Creek, Md.	41 12
1876	T. A. H. O'Brien	Oct. 21, 1916	Salisbury, Md.	63 40
1887	S. M. Morgan	Jan. 6, 1917	Wilmington, Del.	63 27
1864	T. E. Martindale	Feb. 16, 1917	Salisbury, Md.	73 52
1893	H. A. G. Westerfield	June 17, 1917	Port Deposit, Md.	51 23
1886	Asbury Burke	Sept. 4, 1917	Newport, Del.	66 31
1870	John W. Poole	Sept. 30, 1917	Philadelphia, Pa.	91 18
1901	William H. Kenney	Apr. 16, 1918	Selbyville, Del.	69 17
1884	Emerson P. Roberts	Aug. 6, 1918	Middletown, Del.	64 34
1884	Wilmer Jaggard	Nov. 21, 1918	Millsboro, Del.	62 34
1887	Ralph T. Coursey	Jan. 5, 1919	Wyoming, Del.	56 31
1885	James M. Mitchell	Sept. 25, 1919	Millington, Md.	61 32
1878	Charles A. Hill	Oct. 11, 1919	Smyrna, Del.	62 39
1870	Joseph A. Arters	Dec. 14, 1919	Cordova, Md.	86 40
1886	Clinton T. Wyatt	Feb. 7, 1920	Denton, Md.	56 34
1884	Daniel F. McPaul	Mar. 6, 1920	Wilmington, Del.	82 34
1878	Howard T. Quigg	Apr. 4, 1920	Newport, Del.	61 42

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1892	William O. Hurst	Aug. 4, 1920	Phoebus, Va.	54 28
1878	Gordon R. Neese	Feb. 10, 1921	Wilmington, Del.	62 41
1881	Frederick J. Cochran	Oct. 11, 1921	Hammonont, N. J.	71 40
1858	William W. Redman	Feb. 24, 1922	Lincoln, Del.	86 28
1869	Phillip H. Rawlins	Nov. 11, 1921	Seaford, Del.	87 39
1887	Zach H. Webster	Dec. 10, 1921	Denton, Md.	63 33
1862	George S. Conaway	Feb. 25, 1922	Smyrna, Del.	86 44
1889	James W. Fogle	Feb. 26, 1922	Seaford, Del.	61 29
1888	William P. Compton	Mar. 11, 1922	Lansdowne, Pa.	63 20
1876	Louis E. Barrett	Mar. 25, 1922	Chestertown, Md.	78 43
1912	George W. Williams	Oct. 6, 1922	Mt. Vernon, Md.	50 10
1892	Wm. S. H. Williams	Mar. 3, 1923	Georgetown, Del.	71 25
1903	Walter W. White	June 21, 1923	Salisbury, Md.	72 16
1902	Benjamin F. Jester	July 13, 1923	Wilmington, Del.	66 11
1892	Van P. Northrup	Sept. 27, 1923	Baltimore, Md.	54 31
1898	George R. Ellis	Dec. 1, 1923	Millsboro, Del.	61 25
1871	William E. Tomkinson	Dec. 26, 1923	Harrisburg, Pa.	86 23
1888	Warren Burr	Feb. 12, 1924	Hempstead, L. I.	72 30
1886	William G. Koons	May 14, 1924	Rising Sun, Md.	60 31
1866	James Esgate	Nov. 9, 1924	Riverside, Cal.	85 5
1888	Frank F. Carpenter	Jan. 7, 1925	Cambridge, Md.	58 37
1871	Thomas H. Harding	Feb. 8, 1925	Wilmington, Del.	84 35
1890	Julius A. Brewington	April 5, 1925	Hebron, Md.	68 30
1876	Thomas E. Terry	June 25, 1925	Magnolia, Del.	80 39
1893	William L. White	July 23, 1925	Easton, Md.	72 31
1896	George P. Smith	Sept. 30, 1925	Dover, Del.	72 26
1905	Jos. M. S. Van Blunk	Nov. 29, 1925	Salisbury, Md.	57 15
1885	Robert Watt	Dec. 20, 1926	Worcester, Mass.	70 38
1876	John M. Collins	Mar. 28, 1927	Wilmington, Del.	81 27
1881	Sewall N. Pilchard	June 9, 1927	Salisbury, Md.	68 40
1888	Wesley W. Chaires	Sept. 13, 1927	Bozman, Md.	70 23
1910	Harry E. Reed	Dec. 8, 1927	Philadelphia, Pa.	51 17
1888	George W. Stallings	Feb. 3, 1928	Lovettsville, Va.	71 33
1883	William B. Guthrie	Mar. 30, 1928	Kenton, Del.	78 37
1879	Olin S. Walton	April 3, 1928	Red Lion, Del.	73 27
1889	Truston C. Smoot	April 23, 1928	Jacksonville, Fla.	68 35
1873	William M. Greene	June 23, 1928	Milton, Del.	81 22
1868	C. W. Prettyman	June 28, 1928	Carlisle, Pa.	84 48
1871	Frans O. B. Wallin	July 4, 1928	Ahlefors, Sweden	90 30
1879	Alfred Smith	July 18, 1928	Camden, Del.	76 38
1883	George L. Hardesty	Sept. 15, 1928	Wilmington, Del.	75 31
1916	Joseph P. Wilson	Nov. 17, 1928	Baltimore, Md.	53 11
1884	William F. Dawson	Nov. 26, 1928	Hurlock, Md.	71 45
1920	Joshua B. McCabe	Nov. 29, 1929	Wilmington, Del.	38 9
1888	George T. Alderson	Sept. 18, 1929	Wilmington, Del.	65 41
1876	George W. Townsend	Dec. 23, 1929	Ridley Park, Pa.	82 38
1870	George E. Reed	Feb. 7, 1930	Harrisburg, Pa.	84 52
1873	Frank C. MacSorley	Feb. 11, 1930	Middletown, Del.	79 53
1905	Charles W. Moore	May 20, 1930	Catonsville, Md.	59 25
1873	Robert Roe	Nov. 15, 1930	Easton, Md.	85 38
1902	Edward H. Marshall	Jan. 6, 1931	Salem, Va.	77 23
1900	Frank N. Faulkner	Apr. 27, 1931	Delmar, Del.	64 23
1886	Henry S. Dulany	May 17, 1931	Wilmington, Del.	77 45
1894	John H. Beauchamp	June 4, 1931	Wilmington, Del.	68 37
1918	Wade H. Cummings	Sept. 10, 1931	Baltimore, Md.	55 13
1886	William W. Sharp	Sept. 29, 1931	Baltimore, Md.	78 39
1899	Edward H. Dashiell	Nov. 1, 1931	Delmar, Del.	58 32
1881	Louis P. Corkran	Nov. 27, 1931	Church Hill, Md.	79 36
1888	John F. Anderson	Jan. 21, 1932	Wilmington, Del.	73 34
1887	Harvey W. Ewing	Apr. 5, 1932	Newark, Del.	73 37
1903	Charles T. Jones	Aug. 28, 1932	Principio, Md.	60 29
1884	Edmund H. Derricksen	Oct. 18, 1932	Odessa, Del.	78 37
1886	James T. Prouse	Dec. 31, 1932	Gordon Hts, Del.	81 26
1897	Harry Taylor	Feb. 8, 1933	Dover, Del.	59 32
1885	Daniel H. Willis	July 31, 1933	Washington, D. C.	87 28
1886	William P. Taylor	Dec. 10, 1933	Cleveland, Ohio	69 45
1882	Allison P. Prettyman	Feb. 18, 1934	Galena, Md.	81 35
1900	G. W. Hastings	Feb. 28, 1934	Blades, Del.	73 26
1872	John P. Otis	Mar. 4, 1934	Wilmington, Del.	87 47
1890	George W. Bounds	Mar. 6, 1934	Delmar, Del.	71 42
1895	Thomas R. VanDyke	July 4, 1934	Philadelphia, Pa.	63 39
1884	Thomas N. Given	July 19, 1934	Philadelphia, Pa.	80 34
1879	Joshua M. Lindale	Oct. 16, 1934	Wilmington, Del.	82 40
1878	Robert K. Stephenson	Jan. 25, 1935	Wilmington, Del.	81 51

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1906	Daniel Wilson	Nov. 13, 1935	Baltimore, Md.	76 19
1885	James W. Easley	Nov. 23, 1935	Philadelphia, Pa.	82 34
1885	George W. Bowman	Dec. 9, 1935	Laurel, Del.	89 17
1900	Oscar L. Martin	Jan. 19, 1936	Baltimore, Md.	79 16
1891	George A. Cooke	Jan. 19, 1936	Wilmington, Del.	70 37
1892	Francis B. Short	Feb. 4, 1936	Milford, Del.	67 42
1870	Adam Stengle	Apr. 10, 1936	Wilmington, Del.	91 40
1900	William F. Greenfield	June 26, 1936	Perryville, Md.	71 31
1892	Theo. F. Beauchamp	July 6, 1936	Philadelphia, Pa.	67 40
1906	William G. Harris	Oct. 16, 1936	Cambridge, Md.	55 30
1885	James D. Reese	Jan. 29, 1937	Frederica, Del.	86 34
1888	Joshua W. Gray	Mar. 28, 1937	Willards, Md.	82 45
1882	Charles H. Williams	Oct. 25, 1937	Snow Hill, Md.	86 31
1906	Emory W. McDowell	Feb. 3, 1938	Richard Park, Del.	57 32
1871	Levin W. Layfield	Feb. 16, 1938	Greenwood, Del.	89 53
1893	James T. Richardson	Feb. 18, 1938	Middletown, Del.	74 36
1920	John C. Bolton	Mar. 3, 1938	Deal's Island, Md.	51 18

## HISTORICAL

## (a) SERMONS AND HISTORICAL ADDRESSES

THE HISTORY AND HOLDINGS OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
OF THE WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.

By REV. J. L. SPARKLIN.

At the 81st Session of the Philadelphia Annual Conference, held in Union M. E. Church, Philadelphia, Pa., March 11, 1868, the committee on Boundaries, raised at the previous session of the Conference submitted the following resolution, which was adopted, viz: "Resolved, That we, the Philadelphia Annual Conference, recommend the ensuing General Conference to divide the Philadelphia Annual Conference by the State line separating Delaware and Maryland from Pennsylvania: thus constituting a new Conference of the State of Delaware and the "Eastern Shores" of Maryland and Virginia, to be called The Wilmington Annual Conference."

In accordance with this recommendation the General Conference of 1868 did divide the Philadelphia Annual Conference thus creating the Wilmington Annual Conference, which held its first annual session in Asbury M. E. Church, Wilmington, Delaware, March 17, 1869, Bishop Matthew Simpson, D.D., presiding. That Conference appointed a committee consisting of J. F. Williamson, Jessie K. Hines, and R. F. Thompson, "To obtain an Act of Incorporation from the Legislature of the State of Delaware and in consonance with the laws of the States of Maryland and Virginia," said Act to incorporate the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

By that Act of Incorporation "Charles Hill, Joseph Cook, John Hough, and T. E. Martindale, ministers, and J. F. Williamson, Thomas Carrow and R. F. Thompson, laymen and their successors in office, were created a corporate body to be known as the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to continue for twenty years, authorized and empowered to receive, hold, invest and distribute any and all moneys placed in their hands for the benefit of disciplinary Claimants upon said Conference. The Board of Stewards thus created to be composed of one minister and one layman from each Presiding Elders District within the bounds of said Wilmington Annual Conference, to be chosen as follows, viz: "The Ministerial members to be elected by ballot annually by the said Wilmington Conference, and the Lay members of said Board to be elected by ballot by the Board of District Stewards of each Presiding Elders District, for a term of four years after the first election), or until their successors shall have been duly elected. But for the first term the member from the Wilmington District to serve one year, the member from the Dover District to serve two years, the member from the Easton District to serve three years and the member from the Snow

Hill District to serve four years or until their successors shall be duly elected."

At the time of the organization of our Conference, in addition to the annual collections from the charges for Conference Claimants, there were two funds, the annual income from which was turned over to the Board of Stewards for the benefit of Claimants. These two funds were, The Chartered Fund and the Centenary Fund. The chartered Fund was created in 1796 by voluntary contributions by benevolent friends of the church and incorporated in Philadelphia in 1797 under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. This fund is still in existence. It is administered by a board of nine trustees, and the annual income is divided equally between all the Annual Conferences. The Centenary Fund was created in 1839 to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the first Methodist classes organized by Mr. Wesley in 1839. "On October 25, 1839," says the historian, "throughout Methodism a day of prayer and festal religious observance was held in all parts of the world. The contributions on that day to Methodism in money were marvelous. It had never before been excelled. In England the Wesleyans gave \$1,080,000, while American Methodists gave \$600,000." The Philadelphia Conference must have received something like \$8,092.72, judging by the amount that was afterwards turned over to our conference.

When the Wilmington Conference was organized a committee was raised to co-operate with a like committee from the Philadelphia Conference to adjust certain financial interests which were of concern to both conferences; such as the Education Fund, the Centenary Fund and others. That committee reported as follows, viz: "That the Centenary and Educational Funds be divided between the two Conferences in the proportion of five-eighths to the Philadelphia Conference and three-eighths to the Wilmington Conference according to numbers as to members and ministers." That report was adopted and our conference received as its share of the Centenary Fund \$3,034.78 which, however, was not paid over until 1876. For twenty-five or more years our conference received by way of interest on our share of the Centenary Fund about \$180 per year, which was always turned over to the Board of Stewards for distribution.

In July 1870 there was transferred to our Board of Stewards, by due process of law, the sum of \$2350 in the form of a bond and mortgage for the benefit of the Claimants fund. This amount was the balance, after deducting \$150 state tax, of a legacy of \$2500, donated to the Conference by the late Hon. Martin W. Bates. This fund was known as the Bates Fund and the annual income was reported separately by the Board for a number of years. I think perhaps we may call this the first endowment for Conference Claimants within our own Conference. The above endowment was increased when, in 1874, by the will of Rev. James Riddle, a local preacher, the Conference received the sum of \$2000 to be invested and the income to be paid over to the Board of Stewards for distribution to disciplinary Claimants upon the Conference.

Aside from these, the Chartered Fund, the Centenary Fund, the Bates legacy and the Riddle Fund, for several years the only other source of income to the Board of Stewards for distribution to Claimants was the annual collections from the churches of the Conference. The first mention

of any income to the conference from the Book Concern, that I have been able to find was made at the conference of 1882 when a draft for \$175 was received and ordered turned over to the Board of Stewards.

At the time of the division of the Philadelphia Conference, thus creating the Wilmington Conference, all Claimants upon the Stewards funds living within the territory covered by the Wilmington Conference became Claimants upon the funds of our Conference Board of Stewards. So at the first session of our Conference, held in Asbury church, Wilmington, Delaware, March, 1869, the Board of Stewards reported for distribution the sum of \$2947.23, and total number of Claimants 23, viz: 3 effective, 1 superannuated, 4 supernumerary ministers, 14 widows and 1 child.

An examination of the annual reports of the Board of Stewards for the first fifteen years will show a gradual, though small, increase from year to year in the amount received for Conference Claimants. So that by 1884 receipts to the Board has increased 89% over receipts at the first session in 1869. In other words, in 1869 total receipts by the Board amounted to \$2947.23 and was distributed to 23 Claimants, while in 1884 the receipts totaled \$5570 and distribution was made to 29 Claimants. During these years and for several years following, in their annual report the Board of Stewards would offer this resolution, among others, to the Conference, viz: "Resolved, That we recommend the collection for our Conference Claimants as one having the first and strongest claim upon the sympathy and benevolence of the people, and that we will use our utmost efforts to raise the amounts apportioned to our several charges".

The Conference of 1885 marks a decided advance in the development of this movement. At that Conference the first Conference Claimants' anniversary was held in the hope of creating greater interest in the cause. Recommendations were adopted to make such an anniversary an annual affair. This was observed for several years but later, for unknown reasons, was discontinued. We think that rule should be revived and such an anniversary observed each year sometime during the Conference session. At the 1885 Conference also, steps were taken looking toward increasing the endowment fund. The total endowment reported at that Conference, was \$4350, made up of the Bates fund, \$2350, and the Riddle legacy, \$2000. It was at this Conference that Rev. Phillip Rawlins, of sacred memory, was elected to membership of the Board of Stewards. Brother Rawlins rendered most valuable service for the Board for twenty-five years, and for a number of those years acting as president of the Board.

At the Conference of 1886 a committee of four ministers and four laymen, was appointed to formulate plans to increase the endowment and to make their report at the next session of Conference which they did. At the Crisfield Conference in 1887 the committee reported a plan for raising \$50,000 endowment which was adopted. The report of the committee is most interesting and reads, in part, as follows, viz: "The Church, from the beginning, has in various ways recognized the claims upon her for pecuniary assistance of her disabled and worn out ministers and their families. This arises out of the fact that our ministers, upon entering their life work, resign themselves to the authority of the church, the control of their services and support as long as they shall continue active. Also the church does not

permit them to engage in any secular employment, and claims the right to deal with them if found so doing. The church on her part pledges to provide for them while in effective service and, as far as possible, care for them in disability and old age. The church is rich and ought to redeem her pledges in such a way that struggle and want may be avoided in their declining years. If the National Government deems it one of her highest duties to provide for disabled and aged soldiers, how much more should every consideration of gratitude and brotherhood move the church of Jesus to keep faith with her veterans. \* \* \* Your committee, therefore, recommends and urges the Conference, at this session, to provide for the raising of a permanent fund for this purpose." The committee made certain recommendations for raising and handling the \$50,000 endowment. (See Conference minutes of 1887, pages 34 and 35).

A very marked increase in the dividend from the Book Concern was reported at the Conference of 1889. A draft for \$1137 was received, an increase of \$320 over any previous year. Also \$200 was received for the endowment in the form of a legacy from Miss Philena Reynolds, of Port Deposit, Maryland.

Action was taken at the 1890 Conference, to have all moneys held by various corporations or committees, turned over to the Board of Stewards. And, also, because the Centenary Corporation would expire by limitation in 1891, the Conference was requested to direct the treasurers of the Centenary Fund, and the Riddle Fund to pay over to the Board of Stewards any and all moneys in their hands for the benefit of Conference Claimants; thus placing all moneys for the benefit of Conference Claimants under the control of one Corporation or Board, viz; the Conference Board of Stewards.

The following year (1891) a committee was raised to secure from the Delaware legislature "The necessary legislation to make fully secure, for the benefit of our Claimants, all such sums as are now in the hands of the Board of Stewards, or may hereafter be collected, paid in, or devised by will, to the endowment fund." The endowment at this time, as reported by the Stewards was \$8283. That same year there came into the hands of the Stewards for distribution \$7198, which was distributed to 7 superannuated, 6 supernumerary preachers and 26 widows.

In 1892 the Board of Stewards recommended the appointment of a Corresponding secretary for the endowment fund. By action of the Conference, Rev. C. A. Grice was appointed and thus became the first Corresponding Secretary for the Stewards endowment fund.

In 1894 a decided change in the manner of distributing Conference Claimants moneys was inaugurated. Hitherto there had been no regular rule by which the Stewards could be guided in making the distribution. They were guided only by the merits of each case and the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference to which the applicant belonged and then made the distribution according to their best judgement. However, from this time on each Claimant was to receive his or her proportionate share of the money distributed, according to the number of years of active service in the Conference. The fund for distribution was to be divided into two parts. One part to be called the Annuity Fund and to be distributed as follows: \$10 to each ministerial Claimant for each year of effect-

ive service; one half of this amount to each widow of deceased minister, and one fifth to each orphan child under fifteen years of age. If not enough money was received to meet these claims each Claimant was to receive his or her proportionate share. The second part was to be known as the Necessitous Fund, consisting of all money raised by annual collections from the charges, and distributed on the basis of the need in each case. At this Conference (1894) it was also voted to increase the endowment to \$50,000.

The action noted above was suspended, temporarily, by action of the 1895 conference and on motion of Rev. T. E. Terry a slight change was made in the designation of the two funds mentioned above, also in their composition. The two funds were now to be known as the General Relief Fund and the Mutual Relief Fund. The first to consist of all moneys received as interest on investments, bequests, donations and collections from the charges, and to be distributed by the Stewards according to their best judgment and the necessity of the case. The Mutual Relief Fund to be made up by contributions from the ministers themselves. All receiving a salary above \$500 to contribute 1% of his salary. This Fund to be distributed without regard to the first fund. Any minister failing or refusing to pay the 1% should not receive from the fund upon retirement but it shall not affect his claim upon the first fund. By this time (1895) the number of Claimants upon the funds of the conference had doubled the number of a few years previous. So it soon became apparent that steps must be taken to increase, if possible, the income to the Board of Stewards for distribution.

At the conference of 1899 the Stewards recommended a readjustment of the apportionments to the several charges, for Conference Claimants, so as to yield at least 40% more than was then being received. They also recommended that the endowment Fund be increased, and that some "energetic devout member of the conference be appointed to travel through the conference territory, to devote time strength and heart to the noble work of building up the Endowment Fund." By 1900 the Stewards report showed total investments to the endowment fund of \$8634. They recommended that this be increased to \$200,000. "That pastors be urged to call the attention of those who are financially able, to the fund, and that pastors themselves set the example by contributing to the fund from 1/2 of 1% to 2% of their cash salary." About this time the affairs of the Centenary Fund were settled as provided by statute and no longer was a separate report of this fund made as had been each year since the organization of the conference.

At the beginning of the 20th century efforts were made to raise a 20th Century Thank Offering, one half of which was to go to the Conference Academy and one half to the Claimants Endowment Fund. Dr. J. D. C. Hanna was appointed agent for this offering and for three or four years worked faithfully in the interest of the fund. Several hundred dollars were added to the endowment fund by this means. Thus the endowment was slowly but steadily being built up. By 1905 the Board could report a total endowment of \$11,550. At this time the Board of Stewards again urged the necessity of increasing the Fund by an addi-

tional \$50,000 to be raised by special collections annually through a period of ten years. During these years also, at different times small sums, in the form of bequests and donations were placed in the hands of the endowment Commission and turned over to the Board of Stewards for investment.

By action of the General Conference of 1908 some very marked changes in the method of raising and distributing the funds for the Claimants upon the Conference, were made effective. As a result of this action the whole matter of caring for our Retired ministers, their widows and orphans was placed upon a more permanent and equitable basis. Annuity payments were established, based on years of service. A Connectional Fund was created by the General Conference, to which each Conference is required to contribute, and from the income of which each Conference receives, annually, what may be termed a dividend and which is placed in the hands of the Board of Stewards for distribution. About this time also there was an awakened interest, in the obligation of the church to her Veterans, on the part of many leading laymen. Among these was the late Mr. Melville Gambril, of Wilmington, who first gave \$1000 to the Endowment Fund, which gift he later increased to \$5,000 on condition that the Conference raise \$20,000. The apportionments to the several charges were practically doubled and thus a large increase in the fund for distribution to the Claimants was effected. At the 1913 Conference a Permanent Commission on Stewards Endowment was set up. This Commission at first was composed of the District Superintendents, Ex-officio, one minister and one layman from each district, and one minister at large.

In 1914 Mrs. William A. Clash gave \$1000 to the Endowment Fund, and at various times since has given other sums until she has contributed a total of \$7000. The Clash Memorial Fund was established. Other Memorial Funds have been established during recent years, so that to-day we have sixteen separate Memorial Funds ranging in amounts from \$500 to \$20,000.

In 1913 the Board of Stewards was authorized to issue annuity bonds, and to amend the charter so as to change the limitation of the Board's holdings from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

At the 1915 Conference action was taken to inaugurate a campaign to add \$200,000 to the Endowment Fund. The Commission recommended that one of our own men be appointed to travel through the Conference, giving his entire time to the work of raising this fund. The Laymen's association endorsed the plan and pledged their support to the movement. A commission of nine ministers and nine laymen was raised to carry out the plan of campaign. Rev. T. E. Martindale was made president of this commission and Mr. Melville Gambrill, vice-president, Caleb E. Burchenal, Esq., secretary, Rev. W. G. Koons, corresponding secretary and R. M. Cooper, treasurer. In September of that year, however, Dr. Koons was compelled to relinquish his work as corresponding secretary because of impaired health and Rev. E. H. Dashiell was appointed to the work. His first report at the Conference of 1916 showed \$30,523 in cash and subscriptions for the six months he had been in the field. The total en-

dowment at this time, from all sources, including cash and subscriptions, reported by the endowment commission was \$77,898.

Dr. Dashiell in his second report to the 1917 Conference declared that a number of individuals had made provision in their wills for the benefit of the endowment fund. Among others was the name of Mr. Webster Kinder. When in recent years, after the demise of Mr. Kinder and his will was probated, it was found he had provided, for the endowment fund for Conference Claimants, a legacy of \$20,000, and in addition a share in the residue of his estate after certain bequests were met.

In 1918 steps were taken to bring to a close the campaign for the \$200,000 endowment. Bro. George W. Townsend pledged \$1000 to the fund and promised to turn over his annuity each year to the fund as long as he lived. The total endowment was now (including cash and subscriptions) \$160,000. By the 1919 Conference this had been increased to \$208,417. Memorial funds at this time totaled \$24,854. The total amount for distribution at this Conference (1919) was \$24,208 or \$2,396 more than for any previous year. The Board of Stewards was enabled to increase the annuity rate from \$8 to \$10. The Conference took action urging the Endowment Commission to bring up the endowment to the cash basis of \$200,000 and not be content with subscriptions.

In 1919 and 1920 measures were adopted with a view to the establishment of a Fund whereby retired Supply pastors would receive an annuity. This came to fruition a little later when Rev. Thomas Holt, one of our retired members of the Conference, living at Federalsburg, Maryland, gave, for this fund 100 shares of the preferred stock of the Holt Oil Co. valued at \$100 per share and yielding 6% dividends. Later Bro. Holt gave another block of 50 shares. Thus this fund is gradually increasing as others are making contributions to the fund, and the Board of Stewards are being enabled to meet a long felt need and assist these worthy brethren.

In 1921 the active work of the Corresponding Secretary in the field was discontinued for the time being. In 1922 Bro. R. M. Cooper resigned as treasurer of the endowment fund and Mr. Caleb E. Burchenal, Esq. was elected to fill the vacancy. Bro. Cooper had rendered long and valuable service to the work of the Commission. Mr. Burchenal threw himself into the work of the Endowment Commission with enthusiasm and sacrificial devotion, and but for an untimely death, no doubt would have rendered a great service to the cause.

At the Conference of 1924, Dr. F. B. Short, on behalf of the J. C. Penny Foundation, pledged \$7,500 to the endowment fund if the Conference would raise \$150,000. His proposition was accepted and a committee appointed to formulate a plan for raising the \$150,000. This committee made its report at the 1925 Conference and a plan of campaign was set up with Rev. G. P. Jones as field secretary to travel through the Conference in the interest of the campaign. Mr. Melville Gambrill also pledged \$7,500 on the same terms as Dr. Short's proposition. In his report at the 1928 Conference, Dr. Jones reported the \$150,000 fully covered by cash and subscriptions, including the F. B. Short and Melville Gambrill donations. During the years of 1929 and 1930 Dr. W. F. Corkran acted as

field secretary for the endowment Commission to bring up the subscriptions of the \$150,000 campaign to a cash basis as nearly as possible. In 1930 it was found that, due to the operation of denominational law, Dr. G. P. Jones could no longer act as treasurer of the Endowment Commission and he was succeeded by Bro. Jefferson Cooper who is the treasurer at this time.

At the Conference held in Asbury church, in Crisfield, in 1931, announcement was made that Mr. Thomas H. Bock, of Princess Anne, Maryland had added a codicil to his will whereby the Endowment Commission of our Conference would receive \$25,000 upon the death of his widow. Since the facts concerning the work of the Commission in recent years are so well known it would seem to be unnecessary to recount them here. Suffice it to say that no special efforts have been made to increase the endowment fund other than to collect as much on old subscriptions as possible. At the present time (1937) the Endowment Fund approximates \$225,000.

And now in closing this brief and very incomplete account of the splendid work of the Board of Stewards of our Conference, time will not permit us to pay proper tribute (as we would very much like to do) to the many, both ministers and laymen throughout the Conference, who have made possible the most excellent showing that the Endowment Commission is now able to make, in the way of invested funds. It has been a long, and at times a difficult road by which we have come. But due to the Christian loyalty, energetic, enthusiastic, and untiring labors of such men as Phillip H. Rawlins, T. E. Martindale, T. N. Rawlins, R. M. Cooper, W. G. Koons, Caleb E. Burchenal, Esq., E. H. Dashiell, Melville Gambrill, Jefferson Cooper, Elwood Melson, Esq. and a host of others that could be mentioned, if time would permit, the present holdings of the Endowment Commission and the Board of Stewards has been made possible. The task of the Board has been far from an easy one, but they have labored faithfully and conscientiously, and we can say to them "Well done". We would like to also commend those who have made special gifts, some of whom are, Mr. Melville Gambrill, G. W. Townsend, Mrs. William A. Clash, Webster Kinder, J. C. Penny, Henry P. Scott and many others whose interest and munificent gifts have inspired those who have labored and others who have given. And what shall we more say? For time would fail us to speak of the host of men and women who, while their names do not stand out in bold relief like others who have been in the fore-front of this great movement, and whose gifts, it may be, have not been so large as some, and yet without whom the present attainments of the Board would not have been possible.

And now will you permit us to humbly offer two or three suggestions. We must not think our task in this great cause is done. For even now our Board of Stewards is not in position to meet the full claim of our Veterans upon the funds of the Conference. The highest annuity the Board has ever been able to pay our Claimants, \$22, was only about 85% of the claim for that year. We must not cease our efforts to increase the holdings of the Board of Stewards, but rather continue the good work until sufficient funds are available, the income from which, will enable the Stew-

ards to meet the Church's obligation, in full, to our Veterans. The church has the money, and we believe if the people really understood this matter they would give gladly and willingly. Therefore we would suggest, first; That a campaign of education upon the importance of this cause and the church's obligation thereto be inaugurated throughout the Conference. Second; That an anniversary, in the interest of the Endowment Fund be held at or during the annual sessions of our Conference; that it shall be held at the most convenient hour; and that an offering be taken for the endowment; Third; That in the very near future, say at the next session of our Conference, we set up a campaign to bring the Endowment up to a cash basis of \$500,000.

May we close with a quotation and a sentence taken from the report of Dr. Dashiell, as Corresponding Secretary of the Endowment Commission, to the 1919 Conference. He quoted from Demosthenes as follows: "Eloquence is as much in the ear as in the voice." Then Dr. Dashiell added, "May the Spirit of God open the ear of the church to catch the music of this cause until, thrilled by its Celestial music, she shall be inspired to the glory of its perfect achievement."

We have read or heard the following incident; At the Chicago World's Fair, when Theodore Thomas was being honored by an appreciative audience for his gracious contribution for Music Hall, he exclaimed; "If I had known the joy of giving two thirds of the cost of this building I would have given the other third". Would to God that the church might experience the thrill of joy that would be hers by meeting her full obligation to our retired ministers, their widows and orphans.

J. L. SPARKLIN.

St. Georges, Delaware  
October, 1937.

NOTE:

Since we prepared the above paper there has come into the treasury of the Endowment Fund, upon the death of Mrs. Mary Tod Gambrill, a legacy of \$50,000 from a trust fund established by the late Mr. Melville Gambrill. When this transaction is completed it should bring to the Endowment Fund for Conference Claimants a very substantial increase.

J. L. S.

March, 1938.

(c) CONFERENCE SESSIONS

No.	Date	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1	March 17, '69	Wilm'ton—Asbury....	M. Simpson.....	S. L. Gracey
2	" 16, '70	Port Deposit.....	E. S. Janes.....	S. L. Gracey
3	" 8, '71	Dover.....	L. Scott.....	S. L. Gracey
4	Feb'y 21, '72	Laurel.....	E. R. Ames.....	T. E. Martindale
5	March 5, '73	Easton.....	L. Scott.....	T. E. Martindale
6	" 4, '74	Salisbury.....	L. W. Wiley.....	T. E. Martindale
7	" 17, '75	Smyrna.....	E. S. Janes.....	T. E. Martindale
8	" 15, '76	Wilm'ton—Union.....	L. Scott.....	T. E. Martindale
9	" 7, '77	Milford.....	E. R. Ames.....	T. E. Martindale
10	" 13, '78	Chestertown.....	R. S. Foster.....	T. E. Martindale
11	" 19, '79	New Castle.....	M. Simpson.....	T. E. Martindale
12	" 17, '80	Dover.....	E. G. Andrews.....	T. E. Martindale
13	" 16, '81	Lewes.....	Thos. Bowman.....	John D. Rigg
14	" 8, '82	Middletown.....	J. F. Hurst.....	John D. Rigg
15	" 7, '83	Cambridge.....	M. Simpson.....	John D. Rigg
16	" 5, '84	Wilm'ton—Asbury....	W. L. Harris.....	John D. Rigg
17	" 12, '85	Snow Hill.....	S. M. Merrill.....	John D. Rigg
18	" 4, '86	Elkton.....	W. F. Mallalieu.....	John D. Rigg
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield.....	H. W. Warren.....	John D. Rigg
20	" 7, '88	Wilm'ton—Union.....	C. D. Foss.....	John D. Rigg
21	" 20, '89	Easton.....	R. S. Foster.....	John D. Rigg
22	" 26, '90	Milford.....	Thos. Bowman.....	John D. Rigg
23	" 19, '91	Centreville.....	C. H. Fowler.....	John D. Rigg
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace.....	E. G. Andrews.....	A. S. Mowbray
25	" 15, '93	Middletown.....	S. M. Merrill.....	A. S. Mowbray
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury.....	J. H. Vincent.....	A. S. Mowbray
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna.....	J. F. Hurst.....	A. S. Mowbray
28	" 18, '96	Dover.....	H. W. Warren.....	A. S. Mowbray
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown.....	J. M. Walden.....	A. S. Mowbray
30	" 23, '98	Lewes.....	J. P. Newman.....	A. S. Mowbray
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge.....	C. D. Foss.....	A. S. Mowbray
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth....	E. G. Andrews.....	A. S. Mowbray
33	" 20, '01	Wilm'ton—Grace.....	Daniel A. Goodsell..	A. S. Mowbray
34	" 19, '02	Crisfield.....	I. W. Joyce.....	A. S. Mowbray
35	" 18, '03	Easton.....	Earl Cranston.....	A. S. Mowbray
36	" 16, '04	Dover.....	J. M. Fitzgerald....	A. S. Mowbray
37	" 15, '05	Wilm'ton—Grace.....	D. A. Goodsell.....	W. A. Wise
38	" 14, '06	Pocomoke City.....	C. C. McCabe.....	W. A. Wise
39	" 20, '07	Smyrna.....	J. F. Berry.....	W. A. Wise
40	" 18, '08	Wilm'ton—Asbury....	D. A. Goodsell.....	W. A. Wise
41	" 17, '09	Milford.....	D. H. Moore.....	W. A. Wise
42	" 16, '10	Salisbury.....	J. W. Hamilton.....	W. A. Wise
43	" 15, '11	Wilm'ton—Asbury....	T. B. Neely.....	W. A. Wise
44	" 13, '12	Wilm'ton—St. Pauls..	L. B. Wilson.....	W. A. Wise
45	" 26, '13	Crisfield.....	J. F. Berry.....	W. A. Wise
46	April 1, '14	Berlin.....	Earl Cranston.....	W. A. Wise
47	March 24, '15	Laurel.....	R. J. Cook.....	W. A. Wise
48	" 29, '16	Wilm'ton—Union.....	J. F. Berry.....	W. A. Wise
49	" 28, '17	Seaford.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
50	" 20, '18	Dover.....	F. M. Bristol.....	D. W. Jacobs
51	" 26, '19	Chestertown.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
52	" 24, '20	Wilm'ton—Grace.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
53	" 30, '21	Crisfield—Immanuel..	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
54	" 22, '22	Cambridge.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
55	April 4, '23	Dover.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
56	March 26, '24	Wilm'n—Harrison St..	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
57	" 25, '25	Wilm'n—McCabe.....	W. P. Thirkield.....	D. W. Jacobs
58	" 24, '26	Dover.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
59	" 23, '27	Salisbury.....	F. J. McConnell.....	D. W. Jacobs
60	" 28, '28	Wilm'ton—Union.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
61	April 2, '29	Wilm'n—Harrison St..	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs
62	March 26, '30	Wilm'n—Silverbrook..	F. D. Leete.....	J. R. Bicking
63	April 8, '31	Crisfield—Asbury....	H. Lester Smith.....	J. R. Bicking
64	March 29, '32	Salisbury—Asbury....	W. F. McDowell.....	J. R. Bicking
65	March 29, '33	Rehoboth Beach.....	A. W. Leonard.....	J. R. Bicking
66	April 4, '34	Newark, Del.....	E. H. Hughes.....	J. R. Bicking
67	March 27, '35	Seaford, Del.....	E. H. Hughes.....	J. R. Bicking
68	March 25, '36	Delmar, Del.....	E. H. Hughes.....	J. R. Bicking
69	March 31, '37	Salisbury—Asbury....	E. H. Hughes.....	J. R. Bicking
70	March 30, '38	Wilm'n—Union.....	E. L. Waldorf.....	J. R. Bicking

#### (d) GENERAL

##### GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

1872. J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney, Charles Hill. Reserves—  
J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd.  
1876. L. C. Matlack, W. E. England. Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.  
1880. L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby, Charles Hill. Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R.  
W. Todd.  
1884. J. H. Caldwell, Charles Hill, J. B. Quigg. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, J.  
A. B. Wilson.  
1888. Jacob Todd, J. A. B. Wilson, N. M. Brown. Reserves—W. S. Robinson,  
John France.  
1892. W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, R. H. Adams. Reserves—T. E. Martin-  
dale, T. E. Terry.  
1896. Merritt Hulburt, L. E. Barrett, Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran. Reserves—  
W. E. Avery, V. S. Collins.  
1900. Robert Watt, T. E. Martindale, W. F. Corkran, C. S. Baker. Reserves—  
A. S. Mowbray, J. D. C. Hanna.  
1904. A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, Adam Stengle, C. S. Baker. Reserves—  
C. T. Wyatt, W. G. Koons.  
1908. A. S. Mowbray, Adam Stengle, W. G. Koons, S. M. Morgan. Reserves—  
C. T. Wyatt, Robert Watt.  
1912. C. A. Hill, R. K. Stephenson, Robert Watt, G. P. Jones. Reserves—E. L.  
Hoffecker, C. W. Prettyman, G. T. Alderson.  
1916. Robert Watt, E. L. Hoffecker, R. K. Stephenson, T. A. H. O'Brien. Re-  
serves—G. T. Alderson, C. T. Wyatt.  
1920. W. A. Wise, Robert Watt, H. G. Budd, W. R. Mowbray. Reserves—G. T.  
Alderson, V. S. Collins, J. W. R. Sumwalt.  
1924. G. T. Alderson, E. H. Dashiell, T. F. Beauchamp, F. C. MacSorley. Re-  
serves—J. W. Colona, O. E. Jones, W. E. Gunby.  
1928. J. W. Colona, W. E. Gunby, O. E. Jones, J. J. Bunting. Reserves—Leon-  
ard White, D. W. Jacobs, E. H. Dashiell.  
1932. W. E. Habbart, D. W. Jacobs, Leonard White, J. L. Johnson. Reserves—  
J. J. Bunting, W. E. Gunby, E. C. Hallman.  
1936. E. C. Hallman, J. J. Bunting, W. E. Gunby. Reserves—A. C. Goddard,  
D. W. Jacobs.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

#### (a) PLAN OF CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS

##### RULES.

1. For General Rules governing Examinations and Courses of Study, see Discipline, 1936, Paragraphs 541-547.
2. All examinations shall be in writing, both questions and answers. Each student will be required to furnish his own writing materials. Ten questions must be submitted on each subject, and a choice of ten out of twelve may be allowed. Name, name of examiner, and name of subject must appear on each paper.
3. Examiners shall report grades of students to Register as follows: For all required written work, on subjects taught at Summer School, by July 10th; for all written work received, by Nov. 15th; all written work received and corrected, February 15th; all other work, both written and examinations, by Wednesday after Conference convenes.
4. All undergraduates and accepted supply pastors who are not students in one of the Theological Schools of our Church, or who do not hold certificates in lieu of subjects taught, are now required by order of the General Conference to attend the Summer School of Theology, which will be held this year at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., July 11-21. Board and lodging will be paid by the Conference.
5. No candidate will be admitted or advanced in classes with conditions, who has failed in more than one subject, nor shall he be examined in studies in advance of the class to which he belongs, except as the Discipline provides, and in no case shall a candidate for full admission be received, or a candidate for Elder's Orders be so selected until every requirement shall have been fully met.
6. All required written work shall be sent direct to the appropriate Examiner, as per Schedule, who will correct, criticize and return direct to student. Failure to get work into the hands of the Examiner when due, will mean a deduction of ten points from grade of paper, and no work WILL BE RECEIVED by the Examiner after it has been due more than fifteen days. No Examiner is permitted to excuse a student from the provisions of this rule except by vote of Board.
7. No student will be admitted to the Examination in any subject unless his required written work in that subject is in the hands of the proper Examiner.
8. In pursuing their studies, students may feel free at any time to seek help or advice from the examiner, provided, however, that the examiners may not discuss examinations or grades with the undergraduates. The Registrar alone is authorized to do this.



9. Applications for acceptance of certificates in lieu of examinations should be made to the Registrar by January 1st of each year, who, in concurrence with the Board, will have authority to decide upon the acceptance of such certificate.

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

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

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

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

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

CONFERENCE STUDIES.

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

First Year—

- The Abingdon Bible Commentary ..... Leonard White
- The Work of Preaching ..... O. A. Bartley
- Psychology of Religious Experience ..... Frank Herson

Second Year—

- The Abingdon Bible Commentary ..... R. S. Hodgson
- The Church in History ..... J. M. Kelso
- Religious Education ..... R. P. Nichols
  - a. Teaching for Christian Living.
  - b. Pastor and Religious Education.
  - c. Teaching Religion To-day.

Third Year—

- Pastoral Office . . . . . O. A. Bartley
- Paul and His Epistles ..... E. M. Shockley
- Introduction in Philosophy ..... L. E. Windsor

Fourth Year—

- Systematic Theology ..... M. S. Andrews
  - a. The Doctrine of God.
  - b. God and Ourselves.
  - c. A Faith for To-day.
- Social Salvation ..... R. S. Hodgson
- The Christian Mission in the Modern World ..... Leonard White

All written work on above books should be in the hands of the appropriate examiner on or before June 20, 1938.

EXAMINATIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATES AT SEAT OF CONFERENCE.

Tuesday 10:00 A. M.

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

Tuesday, 1:00 P. M.

- Third Year—The Church and Society ..... Frank Herson

All written work on above books should be in the hands of the appropriate Examiner by March 1, 1939.

EXAMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL AT SEAT OF CONFERENCE.

Tuesday, 9:00 A. M.

- Life of John Wesley ..... M. W. Marine

Tuesday, 10:30 A. M.

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

Tuesday, 1:00 P. M.

- Doctrines and Discipline ..... M. S. Andrews

Tuesday, 2:30 P. M.

- A Bible Biography ..... L. E. Wimbrow

Written work on Life of Wesley and Methodism in American History should be in the hands of the appropriate Examiner by March 1, 1939.

Candidates will please send written Sermon to O. P. Jefferson, by March 1, 1939.

All papers submitted by the candidate will be examined with reference to the use of English, and the character of this work shall be taken into account in determining the grade in each subject. This Rule shall apply throughout the Course.

## SCHEDULE OF COLLATERAL READING.

October 15, 1938.

First Year—Biblical Readings (See D. & H.)	O. A. Bartley
The Technique of Public Worship	R. P. Nichols
Second Year—Biblical Readings, etc.	M. W. Marine
Beacon Lights	L. E. Windsor
Third Year—Biblical Readings, etc.	Tilghman Smith
The Art of Preaching	E. M. Shockley
Fourth Year—Biblical Readings, etc.	O. P. Jefferson
Christ's Alternative	R. P. Nichols
Phillips Brooks	O. J. Collins

December 15, 1938.

First Year—Jesus of History	E. W. Hervis
Are You an Evangelist	O. E. Jones
Second Year—Psychology and Life	Frank Herson
Creative Men	E. M. Shockley
The Christian Enterprise Among Rural People	O. P. Jefferson
Third Year—Martin Luther	O. A. Bartley
Christianity Tested	O. J. Collins
Fourth Year—Improving Religious Education Through Supervision	Tilghman Smith
The Preacher as a Man of Letters	E. W. Hervis

February 20, 1939.

First Year—The Story of Methodism	J. M. Kelso
Homiletical Work (See D. & H.)	L. E. Windsor
Second Year—John Wesley: Sermons, etc.	O. E. Jones
Homiletical Work (See D. & H.)	O. J. Collins
Third Year—Religion In Life	M. W. Marine
Homiletical Work (See D. & H.)	R. S. Hodgson
Fourth Year—Religion In Life	M. W. Marine
Homiletical Work (See D. & H.)	M. S. Andrews

## ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS.

Accepted Supply Pastors are now required to take the Conference Course of Study Year by Year. Read Paragraph, 544—1936 Discipline.

## COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

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

## First Year—

Discipline, 1936	M. S. Andrews
The Abingdon Commentary (See D. & H.)	Leonard White
The Work of Preaching	O. A. Bartley

## Second Year—

The Abingdon Commentary (See D. & H.)	R. S. Hodgson
The Church in History	J. M. Kelso

## Third Year—

Paul and His Epistles	E. M. Shockley
Teaching of Christian Living	R. P. Nichols
The Pastoral Office	O. A. Bartley

## Fourth Year—

A Faith for To-day	M. S. Andrews
The Christian Mission in the Modern World	Leonard White
The Psychology of Religious Experience	Frank Herson

## Examinations for Local Preachers at Conference.

Tuesday, 1:00 P. M.

First Year—The Art of Writing English	O. P. Jefferson
Second Year—The Teachings of Jesus	O. E. Jones

## Schedule of Collateral Reading.

October 15, 1938.

First Year—Biblical Readings and Study	O. A. Bartley
Second Year—Biblical Readings and Study	M. W. Marine
Third Year—Biblical Readings and Study	Tilghman Smith
Fourth Year—Biblical Readings and Study	O. P. Jefferson

Dec. 15, 1938.

First Year—The Life of John Wesley	M. W. Marine
Second Year—Are You an Evangelist	O. E. Jones
The Story of Methodism	J. M. Kelso
Third Year—Beacon Lights	L. E. Windsor
The Art of Preaching	E. M. Shockley
Fourth Year—Christ's Alternative	R. P. Nichols
Christianity Tested	O. J. Collins

Feb. 20, 1939.

First Year—The Jesus of History ..... E. W. Henviss  
 Second Year—Creative Men ..... E. M. Shockley  
 Third Year—The Christian Enterprise Among Rural  
 People ..... O. P. Jefferson  
 Fourth Year—The Church and Society ..... Frank Herson

#### Local Preachers' Orders.

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

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

Accepted Supply Pastors who shall have completed satisfactorily the Conference Course of Study will be eligible to Deacons' and Elders' orders under conditions indicated in Par. 523, Sec. 2, and Par. 533, Sec. 2—1936 Discipline.

L. E. WIMBROW, Registrar,  
 Millsboro, Del.

O. E. JONES, Chairman,  
 Georgetown, Del.

## (b) CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER

### I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

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

### II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

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

### III. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## (c) SUPPLIES AND LOCAL PREACHERS

### PASTORAL RECORD OF ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS.

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

- Adams, R. High—1903-7, Edge Moor; '08-9, Marshallton; '10-11, Richardson Park; '12-19, Trinity, Wilmington; '20- , Brack Ex.
- Cannon, Charles G.—1928, Church Creek; '29-30, Hooper's Island; '31-32, Vienna; '33-37, Hooper's Island; 38- , Secretary.
- Connor, Rob't. G.—1916, Edgemoor; 1931-33, Ellendale; '34-37, Marydel; '38- , Kenton.
- Graham, J. T.—1912-15, Claremont; '16-17, Mardela; '18-20, Roxana; '21-23, Parsonburg; '24, Stockton; '25-26, Girdletree; '27-29, Gum-boro; '30-34, Marion; '35, Houston; '36, Nassau.
- Hanby, Samuel L.—1919-21, Royal Oak; '22-24, Henderson; '25-27, Fair-lee; '28-33, Concord; '34- , Lincoln.
- Layton, Joshua E.—1923-24, Edge Moor; '25-26, Edge Moor & Holly Oak; '27- , Holly Oak.
- McCorkle, Frank K.—1900-1, Evangelistic Work; '02-07, Salvation Army; '08-13, Home Missionary, Michigan Congregational Church; '14-26, Maryland Conf. M. P. Church; '27-29, Bozman; '30-33, Roxana; '34, Blades; '36- , Cherry Hill.
- McClintock, William L.—1923-25, Pomona; '26, Henderson; '27-34, Dye Mills & Starr; '35- , Bozman.
- Pratt, Leroy V.—1930-32; Kansas Conf. United Brethren in Christ; '33, Delaware City; '34, Girdletree; '35, Pomona; '36- , Bethel Town Point.
- Prettyman, D. B.—1910-16, Taylor's Island; '20-25, Girdletree, '26-32, Stockton; '33- , Trappe.
- Sharpless, C. D.—1897-1902, Edgemoor; 1903-07, Stanton; '08, Richardson Park; '09, Hillcrest; '10, Elsmere; '11-13, Evangelistic Work; '14-16, Elk Mills; '17-21, Henderson; '22-23, Colora; '24-30, Bethel-Town Point; '31-33, Queenstown; '34-35, Mardela; '36- , Galestown.
- Thomas, A. G.—New Jersey Conf., 1924-25, Vienna; '26-27, Houston; '28-30, Queenstown; '31-33, Marydel; '34-35, Crapo; '36- , Whitesville.
- Thornton, J. H.—1906-7, Trinity (Wilm.); '08, Hockessin; '09, Christiana; '12, Port Penn; '13, Elsmere; '14-15, Elk Neck; '16-17, Town Point; '18, Red Lion; '19-21, Reliance; '22-23, Bethel; '24-26, Lincoln; '27-29, Beckwith & Spedden's; '30, Mardela Springs; '31-32, Greenwood; '33-36, Charlestown; '37, Henderson; '38, Cheswold.
- Travers, Alonzo—1909-11, Holland Island; '12, Riverside; '14-16, Piney Neck; '17-18, Salem; '19-21, St. Paul's, Dover; '22-24, Ellendale; '25-27, Williamsburg; '28-29, Cordova; '30-33, Bozman & Neavitt; '34-36, Henderson; '37-38, Queenstown; 38- , Pomona.
- Wilson, R. H.—1912-13, Baltimore Conf.; '15-16, Lakesville; '17-19, Little Creek; '20-24, Annessex; '25-27, Marion; '28-32, Bishopville; '34-35, Fairmount; '36- , St. Thomas.
- Wright, Ernest N.—1922-3, Little Creek; '24-27, Burrsville; '28-29, Henderson; '30-33, Fairlee; '34-36, Ellendale; 37- , Georgetown Ct.

(d) LAY CONFERENCE

The following delegates answered the roll call at the Lay Conference held at the Union Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware on April 1st and 2nd, 1938.

Dover District.

Name of Charge	Delegate.	Name of Charge	Delegate.
Blades	Albert H. Riggins	Lewes	Thomas P. Scott
Bridgeville	Elmer Wiley	Little Creek & St. Paul's,	
Burrsville	Norman Outten	Dover	Mrs. Maude Vivien
Camden	J. M. Lynch	Magnolia	Marshall Hart
Chestertown	Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter	Hillsboro	Roy Skinner
Cheswold	Geo. G. Anderson	Marydel	U. Lee Harmon
Church Hill	Miss Laura Smith	Milford	M. Haswell Pierce
Clayton	W. T. Dayett	Milford Neck	Harvey A. Thompson
Concord	C. W. Adams	Milton	Geo. H. Waples
Cordova	Mrs. Pierson Roe	Mt. Zion	G. Howard Gordy
Denton	H. Earl Smith	Oxford	Mrs. Lulu Mills
Dover-Wesley	A. A. Hearn	Preston	Harry B. Wright
Easton	James Covey	Queenstown	J. K. Wrightson
Ellendale	C. A. Timmons	Rehoboth	J. Fred Hudson
Fairlee	B. F. Rash	Ridgely	Walter M. Bennington
Farmington	Geo. W. Langford	Rock Hall	W. Stanley Grant
Federalsburg	T. Sewell Noble	Seaford	Prof. W. B. Thornburg
Felton	Mrs. Evelyn Killen	Seaford Ct.	Howard E. Hitchens
Frederica	F. A. Morris	Smyrna	L. M. Price
Galestown	Samuel G. Smith	St. Michael's	J. B. Hunt
Georgetown Ct.	W. B. Owens	Trappe	Harvey L. Slaughter
Greenwood	C. H. Kinder	Sudlersville	Spencer Walls
Harrington	H. J. Ramsdell	Wye Mills	D. B. F. Wolcott
Henderson	J. L. Wallace	Wyoming	Mrs. Bertha Coursey
Houston	Howard Moore		
Kent Island	J. E. Gardner	Total	50
Kenton	Edgar R. Remley		

Salisbury District.

Annessex	Miss Elizabeth Hall	Frankford	C. H. Lockwood
Beckwith &		Girdletree	Mrs. W. S. Townsend
Spedden	S. W. Linthicum	Hebron	Vernon Killiam
Bethel	R. J. Gootee	Hurlock	H. N. Harper
Bishopville	O. M. Shockley	Mardela Springs	C. C. Jones
Cambridge	Granville Hooper	Millsboro	E. B. Collins
Cape Charles	C. H. Wagner	Mt. Pleasant	O. J. Workman
Chincoteague	John T. Mears	Nanticoke	Miss Lulu M. Dolby
Crisfield—		Ocean City	G. P. Cropper
Asbury	Norman Lawson	Ocean View &	
Immanuel	Dr. C. E. Collins	Millville	T. H. Hudson
Delmar	W. S. Melson	Onancock	Geo. U. Lewis
Elliott	Shelton E. Gray	Parsonsborg	W. B. Holloway

Name of Charge	Delegate.	Name of Charge	Delegate.
Pittsville	S. Edward Smith	Smith's Island	C. D. Middleton
Pocomoke City	S. A. Evans	Snow Hill	Prof. A. C. Humphreys
Powellville	Fred Kelley	Stockton	C. C. Pilchard
Salisbury:		St. Thomas	B. O. Murphy
Asbury	E. Virgil Hearn	Williamsburg	Roland Poole
Grace	J. W. Smith	Zoar	Frank W. Lawson
Secretary	T. A. Coulbourn		
Selbyville	W. A. Law	Total	37
Sharptown	Charles L. Windsor		

Wilmington District.

Bethel and		Richardson Park	Charles Bowers
Town Point	Ernest M. Davis	Rising Sun	W. M. Pogue
Brack-Ex	Leonard E. Barnes	St. George's	H. L. Gray
Cecilton	M. Earl Davis	St. Paul's, Md.	L. B. Ewing
Charlestown	Mrs. W. L. Simmons	Still Pond &	
Cherry Hill	John Peterson	Betterton	Harvey B. Moore
Chesapeake City	Herbert Wilfong	Townsend	John W. Guessford
Chester-Bethel	Mrs. Rebecca Barlow	Zion Circuit	Earl Best
Christiana	Mrs. Frank Hawthorne	WILMINGTON:—	
Claymont	Joseph Wyatt	Asbury	J. Carlyle
Crumpton	Mrs. Ellen Hartley	Brandywine	G. L. Bilderback
Ebenezer	Geo. Knotts	Eastlake	Luther H. Broadway
Elkton	Lynn B. Gillespie	Epworth	Willis L. Overdeer
Holly Oak	J. Russell Allison	Grace	Arthur A. Wilmot
Hopewell	Perry Gibson	Harrison	I. Elmer Perry
Marshallton	John H. Foard	Hillcrest	Frank Coulbourne
Middletown	Colonel C. Hopkins	Kingswood	Mrs. Lillian DeCourse
Millington	N. A. Wallen	McCabe	P. H. Overdeer
Mt. Lebanon	Francis G. Savage	Mt. Salem	J. Elmer Betty
Newark	W. F. Dawson	Scott	C. P. Harvey
Newark Union	Mrs. Eliz. Barlow	Silverbrook	Fred E. Warrington
New Castle	William Deakyne	St. Paul's	H. P. Edenfield
Newport	A. M. Craig	Trinity	Charles W. Cook, Jr.
North East	A. C. Cameron	Union	Thomas J. Biscoe
Odessa	J. E. Latta		
Port Deposit	Walter Todd	Total	48
Red Lion	Mrs. Bessie Conner		

The Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held its Twenty-second Annual Session in the Union Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, on Friday and Saturday, April 1st and 2nd, 1938, it also being the Sixth Annual United Session.

The Conference was called to order by the President, Harry B. Wright, at 9:10 A. M. J. Elmer Betty of Mt. Salem, Wilmington, had charge of the devotional service and read a portion of 21st chapter of St. John and centered his remarks around the command of Jesus to Peter, "Feed my sheep." We were led in prayer by Brother I. Elmer Perry of Harrison Street Church, Wilmington, a former President and Lay Delegate to the General Conference. This service reminded us of the old Methodistic devotions.

Our host, T. J. Sard, pastor of Union, gave us a rousing welcome. He remarked that the tide of the conference was rising higher and higher and he was looking forward to the flood tide, and when we have the matchless leader, Jesus Christ, to lead there was no reason why everyone shouldn't rejoice for a victorious salvation.

President Wright appointed the following committee:

**CREDENTIALS**—Thomas J. Biscoe, Union, Wilmington; Charles L. Windsor, Sharptown, Md.; W. M. Bennington, Ridgely, Md.; C. P. Harvey, Scott, Wilmington; Mrs. Lulu Mills, Oxford, Md.

**RESOLUTIONS**—G. L. Bilderback, Brandywine, Wilmington; Walter Todd, Port Deposit, Md.; W. A. Law, Selbyville, Del.; A. C. Humphreys, Snow Hill, Md.; T. Sewell Noble, Federalsburg, Md.

**CONFERENCE RELATIONS**—M. Haswell Pierce, Milford, Del.; P. H. Overdeer, McCabe, Wilmington; Dr. C. E. Collins, Immanuel, Crisfield; W. M. Pogue, Rising Sun, Md.; Mrs. Frank Hawthorne, Christiana, Del.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TELLER**—H. P. Edenfield, St. Paul's, Wilmington; Colonel C. Hopkins, Middletown, Del.; Professor W. B. Thornburg, Seaford, Del.; Melson, Delmar, Del.; J. M. Lynch, Camden, Del.

Bro. E. P. Edenfield of St. Paul's, Wilmington, read a memorial to the late E. T. Seibert, who was a Lay Delegate from Claymont for a number of years. By motion this was referred to the resolutions committee.

Brother Willis Overdeer of Epworth, Wilmington, made a motion that the resolutions committee write a memorial to the late Mary Todd Gambrill of Grace, Wilmington, who was a member of our Lay Conference.

The Credentials Committee reported as follows:

"That the roll as called and checked by the secretary be accepted as a roster of delegates and that the secretary be authorized to add any additional names of any delegates who might report later, provided they had been duly elected in their Quarterly Conference."

By motion we took up the election of officers. Harry B. Wright, of Preston, Md., was nominated for President, Charles W. Cook, Jr. of Trinity, Wilmington was nominated for Secretary and O. M. Shockley of Bishopville, Md., was nominated for Treasurer. There being no other nominees for

these respective offices the secretary was instructed to cast ballot declaring them reelected for another year.

Offering was taken at this time and Finance Committee reported amount of same to be \$18.10.

Treasurer O. M. Shockley reported as follows:

January 1, 1938—balance on hand.....	\$40.63
Receipts today .....	18.10
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Total .....	\$58.73
Printing Conf. Minutes (1937) .....	15.00
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Balance on hand today .....	\$43.73

Treasurer's report accepted as read.

By motion of Bros. Cook and Overdeer the Treasurer was authorized to pay the Conference Secretary \$15.00 for the printing of the 1938 Minutes.

President Wright asked the Treasurer if he was bonded and the Treasurer replied that Jesus Christ was his bondsman.

Mr. Wright asked Bro. I. Elmer Perry, our past president, to speak and in his remarks said, "While our pastors were the shepherds of our flocks, the great responsibility of the Kingdom's work rested upon the shoulders of the Laymen and it was up to them not to shirk their duty, but to help our pastors by holding up their hands and thus work as we pray, 'Thy Kingdom come.' "

Bro. Ivanhoe Willis, Supt. of Anti-Saloon League of Delaware, was introduced. He spoke of the alarming condition of the morality of our country and the great responsibility that rested upon the Laity of our church. 28,000 Methodists are upon our rolls on this peninsula. That should be a potent factor in the battle for right. He was very optimistic of the future, not at all pessimistic. He was delighted with the results that were attained in the last session of the Delaware Legislature. But he warned us that we were facing a greater battle in the State at the coming election and urged the Laymen to work shoulder to shoulder. He thanked them for their cooperation in the past for in their hands lay the destiny of the liquor traffic. He further urged us not to be discouraged.

It was suggested that the Laity send greetings to our resident Bishop, Edwin Holt Hughes, which was referred to the Resolutions Committee.

By motion of Bro. Bilderback, it was voted that we have a separate session of the Laymen at 8:30 A. M., Saturday, so that the Resolutions Committee could make their report and to attend to other necessary business that might come up.

We then adjourned to go into joint session with the Ministerial Conference at 11 O'clock.

**SATURDAY MORNING**

The Laymen again convened in separate session at 8:30 A. M. with W. A. Law of Selbyville, leading devotions.

The Resolutions Committee made their report and recommendations on the resolutions before them as follows:

**Resolution No. 1**

WHEREAS, The splendid hospitality shown by the people of the city of Wilmington and the courteous entertainment and fellowship afforded by the church and the wonderful inspiration of the host, Bro. T. J. Sard, is deeply appreciated by all of our delegates, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Laymen's Conference sincerely expresses its deep gratitude to the pastor of Union Church and his splendid and well organized corps of assistants and to each and everyone who have in any way added to the pleasure of our session in Wilmington.

**Resolution No. 2**

WHEREAS, We have been greatly impressed with the wise and able administration of the affairs of our Conference by presiding Bishop, Ernest Lynn Waldorf, of the Chicago Area, whose stirring messages have inspired and thrilled us, his earnest and genial manner has moved us to a closer consecration to our Master's service, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we hereby express unanimously our keen appreciation of his great work at this joint service of the Wilmington Conference and wish him God speed in a greater service in the work of his important area of Chicago.

**Resolution No. 3**

WHEREAS, The Laymen of this Conference have learned to love the administration and fellowship of our beloved Resident Bishop, Edwin Holt Hughes, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That our president be instructed to extend to him a message of greeting, pledging him our cooperation and support in the working of Methodism in the Wilmington Conference.

**Resolution No. 4**

RESOLVED, That we express our appreciation to the Press of the city for the kind and efficient manner in which they have handled news of the session of our Conference.

**Resolution No. 5**

RESOLVED, That we deeply appreciate the splendid cooperation of the Chief of Police, Frank J. Mahoney, and his assistants in granting the special privileges in parking the automobiles of all members of the Conference and to the Chief and members of the Fire Department in assisting in every possible manner to the convenience of the visitors and members of the Conference. And be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chief of Police and the Chief of the Fire Department of the city of Wilmington.

**Resolution No. 6**

WHEREAS, We all recognize the need of clean, wholesome literature in our homes, and

WHEREAS, We recognize the Christian Advocate as a periodical that is of intrinsic value in the up to date news of the important work being done by the Christian Church today, and

WHEREAS, We know that it will continue to be an interesting periodical for our families to read under the able and efficient editor, J. Paul Sloan, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we heartily commend and show our cooperation by recommending to this Laymen's Conference that every Layman should have this Christian paper in their home.

**Resolution No. 7**

WHEREAS, The sanctity of the Lord's Day is absolutely vital to the welfare of the home and of the Church, and

WHEREAS, The Lord's Day Alliance is doing splendid service in preserving this day sacred, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we endorse the Lord's Day Alliance in its great work and pledge to it our very strongest cooperation and show our keen appreciation as the Laymen of this Conference in supporting every movement for the preservation of the sanctity of this day of rest and worship.

**Resolution No. 8**

REALIZING, That the legalized liquor traffic is a deadly foe to society and the cause of much suffering and crime, and that none of the promises made by the advocates of the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment have been kept, which would have improved social conditions, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our determination, to lend every effort to drive back immediately and control the liquor traffic, and support a program which will ultimately exterminate it from our land, and be it further,

RESOLVED, That we pledge our support to our own Board of Temperance and Public Morals, The Womans Christian Temperance Union, and the Anti-Saloon League in their program of Education, and

We rejoice in the victories that are evidenced in those districts and counties of the different States where Local Option elections have been held, and that we recommend that the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland and Delaware seek to secure legislation at the next session of the legislature to give in our territory the opportunity to vote by towns and districts for local option looking to State and National control of the liquor traffic, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we recommend that the Pastors of our churches open their pulpits to the representatives of the Board of Temperance and the Anti-Saloon League, and that we endeavor to give them sufficient financial support to continue an ever-active campaign to exterminate the liquor traffic.

**Resolution No. 9**

WHEREAS, This may be an unusual procedure to be brought before this body, but since we last met at Salisbury, there has passed from our number, one who served with this body as a delegate for a number of years. We refer to our beloved Brother Edwin T. Seibert, who passed on to his reward on Thursday morning, Jan. 20th of this year. God called him and he fell under the spell of that irresistible summons. Those words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant", sounded so sweet in the welcome of that memorable January morning. The turn of the century was an epochal occasion for him. How often he referred to the day when he experienced the Christ in a manner he was never to forget, in truly memorable Methodist style. There was a light upon the mountain and music in his soul. His life following this experience was full of adventure and zeal. For more than 30 years he labored arduously for the church of his selection, the Claymont Methodist Episcopal Church, and here we wish to say that our Brother never let an opportunity pass when he could do something or say something for his Master. His faithfulness soon brought him reward. Through service, the church quickly discovered his many talents and it was not long before many offices were bestowed upon him, among these being the Superintendency of the Sunday School, the President of the Board of Trustees and the honored representation of being a Lay Delegate at many sessions of the Wilmington Annual Conferences. These sessions were events which meant a great deal to him and when the day came that the waning of his strength called for rest and quiet, it was a hardship, for his spirit was ever willing to carry on, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Lay Conference stand for a moment in silent prayer in memory of our deceased brother.

**Resolution No. 10**

WHEREAS, We the members of this Lay Conference with sincere regret note the absence of one who for many years was among us as one of the faithful and youthful members and

WHEREAS, We wish to record our sorrow at the passing of Mary Todd Gambrill who was a woman who had the respect and admiration of all who came in contact with her. Also while blessed with more of this world's goods than most of us possess, yet she was unassuming in all her efforts to serve her Master whom she dearly loved. Her life was gentle and her constant devotion to the One she served won for her the commendation of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of the Lord." Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we wish to express our deep regret in the loss to the Church of this beloved Sister.

All these resolutions were acted on favorably.

The Laymen's Conference then adjourned to go into United Session with the Ministerial Conference at 9:05 A. M.

CHARLES W. COOK, JR.,  
Secretary,  
820 Vandever Ave.,  
Wilmington, Delaware.

HARRY B. WRIGHT,  
President.

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- 1876—Delegates, John F. Williamson, Thomas Mallalieu.  
Alternate, W. J. Jones, Dr. Geo. C. Tyler.
- 1880—Delegates, I. T. Matthews, T. B. Coursey.  
Alternate, J. F. Dawson, P. F. Causey.
- 1884—Delegates, F. A. Ellis, Alfred G. Cox.  
Alternate, Dr. A. E. Sudler, Jos. Pyle.
- 1888—Delegates, H. P. Cannon, L. S. Melson.  
Alternate, Joseph Pyle, Dr. A. E. Sudler.
- 1892—Delegates, Dr. A. E. Sudler, Joseph Pyle.  
Alternate, I. T. Parker, J. W. Melson.
- 1896—Delegates, Dr. W. L. Gooding, W. H. Jackson.  
Alternates, T. J. Truxton, G. F. Jones.
- 1900—Delegates, Chas. B. Lore, G. E. Hukill, Jos. E. Holland, Geo. A. Cox.  
Alternates, S. H. Baynard, G. C. Moore, J. W. Fletcher, L. E. P. Dennis.
- 1904—Delegates, C. B. Lore, H. P. Cannon, R. M. Cooper, J. E. Ellegood.  
Alternates, A. W. Sisk, Geo. C. Moore, L. S. Melson.
- 1908—Delegates, J. P. Holland, I. T. Parker, W. O. Hoffecker, R. D. Jones.  
Alternates, John G. Townsend, Jr., Joseph W. Coley, J. C. Mullikin.
- 1912—Delegates, Chas. H. Jefferson, John G. Townsend, Wm. Saulsbury, Joseph W. Coley.  
Alternates, Mrs. Jeannie M. Field, A. W. Sisk, Wm. T. Records.
- 1916—Delegates, E. J. Winder, Thos. H. Bock, Melville Gambrill, Martin E. Burris.  
Alternates, I. M. Lenderman, W. O. Hoffecker, L. E. P. Dennis.
- 1920—Delegates, E. C. Hardesty, H. C. Conrad, L. Atwood Bennett, J. W. Wheatley.  
Reserves, Joseph Mallalieu, R. F. Powell, J. S. Mullin, Jr.
- 1924—Delegates, I. Elmer Perry, W. Harry Jones, Orlando Harrison, T. N. Rawlins.  
Reserves, W. O. Hoffecker, E. P. Wyatt, H. C. Conrad.
- 1928—Delegates, W. Newton Jackson, H. H. Nuttle, W. G. Abbott, E. F. Melson.  
Reserves, W. B. Smith, Jr., W. T. Brasure, C. M. Phillips.
- 1932—Delegates, Clarence A. Short, Arthur C. Humphries, Willis L. Overdeer, J. Everett Walls.  
Reserves, J. T. Mears, I. Elmer Perry, E. J. Winder.
- 1936—Delegates, Willis L. Overdeer, Victor J. Carmine, E. J. Winder.  
Reserves, Wilmer F. Davis, John W. Downing.

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